

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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2004 Writing Competition Winners

OVER 250 entries were received in this year's Short Story and Poetry Competition. "It was tremendous," said Val Prokopiv, Editor. "Judging them all was a huge task but the judges had a great time." The support we received from the local schools was enormous and the standard of entries was extremely high. "There are some very talented writers in the area," Val continued. "The imagination and depth of some of our young writers is quite astounding."

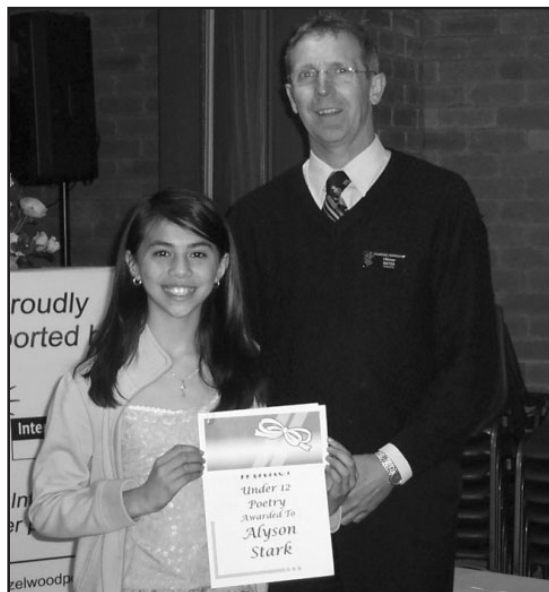
Gloria Rabe from Moe won the Adults Short Story with 'Change of Life' and the Adults Poetry with 'The Knight in Rusty Armour'. Gloria said she really enjoyed entering the competition and to win was a bonus. Beverley M Crane won the Local History Section with 'Rattle of the Billycarts', in which she recalls the history of Heesom Crescent in Churchill. Jennifer Timms won the under 18 short story with "A Fate Worse Than Death" and Elise Matthyssen and Laura Court the under 18 poetry with "Memories".

In the Under 12's Whitney Hillier won the Short Story category with 'Back To The Past' and Alyson Stark the Poetry category with 'What A World It Could Be'. The Monash University Gippsland Chaplain's Prize was won by Catherine Gunn for 'Gods Quiet Things'.

Megan Kearns won the under 7s category with 'Who Am I? In Australia'. Congratulations to all winners and thank you to all those who entered. All winning stories are printed on Pages 9-12.

A presentation ceremony was held last Thursday, with prizes being presented by Dr. Keith Wilson representing Monash University, Dave Quinn and Colin Brick from International Power Hazelwood, Hilmar Batza on behalf of Churchill North Primary School and Terry Key from Hazelwood Rotary.

Both Dave Quinn and Dr. Keith Wilson congratulated

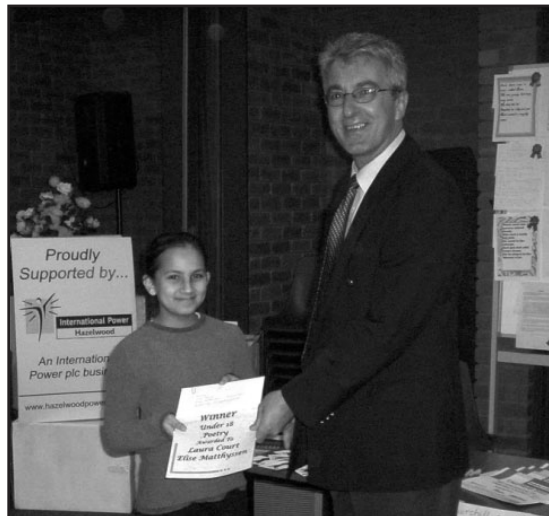


ed the team on their efforts in putting this competition together. They recognised it as a very worthwhile event that encourages writing skills particularly in our young people.

The Churchill And District News would like to thank all our sponsors of the event: Monash University Gippsland, Monash University Bookshop, Hazelwood Rotary, Monash University Gippsland Chaplain, Co-Operating Churches and Simons Discount Stores.

"We are looking forward to competition number 4 in 2005," said Val. "We will be introducing a new category - 'Writing Children's Stories'. I am sure it will be very popular."

Pictured Above: Alyson Stark receives her prize from Hilmar Batza, below left, Whitney Hillier and Hilmar Batza, below Elise Matthyssen and Dave Quinn



Half Way There!

The Churchill & District News is proud to announce that we are over half way in our aim to raise \$4,000 for the Gippsland Cancer Care Appeal. "It is wonderful news," said Ruth Place, Manager. "We would like to thank everyone who has brought ribbons and Calendars and all those who gave so generously on our Trivia Night."

We have also received donations from the following:

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Churchill Pool Progress Report

WORK has already commenced into reopening the Churchill Indoor Swimming Pool.

The works that are currently being undertaken are those associated with protecting the integrity of the structure and to slow down any further deterioration.

Geotechnical engineers have carried out soil testing and the results of these tests are currently being used by the engineers for the design work for underpinning. Work on the underpinning will commence once the design process has been completed.

Plumbers will be commencing their

work on the roof shortly, replacing roof sheets and skylights; before undertaking internal work which involves replacing ceiling sections and installing support angles.

Work on the pool shell and associated wet-area infrastructure will commence once the works that are required to protect the integrity of the building have been completed.

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.

Trivia With A Twist!



\$636.00 was raised for the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre Appeal at a Trivia Night organised by the Churchill & District News.

The night, held at the Churchill Hotel, was a huge success. Questions were asked, money was donated, raffles were held and spot prizes given. Just when it looked like it was over and the games won came the twist - literally. Wendy, recently crowned Queen of Trivia, had everyone on their feet dancing for extra points!

The support we received was tremendous. Helen and Peter from the Churchill Hotel donated the room for the evening and lots of spot prizes. The next

fundraiser for the Appeal will be The Churchill Colossal Garage Sale to be held on 26th November at Gippsland Trade Printers in Webster Street, Churchill.

This event is being organised by Peter Ceeney, from Gippsland Trade Printers with the support of all his staff. We are asking everyone to save their unwanted goods.

The more we have to sell the more we will be able to give to the Cancer Care Centre. "This is going to be huge," said Andy Burr. "I have my truck ready to pick up goods from anywhere in the district if needed."

Details of where and when to take your donations are on page 17.



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Jerralang North Anniversary Dance

By ZELMA MILDENHALL

Friday 22 October will be the 50th Anniversary of the Hall. There will be a display of photographs, newspaper cuttings and the history of the hall. Music will be by Harmony Plus and will start at 8.00pm to 11.30pm. For supper please bring a plate. The Committee will supply sandwiches.

The next day, Saturday 23 October, a

Car Boot Sale will be held from 8.00am followed by a picnic lunch and a bush walk. If you would like more information about the celebrations, and / or the car boot sale, please contact the secretary Zelma Mildenhall on 5166 1264.

The Jeeralang North Hall is available for hire. It has an excellent dance floor, heating, and is in a rural setting. For bookings contact the secretary.

Walkley Park Children's Centre

Open Day

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16 October	10:00 to 12:00 noon
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27 November	10:00 to 12:00 noon
11 December	10:00 to 12:00 noon



The Toy Library will then be closed until February 2005



Lifeline Annual Garden Plant Sale

THE many friends of Lifeline Gippsland are busy getting plants ready for the Annual Garden Plant Sale. This will be held in the Churchill West Place Plaza from Monday 8 November. So if you have a few empty spots in the garden

or are about to start a new garden, why not come along and get some cheap plants.

Another date to pencil in is 22 November, when the Lifeline Churchill Shop and all other Lifeline Gippsland stores will be having their usual Christmas sale.

If you want cheap presents for the family, it will be worth waiting to see what we have before you go rushing off and spending more money than you would like.

If you are having a spring clean and have some "no longer needed" goodies, especially for the children and

males, in the back of your cupboards, Lifeline would be only too happy to receive them. As you can appreciate, they must be in good condition.

Just bring them into the shop, between the Chinese restaurant and SP&J Fish and Chip shop, next time you are down the street. If you can't make it during our opening times, 9.30am - 4.00pm each weekday, pop them into any of our three bins. They are located near our shop, near the Vet, or up at the Leisure Centre.

If you have been thinking about doing something with your spare time, why not consider helping out at a Lifeline Shop. As well as at Churchill, Traralgon, Moe and Wonthaggi, we now have two new locations in Morwell, one at 144 Commercial Road, and the big clearance centre for clothes and furniture at the corner of Fleming and Church Streets, across from the Presbyterian Church. Call into any of these locations for further information.

Christmas Market



(St Luke's) Morwell Uniting Church, Princes Drive, Morwell is to hold a Christmas Market Day on Saturday 6 November from 10.00am to 2.30pm in the Church Grounds.

Stalls will include handmade cards, Christmas novelties, aircraft kits etc. There will be a sausage sizzle at 12

noon and buskers will be performing. We would like to invite stall-holders to share this day with us. The price of a stall is \$10 per trestle or \$5 per card table. Bring your own tables. For bookings please contact St. Luke's Uniting Church on 5134 5366 or Ros Guy on 5122 1597.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

OUR Term 4 program is out now!

New craft classes in Leadlight, Fur Bear Making and Beading/Jewellery Making are on offer, as well as a special Christmas Cake Decorating course.

A nationally recognised Safe Food Handling Course will be run in October over two night sessions.

On Tuesday evenings a new computer class - 'Quick Books' (Accounts package software) will be run. Other computer courses on offer during Term 4 are

Excel/PowerPoint 2000, Word Intermediate, and a Thursday evening class in Basic Word.

Don't forget the popular Walking Group, which heads off each Tuesday and Thursday at 9.00am from the Neighbourhood Centre (located within the Monash Leisure Centre, Switchback Rd - enter from McDonald Way).

Contact the Centre on 5122 2955 for more information on Term 4 classes, costs and enrolments.

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Community Hub For Churchill And District?

By CHRISTINE PENPRAZE (Coordinator)

THERE has been talk for a number of years of the need for centralising some of the facilities within Churchill, or at least making the facilities that are in existence more flexible and better able to meet the needs of the community.

The idea of a community hub was broached and a number of agencies and other participants including the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre met recently to look at the possibility of funding and building a community hub for Churchill and district.

Some key issues were raised, such as the need for a facility that would 'house' multiple community groups, provide meeting rooms as well as a wet/dry workshop, be sited in a central position and provide unrestricted access for participants and other community groups who would make use of the 'community hub' facility.

The question of where to site a community hub was seen as being vital, needing to be centrally located and able to provide unrestricted access. Issues such as easy distance for pedestrians to access the community hub and parking areas for vehicles, plus the bonus of having public transport nearby, meant that the block of land sitting between the CFA and the skate park was potentially deemed to suit the requirements of a facility such as was being discussed.

The Neighbourhood Centre has welcomed the interest shown in this idea of a community hub, as there are often requests for classes that involve woodwork, metal welding and other similar workshop courses, but without access to a wet/dry workshop we have been unable to meet the demands of the community.

