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Friday November 26

The Churchill and District News and Gippsland Printers Colossal Garage sale starts at 4.00pm on Friday 26th November at 1-5 Webster Street (off Switchback Road), Churchill.

"It is going to be huge!" said Val Prokopiv from the Churchill & District News. "I would recommend everyone comes along to take a look. There will be a sausage sizzle by the Churchill and District Lions, a colouring competition for the young ones and plenty of bargains for the astute buyer."

offer include televisions, videos, a waterbed, office chairs, office desks, wine glasses, wardrobes, dressing tables and much more.

All proceeds will go towards the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre Appeal.

"Peter Ceeney from Gippsland Trade Printers and all his staff have worked very hard to bring this event together," said Ruth Place. "They should be congratulated on all their efforts and I am sure the evening will be a great success."

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Goods on



From The Pumpkin Patch!

Halloween House	enjoyed getting my face painted and a bag of lollies.
My Mum and I went to the Halloween House and it was scary. The monster scared me and Mum. All the things in the House were well done and at the end I	See you next year Keri Rosewall Churchill North Primary School

Progress on Churchill Pool

WORK is well underway on the Churchill Indoor Swimming Pool.

The underpinning will be completed by the end of November.

The roof sheeting and skylights have now been replaced, and scaffold has been erected in the pool for the internal ceiling work which is now close to completion.

The pool construction joint repairs have been completed and the pool shell is ready for painting once the

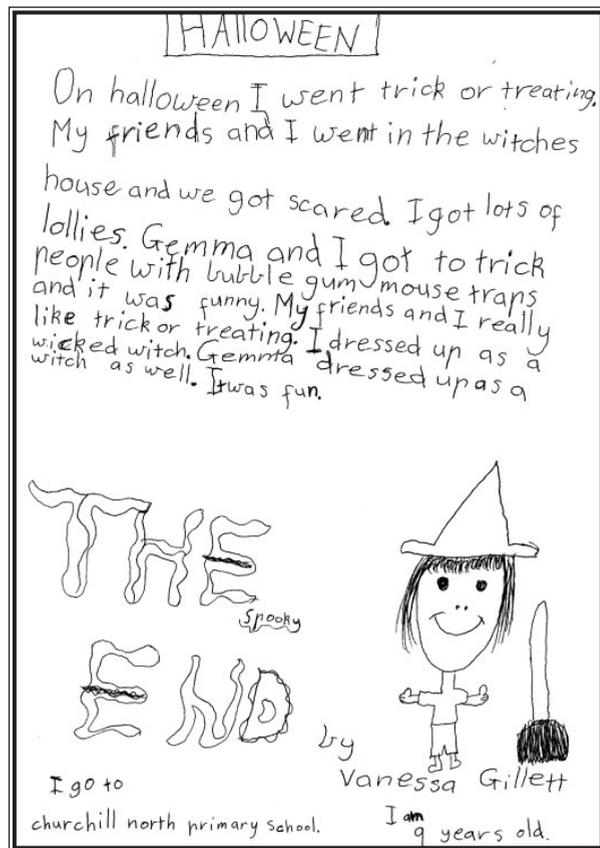
ceiling works are finalised. Repairs to the reception well have also been completed.

The design of the chemical dosing and control system has now been completed and an order placed for the equipment.

Works undertaken at this point in time are progressing according to schedule to ensure that the Churchill Pool is able to reopen to the public by the end of December 2004.



Work in progress at the Churchill Indoor Swimming Pool



I go to churchill north primary school. I am 9 years old.

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EDITORIAL

This issue marks the second birthday of the Churchill & District News. Thank you to all our contributors and advertisers who make this such a great paper.

Thank you also to our volunteers who put in many hours of hard work. One of our volunteers, Wendy, has been a tremendous support right from day one. Wendy is at the moment touring India. We are getting regular emails which are fascinating. Here are some extracts:

'Observations I have made so far. 1. Road rules are purely guidelines. 2. All cars have dents and scratches on them. Everyone drives with one hand on the horn and the public busses have no springs to speak of...

Next day to the countryside, travelling in 4wds, with backpacks on top, to Madhogarah (you won't find it on the best map) right off the tourist route. We stayed in the Fort - 400 years old and perched on a high rocky outcrop, a long trek up! Intermittent electricity, but the accommodation - Wow!! Hard to

describe life in a mediaeval fort - you have to see it! Real luxury. It is owned by the village and anything we spend goes directly to helping the people...Loved the children. They haven't had contact with westerners, and the highlight was seeing themselves on digital camera!

From Mumbai 'This is a shoppers paradise! We went to the market early this morning...People and wonderful fruits and veg everywhere. We are getting quite blasé about living in palaces!!! We are in a Heritage palace here, 400 years old...Everyone cricket mad. All know the score...

Noe and Wendy - The backpacking intrepid Grannies!'

Wendy we are looking forward to printing the full story and photos on your return!

Don't forget our Colossal Garage sale - please support this very worthy cause. Ed

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**The History Of The
Country Women's Association (C.W.A.)**

By BERYL SOUTAR

THE Country Women's Association is a service organisation that works to improve the conditions in the community, especially those that affect families.

The first organised group of country women was formed in a small country town in Canada, Stony Creek, in 1897. Local farmers had met regularly for years to discuss farming procedures and new ideas in animal husbandry. These gatherings were also valuable social outlets in the rural area. The women realised that similar meetings would be of great value to isolated farmers wives.

So 'Women's Institutes' were established and soon spread to the U.S.A., England Europe and other parts of the world. Today there are more than 9 million members in over 80 countries worldwide.

The members in developed countries assist and teach their less fortunate sisters in the third world skills which allow them to improve their standard of living through the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW). This group has a head office in London. In May 2004 a world conference was held in Hobart and 700 women from 64 countries were represented.

C.W.A. began in New South Wales in 1922 and soon spread throughout the country. Victoria followed in 1928 and Yinnar in 1939.

C.W.A. has always dealt with social issues at a local level. During the depression (1927 - 1933) Baby Health Centres were started in New South Wales by the C.W.A. The government later took them on. Now called Infant Welfare the service is available for every mother and baby in Australia.

At the start of World War 2 the Government called on women to work on farms in the absence of men who had joined the armed forces. The C.W.A. was asked to establish the Women's Land Army and get it working efficiently before the Government took it over.

Today the State and Federal Governments regularly consult the State and National Presidents on many issues

concerning family and life problems. Each State has a social issues committee that attends to much of this work and consults with the C.W.A. National Committee.

In the early days when country women were very isolated on remote farms (remember there were no carts and the horse was the only available transport to town on market day) new brides learned about rural life from C.W.A. classes. Older farmers wives passed on their skills in sewing, knitting, cooking and vegetable growing at regular C.W.A. meetings. From this small practical beginning the Handicraft Committee was developed and today C.W.A. has thousands of members who are expert needlewomen, cooks and gardeners.

Rural branches learnt to make their own entertainment resulting in many musical and drama festivals held both in city and country venues. Many of the actresses and singers are superb entertainers and perform joyously at festivals. Keep your eye out for the local C.W.A. Festival due to be held next autumn in Yinnar - all will have good fun.

The Yinnar branch of C.W.A. have contributed towards the \$18,000 donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Research by the Victorian C.W.A. members. In 2005 the Victorian branch intends to donate a similar amount to the Macular deterioration of eyes. The Yinnar branch also donates locally by providing books as prizes for students at both Yinnar and Yinnar South Primary School and funds to both Yinnar and Yinnar South Fire Brigades. The Latrobe central group of C.W.A. branches is currently raising money for the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre. Monies are raised in many ways, including catering.

If you would like to join this fun group who contribute positively to society or would like to attend a meeting they are held every second Wednesday of each month (except January) at the Memorial Hall, Main Street, Yinnar, starting at 1pm. For more information contact the Secretary Beryl Soutar on 5163 1679

Peacocks Send Young Caitlin On Jaunt To Old London Town

A fascination with peacocks and emerging skills for craftwork is sending young Caitlin Lawson to London to collect a major environmental prize.

Caitlin, 9, is the daughter of Sarah and Neil Lawson of Boolarra, and together with her younger brother Alexander, 7, they will travel to London in early November to collect Caitlin's award – the 2004 junior Young Environmentalist of the Year (YEYA).

The 2004 YEYA's are sponsored by International Power in conjunction with the Young People's Trust for the Environment – a charity patronised by British celebrities. Two of YEYA's many aims are to

encourage the involvement of young people in environmental issues, and to foster greater understanding of issues.

Caitlin's father Neil is Hazelwood's Public Affairs Manager. Caitlin's award is the second major success in three years for a family member from Hazelwood. In 2002 Marnie Petersen, the daughter of power station operator Bruno, took out the senior prize for her project on European Wasps.

A grade 3 student at Yinnar Primary School, Caitlin was a little overwhelmed by her success. Apparently her first response when told of the trip to London was to ask, "Do we really have to go?"

However she has warmed to the idea.

Caitlin certainly enjoyed creating her Peacock project, which included a model bird fashioned from polystyrene balls and other craft materials.

My poster showed peacocks from dif-

ferent parts of the world and I used the school's Internet and magazines to get some photos for it. Mum helped make and paint the feathers on my peacock too.

"I could not believe it...and Mum was very emotional when Dad rang to tell us. I am really lucky to go to London and I cant wait to see the Crown Jewels," she said.

The 2004 YEYA winners were announced from the IPR London Office recently. The senior winner was Qasim Mahommd, whose father Sahid works at the Hub Power Station in Pakistan. Qasim's project examined environmental problems faced by Pakistan.

Children of Hub's employees figured in three of the four runners up awards. Highly commended awards went to Avi Shama from UAE and Jonathan Concannon, son of Tony, Managing Director, International Power, Australia.

For Caitlin and Qasim, the prize is a trip to London with accommodation in the heart of the City not far from IPR's city-based head office. Tickets to a major West End Show and the opportunity to visit the sights of London itself will keep the Lawson's busy in their brief stay in the UK's capital.

Well done to everyone involved.



Caitlin and brother Alex with family friend Lucy

Remembrance Day

In 1918 the armistice that ended World War One came into force, bringing to an end four years of hostilities that saw 61,919 Australians die at sea, in the air and on foreign soil.

Few Australian families were left untouched by the events of World War One – 'the war to end all wars' – most had lost a father, son, daughter, brother, sister or friend.

At 11am on 11th November we pause for one minute to remember the sacrifice of all men and women who have died, (including at least 102,820 Australians) and those who have suffered or served in wars and conflicts throughout the world.

At 5.00am on 11th November 1918 three German government representatives accepted the armistice terms presented to them by an allied commander, General Foch of the French Army.

The demands of the armistice included the withdrawal of German forces to the east bank of the Rhine within 30 days, immediate cessation of warfare, and surrender of the German fleet and all heavy guns with no further negotiations until the signing of the peace treaty.

The armistice became effective at 11am on the same day and as the guns fell silent on the Western Front in France and Belgium, four years of hostilities ended.

The cease-fire was made permanent the following year when members of the Commonwealth and the League of Nations signed the Treaty of Versailles.

People across the world celebrated the war's end – celebrations tempered by thoughts of the enormous suf-

fering and loss of life resulting from the war.

More than 416,000 Australians volunteered for service in World War One. Of those 336,281 served overseas and 61,919 were killed, including 45,000 who died on the Western Front in France and Belgium and more than 8,000 who died on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey.

116,000 Victorians volunteered to serve overseas in the Navy and in the Army (which incorporated the Flying Corps). Casualties were heavy and approximately 18,000 of these Victorians did not return to their homeland and many thousands were wounded or rendered unfit.

As a permanent reminder of the service and sacrifice given by the men and women of Victoria to their country, memorials were erected in nearly every town throughout the State.

In Australia and other allied countries, including New Zealand, Canada and the United States, the 11th November became known as Armistice Day – a day to remember those who died in World War One. The day continues to be commemorated in Allied countries, although it is now known as Remembrance Day.

After World War Two the Australian Government agreed to the United Kingdom's proposal that Armistice Day be renamed Remembrance Day to commemorate those who were killed in both World Wars.

Armistice Day was not an appropriate title for a day that would commemorate all war dead. The loss of Australian lives from all wars and conflicts is now commemorated on Remembrance Day.

In Flanders Fields

In May 1915 Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae of the

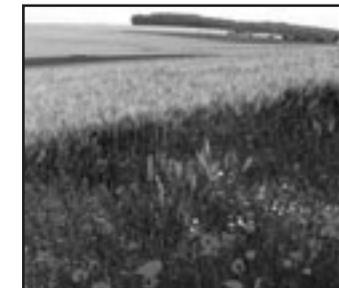
Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps was working in a dressing station on the front line in Belgium, when he wrote In Flanders Fields

In 1918 Moira Michael, an American, wrote a poem in reply, 'We shall keep the faith', in which she promised to wear a poppy 'in honour of our dead' and so started the tradition of wearing a poppy in remembrance.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Kids Club Art Exhibition

The Traralgon and District Art Society will hold an official opening of The Kids Club Art Exhibition on November 26 at 7pm at the Old Railway Station, Queens Parade, Traralgon.

Representatives from Maryvale Paper Mill, Natalie and Carol, will open the Exhibition. A light supper will be provided for the children, parents and guests.

All are welcome to attend this great opportunity to enjoy our local children's Art.

To coincide with the Exhibition there will be an open weekend on the 27 and 28 of November for the public to view all members Art in the large and small galleries.

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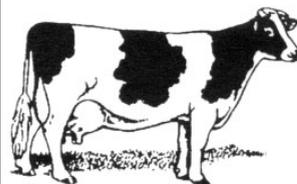
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Choruses: 9.20am

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Sunday: Mass: 9.30am
1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays: Yinnar:
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Mass: 11.00am

Churchill Christian Fellowship

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Ladies Meeting: Tuesday 10.00am

Christmas Services

Co-operating Churches of Churchill

24 December: 6.30pm: Crib Service
11.00pm: Carols and Anglican Communion
25 December: 9.00am
26 December: Combined Service with Boolarra/Yinnar at Boolarra

Boolarra/Yinnar

24 December: 11.00pm: Carols and Anglican Communion
25 December: 10.30am: Service at Yinnar
26 December: Combined Service with Churchill at Boolarra



Co-Operating Churches Snippets

Messages from Bob's sermons

THERE are so many distractions and so much to take us away from our faith. When times are tough then people become irritable and even the best intentioned ones lose their cool. We feel our mission needs an increase in faith to weather the hard and frustrating times. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could experience some instant, dynamic, God- intervening moment to rescue us from the hard work of spreading the Gospel?