A community hub facility that could meet these needs would further our ability to provide adult education to those community members who have in the past missed out on learning opportunities because we have not had the resources, nor the appropriate facility, to run classes from.

The initial working party who are 'getting the ball rolling' as far as discussing the possibility of a Community Hub include Latrobe City Council, Quantum, Department of Human Services - (Neighbourhood Renewal), Churchill Neighbourhood Centre and members of CDCA and Glendonald Residents Group.

There is always room for other people and groups to be involved and, of course, discussions like this involve consultation with the community, which is why a public meeting has been scheduled for November 18 at the Churchill Town Hall, commencing at 6.00pm and including pizza for those in attendance.

On the agenda will be a walk across to the vacant block, so that those present can visualise what a Community Hub might entail and how a Hub could be a uniting presence for the community of Churchill and District.

Please be aware that when it comes to discussions such as that of a Community Hub for Churchill, it is the opinions of the public and what they perceive as being a need in their community that determines where, whether, when and why. If you are interested in what happens in Churchill and how it will impact on you, please be at the meeting on November 18 and voice your opinion - it matters!

CFA Annual Presentation Night

By RUTH PLACE

CHURCHILL Fire Brigade held its annual Presentation Night on Saturday 11 September, at the Churchill Cricket Club.

The caterers of the Cricket Club served a delicious three-course meal, after a time of gathering, greeting and nibbling from the excellent platters prepared by several members of the Brigade.

Ron Bennet, Brigade President, acted as MC for the formal part of the evening.

The first speaker was our Mayor, Darrell White. He thanked the Brigade on behalf of the community for their service.

Darrell made mention of the diverse training capabilities demonstrated in the Brigade membership to cater for the wide range of fires they are called upon to attend.

Next Phil Glover from Morwell CFA spoke and also commended the brigade for its efforts.

Then it was Brigade Captain

Steve Barling's turn to express appreciation to the other local brigades, many of whom had representatives present, for their help and support.

Following these speeches, the following presentations were made:

Most Consistent Firefighter for 2004- Russell Gallagher.

Rookie of the Year - Darren Devlin

Encouragement Awards - Ruth Place and Shane Renwick

Service Awards: Five Year - Steve Idzes, Russell Gallagher and Shane Renwick

Fifteen Year - Darlene Parkinson

Captain's Award - Alan Choi

Firefighter of the Year - Steve Barling and Scott Randall.

After the formalities were over, the party began!



Australian Red Cross Celebrating 90 Years of Service



ON 13 August 1914 Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, the wife of the Governor General of Australia, received permission from the British Red Cross Society to form a branch in Australia.

The magnificent ballroom at Government House became the Headquarters for the resulting activity. There was a great demand for comforts for the soldiers, especially flannel shirts, cardigans, socks, vests, pants, mufflers, gloves blankets and dressing gowns.

Fundraising activities went on throughout the war. There was a donation of 59 pounds, 15 shillings and sixpence raised from the sale of rabbit skins.

Since that time the Australian Red Cross has been serving the local community, the Australian community and the world.

There are Australian Delegates working for the International Committee of the Red Cross in various countries of the world.

Local volunteers help in times of disaster - house

fires, bush fires, accidents etc. Trained volunteers work on First Aid posts at public events.

Volunteers drive people to medical appointments, telephone isolated people providing reassurance and visit people in residential facilities.

Other programs include the Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme, International Humanitarian Law Education and Tracing and Refugee Service to connect people separated by conflicts. Fundraising to support our program is vital.

The Morwell Red Cross was formed in the early days of the First World War and is still going strong, but the lifeblood of the Movement are the volunteers and we need some new blood.

How would you like to become a member and help to carry on these important services? For more information contact Mavis Thompson on 5122 2868.



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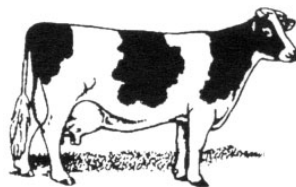
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Lions Club Citizen Awards Australia Day 2005

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity

FOR several years, the Lions Club of Churchill & District Incorporated have been responsible for organising and running a community function for Australia Day in Churchill involving citizens of Churchill and especially our youth.

To enhance this event, the club has decided to present a 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. Nominees must be a resident of Churchill or reside in the immediate surrounding district.

The nominated person's applications will be scrutinised by an independent panel of judges and the relevant winner for each category chosen.

The decision of that panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The awards will be supplied and presented by the Lions Club of Churchill and District at the Churchill Australia Day Ceremony on 26 January 2005.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc Young Citizen of the Year Award applicants must be 18 years or under on 26 January 2005.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc Citizen of the Year Award is open to all applicants over the age of 18 years on 26 January 2005.

The winners in the Churchill competition will in turn be nominated by the Lions Club in the Latrobe City Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards.

The closing date for all applications is 5 November 2004.

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Church Snippets

By RUTH PLACE

THOUGHTS from Rev Bob's sermons.

1. In our worship and in our daily lives we should offer ourselves afresh daily to God, with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We must acknowledge, when we accept the invitation to follow Christ that we are prepared, and have counted the cost of following Him. We must ask what it is that is required of us as part of our reasonable service as followers of the Christian Way. We must be prepared to listen to what God has in mind for us. We need to repent, return to right living, and encompass all the skills and gifts with which God has endowed us, and joyfully offer them back to our Maker.

2. A river is a good analogy of our lives. We have explored our part of it and think we know the lurking dangers. We don't know the other parts of the river, and when unfamiliar currents and unexpected occurrences disrupt our experience we become anxious and fearful for our family, our situation and ourselves. We are not sure in what, or whom, danger lies.

This has been our recent experience with terrorism and tragic deaths.

However, God loves all people, races and religions. He seeks us out in a costly self-giving way, bearing the burden of restoration to relationship with Him. Jesus calls us to join Him in spreading this seeking love, for this is the way of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus challenges us to seek the lost as he does. We need to seek out those in our community who are feeling lost, those who are burdened with grief, or have lost their way in life because of other circumstances that weigh heavily upon them. Befriend them and through your care and practical support, seek to reunite them with the people from which they have wandered, if that appears to be what they desire, or help them to find new groups, perhaps a church group, where they will be accepted and cared for and find new purpose for living. Also as part of your caring be mindful of their spiritual needs. This will require effort to seek out those who are lost in our community.



3. It is time to care for the Earth rather than plunder it. We can act as people who take our vocation as stewards seriously, no longer wasting God's goods through foolish neglect or willful disregard. We can restore at least part of what we have wasted or stolen from God's creation. We need to consider redistributing the wealth we have held tightly.

One way of doing this is to do it in small ways - invite someone to a meal, write a note to let someone know they are not forgotten, make a phone call to thank someone for their assistance, visit someone in hospital, spend some time in prayer and meditation and say hello to someone in the street who looks downcast. In all these ways we show that we can be faithful in small ways, which means we can also act to achieve faithfulness in bigger things.

By opening our hands towards others instead of clenching them to hold things tightly to us, we can let go of the false security we seek in material possessions and give God a chance to work salvation within us.

Our Saturday Breakfast this month was a treat. David Johnson was our guest. He began with a short talk on the place of music in the church. This he followed by a recital. There was an opportunity to have a favourite hymn sing-along. David is an extremely talented musician and we have been privileged to have him play for services for the last few weeks.

On the last Sunday of the month, the Ladies Fellowship ran the service. It was the annual Winifred Kiek Scholarship service with the offering of \$114.85 going to help a Christian woman in her work. The Australian Church Women prepared the service.

The guest speaker was Elspeth Slater who is home on furlough from Burkino Faso, where she has worked as a missionary for 30 years.

Elspeth began her time there as a midwife, but moved on to translating the Bible. There are seventy dialects in that country. Elspeth now works with pastor's wives, teaching them through Bible studies.

Burkino Faso is a very poor country of 14 million people, bigger in size than Victoria. Most people are subsistence farmers. There are many problems with drought and famine. T.B., HIV/AIDS, as well as malnutrition, are big issues. There is a fee to go to school, so many are unable to attend. There is a push for girls to be educated.

Pictured left: David Johnston, above left to right: Jean Brick, Elspeth Slater and Rev. Bob Brown.



Co-Operating Churches Coming Events

LADIES fellowship Dessert and Coffee Night is on Friday 22 October.

Patricia Beggs will be the speaker. This is always a wonderful night, with singing, listening and feasting.

All are welcome to come. This is not a women only night!

Magic and Munchies Night. This fantastic night of entertainment presented to us by local award winning

Magician Peter Cook, will enthrall you from start to finish.

It is on Friday 5 November 2004. For tickets ring Robin on 51661306.

Costs are \$5 for adults; \$15 for a family that consists of two parents and three children. The price includes supper.

Church Times

Co-operating Churches of Churchill

Williams Avenue, Churchill.
Tel: 5122 1480
Glenda and Ian Combridge
Tel: 5166 1819
Sunday Service: 9.30am.
Choruses: 9.20am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

35 Walker Parade, Churchill
Tel: 5122 2226
Father Malcolm Hewitt
Saturday: Mass: 7.30pm
Sunday: Mass: 9.30am
1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays: Yinnar:
Mass: 11.00 am
2nd and 4th Sundays: Boolarra:
Mass: 11.00am

Churchill Christian Fellowship

Maple Crescent, Churchill.
Pastor Tony or Hermanna Marsden:
5122 2777
Sunday: 10.00am
Ladies Meeting: Tuesday 10.00am

Reflections: God is Always Full of Surprises

Rev. BOB BROWN

IT is now two months since I was inducted into the Parish of Boolarra/Yinnar and the Parish of the Cooperating Churches of Churchill.

After twenty-seven years in metropolitan ministry this has been a challenging change but not altogether unfamiliar territory.

After my initial training in ministry at Leigh Methodist Theological College, Sydney, I continued theological studies for four more years in the USA.

During this time I ministered in two rural parishes, one in upstate New York and the other in Pennsylvania.

These folk faced similar issues that we face today in Gippsland - high youth unemployment, withdrawal of community services, family breakdown, declining Church attendance, and increasing health problems, etc.

Also like us, they lived in a beautiful part of the countryside and were wonderfully hospitable people.

However, unlike the rural parishes I served at the beginning of my ministry, the present two parishes are cooperative parishes consisting of Christians from different traditions: Anglicans and Uniting; Anglicans, Churches of Christ and Uniting.

It came as a surprise when I was approached by the Uniting Church Synod of Victoria to take up this new ministry.

But during my conversations with the Joint Nominating Committee of the two above mentioned parishes in Gippsland I experienced a growing conviction that it was to these people and the community served by these two parishes that God was calling me to minister.

And this was confirmed by both parishes and the officers of the denominations concerned. And I have not been disappointed!

Upon reflection, I have to say God is always full of surprises.

Just when you're settling into a perceived vocational direction God interrupts - challenges, convicts and in time strengthens and equips one for a new direction in ministry.

Yet, if the truth be known I shouldn't be surprised because God has been equipping and involving me in ecumenical ministry all my life.

A lot of things have happened during this last two months: I have managed to unpack and set up home again; have met a variety of community leaders; have been welcomed into strangers' homes;

witnessed the opening of an inter-faith spiritual centre at Monash University's Churchill Campus; and sat with people burdened by sorrow.

It has been unusual to have lead five funerals in the first five weeks of my ministry here. And I've been impressed by the families' expressions of love and loss.

Nevertheless it's disturbing that three suicides have occurred in the district during my brief period of ministry.

One part of my disturbance comes from my past interventions with young people who have attempted (committed) suicide and another part comes from the silence of the media about these tragedies. We must face this tragic loss of life.

I want to say to young people: you are living in hard times; perhaps harder times than ever in our country.

These are times when you not only have to achieve but to have the ability to sell yourself to a prospective employer.

From time to time your prospects may seem bleak, and not worth living, especially if you are having trouble at home or in school, college or university, or if you feel no one understands you.

If this is how you feel, talk to someone. If that someone you choose will not or cannot listen, talk to someone else. Very few people can read minds: your parents, teachers and friends may think they know what is going on, but they can't really know unless you tell them.

If you have considered suicide please talk to some one soon. Don't bottle your feelings up. And if you can't find someone among your network then please contact me or a counsellor in the community, the University Chaplain, or another clergyperson, in the area.

I also want to say a word to parents or people who work with young people in our area.

The behaviour of children and teenagers has always been a perplexing mystery. Some actions are causes for worry, some are not.

Be aware of changes in their mood or behaviour and be available to talk and listen to them.

Nevertheless, remember that it is not always possible to know the deeply hidden problems carried by some of our young people.

All any of us can do is our best. That is all that can be expected of any of us.

I look forward to meeting more members of the community and to exercising a ministry among you.

Gods Quiet Things

By CATHERINE GUNN

Winner of the Monash University Gippsland Chaplain's Prize

God has quiet things around the world
Like butterflies, rainbows and whales
They make me feel
Sort of tingly inside
They're special, happy and mad sometimes
Like lizards, raindrops, flowers and the sea.

They're Gods quiet
Things for us to see
In the forest or the country

They're Gods quiet things
Just like Me!

Church News

Chaplain's Contemplations

BY LYN PORRITT, CHAPLAIN
STUDENTS at the University are now gearing up for final assignments and exams.

Please keep them in your prayers. Of course, this means staff are up to their ears in marking as well as beginning to plan for next year.

Please keep them in your prayers also. The official opening of the Spiritual Centre was a special event. Many people attended from the University and Community.

It was wonderful to have everyone sharing this sacred space.

The Aboriginal painting called "Gunai Creation" painted by Colin Thomas, a member of the Gunai community, is a meaningful and appropriate addition to the Spiritual Centre.

Mr. Fred Boreham, Manager of Monash Residential Services has given this painting to the Spiritual Centre as many students in residence are able to use this Sacred Space.

There is also now a beautiful mosaic water feature created by Alby Fisher, a glass artist from Churchill.

Mr Brian Stark, Manager of Facilities

and Services at Monash Gippsland has kindly presented this water feature to the Spiritual Centre.

This Chaplain gives thanks to God for the generosity shown by these people in particular but by many, in having this Sacred Space open and functioning for all.

While giving thanks, it needs to be recognised that the Christian Churches of Anglican, Roman Catholic and Uniting denominations in Gippsland fund the Chaplain's position at the University here in Churchill and the University generously supports the administration of this position.

In our Bible Study group on Monday which is studying The Gospel of John, we read "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16).

So this month let us all reflect on this powerful statement about God's love through Jesus Christ and this gift of eternal life.

You are welcome to use the Sacred Space at the University as a place to reflect and be still.

Saturday Breakfast

By KEITH ENDERS

THE last Breakfast was held on 25 September at the Co-Operating Churches and those attending were entertained with some outstanding music played by David Johnson on the Church's electronic organ.

David also played some of the favourite hymns of those present.

He began by talking about the place of music in church worship and gave some Biblical references to music and musical instruments starting in the book of Genesis.

He mentioned that music is one of the few processes that activates both the left and right sides of the brain simultaneously.

Most activities only use one side of the brain and learning music can be helpful in developing other abilities such as mathematics.

David learnt the piano at the age of four, the organ at age eight and was a

church organist at twelve.

David is now retired but has played organs around the world including at the Sydney Opera House, the Melbourne Town Hall and St Paul's Cathedral. Organ building has also been a part of David's life having built an analogue electronic organ at St Johns, Camden and a digital electronic organ at St Bartholomews, Crookwell, the largest in Australia.

The next Breakfast will be held at the Co-Operating Churches on Saturday 30 October at 7.30am.

The Rev Dr Bob Brown, minister at the Co-Operating Churches, will be the guest speaker and his topic will be 'Living with Diabetes'.

People interested in attending should let Keith Enders Know by e-mail at kenders@net-tech.com.au by Thursday 28 October or by phone on Friday October 29.

Mathison Park Development Committee Logo Design Competition

COMPETITION CLOSING DATE EXTENDED

Please see the application form and conditions of entry below, and try your luck.

There is a \$50 prize and the honour of seeing your logo on the Mathison Park stationary.

Closing date is 3:00 p.m. on Monday 8 November.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The logo must reflect the environment of Mathison Park.
2. The logo MUST include the old farmhouse.
3. Other things to consider for inclusion in the logo are water, peppercorn tree, flora and fauna occurring in the park.
4. The designer's name, age, address, and phone number must be included on the Entry Form as a separate piece of paper and attached to the entry with a paper clip NOT a staple. The entry form published in the Churchill & District News may also be used.
5. Entries must be original unpublished work presented on an A5 sheet of paper.
6. Multiple entries will be accepted.
7. Permission to reproduce the winning entry in any committee documentation, will be assumed.
8. The winning entry will be published in the Churchill & District News, and the winner acknowledged.
9. The winner will receive a certificate and a cheque for \$50.
10. It will be at the discretion of the committee to choose a winning entry. If none are deemed suitable, the competition will be declared invalid.
11. Entries MUST be received by 3.00pm Monday on 8 November 2004. They can be sent to Mathison Park Logo Competition c/- Churchill and District News PO Box 234 CHURCHILL 3842
12. No late entries will be accepted.
13. Entries will not be returned, so participants should keep a copy of their work if so desired.
14. The judges' decision will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.



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I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them. I certify that this is an original unpublished logo. designed by myself.

This entry form can be completed on behalf of U12's by a parent, guardian or teacher.

Signature: _____

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Hazelwood Junior Guides Donation of Trauma Teddies

By ZELMA MILDENHALL

WORK is continuing on the CRE Project and we have started making cards and gifts for the residents of Hazelwood House as we plan to visit in December.

Toys, books, pencils, rubbers, sharpeners and other items for the Samaritan's Purse have been delivered to Traralgon.

A big bag of Trauma Teddies has been given to the Latrobe Regional Hospital. There is a continuing need as teddies given to patients then belong to them.

Jenny, President of the Support Group, Faye and I attended the Baw Baw Region Dinner at Warragul on Sunday 29 August.

The State Commissioner, Ellen Boyd, and the Assistant State Commissioner, Jill Jeffrey were present. Jill was the Morwell District leader ten years ago so it was lovely to meet with her again.

The dinner was to thank Gwen Williams for her work, support and encouragement to leaders and youth

while the Region Leader. Gwen's five year term has finished, but she will continue in Guiding as the District Leader for Warragul.

Our unit meets on Tuesdays from 4.00pm to 5.30pm in the Hazelwood South Hall, Tramway Road.

For further information, or if any girl would like to visit, contact Zelma Mildenhall on 5166 1264 or Faye Foley on 5122 1249.



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September At Lumen Christi



BY DENISE MCKENNA
LUMEN Christi Dads were the highlight of September at our Fathers' Day breakfast. One hundred and fifty breakfasts were served in the library between 7am and 8.15am! Children brought along their Dads and big brothers and grandfathers for a special day to acknowledge all that they do. Bacon and eggs and toast and cereal were provided and enjoyed by all. All Lumen Christi staff pitched in on this day with a very early 6.30 arrival at school to prepare for the rush and a couple of our great Mums helped out as well. It was a terrific morning.

Our team of competitors in OzSpell did very well in the district competition which was won by Tamara Matthyssen from Grade 6 at Lumen Christi. Tamara competed against primary and secondary students from Latrobe Valley and we are very proud of her win. She worked hard in preparation practising from the extensive spelling list involved and it is a great credit to her. Well done to our team of Julia Buras, Aaron Osborne, David Beltrame, Molly Stephenson and Hanna Ypelaan.

Our First Communion Family workshop

evening was held in September as children prepare for First Communion in October. Parents and children did activities together as part of the preparation involved in this celebration.

The construction of our Eco-Building continues and it is exciting to watch the progress of this new hall and tuckshop for our school. Our partnership with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Victoria has been finalized and their support is a reflection of the innovative sustainable building design features involved in this project. It is an integrated design incorporating both passive and active solar and energy efficient elements which will make this building both comfortable and economical to maintain.

The use of recycled carpet is another feature of thinking for a sustainable future and we have recarpeted several classrooms during the holidays with recycled carpet. The re-use of carpet saves landfill and the energy of new manufacture while providing good commercial quality carpet at an affordable cost.

Finally, September is time for the garden and our Grade One class have been planting their vegetable garden ready for a delicious summer

crop. With Mrs Moss, they have planted lettuce and broccoli and parsley and can now watch them grow.



School Concert

Churchill North Primary



OUR school concert titled 'The Olympic Story' was held on Wednesday 15 September.

The students performed to a near sell out crowd in the matinee and a full house for the evening performance.

All students helped to show the locations and events of the past 28 Olympics through song and dance. Travelling in the time machine invented by Professor Oliver Falafel (Kieran Browne) and with the aid of his trusty assistants Kebab (Brittney Edwards) and Souvlaki



(Stacey Hammer) the audience were transported from 2004 back to Athens, Greece 1896.

From here the journey through the Modern Olympic Games began.

Grade Prep/1 O performed 'Allouette' (1900 - Paris, France) and a 'Greek Dance' (2004 - Athens, Greece).

Grade Prep/1C sang 'London's Burning' (1908 - London, England) and performed the 'German Clap Dance' (1972 - Munich, Germany). Grade 2D danced, '1, 2, 3 im Sausenchitt' (1936 - Berlin, Germany) and the 'Macarena' (1992 - Barcelona, Spain).

The students in grade 3S stayed closer to home when they sang 'Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport' (1956 - Melbourne, Australia) but then they travelled abroad when they performed the 'Mexican Hat Dance' (1968 - Mexico City, Mexico).

Grade 4/5 showed the romance of Italy when they sang 'That's Amore' (1960 - Rome, Italy) and then sang 'Moscow' (1980 - Moscow, USSR). Grade 5/6B led the audience through a comical journey through the history of the games and also performed their own version of 'California Girls' (1984 - Los Angeles, USA).

The audience was appreciative of the comical script that was written by Mrs Burdekin and Mrs Teychenne. Many of the fantastic costumes and props were the artistic work of Mrs Algie. All of the staff put in a terrific effort with their grade's performances.