What we need though is an increase in our resources of faith. Faith can alter life itself, and faith is particularly powerful in its capacity to change patterns of relationships. If a human life is altered through faith, the new life given takes on the form of a life of unassuming service. All Christians need to share their faith, believing that God can work through them.

The good news is that God is in charge, and we must not give up. God never gives up on His people and God makes things happen. In hard times our faith needs rekindling, and this can be done through sharing our thankfulness exhibited in worship and loving service for others.

Jesus heals. He gives a newfound freedom which gives rise to a joyful gratitude, which finds expression through praise, worship and gratitude to God. Do you experience those aspects in your life? Just imagine what a difference it would make to the various ministries/tasks to which we have been appointed or elected if our daily lives were primarily motivated by our thanksgiving to God for the reconciliation and faith we have received through Jesus.

How do we respond to disaster? With penitence, humility and hope. Hope is a gift to all who live in a spirit of penitence and humility.

One disaster is the thoughtless destruction of God's beautifully created world by people, through pollution, oil slicks, ozone layer penetration, devastation of species for selfish gain.

To spoil a gift of God is to show disdain for God's love and care. Our response to what we have done should be penitent humility as we re-affirm that the earth and all its fullness are the Lord's. And hope remains. There is a rising sense of alarm among ordinary people

and we are realising our responsibility and living with a renewed respect for the environment.

It is good to know that all things rest in the goodness of God. God never stands aloof from human suffering and always holds out the hope of a renewed future. Darkness is still dark, but God lives as powerfully in the darkness as in the light.

What will tomorrow or next year bring to challenge our safety or gnaw at our faith? How will we respond to disaster?

Message from Lyn

Each of us is responsible for our own sins and actions. Often we find someone else to blame than ourselves. However nobody made you do what you did. It was your choice! People turn away from the truth. They look for people who will tell them what they want to hear.

There is much turning to material wealth to the exclusion of everything else. We should ask ourselves how we are contributing from our rich base to the poor of the world?

God is just, and will grant justice. Will He find justice when he comes? We won't have peace unless we have justice. We exhibit contempt for others, a self-righteous puffed up attitude.

We need to ask where would Jesus be with the druggies, unemployed? Are we being self-righteous? Jesus reminds us that all who exult themselves will be humbled and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Remember Jesus is walking with us, so pray and don't lose heart. Persist even when the going is tough. Ground yourself in God through the love of Jesus.

The Desert and Coffee evening organised by the Ladies Fellowship held on Friday 22 October was enjoyed by all those who attended.

The Guest Speaker, Patricia Begges spoke on the history of home made lace.

This is the fourth time Patricia has spoken at our evenings and once again captivated us in a fascinating journey of lace making through the ages. Patricia also had some exquisite examples of lace, some being from the eighteen hundreds.

Teachers Desperately Needed For 2005

DO you have an hour a week to tell children in Primary School about the love of Jesus?

There is a great need in our area as there is now only one CRE teacher for 2005, to cover three schools.

This is a very rewarding experience. If you feel a little uncertain about committing yourself to this but would

like to go to a school and see how it works, please contact Ruth on 51221961 to discuss this further.

There are many children who will never hear of God's love, if we don't take the opportunity given. Please think and pray about this.

Chaplain's Contemplations

HERE we are at the end of the academic year with the final run towards exams and results.

At the University the students have finished their assignments, are doing their exams and will then depart for home. Congratulations to all the students who have completed their courses. May they thrive in their chosen careers.

Staff are furiously marking and preparing the results so eagerly looked for by students.

Many students are heading back to their own countries. We hope they leave with good memories of their time here and a positive feeling about Australia. We are very blessed here at the University and in the Churchill and Latrobe Valley communities to have the opportunity of meeting and getting to know people from all over the world. It is important that we make our overseas visitors welcome.

Many of our Australian students are off home also and will try and find part-time work over the summer vacation period. It will be lovely to see everyone again next year as they return relaxed and

refreshed.

We wish them a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year with family and friends. May they go on to interesting careers, which they enjoy.

I was thinking about the gifts we all receive from God and how we use these gifts. Many students underestimate themselves and what they are capable of academically. It is good to recognise the gifts we have and to use them in a way which expresses God's love for all creatures in the cosmic Christ. Paul says "now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are a variety of services but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone". (1 Cor. 12:4-6)

Let us appreciate and give thanks for the gifts we have received and rejoice in the use of them. For as Jesus used the gifts given to him by the Father, we also can use them in service to this world through Jesus Christ.

Blessings upon you all,

Rev'd Lyn Porritt, Chaplain, Monash University, Gippsland Campus

Saturday Breakfast

By KEITH ENDERS

The Rev Dr Bob Brown, minister at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, was the guest speaker at the October Saturday Breakfast. Bob's talk was titled 'Living with Diabetes'. Bob was diagnosed with diabetes about 10 years ago, around the time he was having treatment for eye problems. The GP's he was seeing at the time were reluctant to check him for diabetes even though he was showing some of the symptoms and it wasn't until his eye problems occurred that he was referred to a specialist.

Bob outlined the two types of diabetes and gave some of the symptoms that may indicate the disease. Diabetes Mellitus is a condition in which the body cells are not able to absorb enough of the sugar glucose (the body's main energy source) from the blood. This inability is due to a deficiency of the hormone insulin, normally processed by the pancreas. Type 1 diabetes is when the pancreas produces too little insulin or none at all and usually develops suddenly in childhood or adolescence and causes dramatic weight loss. In type 2 diabetes the pancreas continues to produce insulin but body cells are resistant to it. This type of diabetes is 10 times more common than type 1. It mainly develops after the age of 40, particularly in those who are overweight. It develops gradually and symptoms may

go unrecognised for years.

Some of the symptoms are thirst, excessive passing of urine and weight loss. Some of the complications of diabetes are damage to the blood vessels throughout the body which results in problems with the eyes, kidneys, heart and nervous system. Treatment aims to keep the blood sugar levels as normal as possible to delay the onset of complications.

Bob outlined what he needs to do in controlling his diabetes and showed the equipment for injecting insulin and checking his blood sugar levels. Diet is also important in controlling diabetes but it is easier these days with more foods available, which meet the needs of diabetics. Bob keep I contact with various specialists and consults with dieticians as well. For diabetics in the Latrobe Valley it means travelling to Melbourne because not all the specialists are here.

The next Saturday Breakfast will be the last one for 2004 and will be held on Saturday 20 November at 7.30am. Lynn Porritt, the Chaplain at Monash Gippsland will be the guest speaker and her talk will be titled 'A Ministry Journey'. If you are interested in attending please contact Keith Enders on 5122 1148 or by e-mail at kbenders@net-tech.com.au by Thursday 18 November.



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International Day of People with a disAbility Activities Planned

A host of activities are being planned for Latrobe City to celebrate "International Day of People with a disAbility" which is being held on Friday 3 December.

Latrobe City's Rural Access Project Officer, Bill Lawler, said that December 3 each year has been declared International Day of People with a disAbility by the United Nations.

"On this day, activities are held world-wide to acknowledge the valued contribution people with a disAbility make to their community and to highlight ways of making our community more assessable and inclusive," Mr Lawler said.

"On the local scene, this year's

events will commence with a pancake breakfast which is being held at the Traralgon Railway Station from 6.30am to 8.30am.

"A "Come and Try" activity at the Morwell Transport Interchange (Morwell Railway Station) is being held from 10am to 11.30am, where people can try a low-floor bus and a wheelchair accessible taxi.

"A sausage sizzle will be held at the Mid Valley Bus Interchange from 12 noon to 2pm; and the day concludes with a community awareness activity being held in the Moe CBD from 4pm and 6pm."

Mr Lawler said that in 2004 a number of organisations had formed a partnership to undertake a regional

project focusing on promoting accessible public transport.

"People using all forms of public transport in Gippsland on 3 December will be provided with a booklet containing information on accessible public transport and the contact details of organisations and services who assist people to successfully use public transport.

People will also be invited participate in a "Disability Awareness Quiz" and be eligible for a prize," Mr Lawler added.

For more information about International Day of People with a disAbility, please contact Latrobe City, telephone 1300 367 700.

Lioness Club Expo Success

By MARGARET BARKER, Publicity

ONCE again our catering for the LV Express Lifestyle Expo was very successful with many compliments passed on about the food presented to the exhibitors.

Lioness and Lions members and partners had a combined ten-pin bowling night challenging Trafalgar clubs; it was a great fun night with the perpetual trophy going to the Churchill clubs.

Last month's news I omitted to put in a photo of Betty our new member being inducted into the club. Somehow the photo got "lost" in cyber-space so once again welcome Betty.

We had great pleasure in presenting the Lions Club with a \$500 cheque for the Camp Quality esCarpade. This is a car rally to raise funds for Camp Quality - children with cancer.

Also we donated \$100 to the Australian Deafness Foundation.

Our service hours for the month totalled 325 hours.

It was great having two new members joining our club this year. Apart from a little work we also have fun.

If you are interested in becoming part of the team, please phone President Vicki on 5122 1614 or Secretary Merrilyn on 5122 2543.



Lionesses Merrilyn Grisotto and Margaret Barker present esCarpade cheque to Lion President Norm Hall



Betty is welcomed into the club by Vice President Sue Lowick and Treasurer Wendy Steenburgen

Surge From Power Workers

Cancer Unit Gets Donation

THE Latrobe Valley's major power generators have banded together to raise more than \$300,000 for the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre.

Yallourn Energy, Loy Yang Power, International Power Hazelwood and Edison Mission Energy have set up employee payroll deduction schemes for donations to the Centre. Each power company will match their employees' contributions up to \$15,000 each per year for the next three years.

The Chief Executive of the Latrobe Regional Hospital, Felix Pintado, welcomed the initiative and joined with the chief executives of the four power companies to encourage other Gippsland businesses to set up similar deduction schemes.

Yallourn Energy CEO, Andrew Pickering, said the generators were supporting the payroll deduction scheme to enable our employees to donate to this worthy cause, as many had a family member or knew someone who had been affected by cancer.

"As major employers in the Latrobe Valley, we want to be involved in supporting the Centre because it directly or indirectly benefits our employees and the community in which we all live," says Ian Nethercote, Chief Executive of Loy Yang Power. "It is also something which the majority of the community can identify with based on personal experience."

With donations to the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre being tax deductible, International Power Hazelwood CEO, David Quinn, said he was confident Hazelwood and other power station employees would donate gener-

ously to the cause.

"A tax deductible donation of \$5 per week or \$260 per annum would effectively cost employees in the highest tax bracket approximately \$140 per annum."

Edison Mission Energy, General Manager, Col Sutherland says that with construction of the first stage of the Cancer Care Centre expected to commence later this year, now was a good time for employers throughout Gippsland to set up a similar scheme to show their support for the centre that will benefit the entire region.

The four CEOs agree a Cancer Care Centre in the Latrobe Valley would make receiving treatment easier for patients through reduced travelling and time spent away from home and their families. They agreed this would not only be good for patients, but for employees whose family member or friend is needing cancer care.

Employee deduction forms are being distributed to employees of the four generators this week.

The Federal and State Governments have contributed \$21 million to the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre. The total cost of building the centre is \$24.5 million with the local community needing to raise \$3.5 million. The Centre will be located at the Latrobe Regional Hospital and will provide diagnostic and comprehensive cancer treatment for patients living in Gippsland.

For the first time in regional Victoria, a "one stop shop" will provide cancer patients with access to radiotherapy, chemotherapy, renal dialysis, pharmacy and specialist oncology services under the one roof.

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International Day of People
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- * Sausage sizzle and information stand at Mid Valley Shopping Centre between 12 noon and 2pm
- * Information stand in Moore Street Moe between 4pm and 6pm
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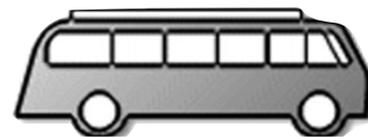
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Contact Petra Hopkins at Mirboo North Secondary College
On 5668 1203

Churchill Primary School - Off To A Busy Start



CHURCHILL
And District
Citizens
Association have

given the school a grant to participate in a community Christmas display at the Glendonald Shops.

Grade 4/5A will be working with Mrs. Lewis the Art Teacher, and the shopkeepers, to present a colourful display.

The school and the children are excited about getting ready for Christmas

Hot House



Annette Thomas from Latrobe Health Service

This new Hot House was officially opened as Annette Thomas from Latrobe Community Health Service, presented a donation of \$500 for the vegetable garden project.

Churchill Primary School embarked upon the Hot House project with the great support of the Churchill and District Lions Club, who supplied the funds to purchase and erect the Hot House.

The school is hoping that once the plants and seeds grow, that they will be able to participate in community planting if required.

Any other community members (we have two volunteers) who have knowledge about growing



The Hot House and one of the Vegie Patches



Walk to School

ON Wednesday 13 October staff, parents and students participated in a 'Walk to School'.

Even though there was a slight drizzle, around 55 students and 15 adults started the walk at Lake Hyland at 8:30am.

The group walked along the lake and up to the corner of the highway and Switchback Rd, where

and propagating plants will be most welcome to phone John Turner on 51221343

Cultural Performance

Churchill has Indonesian as their LOTE (Language Other Than English) subject.

"Musik Kabau"- is an Indonesian play featuring Pak Pandir (Mr. Stupid).

The children thoroughly enjoyed the play put on in the General Purpose Room.

It was colourful and included aspects of life in Sumatra.

Athletics Sports



L-R: Adelaide Hanna, Whitney Mathieson and Roger Morris

Several children participated in the Zone Finals for Athletics.