The whole show was well co-ordinated by Mrs Dunne and of course we want to congratulate the students who put in the hard work prior to the performances and then shone on the night.

Pictured above: Grade 3S, above left Kieran Browne, Stacey Hammer and Brittany Edwards, above centre Prep 10, left Prep 1C

Friday Frolics - Fantastic!!



Hazelwood North Primary



FROM time to time Hazelwood North Primary School has an afternoon concert we call 'Friday Frolics.'

Our last concert was a chance for every student in the school to perform their group Eisteddfod items and for some individuals to recite their Eisteddfod poems.

It was great to see the groups perform under the guidance of music teacher Ron Wall.

Students from 56F and 56M provided a great finale to the afternoon.

It was great to see our senior students enjoying the opportunity to perform.

The first of three prep orientation activities will be held on October 12.

The school is still accepting prep enrolments for 2005.

There are many activities

planned for term 4 including:

A ten session water safety program.

The Year 3 to 6 Camp at Camp Rumbug.

A group of sixteen students will be participating in the RACV Energy Breakthrough in Maryborough.

Students from Kurnai Churchill Peer Leadership Program have been visiting the school each week with teacher Mr Ross Fitzpatrick.

Students from 56M and 56F have enjoyed the drawing activities and finding out more about Kurnai College.







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Term 3 Highlights

Yinnar South Primary School

Discovery Experience

STUDENTS from Yinnar South Primary School are participating in a new and innovative program that uses physical experiences to develop physical and psychological self.

The brainchild of Bluearth Institute, the Discovery School Experience aims to encourage and promote the self-esteem of school-aged children through active participation in a range of physical activities.

The program consists of activities that support the healthy physical development of children and teaches them to gain awareness and acceptance of their own abilities that will provide the stepping-stone for all children to have a long and happy active life.

The program activities improve the structure and function of the body, which is fundamental to a healthy life. Individual achievement paths are set up for each child, so that all students regardless of their abilities can succeed in the program.

"A lack of fun is the number one reason children are dropping out of sport.

This is linked to their anxiety over not being able to demonstrate a skill," said local Bluearth Regional Coach, Brenton Wight.

"The Discovery School Experience is an inclusive program that engages children in physical activity that develops a positive self esteem and lifelong health behaviours."

Children engage in physical activity to have fun, experience thrills and excitement, learn new skills and be with friends.

Play creates a natural motivation to explore, learn and achieve.

The Discovery School Experience is currently being offered to all Victorian Primary Schools and includes a Teacher Development Model.

For further information contact Yinnar South Primary on 5169 1540 or the Bluearth Institute on 9820 6300.



Outstanding Results by Students

Students from Yinnar South Primary School demonstrated a high level of science skills when they participated in the recent Australian Schools Science Competition.

Grade 5 students Richard Verheyen and Bradleigh Holcombe from Grade 4 both achieved Distinction Certificates, placing them in the top 5% of all competitors.

The competition is designed to test a range of scientific skills and knowledge, covering aspects of the phys-



ical and biological sciences. The competition attracts entries from thousands of students from across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Region.

Richard and Bradleigh have been participants in the school's specialist Grade 4/5/6 science program run by teacher Narelle Van Der Velden.

Principal Mark Anderson said that the program had enabled students to engage in a wide range of scientific experiences and to broaden their knowledge and skills in this area.

The school also recently hosted a thematic day based on the Science of Harry Potter, where all students from Prep to Grade 6 were involved in cross-aged science experiments.

Environmental Education In Action



A cold and windy day at Martin Walker Reserve was not enough to deter the students from Yinnar South Primary from getting their hands dirty planting trees as part of a project to establish a new wildlife corridor in the area.

Local resident James Slater presented students with a talk on the importance of reforestation and looking after the environment before moving on to plant 200 native trees and shrubs in the reserve.

A number of volunteer parents and others from the local community were also on hand to assist the children with their task.

The project was undertaken in partnership with the Yinnar South Citizens Association using grant money provided by International Power Hazelwood. Citizen's Association President, Derek Holcombe, said the whole experience was a great opportunity for children to learn about the benefits of trees in controlling soil erosion and in attracting wildlife as well as for beautification.

Principal Mark Anderson said that the partnership established between the school and the Citizen's Association had allowed the children to put their learning into action, resulting in benefits for the wider community. In previous years students have been involved in sampling water quality in local creeks as part of their environmental action.

Bike Education Program



Throughout Term 3 the Grade 4/5/6 students have been undertaking Bike Education as they prepared to compete in the Latrobe Bike Education Challenge, held at Hazelwood Traffic School in September.

Bicycle Safety Educator, Michael Morgan from Latrobe City, attended the school and led the students through a number of sessions focussing on the skills required to ride safely in the community.

The children have learned the correct and safe technique for right hand turns, entering roundabouts and how to safely pull out from driveways.

Balance and agility skills have also been a feature of the program.

All the students have benefited from learning how to ride safely and securely in a variety of situations.



Churchill Primary School

A Busy Term Comes To An End

CIRCUS IN A SUITCASE was a great treat and well attended. Terry Cole knows how to entertain! The workshops for the children were very productive and we will see the results when we attend the Circus Splendida performance in November.

BIKE ED CHALLENGE participants did a wonderful job of representing the school. The three top scorers for the school were Tyson Webb, Ashlea D'Alia and Justin Adams. The school did not win the challenge but they tried hard and that is the main thing. Each participant received a show bag from Bunnings.

OZ SPELL FINAL was held on Tuesday 7 September, and Churchill had 5 finalists. David, Brittany, Corey, Conner and Caitlin performed very well. Corey finished second. The only word he couldn't spell was "bourgeoisie". Great effort spellers.

JUNIOR SECTION OFF TO THE ZOO.

Almost 100 very excited students invaded the Melbourne Zoo last Friday. According to reports they had a wonderful time, viewing all the animals.



ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT

CONCERT was held last Friday night at Kernot Hall. About 400 people including eager performers attended from schools like Stockdale Road, Churchill North, Churchill, Hazelwood North, Tanjil South, Glengarry, Darnum, Newborough, and Kurnai Secondary College, as well as the Latrobe Community Concert Band. Special Guest was Khristian Mizzi.

Our combined band of pupils from Churchill, Churchill North and Hazelwood North, did a wonderful job considering they have been playing for such a short time and they were on late. But they all looked like they were enjoying themselves, which is a mark of good performers.

They were Cheyenne Jones, Nikita Jongerius, Jerom Tait, David Nugent, Josiah Oakley, Justin Smith, Taylah Alexander, Jemma Hocking, Sabrina Randall, Tasmin Fenech, Ashlea D'Alia, Darcie Jongerius, Jordan Fenech and Matt Smart.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL included a person to talk about postage stamps, and a group to run Kanga Cricket for the Students.

FOOTY DRESS UP DAY.

To end the term, the children came dressed up in their footy team colours, to add a touch of colour to the playground.

Pictured above Grade 1/2, above left Grade Prep, left Chloe Mobourne, James Hodgkins and Nick Cook

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Chocolate Pancakes In The Park!

By DAVID GUTHRIE, President, GRG Inc.
 50 or so children went to Glendonald Park on a Thursday lunchtime during the recent school holidays for a couple of hours of activity and fun.
 Lots of coloured paint was available for making hand and foot prints on the 5 metres of canvas provided. Smears of paint could be seen on faces and clothes too, not to mention on the hands of the adults that joined in!
 And the chocolate pancakes? They were delicious, despite what you may think! Chocolate essence and chocolate buttons were put in the pancake mix, with chocolate syrup served atop the cooked pancakes.
 There were plain pancakes too, just in case anyone didn't like chocolate!
 Glendonald Residents Group (GRG) Inc organised this activity in Glendonald Park, for some school holiday fun for the children, families and friends of Glendonald, and would like to thank the parents and others who turned up and helped out. Judging from all the happy young faces, the lunchtime activity was a great success!
 The Group is planning more activities for future school holidays, and will be hosting a Christmas BBQ in

Glendonald Park on Tuesday 7 December, to which Santa has been invited! Icy poles and water play activities are proposed for a day in January next year.
 GRG Inc meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Glendonald Kindergarten, and can be contacted at PO Box 245, Churchill.



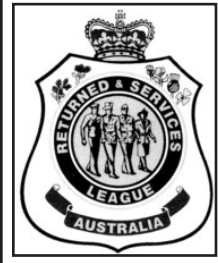
Local Guide Leader, Sue Connor, helps with the activities in Glendonald park

Lioness Club Of Churchill & District

By MARGARET BARKER, Publicity
 Welcome to Betty. Last meeting our club inducted a new member Betty Shore. I am sure Betty will enjoy our club and the activities we undertake. It is great that we have 2 new members since June 2004. This gives us a membership of 10.
 Over August/September we have put in 232 service hours.
 Three of our members attended the Lioness Forum hosted by the Maffra Lioness Club. Held each year, this is where ideas for fundraising and how to run your club are passed on. All clubs in the V201 District are represented.
 Once again two of our members attended a great

camp at Licola Village with children from Camp Quality. Thanks to the Heyfield Lions for providing lunch on Sunday 19 September and to the Italian Australian Sporting and Social Club of Gippsland for lunch on Friday 24 September
 October 2 we are again catered for the exhibitors at the Latrobe Valley Express Home and Lifestyle Expo.
 As we are always looking for new members, if you are interested please phone President Vicki on 5122 1614 or Secretary Merrilyn on 5122 2543
 We meet once each month at the Yinnar Hotel and all our costs are kept the minimum. Arrange a visit and meet us – you might like it. Give it a go.

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- Friday 29th Oct Frantic
- Saturday 30th Oct Misty (Halloween Eve)
 Fancy Dress

Lions Club Of Churchill & District – Christmas Is Coming

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity
 THE Lions Club of Churchill & District has decided to present a 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. The Awards will be presented at the Australia Day function in Churchill in January 2005. The applications close early November so make sure you start NOW. An application form is on Page 17.
 A load of firewood was delivered to a deserving family.
 Our club is again sponsoring the Associated Angling Club Junior Fishing Competition as we have in past years. We will be supplying a free sausage sizzle and drink to all competitors free of charge as well as donating \$200 in trophies. All proceeds go to the Associated Angling Club.
 The Camp Quality Escarpade (Rally) starts this month and our club has the car ready to go. Donations and sponsorship are still coming in.
 If you want to support Children with cancer contact one of our members please. Catering at Bunnings goes to this effort for Camp Quality so please support our members.
 The recent 6-day camp at Lions Village Licola saw 57 children from Camp Quality and their companions enjoy a fun and adventure filled program.
 One of our members was at camp as a companion and one as an organiser. Heyfield Lions Club provided a barbecue lunch on the way to camp and the Italian Australian Club hosted the group on their return.
 The Latrobe Valley Express Home and Lifestyle Expo was a huge success with our club taking care of the catering. Thanks to all who supported us.
 Snippets:
 *Churchill Lions won the annual Ten Pin Bowling Challenge with Trafalgar Lions

- *Working bee at House 3 Licola – cleanup and painting
- *Lion Steve Duggan transferred from Morwell
- *Loaned catering gear to Gippsland FM for fundraiser
- *Letters to Santa on again this year through local schools
- *Christmas trees will be on sale again from early December
- *Santa visits available in December – contact club Secretary Trevor 5122 1614
- *Christmas cakes available soon
- Catering in the pipeline: Bunnings sausage sizzle, 14 October Motor Cycle GP convoy stopover at Kernot Hall and 24 October Sun Tour
- The Lions Birthday Club, sponsored and run through the Churchill & District News by our Lions Club, is a great hit. Dean Francken and Kerry Rosewell were each the happy Birthday Club recipients of a \$15 voucher in August. 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? Make 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. Please contact Lion John 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.

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 mother nature forest.



Tasalbar Haidar

Tessa

Yesterday was the birth off Tessa.
 Her second name is Scarlet. She
 weighs eight pounds. We will visit
 her in hospital.

By Daniel Blakeley



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Oliver Tait

My worst nightmare there are monsters
 in it and zombies and lions and tigers too
 and definitely sharks and even some
 things that are good and some are good
 and bad.



What A World It Could Be
 Alyson Stark
 Lumen Christie
 Winner U12 Poetry

The world could be a better place,
 Without the bombs. Without the guns.
 Without the killings.
 I wish there were none.

The journey is long,
 The road is tough.
 The world could be a better place,
 If we all tried hard enough.

The world could be a better place,
 Without the litter in the stream,
 The plastic bags in the breeze.
 Cigarette buts everywhere,
 Everywhere people stare.

The journey is long,
 The road is tough.
 The world could be a better place,
 If we all tried hard enough.

Seeing all the bad things in the world only makes it seem,
 To fix it all in one day could only be a dream.



By Megan Kearns

Megan Kearns
 Under 7 Winner

WIGGLEY WORMS

Wiggley worms
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 Yayo's
 While
 Outside
 Running
 Marathons in the
 Street

Melanie Kohler



The days, weeks, months and years of life flickered past in compartments, like those in a train. Two lives travelling to their destination with well oiled precision. Wendy had put routines in place long ago to make things run like clockwork. Every day had its own set format. The only casualty along the way had been spontaneity. But Wendy had no time for spontaneity. Who needed spontaneity when they could have order?

It was the same for Blue. Wendy, who was born to organise, made him a roster to live by. He had been such a mucker when she first met him. Such a daydreamer. It had been obvious to her that he needed someone to organise his life into small manageable chunks. Perhaps without her directions he would have floated and dreamed his way through life and never achieved one thing worthy of note.

She thought of Blue fondly as she scrubbed out the shower, one of Thursday's jobs. At one fifteen sharp she would meet him for lunch at the 'Gobbling Gourmet'. They would have the Caesar salad with steak and chips followed by a cup of tea and scones with jam and cream. Yes, Wendy did enjoy Thursday's roster. After lunch she would have her hair permed, shop at the supermarket and then come home and cook salmon patties.

Wendy looked at her watch and tapped her fingers on the red and white checked tablecloth. Fifteen minutes late. In all of their married life

Blue had never been fifteen minutes late. He knew better than this. His steak and chips were getting cold.

Her eyes, raking through the crowded restaurant, finally spotted him. But what on earth was he carrying?

Flushed with pleasure, he seated himself at their usual table in the corner near the window.

"You're late Kelvin," Wendy said, using his hated name as a rebuke. "Where have you been?"

"I just stopped by the art supply shop for some paints."

"Paints? Since when did you paint?" she asked waspishly.

"It's something I always wanted to do." Blue sensed she was not pleased by this disclosure. He looked at his plate. "What's this?"

"It's your lunch and its getting cold. If you had been here on time it would have been nicer." Her voice was cold to match the food.

"You really shouldn't have ordered for me," he said. "I fancy a meat pie today, or something different for a change."

Wendy's eyes goggled. "But you always have steak and salad..." She was having trouble coming to grips with this unexpected behaviour. Unbelievably, Blue called the waiter over and asked for a menu.

In the end he ordered chicken curry with rice.

Wendy watched him suspiciously. She had heard of men going through this mid-life crisis thing. Perhaps she should book him in for a visit to the doctor. It was obvious he needed some sort of counselling, if not a good shot of testosterone. Starting to paint at his age! What next?

That evening the salmon patties and steamed vegetables had not long disappeared when Blue made a startling announcement. "I'm going to start tonight."

"Start?" Wendy looked at him with raised eyebrows.

"My masterpiece."

"But after the dishes we always watch 'This is Your Life' on television."

"Stuff the dishes," Blue cried. "I'm sick of television. This is my life and I'd like you to get

your gear off."

"I beg your pardon?"

"I'm going to paint you, Wen. Nude."

"I won't pose."

"Well, if you won't, Nola next door will. The choice is yours."

"Are you attempting to blackmail me?"

"No, I'm just stating a fact. Nola doesn't mind doing that sort of thing."

"You've already asked her?" Wendy gulped.

"I happened to mention it to her the other day. And she's eager to oblige."

"I'll just bet she is. The tart!"

Wendy felt a tear slide down her cheek. Just who was this man, her husband? He had never done anything like this before. Had he turned into some sort of pervert? Did he need psychological help? Was he having an affair with Nola next door?

"Are you ready?" Blue asked, interrupting her thoughts. "I'd like you to pose on the couch."

"I don't want to. It's a cold night, I'll catch my death."

"I'll turn the heater up."

"And Nola is waiting on stand-by I suppose..."

"She is."

Without any further arguments left up her sleeve, Wendy started to disrobe. Soon she had no sleeve. No covering of any sort. She felt insecure, exposed and vulnerable.

Blue had draped a piece of red satin over the couch and he gave her a bunch of grapes to hold. Laying on the satin in an elegant pose gave her a feeling unlike anything she had ever experienced. It was as though the husband she had known for so many years had suddenly become a different man. She felt shy and strange in front of him and even a little bit excited.

Oblivious to her feelings, Blue was daubing away to his heart's content. He was obviously intent on getting his colours and textures just right. The lures of the flesh were not distracting him right now. Perhaps he would have been safe with Nola after all.

Every night that week Blue wanted her to pose. The weekly television routine was shot to pieces but somehow Wendy found she did not miss it. Instead, she was having some fascinating conversations with her husband. She was beginning to realise that he had depths hitherto unknown.

Thursday came around again with its "Gobbling Gourmet" lunch date. Wendy waited at the corner table for Bluey who was running late yet again. A sigh escaped her lips. Punctuality and order seemed to be slipping away and vanishing from her life.

I suppose he's at the art supply shop again. Why does he have to have this mid life crisis and set our lives in an uproar.

Deep in thought, she didn't see him approach. But suddenly her eyes connected with his face as he seated himself at the table. It was Blue, but not Blue! She had been used to his thinning hair. This Blue had a profusion of curly red hair, just like he had when they first met. It was the most obvious toupee.

"What do you think?" he asked with pride.

Wendy didn't know whether she ought to be honest and risk hurting his feelings. But how could she tell her husband that he looked like an aging clown. She wanted to laugh but she knew she couldn't. "I'm speechless," she said after a few uncomfortable seconds ticked by.

"It's a good match with my own hair colour. On the whole I'm rather pleased."

Wendy nodded and hid her face behind the menu.

Some people have no eye for art. They live

Change of Life

By Gloria Rabe

Adult Short Story Winner 2004

dull, prosaic lives and the magic never touches them. Wendy was one of those people. She knew it deep down inside. She had more pleasure looking at a well planned roster than she ever had observing the Mona Lisa. Yet when Blue finally unveiled his "masterpiece", she gaped at it in delight.

"It's wonderful," she cried. "Superb. I didn't know I could look so good. And I never knew that you had so much talent."

"Thanks," Blue said with a hint of sarcasm that went right over her head.

"It's a pity nobody will ever see it."

"What do you mean nobody will ever see it?"

"Well, I'm naked in this painting. Imagine if the Vicar were to see it. What would he think?"

"Even ministers appreciate art."

Wendy just shook her head. She visualised the Reverend Arthur Penrose looking at the painting with a shocked expression in his red rimmed eyes. Nobody was ever going to see the painting, especially not the Vicar. She carried it down the hallway and carefully slid it onto the top shelf of the wardrobe to be filed in the "out of sight out of mind file".

If only the wig could have been so filed. But it was consistently in her gaze. It put a whole new meaning to the phrase "seeing red". Blue was blissfully unaware of her feelings. He strutted around like any little red rooster, king of the barnyard, confident of his sex appeal. Wendy noted that the strut had only been a feature since the advent of the wig. It obviously made him feel young and spunky. And she feared what might happen if she were to shatter his ego. No, she would let this crisis run its course like any disease.

Over a bowl of cereal at breakfast one Sunday Blue made an announcement.

"I'll be starting up again this morning."

"What do you mean? Today you have a full schedule mowing and touching up the paint on the letter-box."

"The lawn is fine and the letter-box can wait. The only painting I'll be touching up is another portrait of you."

"What are you going to do with these paintings? You can hardly give them to a relative for Christmas."

"You'll see. I have plans," Blue said. "By the way, I'd like you naked in the back yard. I want to see the effect of sunlight dappled on your thighs."

"Absolutely not. I'd never venture into the back yard naked. It isn't right!"

"It's our back yard. And we have a six foot fence. Nobody is going to see you. Besides, you can keep a robe handy in case."

"Sorry but I won't weaken this time."

Blue made a move toward the phone.

"What are you doing?"

"I'm going to ring Nola. She won't mind popping around for a couple of hours."

Thus it was that Wendy found herself stark naked on a picnic rug in the back yard. It was not her choice of pastimes but she simply couldn't allow Blue to go slobbering all over a naked neighbour. Not that he was slobbering. Indeed, he was totally engrossed in his work.

Looking at him Wendy wondered where this new craze was going to end. Lately she felt as though the balance of power had shifted. The old regime was crumbling, and the comfortable old ways disappearing. And now she had this new, strutting husband complete with the wild, red hair. His ideas were wild too. Here she was, for instance, naked in the back yard.

Men were such complicated and crazy folk. Why couldn't they be satisfied with a few hot flushes?

The restaurant was busy as usual and Wendy waited at the corner table for Blue to arrive. Her finger traced the outline of the checked pattern as she waited. It was almost normal for him to be late these days... what with paints and wigs and who knows what else. And why did he ask me to dress up today? What's going on? Its not our anniversary...

Blue arrived with flair. Quite out of keeping with his normal attire, he strutted through the restaurant wearing a tuxedo. It looked odd with his dramatic hair, eccentric even. People stared as he passed by but he took no notice. He made his way to Wendy with a smile as radiant as a solar flare.

"You look wonderful," he said.

"What's going on?" she asked. "Why are we all dressed up?"

"We're celebrating today."

"I can see that, but what are we celebrating?"

"Today I handed in my resignation from the job. I'm free Wen!"

"You what!"

"As from the end of next week I'll be working from home. Isn't it wonderful?"