Roger Morris won the U10 high jump, in the Latrobe Valley section with a jump of 1m 25cm.

He is off to Bendigo soon to compete in the State Titles.

The school community wishes him well. Whitney Mathieson competed in the 800m sprint and came fourth.

Adelaide Hanna competed in the 1500m race and came seventh.



L-R: Hayden Esler, Ryan Henshaw, Rhys Abbott and Whitney Mathieson at the Herald Sun Tour

Raffle

Colin Watson Holden have donated a push bike and matching helmet, for the school to raffle to raise funds for the Brekky Program.

It has fantastic features. Tickets for the raffle are \$1 each or 3 for \$2.

They are on sale at the school office. The raffle will be drawn on 25th November at the Footy Club Bingo Night.

For further details contact the school on 51221343.



Raffle prize: donated by Colin Watson

Jim Stynes Visit Follow Up

CD players are to be purchased for each classroom so that instrumental music can be played to the children.

Music is beneficial to people as it requires development of both sides of the brain.

School Asphalt Upgrade

The asphalt around the school has been showing signs of deteriorating, and has in some places been dug up for pipe works etc.

This will be fixed soon.

School Musical In Full Swing



The Human Sculptors at Musical practice

The musical "CIRCUS SPLENDIDA" is in full swing with two performances to go-tonight and Friday night.

It is a spectacular show. Photos of the characters, and scenes from the show are on display. Prints of these photos can be ordered at the Office.

Staff In-Service

The staff will be attending the second day of the Nan Walker Conference.

This day will teach the staff about children from diverse sectors of the community, focusing



Mr Turner, Cameron Adams at Musical practice

on intergenerational poverty.

Kinder/Prep Transition

A comprehensive transition program has been devised and is under way.

It will include three school experience visits, three transition days and an orientation day. Please contact the school if you are thinking of enrolling your child at the school.

If you know people who have Prep age children, please remind them that now is the time to enrol.

Human Powered Vehicle



Building the HPV - Terry Jongerious preparing mould for fibreglass body

Students are in full training for the program. The competition will be decided in Maryborough in late November.

As always the students are excited about being part of this program and are trying hard to develop their skills and fitness.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

This is a wonderfully beneficial asset of this school, but without the fantastic support of the staff it would finish.

DO YOU WALK? Then please consider joining the happy crew and help children get to school on time.

You can contact the school on 51221343 and ask to talk to John or Jo.

Churchill North Primary School

we safely crossed over and walked down to school.

Everyone enjoyed the walk and there was even talk that it was something that we should do on a more regular basis.

Fun Run

After a wet start and a slight delay the school's fun run got underway in some sunshine.

Students, parents and several teachers walked around the oval for an hour and completed many laps.

The walkers were refreshed with an icy-pole

during the walk then everyone enjoy a well-earned picnic lunch.

Fire Safety

Over a period of 3 weeks Ruth Place from the CFA has been talking to the students in all grades about fire safety.

On her last visit the students had a tour of a fire truck.

They got to go in the cabin, up on the back and they even used the fire hose. Using the hose was definitely a highlight for many of the students.

RACV

On Tuesday 26 October Louise Varsaci from RACV came and spoke to the whole school about Road Safety.

Several grades had the opportunity to role-play, learning how to be good passengers and getting in and out of a car safely.

It was a very valuable day for all the students.



Schools



Yinnar South

Annual Art Show

YINNAR South Primary School hosted its annual Art Show in the Yinnar South Community Hall recently to celebrate student achievement in the visual arts throughout 2004. The Art Show is the major event for the school community and has built on the success of past efforts to become one of the great nights of the year.



Teachers and parents spent the week leading up to the event displaying student's two dimensional and three dimensional artwork in various locations around the hall.

works reflected the style and content of illustrations studied during the year.

Parents and friends spent some time browsing the collection before the evening's guest speakers, local authors Arthur Veno and Scot Gardner, presented a talk on their inspirations and the process of having a book published.

The works had been completed by the students over the proceeding two terms and covered a variety of themes and media from painting to sculpture and clay work. This year's show was based around the theme of children's picture story book illustrations and each of the

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

The evening was very well attended with a large crowd in attendance. The event concluded with a shared supper and a chat which was enjoyed by all.

The evening was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the ever increasing talents of the students who are to be congratulated for their efforts.



October at Lumen Christi



World Teachers' Day was celebrated at Lumen Christi to acknowledge and congratulate the wonderful staff at our school. All teachers were presented with a certificate and a badge at our 'Grandparents Day' Assembly on Friday October 29th. It is important for our students and the community to recognize the contribution of teachers to our society in their work of educating our youngsters and it is day which we value at Lumen Christi.

Our 'Grandparents Day' was a smashing success with over eighty grandparents and great-grandparents in attendance. Our visitors were entertained with a concert where each class performed an item and it was a real hit! Children then took their visitors to their classrooms before lunch was served with a beautiful spread provided by parents and staff. Our Grade 3 class brightened up the school walls with big banners saying 'Welcome to our Groovy Grandparents' and 'Grandparents Rock at Lumen Christi'. Our day was a recognition of the important role of grandparents in the lives of our children and it was gratifying to see the day work so well.

Lumen Christi hosted fifty students from St Vincent's in Morwell East for a Prayer Service on October 27th to launch



Catholic Missions Children's Mission Week. All classes were involved in prayer for peace and justice to eradicate poverty amongst children around the world and it was a very powerful and moving ceremony. We followed with a sausage sizzle lunch and cake stall to raise funds for Catholic Missions-there will also be a Crazy Hair Day on November 5th with all funds going to this



cause.

Our Grade Three class participated in a direct seeding project with Greening Australia during the month at the Principal's property near Lake Narracan. The children helped to cast seeds and pot up some tubes from native seeds as an on-going dimension of our Care for the Earth philosophy.

Rehearsals continue for our two musicals scheduled for December 8th in the evening and a matinee on December 9th. Prep to Grade Three are involved in Bugz and Grades 4-6 with 'Assignment Earth'. There is a great production team in operation preparing costumes and props and our producers, Annette O'Shea and Jess Porter are working constantly to bring out the talents of the children.

Our school building program continues and we anticipate the Musical productions as the first events to be conducted in this new hall.



Latrobe Valley Primary School Goes Solar



MEMBER for Morwell, Brendan Jenkins has announced \$29000 in Bracks Government funding to support a solar energy makeover for a Churchill Catholic Primary School.

Mr Jenkins said the technology was expected to save the school \$1500 a year on its energy bills.

Mr Jenkins launched the energy-saving package today at Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School, which will include solar-air heating and cooling and a multipurpose shade system as part of a building upgrade.

"Lumen Christi will showcase just how effective solar technologies can be in heating and cooling community facilities," Mr Jenkins said.

Mr Jenkins said the support would be provided under the Bracks Government's Victorian Solar Innovation Initiative, through the Sustainable Energy Authority.

"Not only will Lumen Christi enjoy lower energy bills and better comfort levels, but the staff and students will get first-hand experience of clean, green, renewable power and contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions," Mr Jenkins said.

Mr Jenkins praised the school and its principal, Denise McKenna, for leading the way in innovative energy-saving solar design and technology in their local community.

"Solar air heating is an emerging technology in Victoria and Lumen Christi is one of the first non-residential users of this particular type of technology in the



State," Mr Jenkins said.

The solar technologies will be installed in the assembly hall, currently under construction, and be used by both the school and the wider community.

Solar air heating units will provide heating and cooling to the hall through natural ventilation. The heating units can be mechanically reversed to extract heated air from the hall, replacing it with a cooled air stream. The air will be cooled by passing through a series of underground rainwater storage vessels.

The water storage vessels will also help the school cut its water usage, by collecting rainwater for use on the school's garden.

"The shade system makes use of natural sunlight, reducing the need for artificial lighting during daylight hours," he said.

Mr Jenkins said that aside from the solar-air heating and shade system funded under the Victorian Solar Innovation Initiative, Lumen Christi will also install photovoltaic and solar hot water panels. The panels which will be mounted on the multipurpose shade system are eligible for Government rebates.

Mr Jenkins said that this project demonstrated how the \$3 million Victorian Solar Innovation Initiative was helping schools and community groups adopt energy saving measures.



Hazelwood North

Snippets

THE first transition activity was a great success. The 2005 Preps had a relaxed introduction to the school environment. The next activity will be Thursday November 22nd



sketch faces. The results have been pleasing.

The years Three to Six students will be going to Camp Rumbug on November 10th.

Two HPV teams will be attending the RACV Energy Breakthrough in Maryborough from November 25 to 27.

We have twenty students enrolled for Prep in 2005. A reminder that enrolments are still being accepted.

Two groups of Year Six girls entered videos in the 2004 German School Films Festival. They made the train trip to Melbourne with German teacher Elaine Killen and parent Monique Schutte. Twenty videos were shown to the students. One of the Hazelwood

North group was awarded second prize in the Early Years Section. A great achievement!

Kurnai Churchill teacher Ross Fitzpatrick and four students have been teaching our senior students how to

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By JOHN BARKER, Publicity, Lions Club of Churchill & District

THE Camp Quality esCarpade is a 6-day fun, outback motoring fundraising adventure that took place from October 15th - 22nd 2004.

Heading north and venturing to the tropics of Central Queensland it encompassed both challenges and rewards and test dirt road motoring skills.

The event is neither a race nor a rally, but that is not to say that we didn't have loads of adventure!

Two of our members – Bob Lowick and Steve Duggan – decided to "give it a go"

The Reason

The esCarpade is run to raise money for Camp Quality, a national non-profit charity committed to bringing fun therapy to every child living with cancer, as well as their families through ongoing quality recreational and educational programs. Camp Quality passionately believes in the power of fun in helping children and their families overcome the challenges that cancer and illness bring.

Over 5000 families each year are supported by Camp Quality. The program is unique and provides a wonderful opportunity for a child with cancer to put their illness aside and just be a child again, enjoying a variety of activities that are fun.

The Lions Club of Churchill has participated in this event for many years and through fundraising and generous donations and sponsorship of our local businesses, organisations and individuals has raised in excess of \$130,000 for the kids.

The Course

The esCarpade route involved loads of dirt with a 'loop-style' course and with that in mind the route was designed to go from Tamworth to Coffs Harbour taking the long way round!

Day 1: The esCarpade did a 'boot scoot' on its way out of Tamworth heading north to one of Australia's premier cotton regions - Moree. The day featured plenty of dirt, a couple of creek crossings and, following a car and esCarpadian refuelling stop at Narrabri, there was a spectacular drive through Mount Kaputar National Park.

Day 2: The esCarpade said goodbye to New South Wales and g'day to Queensland as entrants tracked north from Moree, across the McIntyre river and on to lunch at Tallwood. After lunch it was back onto the dirt for an open cruise north-west to St. George.

Day 3: This was a welcome half-day from St. George to Roma, skirting Lake Kajarabie on the trek north. esCarpadians took time to tinker with their vehicles all afternoon after receiving a true 'Roma Welcome'.

Day 4: We tracked to the east towards Yuleba State Forest before heading south, courtesy of the National Park access trails. After a lunch stop at Glenmorgan we continued southward to Goondiwindi, the name of which is derived from the aboriginal word, Goonawinna, meaning 'resting place of the birds'.

Day 5: This was a boarder drive to Texas for lunch, running parallel to the Dumaresq River on the Queensland side. Following lunch we crossed into NSW and skirted around the Severn River National Park, meandering our way through flat-

Red Cross First Aiders At Royal Melbourne Show

By PETER DATHAN, Emergency First Aid Team Leader

YOU may not be aware but the recent 2004 Royal Melbourne Show was a milestone event for Australian Red Cross Victoria. Our involvement in the Show signified the largest program of First Aid Posts ever undertaken by the Australian Red Cross!

During the week the Emergency First Aid Department rose to their biggest challenge yet and completed a magnificent task in providing first aid and support to a record Show crowd.

This was an outstanding example to planning and execution. The Show organisers were delighted with our contribution.

To give you some idea of the scale of the activity during the week there were 220 volunteers rostered over 11 days. They provided an amazing 5800 volunteer hours, treating 1200 people and managing 20 ambulance transports to hospital.

This was a significant effort to say the least and, on behalf of all of us, I would like to extend an enormous 'thank you' to every volunteer, member and staff who made this possible.

There are numerous stories of volunteers taking annual leave from their work in order to provide their specialist support to the Victorian community, in several cases even having to sleep on the floor at the show-grounds!

Hazelwood / Churchill Guide District Refurbishment at Illangi Finished

By ZELMA MILDENHALL

THE refurbishment of one bathroom in Illangi House at Burnet Park is finished after many unexpected difficulties. Zelma and other members of the campsite committee have been busy cleaning and getting the house ready for use.

Natives have been planted in the new garden area in front of the house and near the Chapel.

Hazelwood South Hall is available for hire. For more information contact Faye Foley on 5122 1249.

The Hazelwood / Churchill Guide District break-up is on Wednesday 24th November in the Hazelwood South Hall from 5.30pm. There will be a barbecue tea, games and activities on the theme of 'Rice'. Parents and Support Group members are invited to join us.

Hazelwood Junior Guides

We have been busy planning our camp with the Moe

Guides, printing charts and deciding on what activities we want to do over the weekend at Burnet Park.

Zelma visited the Moe guides to finalise the menu and rooms.

Guides have also make a nativity scene in a shoe box, checked the backdrop for the CRE school celebrations and practised Carols they are to sing when visiting Hazelwood House.

On Tuesday 26 October our Baw Baw Region leader, Mrs Gwen Williams, visited our unit meeting. Faye and Zelma were each presented with their FD N4 Certificate.

The N4 Project was the knitting of rugs for Anglicare. Zelma has also completed her leadership reappraisal.

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

Camp Quality esCarpade 2004

ter farming and grazing country into Glen Innes.

Day 6: It was time to tackle the Great Divide! Trekking southeast through the spectacular Guy Fawkes National Park where there was a lunch stop at the popular white water rafting town of Nymboida. After lunch the route weaved through State Forest country, kicking up dust on trails carved by the logging industry. We finally drop off the Great Divide and pulled the handbrake on at the coastal resort of Coffs Harbour. Once in 'Coffs' all that is left to do was to shake off the dust, grab a fishing rod or your swimmers and enjoy a day or 2 of serious R&R!

The Rewards

In line with Camp Quality's philosophy of fun therapy there was loads of fun and laughter along

the way from the start right to the very end with the introduction of fun activities en route. Karaoke, scavenger hunts, fancy dress nights and obstacle courses - need we say more!

The Car Your car must be pre-1980 and

there is some essential safety equipment that must be fitted including: UHF 40 Channel Radio, rear facing dust amber/yellow lamp, laminated windscreen, seat belts, fire extinguisher and a first aid kit. Also it is a great idea to have ample tools and spares to save being stranded out in the middle of nowhere.

The club entry is a HQ Holden, number 201 in recognition of Lions District 201V3, suitably dressed in all it's finery of sirens, flashing lights, signwriting and stickers. It is often on display at our projects – so stick your head in and say g'day to us.



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FIRE DANGER PERIOD PREPARATIONS

Over the last few weeks, there has been a significant amount of rain, which has helped maintain our gardens and pastures.

However, this also means that there will be a significant amount of grass growing across the area in the weeks leading up to the fire danger period.

When dry, this additional growth will significantly increase the fuel load and fire danger in open areas.

Landowners are reminded that preparation for the fire danger period is an important part of their land management responsibilities.

Preparation of fire breaks around paddocks of pasture, cleaning up ground fuels around homes in both bushland settings and urban areas, and having a plan should a fire develop are all

critical ways of helping to ensure that your family and property is prepared for when the fire danger period arrives.

BRIGADES IN TRAINING

Churchill Fire Brigade along with other local brigades have been training together to maintain their skills in preparation for the upcoming fire season.

Exercises such as the one shown below require good teamwork and coordination to achieve the outcome required and are an essential part of ensuring brigades are prepared and ready for action.

FIRE BRIGADE CONTACTS

For information about the Churchill Fire Brigade, contact Captain Steven Barling on 0407 828 625 or Secretary Darlene Parkinson on 5122 2740 after hours.

In an emergency, ring 000 and ask to be put through to the Fire Brigade.



Hazelwood To Celebrate 40 Years Of Generation

NEXT month, International Power Hazelwood celebrates the 40th anniversary of first generation from its power station back in 1964.

Former employees will join current employees and their families on the weekend of 13 and 14 November to reflect on 40 years of coal mining and power generation from the Hazelwood business.

PowerWorks will be the venue for a weekend of site tours, BBQ lunch and a photographic display showcasing the history of the people and the plant over four decades of power generation.

Spokesperson Neil Lawson, IPRH's Public Affairs Manager, said the weekend will hopefully attract many former employees to return to meet old friends.

"Our ex-employees association have been very proactive in assisting in the planning.

We anticipate several hundred former Hazelwood miners and power workers will take the opportunity to visit and reacquaint themselves with the business, and see where we are heading with our future mine planning," Mr Lawson said.

Mr Lawson said the anniversary marked 40 years of providing low-cost, efficient power to Victoria.

"Up to one in four Victorians are powered by Hazelwood and as we look back, we are also looking forward to secure a healthy future for this business and provide employment for another generation of power workers."

Mining Ombudsman To Speak at Oxfam CAA AGM

By ANN RUSHTON

OXFAM Community Aid Abroad Mining Ombudsman, Ingrid McDonald, will be the guest speaker at the State Committee Annual General Meeting, which will be held in Morwell on Saturday November 13th 2004.

There will be a tour of Powerworks in the morning. A light luncheon and afternoon tea will be held at the Cedar Lodge,

Maryvale Crescent, Mowell. The meeting will start at 2.00pm.

All interested people are invited to attend. Please ring Roborn on 5169 6494 for further details and to register your interest for catering purposes.



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

Dermodys Camp

BY BILLY GRIFFITHS
Hazelwood Estate School

On Thursday we went to Dermodys Camp, which is just down from the Channel. As soon as we got there we set up our tents. After that we went out in the van looking for some firewood. We found some really good bits of wood and some trees that fell down. We got some really long ones and some really thick ones. Colin and Pete started the fire and we all cooked

some lunch.

A little bit later when it was just going on dark, we were playing a game in a little bit of bush that we had nearby. There were two teams. In one team there was me, Dylan and Will. In the other team there was Ryan, Andrew and Michael. We used our towels as flags in the game. I got heaps of little scratches and three decent sized ones. After it had gone really dark we were playing spotlight, which is a game that you can only play at night with some torches. The person that is 'it' has to try and find as many people as he can. I got bitten twice by a small bull ant or something, once in the webbing of my pointing finger and the big finger and once on the back of my pal. The bite on the back of my palm swelled up and turned pur-

ple and it felt like a mosquito bite but bigger.

Corey, Cory and I walked half way around the track waiting for the other group to come around the other way. They didn't come around. They got half way, got scared and started running back. When Corey, Cory and I got back the fire was at least one metre high.

The next day I got woken up by the tent getting pulled down by William. After we packed up and had breakfast we went for a bath at the swimming spot called Avon River. Most of us made a rock pool sort of thing and it was pretty stable until some of us threw some large rocks at it and some parts collapsed. Everyone enjoyed the camp and I wouldn't mind going again.



Tarra Bulga National Park

BY DYLAN LOWDEN
Hazelwood Estate School

Tarra Bulga National Park is a National Park in the Strzelecki Ranges protecting 1,625 hectares of Mountain Ash forest and cool temperature rain forest. The park is reached from Traralgon via Balook and it is renowned for its rain forest and bird life. In 1840 the Polish explorer, Count Strzelecki, explored the ranges with his Aboriginal guide Charlie Tarra. The park has 41 species of ferns, huge sassafras, beech and ash trees as well as a huge variety of birds and animals.

We had fun on Thursday. We went up into the high mountains in a storm and first saw a lookout that was above a logging site. Then we went up to Mt Tassie and parked beside the towers. At the park we had something to eat and we went for a bush walk.

We walked along a track and saw a 1000-year-old tree root. It was raining as



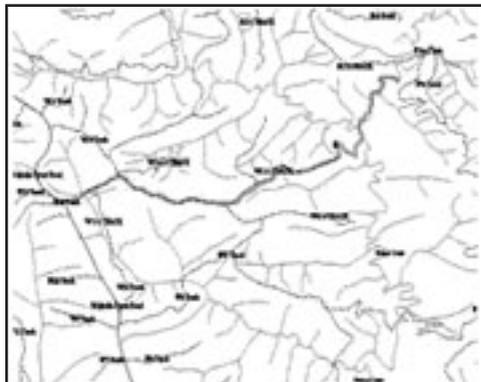
we walked up to the waterfall. We saw trees with fungi and trees with huge roots covered in algae. We had lunch in a hut. We saw a possum and some rosellas. We learnt about the history of the area and how a rainforest grows. We went home along the Grand Ridge Road.

Rintouls Creek

Hazelwood Estate School

On Thursday we went to Rintouls Creek. We went down a steep bush track in the van. Then Colin had to get out and see how deep the mud holes were. Pete drove through and parked the van. We walked down a track to the creek and it was a 10 min walk before we got to the bottom. We walked through the clear shallow water of the creek and soon saw a crayfish. We had to walk over some trees and logs. Colin picked up a Crayfish and showed us all how to pick them up. Then we found bigger one but it was sick and old. Colin put his thumb through it by accident. I let it free after I held it. I picked up lots during

the walk. We also saw an eel swimming in the creek. Some parts of the walk were very slippery. The crayfish had hard orange shells and very powerful large claws. They swam backwards and some had eggs on their tails. We walked back and had a swim in a deep hole. We walked up the steep hill and drove out along the steep, windy track to the main road. We had a good day and I learnt a lot.



Ocean Of Love

BY JACQUE CHRISTIE
Kurnai College, Churchill

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shingled over and over
cool in the palm
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Pokemon FireRed and LeafGreen Game Review

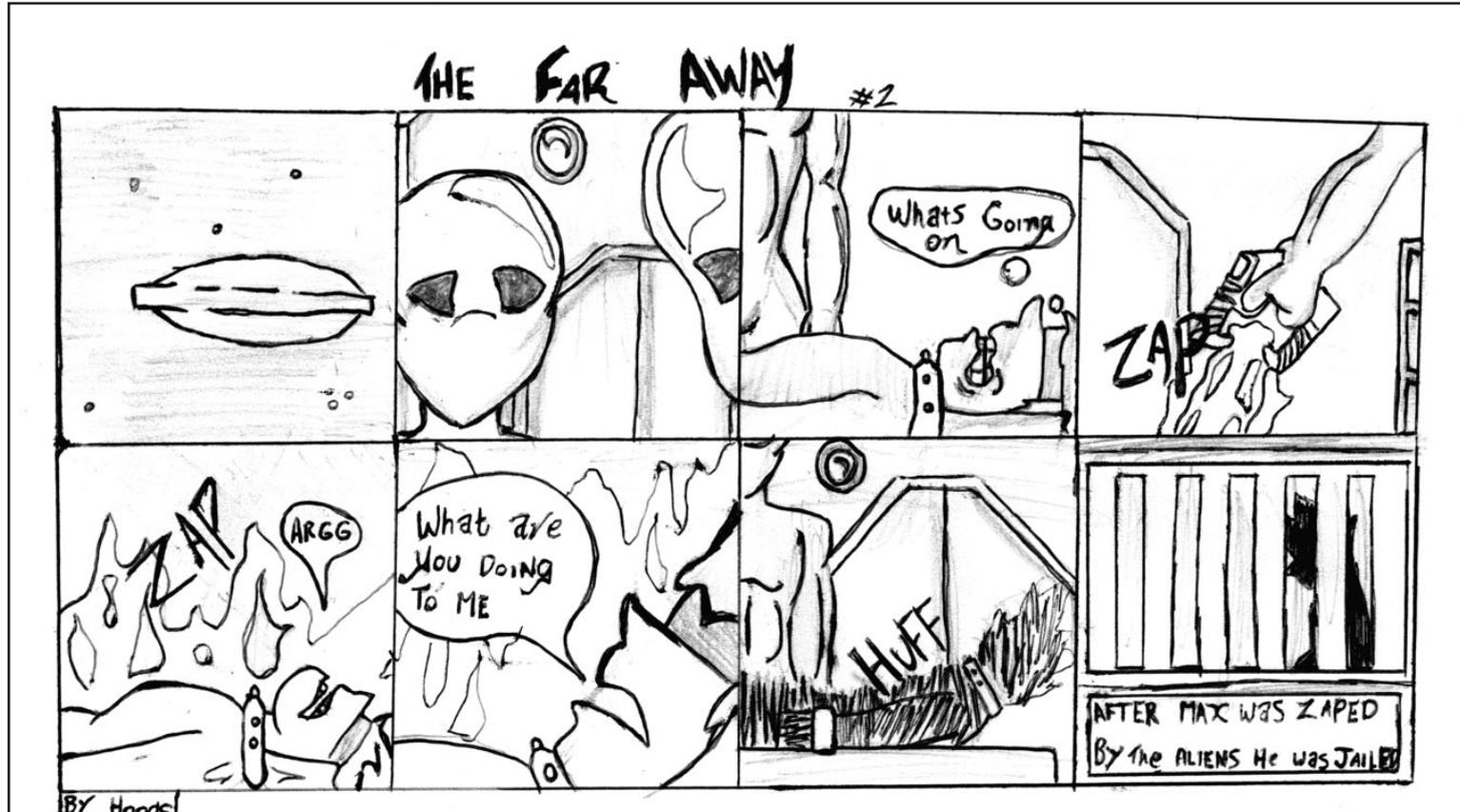
BY COMPUTER RULER
Kurnai College, Churchill
Game Rating: 9/10
Aim of The Game: To collect all 386 Pokemon and defeat all 8 Gym Leaders, The Elite Four and The Champion of The

League.
Difficulty Rating: 3/5
Price: \$58.95
Where it's available: EB Games, Big W, K-Mart, Target and other good stores.

Stop Tickling Me

BY J Q
Hazelwood North Primary School

"Ha, Ha, Ha," squealed the elephant,
on one fine, sunny day.
Because he was getting tickled,
with a feather on the way,
to the water fountain,
that was made of gold.
And silver was the statue,
well...that was what he was told.
"Stop it, stop it, stop it please,
you are tickling me so.
Please stop it now,
can you please let me go?"
The fountain was on the rainbow,
it was far away.
To get there it took ages,
it took about half a day.
Finally they got there,
elephant and pig.
And then they sat down,
with some free fig.
The day had now ended,
they got what they came for.
But the tickling wasn't over,
Elephant laughed even more.



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

ERICA RAIL TRAIL HIKE

By MICHAEL
Hazelwood Estate School

I got bitten by 4 leeches.
I had blisters on my feet.
For lunch I had a sandwich.
My legs got sore.
I learnt how to be friends.
I know how to work as a team member.
I know how to be good.
I know how to follow the tracks.
It was a good day.
I learnt how to listen.
We stopped the van and went down the rail line track.
We walked down to the Thomson Bridge and had lunch.

On the way back we saw the site of a train derailment. We went to Platina and saw where the Chinese Tunnel was. We stopped at the Horseshoe Bend and Colin took a photo. We had leeches on us. It was slippery all the way back. It was a great day.



Final Fantasy - Return of Sephiroth Chapter 11: Gargantuan attacks

By Jazzman and Story man.
Kurnai College, Churchill
JARROD was pounded and beaten up while Godo was still standing, not even breaking a sweat.

"Hyah!" shouted Godo and kicked Jarrod to the ground. Jarrod slowly got up from the ground, wiping blood from the side of his mouth.

"I believe it's time..." Brodo started. "Time, for the 'Neck Crusher'!"

Jarro was almost completely in shock. Just the name 'Neck Crusher' sent a cold shiver running down his spine.

"Neck crusher?" Jarrod gasped.