"But you've been working for the company for thirty years. You don't just up and leave. You should have talked it over with me first..." she spluttered, looking for the right words in anger and dismay.

"I hated every minute of that job. But come Wen, I want to show you something."

"We haven't even eaten yet..."

There was quite a gathering. Elegant women were there with prosperous men in expensive suits, all sipping champagne. It was an art display and Wendy was seething. Blue just quits his job without even talking to me about it. Then he brings me here to mingle with these art snobs. We don't belong here... This mid life crisis has gone far enough.

Suddenly a tall, distinguished looking man cleared his throat loudly and motioned to the assembly that he was about to speak.

"Ladies and Gentlemen," he announced. "This year's entries have been outstanding, as you can see. We were particularly pleased to see some new talent. In fact this year's winner has only recently commenced painting..."

Wendy didn't like the sound of this.

"Blue, you didn't..." she grabbed his arm.

But Blue ignored her, his eyes intent on the speaker.

"This year's winner of the Theobald Prize is going to be presented by Reverend Arthur Penrose, noted patron of arts."

The Reverend strode to the front of the room and turned to face the crowd.

"I am honoured to be asked to present this award today. And it gives me extra pleasure to announce that the winner of the Theobald Prize this year is Mr Kelvin Tretheway, a member of my own congregation."

Blue walked out toward the front of the room as though in a dream. His strut curiously missing in this, his hour of triumph. Then Wendy saw with horror that there was a veiled painting. If this was a dream for him, it was a nightmare for her. She stood with a frozen smile on her face. I'll kill him when we get home.

As the picture was unveiled Wendy noted the appreciative gleam in the red rimmed eyes of the Reverend. People were clapping and some glanced at her. How she wanted to sink through the marbled floor or scuttle into the woodwork somewhere. Anywhere. Just as long as it was out of sight.

The Reverend's voice droned on. "This year, as well as the cash prize, a car has been donated by Lifestyle Car Yard..." Over

Change Of Life Cont:

“What d’ya think Wen?” Blue asked as they got into their new Mazda MX 5 convertible. “Fancy a drive along the coast?”

“I thought you’d never ask.” There was nothing like a brand new car to soothe ruffled nerves.

The cool breeze caressed her hair and blew away all of Wendy’s morti-

fication and anger. Now she thought about it, the mid life crisis had turned out well. Blue had realised a dream and gained self confidence among other things. Perhaps she had gained something as well.

“Hey Blue, how would you like to paint me on the beach?”

“I thought you’d never ask.”

As they drove off into the happy ever after, Blue’s wig was lifted neatly by the wind and blown away to regions unknown.

“Perfect,” Wendy murmured, snuggling up. “I love the effect of sunlight on dappled naked skin.”

Back To The Past

Whitney Hillier

Under 12 Short Story Winner

The sand and the bright blue sea were going through my toes as my sister and I walked down the beach with our scuba gear. Then my uncle pulled up in his boat and took us out to sea. We put our scuba masks on and did a back flip off the boat.

Down beneath us lay the wreckages of a huge sailing ship with some treasures still intact. I dived down deeper to find a treasure chest had fallen over with a shiny gold lock. I heaved it open. Suddenly I felt a gush of freezing water and I was sucked in. Next thing I know I was standing on the deck of a beautiful golden ship. Then I looked down and saw hundreds of working men scrubbing the deck with the Captain yelling orders. There was an immense pain in my chest, so I looked down to see I was wearing a very old dress.

“Rosa, Rosa,” the Captain shouted as he walked over to me.

“Oh, oh,” I gasped.

“Rosa, what is the matter dear?”

“I...can’t... breathe.” I gasped again as I collapsed.

I woke to see a young doctor leaning over me holding a thermometer in the air.

“Rosa, you have awoken,” the Captain said with a smile.

“Who are you? Where am I?” I asked.

“Rosa, the medicine must have gotten to your head dear. I am your father and you are on a ship from England to Botany Bay.”

“But what year is it?” I smacked my hand over my mouth. I had an English accent.

“Rosa, really its 1756, you silly girl.” The captain sounded shocked.

“1756,” I screamed.

“You really need to get some sleep,” the Captain said as he walked out shutting the door behind him.

“Yes, your father is right,” the Doctor remarked leaving the room as well.

“I can’t believe I have gone back 248 years.” I began to cry as a boy emerged from the shadows.

“Are you from the future too?” he breathed.

“Huh, oh sorry I didn’t see you there. What do you mean the future?”

“Well you said you have gone back 248 years,” he whispered.

“I know, but how come you’re from the future too?” I asked.

“Well, you probably wouldn’t believe me but...I...I found this treasure chest and I opened it and I got sucked

into here.”

“Whereabouts were you when you got sucked in?” I sounded curious.

“I was on the Great Barrier Reef. What does it matter to you?” he asked.

“That’s exactly where I was when I was sucked...I mean taken to here. There has to be some way to get back.”

“I know ...” he began. “But how are we going to do that?”

“Don’t stress, we’ll find a way,” I said coolly.

“Don’t stress.” Now he really sounded angry.

“I have been on this stinkin’ boat for three years now and all you can say is don’t stress.” He walked over to me and shook a fist in my face.

“You’re lucky you’re the Captain’s daughter, I’m the cabin boy and I’ve had to slog my guts out for three whole years.”

“I know,” I said. I felt bad now.

“Daughter,” the Captain burst through the door.

“Is this boy tormenting you?” He grabbed the boy by the ear and pulled him up.

“Owww,” shrieked the boy.

“Papa, Papa put him down. Let him go, it’s fine,” I said quickly.

“Good, anyway I came to tell you we’re having a dinner party and I want you to wear your best gown.”

“Oh, ok da...I mean Father.” Not one of those painful dresses again. I shuddered at the thought.

That night at the party I started to feel dizzy so I ran outside onto the deck and looked overboard to see a huge swirling whirlpool and I could see my world inside it.

“Cabin Boy,” I shouted. “Cabin Boy, come here quickly,” I started to scream now. He came running to me.

“Look, there’s our world. Quickly let’s jump.”

“How do you know that’s our world?” he asked.

“Oh shut up and just jump,” I shouted. So we jumped, screaming all the way. I was under the water for so long, getting shoved this way and that. Suddenly my head burst through the water and I saw my sister, my uncle and the boat.

“Thank goodness,” I cried and jumped on the boat. “I have never been so happy to see you guys before.”

“Grous,” said my sister.

But I never knew what happened to Boy.

I sometimes lie awake at night and wonder but I’ll never find out...

The Knight in Rusty Armour

Gloria Rabe

Winner Adult Poetry

Of course, you’ve heard of Camelot and Arthur’s knights so trusty,
But probably you wouldn’t know of Algernon the Rusty.
The tale began the very day that Algernon was knighted,
So, sit right back and listen as the story is recited.

“Sir Algernon, arise Sir Knight,” The King cried with delight
And Algernon stood up at once, a most impressive sight.
So tall was he and handsome, with neither flaws nor faults
That several ladies swooned and had to sniff their smelling salts.

“To honour thee, my lord and King,” Sir Algernon now said,
“I’m going out upon a quest, this wondrous land to tread.
I go to seek the Holy Grail, I’ll not return without it.”
“Good,” said the King, “a knight like you will find it. I don’t doubt it.”

And thus it was that Algernon set out upon his quest.
He studied maps and made a choice to travel to the west.
Yes, westwards to the Bloodwood swamp where people seldom went.
But Algernon was not afraid; he was a plucky gent.

And how the people lined the streets to cheer him on his way!
Good Algernon, and squire, Ron rode out the gates that day.
And all the ladies swooned again, and all the men, they bowed.
It cheered the heart of Algernon and made him feel quite proud.

With horses fresh they made good time and rode to Granite Height.
‘Twas there that they dismounted and prepared to spend the night.
and as they sat and roasted pheasant o’er an open fire
They talked a lot of Camelot, and all that might transpire.

But meanwhile, back in Camelot, there’s something you should know,
was a lady spurned by Algernon and now his deadly foe.
Her name was Lady Beatrice and she knew about Black Magic.
And she had planned for Algernon an outcome very tragic.



At the very stroke of midnight she was chanting in her tower,
she was chanting words of magic with a dark and deadly power...
“Sir Algernon, you broke my heart, unceasing were my tears.
A curse, a curse I place on you; to wander through the years.

To wander through the Bloodwood Swamp as centuries proceed,
with eyes that stream a million tears, a million tears indeed.
And rusty will your armour grow, as bitter tears you cry.
So be my spell, it’s working well, you’ll rust but never die.”

Next morning bright and early woke the squire and the knight.
But Algy’s eyes were red with tears, they couldn’t stand the light.
And half a million sneezes broke the early morning stillness.
“Oh Ron,” said Algernon, “I think hay fever is my illness.”

“Now did you think to bring the Bethel or the Claratine?”
“Oh no,” said Ron. “How foolish is this stupid brain of mine.
I didn’t even bring a handkerchief or tissue box,
I only packed your toothbrush and a pair of laundered jocks.”

“Then you must ride to Devesham, go as quickly as you can,
and see if you can find there an Apothecary man.”
Good squire Ron leaped up onto his horse of deepest brown
and off he went a’galloping to find the nearest town.

It took him half a day away to get the medication,
then back he came equipped with spray, and nasal inhalation.
But though he searched both high and low for half a dozen days,
it seemed that Algernon had gone, had vanished in the haze.

And legend grew, as legends do, while centuries slipped by.
The people spoke in whispers of a knight who’d never die;
A Knight who clanked in rusty armour searching for the Grail,
Who couldn’t claim his earthly rest because his quest did fail.

List of Winners: 2004

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Winner: Megan Kearns: Churchill Primary, Runner Up: Lincoln Atkinson: Churchill Primary, Runner Up: Zak Stewart: Churchill North, Encouragement Award: Samantha Tullett: Churchill North, Encouragement Award: Daniel Blakeley: Yinnar South, Best Illustration: Oliver Tait: Churchill Primary, Great Effort Awards: John Kerrison: Churchill Primary, Ben Lewis: Churchill Primary, Alana Rynsburger: Churchill Primary, Aidan Zakic: Churchill Primary.

Under 12 Short Story

Winner: Whitney Hillier: Hazelwood North Primary, Runner Up: Tamara Matthyssen: Lumen Christie., Runner Up: Kelsie Gardam: Churchill North Primary, Encouragement Award: Daniel Lavell: Hazelwood North Primary,

Encouragement Award: Bradleigh Holcombe Yinnar South Primary, Best Illustration: Melanie Kohler: Yinnar Primary, Great Effort Awards: Chloe Mobourne: Churchill Primary, Roy Dowler – Stewart: Churchill Primary, Ben Ainsworth: Churchill Primary

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Winner: Alyson Stark: Lumen Christi, Monash University Chaplain’s Prize: Catherine Gunn: Lumen Christi, Runner Up: Gene Lovange: Churchill Primary, Runner Up: Breanna Downes - Smith: Churchill North, Encouragement Award: Emma Telford: Yinnar Primary, Encouragement Award: Jason Butler: Churchill Primary, Best Illustration: Tasalbar Haidar: Lumen Christi.