Godo pulled up his sleeves and spat at the arena floor. He then walked over to Jarrod, staring at him like an angry grizzly bear. Suddenly, there was a loud CRASH!

"WHAT THE?" said Jarrod and quickly jumped out of the way. A huge cloud of smoke filled the room, followed by another crash. After the

smoke finally cleared, there was a gigantic hole in one of the arena walls.

"YIPES!" yelled Godo "What the heck could've done that?"

"Something of extraordinary size!" answered Brodo.

"Well der..." Jarrod whispered.

An extremely large creature came out of the hole in the wall. It had enormous arms shaped like swords, glowing red eyes, large sharp teeth and a muscular torso. Its legs looked like those of a velociraptor.

Almost immediately, the creature lunged at Brodo. He quickly evaded the attack and tried to land a punch on the monster. But the monster simply shoved him out of the way.

Godo, in rage, charged at the monster with no thought of what he was doing. But the Gargantuan just shoved Godo out of the way as well.

It was now all up to Jarrod. He realized this of course, though he didn't like the idea one bit! Jarrod

took a deep breath and sighed "Well, here goes nothing..."

Gargantuan's big red eyes suddenly beamed down at Jarrod. Jarrod didn't want to look in its eyes. He thought that it might hypnotize him or something. Obviously he's been watching too many 'Science Fiction' movies.

As scared as ever, Jarrod pulled out his weapon, the Blitz ball. Jarrod was put off for a bit because of Gargantuan's snarl, however Jarrod took another deep breath and released his weapon!

Soaring through the air, the ball looked like it was going to take a direct hit. But Gargantuan simply huffed and prepared for a head-on collision with Jarrod!!!

Will Jarrod manage to escape the attack? Will James come to the rescue?

Find out in the last issue of 'Final Fantasy- Return of Sephiroth'...

Poor Number 1

By J Q
Hazelwood North Primary School

"Number 1 is sure to win, he is coming down the track. He is now 5 lengths from the finish, NOOO! Now he is on his back." Hear the crowd sigh, As Number 2 crossed the line. Number 1 is getting moved, but luckily he is fine. Then a loud whistle blows, for someone said, "Number 2 is disqualified, for trampling on the garden bed!" Number 1 wins the race, everyone then cheers. And all the lucky betters, go out and buy some beers. The vet is in the paddock, checking Number 1. But Number 3 is celebrating, Because he FINALLY had won!



What do you listen to after school?

BY NICOLE MURPHY

Kurnai College, Churchill

Between 4:00pm and 6:00pm every week day is the Driving Force on Gippsland FM.

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want us to play. So, what will you listen to between 4:00pm and 6:00pm after school Monday to Friday? The Driving Force on Gippsland FM.

MOVIE REVIEW SPIDERMAN 2

BY GHOST HUNTER

Kurnai College, Churchill

Spiderman 2 is a fairly good movie, but the first Spiderman film was much better. The second one, I thought, was rushed a bit, although that was good in a way because of the action. They say there will be a third one, and the end of Spiderman 2 has been left open for a sequel. It should be better than this



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Mrs Allan Was A "Stirrer"

By CATHY COCHRANE

WHETHER the issue was the naming of the town 'Churchill' or fundraising for the swimming pool, Lydia Allan says she was a "stirrer" who tried to get things done.

Not afraid to stand out from the crowd, she spoke her mind sometimes against the general opinion in the town.

Together with her husband Ted and their children, she arrived in Churchill from Bairnsdale on 21 February 1969.

By this time the shopping centre had already been built. Mrs Allan recalls that on the south side of the centre there was a fruit shop, a butcher (owned by Tony Radford), a chemist (owned by Ross and Elizabeth Olquist), a hardware store and the post office. On the west side there was the state bank, a newsagency, a milk bar, an electrical store (owned by the Kelly brothers) and the super-market (with Horrie Skinner).

Mrs Allan believes that the old shopping centre was better than the new complex because of its location.

"I still say the old shopping centre is the best situation," Mrs Allan said. "I still reckon it's the best. Who in their right mind would build a complex facing the south and the south-east and the south-west. You couldn't find a colder place."

The cigar had also been built before the Allans arrived. But they recall the controversy over the fact that the money could have been put to the construction of a swimming pool.

"It was the most expensive bird aviary in the world!," Mrs Allan said.

She also recalls the controversy that the name 'Churchill' continued to generate long after it was officially adopted. Mrs Allan remains passionate about the issue and vividly recalls speaking at a meeting at the Town Hall many years ago during a campaign to have the name changed back to Hazelwood.

"I said, 'I don't care what you say or who or what,'" Mrs Allan recalled. "I said, 'Now we've lived in Churchill.' And we're both into history and we knew there was nothing in Churchill to define it was Hazelwood. 'Hazelwood is where the power station is. That was the station Hazelwood and the homestead is still there.'"

"There was nothing there to signify that this was Hazelwood. When we came here, we came to Churchill. We didn't come to Hazelwood. This was all farms."

In response to the argument that the town should be called Hazelwood in recognition of those from the district who died during the wars, Mrs Allan argued: "'They are your friends. They were your friends. Their families are still your friends. You will never forget them but I don't know them. I'll tell you what, 40 per cent of the people here tonight wouldn't know them.' So I said, 'It's Churchill.'"

"They said, 'We had the football ground' and I said 'What Starlingville- take your umbrella if you go to a night meeting?' They all knew I was a stirrer and they quite accepted it."

"Starlingville" was the named used by Mrs Allan and many others to refer to the Hazelwood Football Clubrooms.

"They used to tell you that if you went to a night meeting you took your umbrella because the starlings used to roost there," Mrs Allan said.

Football and tennis were played there. Mrs Allan recalls tennis shifted to its current location after local residents banded together to create better facilities because Hazelwood was "appalling."

Gaskin Park replaced Hazelwood as the main football ground. Babcock & Wilcox- a power station contractor- donated the Gaskin Park shed to Churchill. Volunteers from the football club and other townspeople erected it. Alterations and extensions were made to the shed so that other sporting clubs, particularly basketball, could use it. Previously members of the basketball team had travelled to Morwell to play.

One exception though was basketball. According to Mrs Allan, the Shire Council overruled residents' attempts to establish basketball facilities in Churchill in the early years.

The first soccer ground was on Switchback Road before it too moved to Gaskin Park (named after Housing Minister Mr Gaskin who immediately preceded Mr Lindsay Thompson).

Hockey was also played at Switchback Road and Mrs Allan recalls local residents using their hand mowers to cut the grass on the oval.

A lot of fundraising took place in order to get the town started, particularly with sporting facilities and the Watson's Park Kindergarten.

The campaign to get a swimming pool built in the town was led by a grass-roots organisation. Meetings were held at residents' houses and fundraisers included progressive dinners. Eventually enough money was raised but "it was hard work," according to Mrs Allan.

Yallourn Compensation money also contributed to the swimming pool, in the same way as it helped build Kernot Hall in Morwell.

The Allans also recall the use of 'Highest and Lowest Tickets' as fundraisers in the early years, particularly for the football club. This was a state-wide scheme based on VFL scores.

The tickets/cards were sewn with cotton and at the end of a round people would pull the cotton on their card (bought for ten cents each) to reveal two numbers. The card that contained the highest and lowest score from the round of football matches was the winner.

"They were a money raiser for everything, those Highest and Lowest Tickets," Mr Allan said. "Every organisation sold them to raise money."

The Citizens Association held annual membership drives where the town was divided into blocks and each volunteer was assigned a block of houses to doorknock.

At one stage when the football club was putting in the shed at Gaskin Park, a resident suggested asking for a three dollar donation from each family for the shed at the same time as doing the membership drive.

So when Mrs Allan did her round of houses she made the request to each person. "And you know, I was not refused once," she said.

It was an idea that raised a few eyebrows among some of the Citizens Association members but Mrs Allan simply responded, "It's there, you don't ask, you don't get anywhere. If you don't communicate you get nowhere."

Public transport was quickly established in the town, with buses travelling to Morwell. Many mothers travelled on the shopping bus with prams and often the bus was so full that another had to be sent out to the town. Thursdays and Fridays were particularly busy days. The bus driver was Mr Bill Henry and according to Mrs Allan the buses often broke down.

There was also an early morning bus from Mirboo North to Morwell that travelled through Churchill at about 7:30am. SEC workers travelled for free.

Mr Allan worked at Turner's Hardware in Buckley Street Morwell and the Allans recall the street as a centre of activity, with Purvis Stores as the main attraction.

Interestingly, among many workers and their families in the town, payday was known as 'the day the eagle flies.'

The original school in Churchill was on the Glendonald Road near where the pub is today. The new Churchill Primary School was built along with the kindergarten to cater for the influx of children. When the Churchill North Primary School opened, children living on the south side of Switchback Road had to go to the central school and those on the north side had to go to Churchill North.

Another debate in the town came when there were not enough classrooms at the Churchill Primary School. There was discussion about shifting grades five and six to Morwell to make more room for the younger children.

Upon visiting the school to make enquiries about the proposals Mrs Allan asked about why the school grounds were dug out before construction began, leading to the pooling of water and "a lovely mess". She said she was told that the residents in the surrounding houses objected to the school blocking their view of the pondage.

The original church was on McDonald Way. Many meetings were held there and the women of the town organised for a Tuesday morning coffee/discussion group to be held there. A doctor also visited the church once a week to provide medical services to residents.

The Allans were heavily involved in the Teen Club that was run for a few years. Their youngest daughter Peta attended the club and Mr Allan was the Treasurer. The club was open to young people aged from 14-18.

It held various activities including badminton, table tennis and trips to the YMCA in Morwell for Saturday night functions.



Lydia and Ted Allan

The club folded after about three or four years when groups of young people from outside the area made their own way to Churchill and caused trouble. The members were also reluctant to leave the club when they reached 18 years old and some brought alcohol to the functions. There was a lack of parent volunteers.

"It was the local teen club but they came from everywhere else, got themselves out here," Mr Allan said.

"They'd walk out here, sleep somewhere else and go home the next day," Mrs Allan added.

"They just didn't want to cooperate," Mrs Allan said. "There were a few that were really interested but the other kids weren't. Parents would complain about no control, then we were dictators!"

"We even organised to bring a group out but they didn't like the group we brought, were not interested," Mr Allan added.

Mr Allan was also involved with the Scouts, serving on the committee as Treasurer and running paper drives to raise money.

Among other services in early Churchill, Mrs Allan recalls Olivia Jackson had an infant welfare service and many doctors came and went over the years.

Originally there was no police station in Churchill. Then it was on Frasier Crescent in a private house.

The town developed to provide many services and, according to the Allans, attitude was and remains the key to getting things done.

"People whinge about things, 'why haven't we got this?' but they do nothing about it," Mrs Allan said.

"See we had these people that just didn't want to do anything here," she said.

"It's funny you know. When you're fighting for progress there's always knockers." Mr Allan added. "We know with progress there's a lot of penalties but there's also good. We've got to take one with the other, don't we?"

The development that is probably most fondly remembered by the Allans is the creation of the Binishell.

"That was an exciting day, it was," Mrs Allan said. "That was very interesting how they put it up and blew it up. The first time it didn't go up the way they wanted and they did it again. Huff and puff! That was very exciting that."

The Allans have no regrets about coming to Churchill.

"We're happy and our attitude is: every town is what you make it. You've got to give something to it and it's worth living in," Mr Allan said. "We wouldn't shift. We're quite happy here, we can cope with everything, so why should we shift?"

Your Story

Looking Back tells the story of Churchill and District through the eyes of local residents.

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We would also be happy to visit and talk to you and write your story for you. Please contact Ruth on 03 5122 1961.

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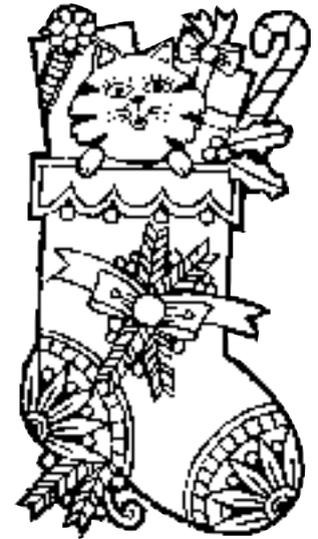
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The lucky "Birthdayites" for October were
Kristy Barry and Tyson Curtis.

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| Lauren AKERS | 4 years |
| Daniel BEYER | 10 years |
| Richard CUSICK | 6 years |
| Hayden MAY | 9 years |
| Jasmine PORTER | 4 years |
| Courtney VELLA | 7 years |

The randomly chosen "BIRTHDAYITES" for November are
RICHARD CUSICK and COURTNEY VELLA

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John Barker Publicity



KRISTY BARRY (LEFT), 9 YEARS ON 26 OCTOBER 2004



TYSON CURTIS (RIGHT), 9 YEARS ON 14 OCTOBER 2004

THE October 'Birthdayites' were all smiles as they were each presented with \$15.00 vouchers for Churchill Newsagency by John Barker from the Lions Club of Churchill & District. They were chosen at random from the October list. This could have been you - make sure you join so you also have the chance to be a lucky 'Birthdayite'. Remember you now have two chances of being chosen.

Buying Someone A Telescope For Christmas?

Jeff Sing has some timely advice

Buying someone an astronomical telescope for Christmas?

BY JEFF SING

With Christmas just around the corner a perfect present is an astronomical telescope for those budding beginner astronomers interested observing the night sky. If you have a very limited Christmas shopping budget, then the bad news is that a quality telescope package (which includes the telescope tube and optics, mount, tripod, finderscope and eyepieces) is expensive, as astronomical telescopes don't come cheap, unfortunately. If your budget only allows you to spend \$150-\$250 you can get a 60 mm (2.4 inch) diameter refractor: but beware of inferior tripods and mounts and telescope packages that come with totally inadequate and extremely poor eyepieces that would detract from an otherwise good telescope.

In my opinion, the most useable telescope is the reflector. The cheapest, and most common design of reflector is the Newtonian, but it costs a minimum of \$300 for a good 76 mm (3 inch) model. Reflectors smaller than this diameter are not very common nor are they recommended.