Under 18 Short Story

Winner: Jennifer Timms:

Hazelwood North Primary, Runner Up: Eleanor Sim: Hazelwood North Primary, Encouragement Award: Rebekah Waterhouse: Lumen Christi, Encouragement Award: Heidi Booth.

Under 18 Poetry

Winner: Elsie Matthyssen & Laura Court, Runner Up: Leigh Collins, Encouragement Award: Elsie Matthyssen, Encouragement Award: Jelinda Penny

Adult Short Story

Winner: Gloria Rabe, Runner Up: Sandra Lynn Evans, Runner Up: Lynda A Taylor, Encouragement Award: Aaron Magnuson

Adult Poetry

Winner: Gloria Rabe, Runner Up: Eleanor McWhirr, Runner Up: Bob Smith, Encouragement Award: Sandra Lynn Evans

Local History

Winner: Beverley M Crane.

Fate Worse Than Death

Jennifer Timms
U18 Short Story Winner

I know it sounds dumb. It sounds like I'm completely out of my mind. But I've got to try. I'm going to be the first kid to walk across the powerlines. If birds can do it so can I.

But first I must be safe from electricity. Rubber doesn't conduct it. I need a rubber suit, and a ladder. A rubber ladder. Hang on, a rubber ladder! Get real! I'll just get a wooden one. I'll just need next year's pocket money in advance. But that's OK. I'm very persuasive. When I'm walking what happens if I die? What if I fry my brain? What if I send out electric messages and aliens come down and invade earth? What if I have such a high electric current flowing through me I explode like a bomb and destroy the human race forever!?

No calm down. I'll just be prepared. Very prepared. I'll take a water gun with me to shoot the aliens with. Good, I'm all set. I'll use a grappling hook to get to the top of the powerlines. Fate obviously meant me to prevail because a child size grappling hook was at the foot of the powerlines. I put on my anti-electro 3R6 Powerline-Walking-Boots. I was ready. Hang on! No I wasn't. I needed something. A helmet! A professional Powerline-Walker (like myself) must take safety precautions. But how can I wear my helmet in public! I've got a...a...a...baby helmet. It's got my greatest enemy on it...Bob the Builder! Mum just doesn't understand! I'm a 13 year old boy not 3. I'm sure it would look simply great to have a picture of a boy wearing such a stupid helmet on the front page of the newspaper. Hang on! Of course! I'll borrow my big brother's helmet. It's really cool. It's black and in red letters says 'Venom'. I know I'll suffer a fate worse than death if I'm caught but I'll take that chance.

As quietly as a mouse I creep inside. I close the door that is covered in "Keep Out" signs. It's a mess inside. Homework on the floor and goodness knows what that black thing is under the bed. Black thing! That's the helmet! I reach for it and put it on the desk in front of me. I did it! I jump up and down. I did it! My footsteps thud through the house. "Nooooooo!" I wail as I suddenly realise what I've done. As the door knob slowly turns I look for somewhere to hide. But it's too late, my brother enters the room. Quickly I

stuff the helmet in my shirt. When my big brother is mad he can be very inobservant and hopefully won't notice the bulge in my shirt.

"What are you doing!?" he yells as he grabs me by the ankles. "Well?" he says shaking me harder and hanging me upside-down. Whether he was trying to shake some sense into me or find out what kind of stolen treasures I had in my pockets I don't know, but it sure made me want to make some blood go back to my feet again.

"Well," I said (judging by his tone and this shaking I predict that this excuse will have to be the best excuse that I have ever thought of). "My yoyo went under the door," I stammer, with my best innocent look. The yoyo trick is bound to work!

"Don't lie!" he snarled, shaking me even harder than before, making me regret this whole helmet thing. The helmet is jiggling madly in my shirt. "I'm not lying!" I manage to gasp. Either he didn't hear me or he chose not to answer I don't know but he carried me by the ankles, through the house, out the door onto the grass outside.

I'm free! I've suffered the wrath of my big brother. I can scan the area looking for a suitable powerline. There is a suitable one across the road. I study the pole carefully, it looks sturdy enough. The pegs seem...I am interrupted by a loud protest from my tummy. I'm starved. It's lunchtime already! Time for Operation Biscuits. I trot back to the house and stealthily creep into the kitchen. I am exploring very dangerous territory. If I am caught the results will be fatal. I sneak my hand into the jar and quickly scurry out. After quickly consuming my prize I am ready to do what I've been trying to do all day. I put one foot on the road, it would not do to be squished by a careless driver now, I brace myself (look both ways) and walk across the road which was a whole lot easier than I expected. I walk up to my glory (or my doom) and put my foot on the first peg then another. These little things are a lot harder than I thought they would be to climb. Nevertheless I am at the top. Hang on! I stop in my tracks. I think I'd rather parachute with my bed sheet off that huge gum tree in the back yard...

Memories

Elise Matthyssen and Laura Court
U18 Poetry winner

I call up from the deepest regions of my mind
memories that only I know
Memories of childhood I start to find;
Oh those memories from so long, long ago.

Memories of bedtime stories read by dad;
memories of mum as she used to sit and sew.
Memories of grandpa always calling me a 'little young lad';
Oh those memories from so long, long ago.

Memories of my brother and I having a pirate fight;
memories of my sister tying her hair with a bow.
Memories of sunshine, laughter and light;
Oh those memories from so long, long ago.

Suddenly I wake with a jolt;
my dream is ended and I don't feel any peace as I did in those fairytale realms
I shake my head and think that I'm such a dreamer and a dolt;
and all that keeps me going is my memories, my dreams.

I get up and all I hear and see are the sounds and signs of war;
everything looks normal but I have learnt that nothing is as it seems.
For what is war other than greedy men wanting more and more?
and all that keeps me going is my memories, my dreams.

I start fighting for strangers and all I do is cause destruction and harm;
I hear the dying soldiers issue some last heart-wrenching screams.
I am shot, I am screaming with unbearable pain from the wound on my arm,
and all that keeps me going is my memories, my dreams.

I am taken back home and once more I smell clean air;
once more I see the flowers fresh and bright at the beginning of the day.
But that's all I have, nothing more, not even a loved one for whom I would care;
and all I have left are my eternal memories and dreams, which no one can ever take away.

I am left with nothing, I have received nothing for all that I gave away and fought for;
I will never be like the man who walked out from here on that long ago day in May.
I have nothing left, no grandchildren to tell stories to, making them say 'more, more, more';
and all I have left are my eternal memories and dreams, which no one can ever take away.



WE moved to my neighbourhood in 1966, thirty eight years ago,

when Churchill was just starting up. I believe we were about the twenty-fifth family to take up residence. We chose a home in Heesom Crescent which abutted Watson Park where a primary school and kindergarten were to be built. It was very exciting to see neighbours moving into their new homes. Some, like us came from Yallourn, the men being transferred from Yallourn Power Station to work in the new Hazelwood Power Station, as my husband had been.

We were happily surprised when Maurie and Isobel settled in at number 24, the men had worked together and I looked on Isobel as a good friend. Number 30 was the next to be occupied and again we were pleasantly surprised when Mike and Marian knocked on our door and announced that we were neighbours, our friendship went back to our early teenage years. Ellen and Richard were in number 26. They were strangers but soon became established in the neighbourhood. Mick and Irene, a couple we were acquainted with, were at number 32. We were tucked in snugly at number 28. On the other side of the street, number 25 had Anne and David, although they came along a few years later, their home was originally rented to two couples. And at number 27 Rich and Ella moved in.

We were all the same age group and still having our families and by the time we were finished there were twenty six children between those seven homes. Number 24 had four children, two boys and two girls and 26 had six, two boys and four girls. There were six at number 30, two girls and four boys. 32 had two boys and a girl. On the other side there were three in number 27, two boys and a girl and number 29 had two boys. We had a girl and a boy. The families in those seven homes made up a group of neighbours that were bound together by friendship but also by the comradeship of their children. These children became akin to a band of brothers, it was one in all in.

There would be billycart races down the hill. The ones without bilycarts would keep up on scooters, the older ones waiting at the bottom to name the winner and prevent the little ones from crossing Switchback Road and ending up in the paddocks. Mums would be standing by with bandaids and lots of TLC for the casualties. In summer there were water fights which involved the parents as well as the kids, with Dads trying to work out ways to get more pressure in the hoses so they could beat the kids. The top of the crescent would be blocked off for the cricket and footy matches; a couple of parents would stand at each end of the playing area, which was the road, and stop cars until the over had been bowled or a mark taken.

It was not unusual to see little ones munching on apples hanging from their necks. Isobel

would core the apples, thread them with string and put them around the little necks. This prevented the fruit from dropping in the dirt thus saving a lot of tears.

We didn't live on each others doorsteps but we were there for each other. My husband was working late one night when our little boy was scolded with hot cooking oil. Our little girl ran to number 24 and Maurie, despite being in extreme pain from a dislocated back, jumped the fence between the houses and helped me get my son to hospital.

On one occasion our little girl was having a disagreement with the eldest boy at number 32. He hit her and she retaliated by hitting back but as she swung he jumped and her punch landed on his 'little boy bits'. She came racing home with a bloody nose and half the neighbourhood kids in tow, saying that his Dad was coming to bash her Dad. Mick did come and some strong words were spoken between the two men but seeing that Mick was recovering from an appendix operation and my hubby, Ken, was laid up with gout no bashing took place, much to the disappointment of our daughter's followers.

Christmas day was the best day. Before daylight you could hear delighted squeals eco up and down the street as children opened presents. As soon as it was light they would career down the hill on new bikes, trikes and scooters. Then they would dash from house to house to show and compare the presents that Santa had bought them. The older ones looked knowingly and

sook their heads but nevertheless joining in the fun. By about 9am they would all be in our home showing off their gifts and explaining each in intricate detail, at the same time telling us how good they had been throughout the year to deserve such wondrous things. It was noisy and chaotic but it was also sheer happiness.

We had so many happy times. Celebrations when babies were born, when children achieved at school and sport and as the years went by, eighteenth, twenty-firsts and weddings.

We also had our share of tragedy and grief. Maurie and Isobel's eldest daughter was killed in a car accident just after she turned 21. Maurie was diagnosed with cancer and passed away several years later. My hubby suffered six strokes and died ten months after the first one. And we had a murder. Anne and Dave at number 27 ran the local plant nursery. One morning when Anne was opening the office she was hit over the head and killed by a 15 year old boy. Apparently he was stealing money to buy baseball swap cards.

I am the only one left now, the others have moved on and the houses are occupied by students who study at Monash University. Life has changed and the neighbourhood has changed. But I am privileged to have experienced such wonderful neighbours and cherish the friendship and love we still share.

Just now and again on a warm summer day I am sure I can hear the tinkle of laughter and the rattle of bilycart wheels clattering down the hill...