It is the diameter of the telescope that counts most, not the magnification. The larger the diameter the more light collected and the more you

can 'see'. As far as light collecting ability goes the reflector is cheaper compared to a similar aperture refractor.

A good 114mm (4 and a half inch) diameter Newtonian reflector telescope can cost around \$600 - \$800, whereas the same amount of money would buy a 75mm (3inch) diameter refractor.

What is the difference between a refracting telescope and a reflection telescope?

Refractors are long-tube instruments with focal lengths typically 10-15 times ($f/10-f/15$) the diameter of the large front glass lens (the objective lens), whereas most reflectors range from $f4-f10$.

(The focal length of a telescope divided by the diameter of the telescope is equal to the f : ratio eg a 1000mm focal length telescope (F), divided by a 100mm diameter telescope (D), equals an $f/10$ instrument ($1000/100=10$). The focal length of a telescope is the distance, measured in millimetres, between the light that is gathered from the objective lens (in a refractor), or main mirror (in a reflector), to where all the light rays converge at the focal point near the eyepiece. It is approximately equal to the length of the telescope's tube, but this is not always the case in telescopes of more complex designs.)

The diameter (D) and focal length (F) specifications of a telescope are usually inscribed under the eyepiece holder assembly near the front of the tube of a reflector, or the rear end of a tube in a refractor next to the eyepiece holder.

The objective (main) lens in front of a refractor gathers the light from a distant object and refracts (bends) this light straight through to the other end to a focus at the eyepiece at the rear end of the tube. Refractors are difficult and expensive to make due to its glass surfaces that need to be perfectly shaped, grounded, cemented and polished. With glass it is more difficult to bring all of the light rays to a sharp and colour free focus. So it is

therefore necessary for refractors to have long focal lengths unlike reflectors that use a system of mirrors with curvatures, which can allow short focal lengths and hence shorter tubes.

Newtonian reflectors, the most common type of reflector for small telescopes, have an open tube instead of a sealed tube. Newtonians are simpler, cheaper and easier to make than refractors. The Newtonian reflector was invented by Sir Issac Newton (1642-1727), the great English scientist, in 1668.

In a Newtonian reflector the light from an object enters through the open entrance to the tube and reflects light, from the main concave (but more parabolic in shape) mirror situated at the bottom of the tube, back up to a small convex mirror (or secondary) supported in its cells by three or four spider spokes, or vanes, inside the tube near the top opening. The secondary deflects the light at angle of 90 degrees through the hold in the side of the tube where it is magnified with an eyepiece.

There are other designs of reflectors other than the Newtonian. They are called catadioptrics. The two main types are the Schmidt-Cassegrain and the Masutov-Cassegrain. These telescopes have two mirrors and a corrector lens with focal lengths from $f/10$ to $f/12$ and are much more expensive to make than Newtonians, and most cost over \$2,000.

Choose the best sturdy and steady tripod. Flimsy and wobbly tripods produce images that are impossible to keep still and it easy to lose an image due to vibrations whilst viewing through the eyepiece. As a general rule of thumb the wider, thicker, more solid and heavier the aluminium or wooden tripod legs are, the steadier it keeps the telescope and stops it shaking in the wind and breeze.

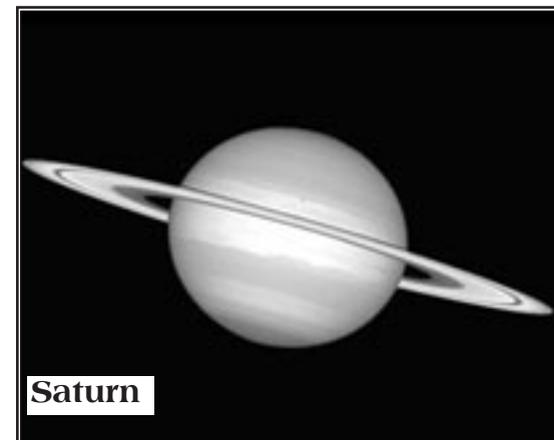
It is worthwhile paying the \$50-\$150 extra for a better quality instrument with a more solid tripod and better mount than the compromised cheaper option that may cause you grief and regret later. Also the narrow field of view of tel-



scopes make robust tripods and mounts a necessity for more stable and easier viewing. Another consideration are the telescopes that are good in every respect, including quality eyepieces (eg. Plossls), can be worth paying the extra money.

For more information and advice on buying a beginners telescope, or anything to do with observing using small telescopes, contact me on 5174 7556 or email me at jsing@yahoo.com.au. I've had 40 years experience with using small telescopes. Currently I possess a 105mm $f/10$ Newtonian and a 200mm $f/5$ Newtonian. My first telescope was a 40mm $f/15$ refractor I purchased in 1966.

The next meeting of the Latrobe Valley Astronomical Society will be held at the Wirilda Environment Park Hall, near Tyers at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, November 9. Guest speaker will be member Ada Donaldson, who will present a meteorite display and talk. Contact Gavan Dinsdale on 5174 6453 for more information or email him at gainsdal@hotmail.com meeting details are subject to change due to early publication. For the latest information about the society visit the website at <http://home.vicet.net.au/~lvas>.



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Latrobe Valley wants more community say in managing asbestos-related disease

A new study into asbestos-related disease in the Latrobe Valley has found that many affected people feel angry and disappointed with support they have received to date from the former State Electricity Commission (SEC), other branches of government, and the healthcare system.

More importantly, they have a first hand grasp of the issues, have valuable insights on finding ways forward, and want a say in future decision-making.

The study, titled "Work and Health in the Latrobe Valley: Community Perspectives on Asbestos Issues", was launched at a community meeting in Moe in September.

Conducted by researchers from the Centre for the Study of Health and Society at the University of Melbourne, the study was spurred by observation that the voices and perspectives of those most affected by asbestos disease are rarely heard in the formulation of responses to Australia's on-going asbestos disease epidemic.

"The goal of the study was to determine how a community affected by asbestos disease defines asbestos disease issues, and what they think could or should be done about these issues," says VicHealth research fellow and co-author of the report Associate Professor Tony Lamontagne.

The setting for the study was the Latrobe Valley region of Victoria, which has the highest burden of asbestos disease in Victoria due to extensive use of asbestos in the past in the power industry.

The study defined community as those most directly affected by asbestos disease (exposed and diseased former SEC workers and their families) and their advocates (2 local community-based asbestos support groups, and 2 trade unions that represented SEC workers). In-depth interviews were conducted by Hannah Walker from the Centre for the Study of Health and Society, who worked with Associate Professor LaMontagne on the study.

"Hannah noted early on that the influence of decades of sup-

pressed knowledge about the health risks of asbestos was so strong that we ought to begin our findings with that," says Associate Professor LaMontagne.

"In short, people's accumulated anger and frustration with the historical denial of asbestos hazards and disease in the Valley continues to affect their feelings in the present and highlights the need for reconciliation on these issues as a starting point."

Other themes to emerge from the interviews include the challenges of living with risk from past exposure (for those not yet affected by asbestos disease), the lack of adequate healthcare facilities in the region, and the extensive involvement of women in support and advocacy.

Associate Professor LaMontagne says that current responses to the asbestos-related epidemic facing Victorians are typically focused on disease and compensation management of individual cases, and that a broader community view was also needed.

"The reality is that the impacts of the disease are felt across the community, as for example when a community is left to support grieving and angry widows and children. This is a community issue, not just a healthcare issue, or a legal issue, or a union issue," he says.

Associate Professor LaMontagne says the community needs to have input into the decisions made about how to respond to this on-going crisis.

"In summary, this study suggests that asbestos issues would be best addressed by a comprehensive public and social health response with genuine community participation. We are hopeful that this research goes some way toward stimulating action in this regard."

Copies of the report are available from the University of Melbourne Media Unit, or in PDF format on the website:

<http://mediapics.unimelb.edu.au/AsbestosReport.html>

Health Tips - Bee And Wasp Stings

SPRING flowering attracts bees, so there are plenty about now.

Wasps are attracted to sweet, sugary liquids; so don't leave empty soft drink cans and bottles lying about.

The normal reaction to a sting is a painful red area surrounded by blanched skin. A bee sting usually is embedded in the centre, so must be removed carefully, taking care not to squeeze the poison sac. Wasps can sting repeatedly, whereas bees leave their sting embedded (and die through this 'injury').

Proprietary products, such as 'Stingose', can be used to treat the affected area.

Home remedies include bicarbonate of soda paste for bee stings and vinegar or lemon juice dabbed onto wasp stings. Cold compresses are helpful also.

If there is difficulty in breathing, pains in the abdomen, vomiting or shock, the victim should be taken to hospital or a doctor immediate-

ly. People known to have severe reactions should always have a treatment kit at hand, as allergic reactions have been known to be fatal.

WARNING: Bee and wasp stings are dangerous if the victim is stung in the mouth or throat. Give a mouthwash of 1 teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda to a tumbler of water, and ice to suck. Obtain urgent medical assistance!

Take care that uncovered opened drink cans do not contain a bee or wasp, lest your next mouthful contain a nasty surprise!

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Festival To Combine Two Great Events

LATROBE City has combined two well-loved local festivals, the Celebration of Roses and Church Street Fiesta, to create one large event, Festival Latrobe, which will be held in Morwell from Friday 18 March until Sunday 20 March 2005.

Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said that Festival Latrobe will attract people from Latrobe City and beyond and will also provide the opportunity for local festival organisers to share resources and collaborate on marketing, planning and promotional work for one festival, rather than two separate events.

"Although the Celebration of Roses and Church Street Fiesta have been a great success in their own rights, by combining the two, Latrobe City is able to host one large scale event that will attract people from all over Australia, and possibly overseas," Cr White said.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to take the best aspects of both events and develop them into one large festival that celebrates Latrobe and all that it has to offer. Over the three days that Festival Latrobe takes place there will be a variety of entertainment, including cul-

tural demonstrations, dance, music and visual arts. Stalls, food tasting and hand made crafts will also be available, and of course the beautiful roses at Morwell Centenary Rose Garden will also be on display."

Councillor White explained that a variety of activities synonymous with the Church Street Fiesta and Celebration of Roses will be built on and strengthened at Festival Latrobe.

"The Church Street Fiesta theme of multiculturalism will now be incorporated into Festival Latrobe, and this event will actually take place during Cultural Diversity Week 2005. The roses in Morwell Centenary Rose Garden are also guaranteed to look stunning at the Festival as they are at their peak during the month of March," Cr White concluded.

The Church Street Fiesta that was scheduled for this year will no longer take place as organisers will now focus on planning and promoting Festival Latrobe. A working committee has already been formed to commence work on organising the festival and a specialist event planner will also be recruited in the near future.

Training Opportunities for Glendonald Residents

By DAVID GUTHRIE

President, Glendonald Residents Group (GRG) Inc RECENTLY, residents of Glendonald were invited to enrol in a nationally accredited Level 2 First Aid Training Course, to be held in Churchill's Neighbourhood Centre.

Many residents were keen to take up this opportunity and the course filled quickly. The evening course began in late October and runs over 7 weeks during the rest of the Term. The first sessions have been well attended and lots of fun too!

The training is being delivered by National First Aid and covers emergency life support, CPR, bandaging, burns, head and spinal injuries, fractures, bleeding and other first aid emergencies.

The course has been organized by GRG Inc. with funding obtained from Latrobe City Council and Department of Human Services – Neighbourhood Renewal Project.

GRG would like to thank the Neighbourhood Centre for its support and provision of venue and facilities.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre offers a variety of classes, from craft to computer skills. Contact the Neighbourhood Centre on 5122 2995 for further information.

GRG meets at 7pm on the last Tuesday of the month at Glendonald Kindergarten, Churinga Drive, or contact us at PO Box 245, Churchill 3842. Don't forget our Christmas break-up at Glendonald Park, to be held on Tuesday 7 December, commencing at 5pm.



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Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

AGM

CHURCHILL Neighbourhood Centre will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 17 November 2004, at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. The meeting will start at 11.00am and a light lunch will be provided.

If you would like to attend please telephone Christine on 5122 2955 or email Churchill@lance.aunz.org

Membership applications and nomination forms are available from the Centre's office, located in the Churchill Leisure Centre, Switchback Rd.

Donations of non-perishables for the Centre's Monster Christmas Hamper Raffle would be greatly appreciated. Goods for donation can be left at the office during opening hours (Mon – Thurs, 9am – 3pm).

Tickets for the Monster Christmas Hamper Raffle are on sale at CNC and cost \$1 each or 3 for \$2. The raffle will be drawn at the Centre's Christmas Break-Up, to be held on Wednesday 15 December at 11am.

Annual Asbestos Awareness Day

GIPPSLAND Asbestos Related Diseases Support Inc (GARDS) will be conducting its Annual Asbestos Awareness Day on Friday November 26 at 11.00am.

This event will take place in the Morwell Rose Garden. There will be an ecumenical services with invited guest speakers followed by a BYO picnic lunch with family and friends.

The day is to highlight the awareness of asbestos in our community and to celebrate the lives of those who have succumbed to this deadly disease.

Please feel free to come along to this special day.

GARDS provides support and information to asbestos sufferers, their families and their carers.

This includes home visits by GARDS volunteers, a telephone advice service and a drop-in service at GARDS office.

GARDS also conducts a monthly meeting at 1.30pm on the last Tuesday of the month where guest presenters are invited to provide information about support services of all kinds and other topics of interest that the members might find of relevance.

The meetings also provide a gathering place for experiences. GARDS is open to anyone whose lives have been affected by asbestos, their families and the general public.

For more information telephone 03 5128 1218.

CDCA

Churchill Community Christmas Market

By MARGARET GUTHRIE, President

THIS last month has involved lots of contact with Preschools, Schools, Churches and many community groups as Churchill and district approaches Christmas and end-of-year Celebrations.

Discussion often included the idea of having a Community Christmas Market for our town. CDCA is liaising with other community groups within the Churchill district to organize this event.

On the morning of Saturday 11 December a Community Christmas Market will be held at West Place Shopping Centre (in the courtyard where the Commonwealth Bank is). This will be an opportunity for community groups and other not-for-profit organizations to raise funds and participate in festivities leading up to Christmas.

We are hoping that a variety of gifts, crafts and decorations will be on sale, along with traditional fund-raisers, such as Christmas cakes and puddings, pine trees, calendars and tickets for Christmas raffles, hampers and the like.

Stalls will be available at no charge to community organizations that wish to participate. BYO tables, chairs and other requirements! 'Donations' of appropriate activities and entertainment would also be most welcome! Groups wishing to attend should contact CDCA by Monday 6 Dec at the latest.

We will be asking members of the public to donate a gold coin as an entry fee. All money donated will be given to the Gippsland Cancer Care Appeal.

CDCA has also been very pleased to be able to offer some minor financial support for several other activities and decorations that will contribute to community festivities at this time of year. If your not-for-profit community group is planning a December community event or decorating a community building, CDCA might be able to assist. Contact our Secretary on 5122 3602 for further information.

Two community meetings are to be held in November for the people of Churchill to voice their opinions. The first is to be held on 18 November on a proposal for a 'Community Hub' for Churchill, and the second will probably be on 2 December on some road

treatment options for Monash Way, Canterbury Way West and a possible new road link into Glendonald Estate.

Enquiries on both these meetings can be directed to Latrobe City Council on 1300 300 367. CDCA encourages residents to attend, hear what's going on and have your say.

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Link Room at Monash University. All interested residents are welcome. Or you can contact us at PO Box 191, Churchill, phone the Secretary on 5122 3602 or email: wc-bs@net-tech.com.au



CDCA President Margaret Guthrie presents cheques to Jo Drury from Kurnai College (above) and Jan Lewis from Churchill Primary School (below)



Christmas And New Year Celebrations In Churchill

Tuesday December 7

5 pm Glendonald Residents' Christmas BBQ at Glendonald Park

Thursday December 9

7pm Kurnai College Churchill Awards Night

Saturday December 11

9am -1pm Community Christmas Market

Tuesday December 14

Churchill North Primary School end-of- year performance.

Wednesday December 15

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

Thursday December 16 (t.b.c)

Lumen Christi Primary School Nativity Play

Friday December 17

End of School Term 4

Sunday December 19

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

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

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Jeeralang North Hall

50th Anniversary Celebrations

By ZELMA MILDENHALL

Years Eve.

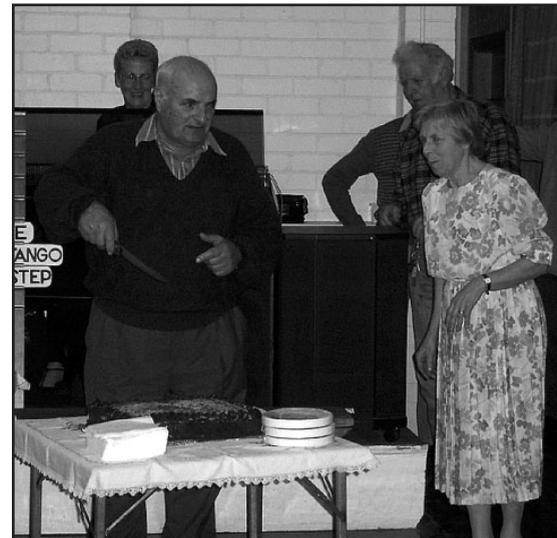
THE 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Jeeralang North Hall during October were very enjoyable. The Anniversary Dance was well attended with a number of friends returning for the occasion. The

The Jeeralang North Hall is available for hire. It has an excellent dance floor, heating and is in a rural setting. For more information contact Zelma Mildnehall on 5166 1264.

display of photographs, newspaper cuttings and the history of the hall was popular. Bill Mele cut the Anniversary Cake. Bill has been an active member of the committee for 62 years and was foreman when the hall was built.

The next old time family dance will be held on Friday 26 November from 8.00pm to 11.30pm with music by Harmony Plus.

This will be our Christmas dance as the fourth Friday of December is Christmas Eve. There will be a dance held on New



Bill Mele cuts the cake to celebrate 50 years of Jeeralang North Hall

Junior Fishing Competition Plenty of Fish Caught

50 keen Anglers took part in this years Associated Angling Clubs Junior Competition at Lake Hyland.

The Lake had been stocked by the Department of Sustainability so there were some good catches to be had.

First in the 4-8year old section, was Paul Pace. In the 9-12 year old Courtney Paulis was first, Nathan Paulis second, and Brittany White, third.

Courtney Paulis won the award for the heaviest fish. The award was donation by Aussie Disposals and was a two person tent, sleeping bag and mattress.

One Junior caught a long necked turtle, which was immediately put back.

The Associated Angling Club would

like to thank all sponsors and the Lions Club of Churchill and District cooking the barbecue.

A big thank you to all the volunteers for their time and effort in making this day special.



Lions Club of Churchill & District – Escarpadians Return

BY JOHN BARKER, Publicity

THE Camp Quality Escarpade (Rally) has been run and won and our weary Escapaders have returned home. Our club entry HQ Holdens, with a crew of Churchill Lions Bob Lowick and Steve Duggan, and four Yinnar Lions members, once again made the distance over some pretty rough roads. Catering at Bunnings goes to this effort for Camp Quality, so please support our members.

Applications for the Lions Club of Churchill and District Young Citizen Award and a Citizen Award to the most outstanding person in each category for their contribution to the community during the previous 12 months have now closed.

Details of the Six hundred (or more) motorbikes riders enroute to Phillip Island for the Grand Prix, dropped off at Kernot Hall where they were very ably fed by the combined efforts of the Morwell and Churchill Lions Clubs.

They were escorted into town by the police, consumed copious quantities of sandwiches, sausages, bacon, eggs and drinks and left once more under escort. They were a great bunch of people and we made them most welcome.

The Lions Club of Churchill and District will be organising the Australia Day function in Churchill in January 2005. Details of date, location and time will be made available in the December Issue of Churchill and District News.

Our Club again sponsored the Associated Angling Club Junior Fishing Competition by supplying a free sausage sizzle and drink for all competitors, as well as donating \$200 in trophies. All proceeds from the competition go to the Associated Angling Club.

Donations received included \$500 from the Latrobe Valley Express from the proceeds of 2004 Expo and \$500 Lioness Club donation to Camp Quality Escarpade.

Donations out included \$100 Lions ALDAF, \$100 Haemophilia Foundation, \$100 to the Beslam Children Project and \$1000 to the Rotary Centenary House.

Snippets

*Four members attended the 201V3 Convention.

*Letters to Santa is on again this year through local schools. Schools have been notified.

*Christmas trees will be on sale again from early December at a cost of \$20.

*Santa visits will be available in December. For more information contact club Secretary Trevor 51221614.

*Christmas Cakes are now available – contact any club member.

*There will be a working Bee at Licola at the end of

November to finalise outstanding works.

*Members and partners attended the Investiture at Argyle Lodge, as guests of the Masonic Lodge.

*Lions John Barker and Bob Lowick visited Heyfield Lions to thank them for donation to Camp Quality Escarpade.

*Members visited Inverloch Lions.

*The club AGM was held early in October.

*The Club is to provide a barbeque and manpower at the Churchill and District News sponsored Cancer Care Unit Fundraising Garage Sale.

The Lions Birthday Club, sponsored and run through the Churchill and District News by our Lions Club, is a great hit. Tyson Curtis and Kristy Barry were each the Happy Birthday Club recipients of a \$15 voucher in October.

All children in Churchill and surrounding areas under 12 years of age are eligible to join and each month TWO lucky "birthdayites" will be chosen at random. IS YOUR CHILD A MEMBER? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

Made sure your child is registered – just follow the instructions in the Lions Birthday Club list published each month.

Do you know a young person from Churchill and surrounding District who is disabled and involved in sport? If so, please let our club know as Lions have a Disability in Sport Award Program in place to formally recognise this achievement by our youth. For more information please contact Lion John on 5122 1548.

To all the families in our great community of Churchill and surrounding district, we thank you for your support. Need to contact us? Our address is: The Secretary, Lions Club of Churchill and District, PO Box 110, Churchill 3842.



GP Motorcyclists ready for lunch at the stop-over at Kernot Hall

New Play Equipment For Mathison Park



By RUTH PLACE

ONE of the plants that grow around one of the trees in the Arboretum is the Yam Daisy. It could be mistaken for the Dandelion. However it is a native plant and was of great significance to the local Ganai people.

Yam Daisies are found in open forest areas and grasslands. Tubers were gathered using digging sticks (Kuninin). The tubers were washed and eaten raw or cooked.

They were cooked in the ground until half melted down to a sweet, dark coloured juice, or baked with grass or in baskets.

The tubers have a taste of coconut, and when boiled are sweetish and moist. Yam Daisies were harvested all year round, but are least palatable in early winter. *

At last the colourful new play equipment has been installed for park visitors. This addition makes the Lake Hyland end of the Park even more family friendly. All the Committee hope to see you there having fun.

Mathison Park 's next Working Bee will be held on 27th November 2004. Volunteers are needed to continue to maintain this beautiful park, which is an asset to Churchill.

*This information was gathered from "Plants of Significance to the Ganai Community" by Rob de Souza-Daw, Ken Harris and Doris Paten



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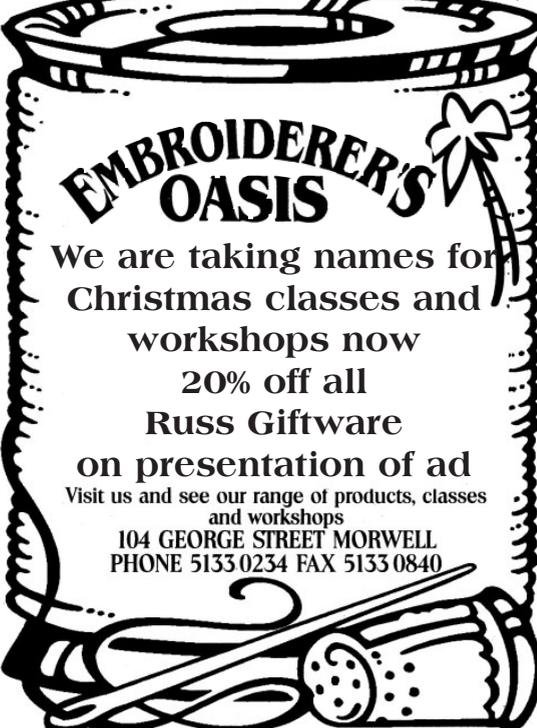
Pictured above left - new play equipment at Mathison Park, above: Yam Daisy Tubers

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Promoting The Region

By MARY HILL, Classens of Gippsland

Classens Computers have designed and made a range of "Our Town" gifts to promote our region.

We have acrylic fridge magnets, bookmarks and key chains. Each depicts photographs of each of the towns in Latrobe. Morwell, Moe, Traralgon, Churchill, Boolarra, Yallourn North are all represented in the range as well as some surrounding towns such as Walhalla.

The items are of high quality and depict a variety of photographs of the area.

We believe the area has a lot to offer the visitor or resident and we hope to be able to show this in our new products.



Cr. DAVID LATTER

By PATRICK MORGAN

LATTER Grove in Churchill is named after Cr. David Latter, one of the main personalities in Boolarra in the first decades of the 20th century. He was the president of many of the town's organizations, a civic-minded leader of the community, and foremost promoter of the Boolarra district (a role later taken up later by Cr Alan Hall).

David Thomas Latter was a Shire Councillor representing the Boolarra Riding of Morwell Shire from 1912-1918, and was Shire President in 1914-15. During his time as President, the Governor of Victoria, Sir Arthur Stanley, and Lady Stanley, visited Boolarra, Gunyah and other parts of the shire. He was a Justice of the Peace, and a Mason.

David Latter came from an extensive Adelaide family, being the sixth child in a family of ten. His father was a schoolteacher who

moved around South Australia and western Victoria. David was born at Strathalbyn in South Australia in 1866.

He came to Boolarra around 1890, and had various occupations there, including the unlikely roles of being the town's barber, blacksmith and dentist. But he combined the latter two roles by fashioning dentist's tools in his smithy. He acquired extensive land holdings, including allotments near the railway station, and land on river flats at the north edge of the town. He set up a business sending Blackwood timber to Melbourne to be made in furniture. Later in life he was a commercial traveller.

In 1887 he married Alice Mitchell in Adelaide; they were both 21 at the time. They had five children and adopted another, and lived in the old police station building near the centre of Boolarra.

He was one of the first trustees for the

Mechanics Institute Hall built in 1905, and was inaugural President of the Boolarra Progress Association in 1906. He was on committees guiding the Boolarra State School, Cemetery Trust and Turf Club, which held two meetings a year on Penaluna's Flat near today's Boolarra sports ground. He spoke at the opening of the Boolarra Butter factory in 1905, and when the Boolarra Football Club was presented with a trophy for winning the premiership in 1906.

David Latter gave a speech in honour of Trooper Morton Hall at a welcoming home ceremony at Boolarra when Trooper Hall returned from the Boer War in 1901. At the end of the First World War he similarly gave a public speech welcoming back troops and a nurse from that war.

In 1920 the town's citizens formed a Boolarra Fallen Soldiers' Memorial Fund, and David Later was made President of this body. They decide to

utilize land near Penaluna's Flat as a sport ground, and to build memorial gates with the names of 20 fallen soldiers of the first world war from the district inscribed on them. David Latter was instrumental in raising money for the project, and chaired the opening of Boolarra's Memorial Park in 1924. The Federal member for Gippsland, Mr George Wise, spoke and unveiled the memorial gates.

David Latter died in 1930 at Sale from heart failure at the age of 65. He is buried at the Boolarra cemetery, as is his wife and father, Richard Latter, who came to live at Boolarra in the later part of his life and died there in 1893. David Latter's life is recorded in the family history 'Steadfast and Beyond' by David and Margaret Mann.

Patrick Morgan is the author of The Settling of Gippsland: A Regional History.

Billys Creek

By HILMA BATZA

Billys Creek is located about 14km south of the Princes Highway near Morwell. The history of Billys Creek by Hilma Batza is the first of a two part series.

Early Days

In April, 1840, Count Paul Strzelecki was the first white man to see Morwell River and explore the Morwell district. The first pastoral run, Hasellwood (17,330 acres), was taken up by Albert Eugene Brodribb and William Bennett in 1844. Other runs were soon to follow including Maryvale, Merton Rush and Scrubby Forest. It should be noted that land taken up by pastoralists was usually flat to undulating with access to river or creek frontages because of easy access for watering stock.

Billys Creek was named after William (Billy) Hillier, who together with Nicholas (Nicol) Brown, were the first holders of the Scrubby Forest Run (5,730 acres) from 1848 to 1868. The area was heavily wooded and very mountainous towards the south, thus giving an area of only 10 square miles for practical use. The original homestead was located in the north-western corner of the run (on Driffield Road just before Middle Creek coming from Yinnar).

It would appear that both men had a 'fall-out' because they divided the run into two with Hillier taking the eastern half between Middle Creek and Billys Creek and Brown taking the western half between Morwell River and Middle Creek.

Hillier built himself a hut and stockyard on the south side of Billys Creek and began a hermit-like existence. His part of the Scrubby Forest Run came to be known as 'Billys Side'. In those days the area was very wild with lots of dingoes and mobs of kangaroos. Local Aboriginals wandered around the area and were often regarded as troublesome. Hillier planted a number of gooseberry bushes and a furze hedge around his hut in an apparent effort to protect himself and to keep the aboriginals away. The fate of Hillier was revealed towards the end of 1860 by Constable O'Connor of Traralgon, whose investigations revealed that Hillier died on June 3, 1860 after an illness of 13 weeks that was supposed to have been brought about by a contusion of the thigh. According to another story, Hillier was supposed to have been speared by aboriginals and subsequently died of his wounds. Local tradition saw Hillier buried on a small rise near his residence about three chains from Billys Creek on property later acquired by Douglas McFarlane through the Soldier Settlement Scheme after World War I.

Today, all that remains of the burial site is a small briar rose bush. The site is located somewhere near the boundary line of O'Hara's and Laws' properties.

Brown did not live on his Run for long as he had a hotel ('Drover's Rest') and coach stables at Shady Creek. He would grow horse feed at Scrubby Forest and cart it to Shady Creek to supply Cobb & Co's horses. Brown's second wife was unfaithful to him and he shot and killed her lover, 'Billy the Mailman' (William Laughton) in 1868. Early in 1869 Brown was sentenced to life imprisonment (20 years) but was released in 1887 on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. Brown then managed a property at Upper Flynns Creek and in 1894 tried his hand at gold mining in Coolgardie and struck it rich. He returned to live with his son in Rosedale and eventually remarried a third time in 1903 at the age of 83 and died in 1916.

For many years, the O'Hara family, employed by Brown, had occupied the Scrubby Forest homestead and a road close by is still called O'Hara's Road today.

John Shiels, who came from Rosedale with his two sons Frank and Harry, took over Scrubby Forest Run from 1869 to 1874. This was a period of time when pastoralists with vast areas of land held on lease gave way to settlers looking for smaller blocks. In 1872, Frank Shiels became the first selector to carve his block out of Scrubby Forest. He took a section on Middle Creek on either side of Jumbuk Road. James McDonald was next in 1873. The rush for land was on.

In 1874 George Firmin and two of his sons (other members of the family came later) arrived at Middle Creek and took over the Scrubby Forest Run. Other early selectors on Scrubby Forest Run were Henry Wicks and John Quigley. George Firmin eventually handed the license back to the Government in 1885 when the area that was of any use for farming purposes was made available to selectors. Scrubby Forest as a run ceased to exist.

The early settlers faced many hardships in the district. Rabbits, first introduced to Victoria in 1859, eventually became a problem in the district with a rabbit plague starting in 1904. By 1916, rabbits had laid many of the farms bare where once rich pastures flourished. Wombats

destroyed many of the farmers' fences making rabbit control measures ineffective. Major fires swept through the area in 1898 including some of the Billys Creek Valley. During the Great War the lack of farm labour allowed introduced plants such as blackberries, ragwort and thistles to take over the land. By 1919 many farms in the district had been abandoned.

With the introduction of the Soldier Settlement scheme, the Government acquired Donald McMillan's 3700 acre holding along Billys Creek at Hazelwood. As a result, Hazelwood Estate was established in 1922 and the area was sub-divided into 45 allotments varying in size from 49 to 189 acres.

Morwell National Park Extensions – Billys Creek Valley

Morwell National Park was originally declared on November 26, 1966 to become Victoria's 20th National Park. Since then, there have been a number of additions made to increase the size of the park to over 500 ha. The most important addition was the Billys Creek Valley extension in 1989. This included land bounded by Junction Road, Jumbuk Road and Reidy's Road towards the east.

The first people to reside in this valley were miners after the discovery of black coal by George Thomas Jones in 1873. In 1874, Jones and his colleague Robert Wright Knox established the Excelsior Coal Mine. This mine was the first of several in the Billys Creek Valley. By 1900 the last of the Mineral Leases were declared void and the land was made available for selection.

Morwell Weir was built at Billy's Creek in 1913 and for many years the area was known as 'Weir Park'. By early in the 2th century parts of the Billys Creek Valley were totally cleared for grazing including the surrounding steep hillsides. One of the biggest Blue Gums to be felled in the area was undertaken by Fred Foot who was able



Northway Family at Billys Creek c. 1906

to provide some 2000 fence posts for his effort. The site of the tree was not far from the present Braniffs' Road access to the park.

Prior to World War II many dairy herds of 80-100 cows grazed in the area. This gradually gave way to sheep farming as demand for wool increased to make clothing for the war effort.

After being inactive for several years, the 'Hazelwood Rifle Club' officially opened a new range ('stockbutts') at Weir Park during August 1937. The rifle range had an up-to-date pit in concrete and two double sets of targets ranging from 300 to 700 yards. The range was kept open for a period of time after the war.

'Potato Flat' (also once known as 'Ragwort Flat') got its name because crops of maize, pumpkin and potatoes were grown on the flats by Doug Trewin in the rich soil deposited by Billys Creek.

Friends of the Morwell National Park

In May, 1986 a volunteer group calling themselves 'Friends of the Morwell National Park' was formed to assist with revegetation programs, weed removal, and flora and fauna surveys. A major reforestation program has been underway since Billys Creek Valley was added to the Park to plant and grow trees from seedlings collected from some of the remaining trees in the area. This work has been mainly carried out by the FMNP under the supervision of the local Park Ranger. Some 10,000 trees have been planted to date.



Yinnar Bowls Open Day

By GEOFF MARSHALL

The Open Day at Yinnar went well last month and it was great to see everyone there.

The Ladies Pennant started last month with the 'A' team starting slowly in the G.D.L.B.A. Division 2. The 'B' team is still playing well in Division 4. In the Mid-Gippsland Bowls Pennant the men's 'A' teams had a good try for the start of the season, with the 'B' team getting better.

The Yinnar Skins had its second play with more players getting to know the rules better. The next Yinnar Skins is on 5th December at a cost of only \$5.00 per person.

The Yinnar invitation Mixed Pairs is on 21st November with great prizes to be won. The 100 up day 2 is on 14th November and the Yinnar Triples is on every 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Have you got your name down for the visit to the Rosebud Bowls Club on 28th?

The Twilight Bowls is on 24th November and 1st December at 6.00pm. For a small cost there will be a barbecue, you can roll some bowls and have some fun. To book telephone the Club on 5163 1606 to book.

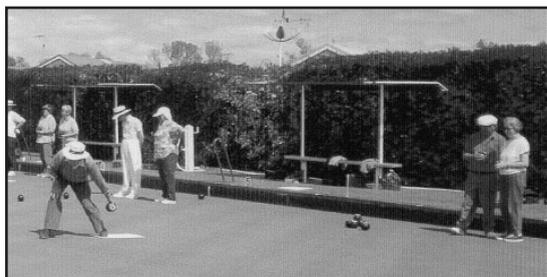
Young Stan was a keen bowler. He played every day of the week. Tuesdays was the day he played in a regular foursome and had done so for several years.

One Tuesday, as the lead had just rolled the jack for the first end, a taxi rolled up to the Club and an irate lady in full wedding dress jumped out and ran across the green calling as she ran, "Stan, Stan, why have you kept me waiting at the Church?"

"Now, now, Glad," said Stan sternly. "Remember, I said - If it rains!"

Skips: Some skips are born for great things; some skips are born for small. Of some, it is not recorded why they were born at all...

Good Bowling!



Golf Results

Saturday Mens Comp: Stroke Medal 25/9/04
CCR: 70

Scratch: K Hills 75, A-Grade: (0-16) K Hills (8) 67, B-Grade: (17-22) J Dickson (22) 70, C-Grade: (23-32) and Medal T Gowland (27) 66, DTL: P Ludlow 71, G Morrison 72, C Flanigan 72, J McCafferty 72, C Speekenbrink 73, P Williams 74, c/b. NTP: 3rd P Williams, 14th I Wilson. Birdies: P Williams 3rd, Encouragement Award: T Sterrick, Putts: J McCafferty 23.

Sunday Mens Comp: Stableford 26/09/04
CCR: 68

Best Score: G Blizzard 43 pts, NTP: 3rd M Fletcher, 5th M Fletcher.

Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford 26/09/04
CCR: 70

J Blizzard 21 pts.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Canadian 28/09/04

Winners: M McConville (22)/H Croft (37) 79 7/8, DTL: J Leslie (22)/V Anderson (34) 81 1/2, J Blizzard (28)/S Jefferey (32) 81, NTP: 3rd 12th Di Scurlock, Longest Drive: 0-32 E D'Alterio, 33-45 M McDonald.

Saturday Mens Comp: Stableford, 2/10/04
CCR: 68

A-Grade: (0-17) J White (16) 38 pts, B-Grade: (18-23) F Sedjak (23) 39 pts, C-Grade: (24-32) V Monument (30) 40 pts, DTL: J Jeffery 38, G Down 38, G Blizzard 37, R Welsh 37, L Stein 35, C Speekenbrink 36, NTP: 3rd L Stein, 5th C Speekenbrink, 12th L Stein, 14th P Coad. Birdies: F Sedjak 5th.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Medal Stroke 5/10/04
CCR: 73

Scratch: M McConville 102, A-Grade: J Blizzard 79 nett, B-Grade and Medal: V Rowley 73 nett, DTL: V Verheyen 79, L Jessop 80 c/b, NTP: 3/12 33-45 V Rowley, 5/14 0-32 C Ellis, 33-45 V Verheyen, Putts: V Verheyen 29, Longest Drive: 6th 0-32 L Jessop, 33-45 V Rowley.

Saturday Mens Comp: 4B Par 9/10/04

CCR: 68

Winners: G Beyer (13) (16) +10, DTL: R Welsh (22) P Ludlow (14) +9, I Wilson (15), J Dickson (22) +9, NTP: 3rd G Beyer, 12th P Williams, 14th W Leslie, Birdies: K Garlick 12.

Sunday Mens Comp: Stableford 10/10/04
Winner: P Williams (16) 36 pts, Dael Scurlock 5th.

Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford 10/10/04
CCR: 70

Winner L Jessop (27) 34 pts, NTP: 5th J Blizzard.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stableford 12/10/04
CCR: 73

A-Grade (0-32 M McConville (22) 38 pts, B-Grade: (33-45) M McDonald (43) 35 pts, DTL: L Hessop 37, J Blizzard 35, D Thomas 32, NTP: 3/12 0-32 M McConville, 33-45 B Beebe, 5/14 0-32 L Jessop, 33-45 C Barnes, Lost Handicap: M McConville 22-20, L Jessop 27-26.

Saturday Mens Comp: 4BBB Stableford
16/10/04 CCR: 68

Winners: S McCafferty (13), D Williams (23) 43 cb, Runner Up: W Peter (16), G Britton (30) 43, DTL: P Williams, J Jeffery 42, G Blizzard, K Ellis 40, I Wilson, P Coad 40, NTP: 5th J Jeffery.

Sunday Mens Comp: Stableford 17/10/04
CCR: 68

Winner: C Speekenbrink (12) 32, DTL: F Sedjak (23) 31, NTP: 3rd C Speekenbrink, 12th G Down, Birdies: G Down 12th.

Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford 17/10/04
CCR: 70

Winners: E D Alterio (24) 31, DTL: J Busch 28, NTP: 3rd E D'Alterio, 5th J Blizzard, 14th M McConville.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Par 19/10/04 CCR: 73

A-Grade: (0-32) L Jessop (26) +1, B-Grade: (33-45) L Ollquist (42) -3, DTL: V Rowley (35) -3, S Jeffery (32) -4 c/b, NTP: 3/12 (0-32) J Blizzard, (33-45) V Anderson, 5/14 (0-32) K Hall, (33-45) V Anderson.

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Churchill Tennis Club

Summer Competitions Underway

THE summer competitions have commenced with the Churchill Tennis Club's teams keenly contesting their matches.

The Club has one senior team in Yinnar & District Tennis Association's B Grade - Roger Brighton, Frank Horvath, Frank Cassar, Carol Scott, Leanne Emond, Jenny Cassar and Beulah Donnelly. Seven junior teams are entered in the Latrobe Valley Tennis Association and Yinnar & District Tennis Association.

Other Club members are participating in teams at their local clubs, as our club did not have the numbers for a full team.

The Club's team in the Trafalgar Mid-Week competition comprising Julie Taylor, Diane McDougall, Sue Little and

Glenda Thompson are enjoying competing in Section 2.

You are invited to join in our sessions. Social tennis, including over 45's is held on Monday afternoons at 1.00pm. Racquets will be available if required. Free coaching will be available on Monday 15th November at 1.00pm.

Social tennis with sets arranged is held on Wednesday nights at 6.30pm. Junior and beginner tennis is held on Saturday mornings at 9.15am.

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