Rattle Of The Billycarts

Beverley M Crane
Winner Local History

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

Final Fantasy: The Return of Sephiroth

Poems
By Donna

Shine

Things work out, they always do,
Keep holding on, you gotta pull through.
Stand up straight, keep your head up high,
Believe you won't get anywhere, if you never try.
Don't give up now, you gotta keep on goin',
Don't call it quits, just because it ain't flowin'.
It's too much to handle and you can't take any more,
I know the feeling; I've been through it before.
If you need a shoulder, come lean on mine,
"Cos I want you to feel better, I wanna see you shine.

You

From the day I met you, I felt the connection,
Through your love, laughter, concern and affection.
Best friends we were soon to become,
Sharing secrets, tears and having fun.
A friend like you is hard to find,
Someone so alike we almost share the same mind.
I hope that we will never part,
As close as we were from the very start!

Love Me

You make me laugh,
You make me cry.
I want you so much,
But I don't know why.
You're always there
When I need a friend.
I want you to love me,
Until the end.
They say love is blind,
But it's plain to see
That I love you
But do you love me?

By Jazzman and Story man.
Chapter 10: Godo vs. Jarrod
JAMES was amazed. If the great SaberDrake doesn't know, he would have to find it himself.

"Are you still here? I answered your question so beat it!" shouted Saber Drake in rage.
James was incredibly annoyed. He'd come to find and capture Ifrit, but instead got into an argument with an overgrown reptile! He looked down at his five-year-old shoes and slowly walked out the entrance in disappointment.

SaberDrake chuckled, trying not to show it, and crossed his arms in accomplishment as James finally went out of the cave.

Meanwhile, in Godo's arena...
"You can't win kid! Just face the facts and

get out of here," suggested Godo.

You readers probably have no idea what is going on. Let me explain...

After having failed to get any information from Brodo and Godo, Jarrod and friends decided to spy on the two (just for a little while anyway) and see if they could get some information without asking.

Unfortunately Jarrod, Crystal and Keleog got caught and were forced to challenge Godo and Brodo to a duel. The rules were: if Jarrod, Crystal or Keleog win, Godo and Brodo will tell them the information the trio want to know; but if Godo or Brodo win, they get to keep up to seven items that Jarrod and/or Crystal had collected.

At the moment Jarrod is having a hard time landing one punch on Godo. Godo does-

n't even seem to be breaking into a sweat and they have already been fighting for twenty-seven minutes.


"If I'd known you would be this bad I would've just kicked you out!" said Brodo, trying so hard not to laugh.

Oh! I forgot to tell you readers that you cannot use weapons in this duel! So that means Jarrod cannot use his blitz-ball!

Brodo confused the trio by speaking in Japanese to Godo. "ljqt Godo wbpdjf"

"What the heck is he saying?!" wondered Jarrod, scratching his head.

Will Jarrod ever be able to defeat Godo? Will he find a way of translating Brodo's speech? Find out next issue of FF-ROS!!!



Pokemon Ruby/Sapphire Help

By LCD
HEAL your Pokemon after Capt. Stern rushes off.
After that, go buy a Harbor mail at the Slateport store, then head north towards Mauville City, battle all the trainers on the way (save after each one) and heal before you fight your rival.
Beat your rival and get an Itemfinder.
After collecting the Itemfinder from your rival go back to Slateport City and heal your Pokemon at the Pokemon Centre.
Head up again and do the first trick house challenge, or continue up and beat all the Trainers to reach Mauville City.
Heal your Pokemon, then go to the gym and fight Wally.
More info next issue.

Movie Reviews

By Movie Dude
Garfield

Rated: G 4/5

THE movie 'Garfield', as you probably have guessed, is about the world's laziest cat, who is, in his own words, 100% body fat. The movie is about Garfield, his owner John and John's new dog Odie. At first Garfield despises Odie, but as the movie progresses they become friends, mainly because Garfield has to rescue Odie from a lunatic named Happy Chapman. This movie is extremely funny and is good for the whole family.

Yu-Gi-Oh: The Pyramid of Light

Rated: PG 5/5 (4/5 if you include the free card)

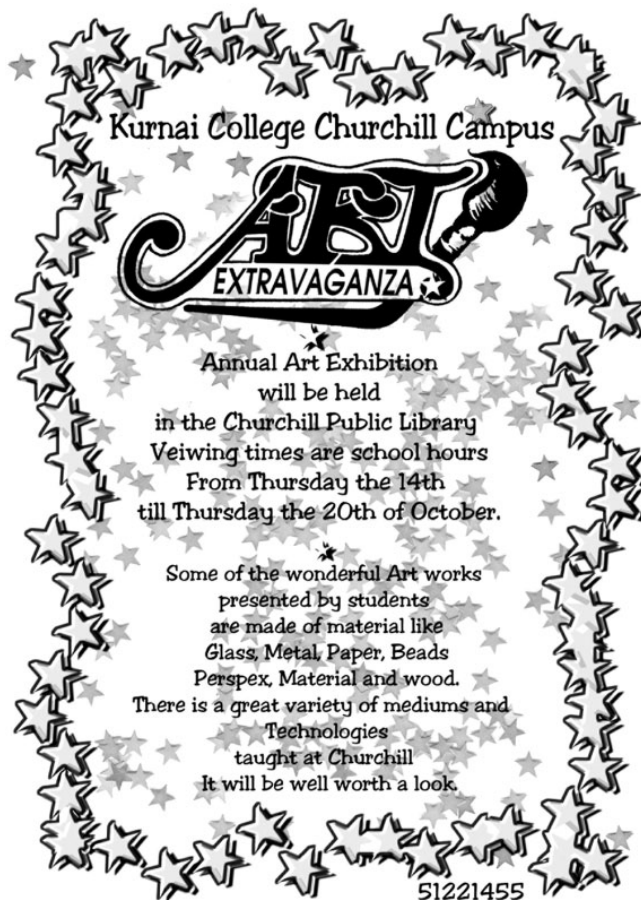
The events that take place in the Yu-Gi-Oh movie happen just after Yugi wins the Battle City tournament. The main

characters in the movie are Yugi and The Spirit of the Puzzle, and their friends Joey, Tristan and T?a. The main bad guys in the movie are Seto Kaiba (who is not really evil, just greedy and sick of losing to Yugi) and Anubis, who is the Egyptian Lord of the Dead and wants to take over the world. There are two main battles in this movie - one is between Yugi and Kaiba, because Kaiba wants to defeat Yugi and become world champion again, and the other between Yugi and Anubis which, if Yugi loses, will allow Anubis to take over the world. When you buy a ticket for this movie you receive 1 of 4 special, limited edition cards. They are 'Blue Eyes Shining Dragon', 'Sorcerer of Dark Magic', 'Watapon' and 'The Pyramid of Light'. Great for Yu-Gi-Oh fans.

Confucius Say...

Compiled by Christo, Cory, Jack & Owen.

- Confucius say: Man who play with fire get burned.
- Confucius say: Man who play with gun shoot himself in foot.
- Confucius say: Don't put all eggs in one basket, it get too heavy.
- Confucius say: Man who eat fire get stomach problem.
- Confucius say: Man who stand in front of car get tired, but man who stand behind car get exhausted.
- Confucius say: Man who run with untied shoes falls over.
- Confucius say: Man who eat picture of father son be spitting image of father.
- Confucius say: Man who shoot off mouth must expect to lose face.
- Confucius say: Man who keep feet firmly on ground have trouble putting on pants.
- Confucius say: Man who drive like hell bound to get there.
- Confucius say: He who throw dirt is losing ground.
- Confucius say: Man with one chopstick go hungry
- Confucius say: Man who jump off cliff jump to conclusion.
- Confucius say: Man who tell one too many light bulb jokes soon burn out.
- Confucius say: The end of the day is near when small men make long shadows.
- Confucius say: Diamonds don't grow on trees, but found on right kind of limbs.
- Confucius say: Man who sit on tack get point.
- Confucius say: Man who sleeps in graveyard is near dead.
- Confucius say: Man who pushes piano down mineshaft get tone of A flat miner.
- Confucius say: Man who jumps through screen door likely to strain himself.
- Confucius say: He who laughs last, not get joke.



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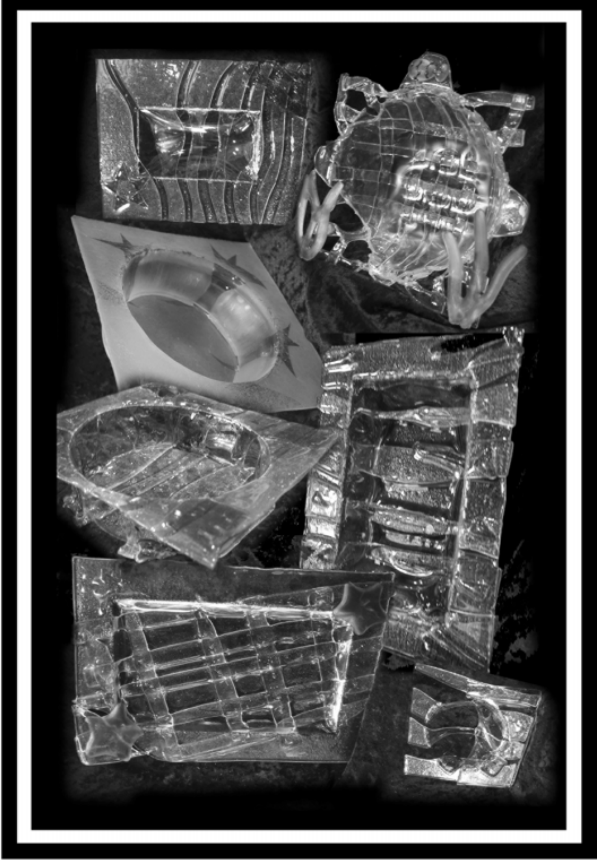
ART EXTRAVAGANZA

Annual Art Exhibition will be held in the Churchill Public Library
Viewing times are school hours
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Kurnai Students Glass Studies



****CHILDREN'S CORNER****

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The lucky "Birthdayites" for September were
Dean Francken and Kerry Rosewall.

BIRTHDAYITES FOR OCTOBER 2004

Kristy BARRY	9 years
Tyson CURTIS	9 years
Dana LAWSON	9 years
Maddylen LOCK	5 years
Trent ROSEWELL	3 years
Grant WILLIAMS	9 years

The randomly chosen "BIRTHDAYITES" for October are
KRISTY BARRY and GRANT WILLIAMS

Congratulations, you have each won a \$15 voucher for Churchill Newsagency. We will be contacting you soon.

John Barker Publicity

Birthdayites!

Kerry Rosewall
6 Years on 29 September
2004



Dean Francken
12 Years on 29 September
2004



The September 'Birthdayites' were all smiles as they were each presented with \$15 vouchers for Churchill Newsagency by John Barker from the Lions Club of Churchill & District.

They were chosen at random from the September 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.



A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



The Exacto Factory

*Jean Cook recalls the history of the
Exacto Knitting Factory in Churchill*

THE Exacto Factory was started in Churchill with the help of the government with their incentives for industry at the time. It started quite small, on the first floor of the shops in Churchill

At first we had a few experienced machinists and only used one room, which had windows right across, getting all the afternoon sun which nearly cooked us, until they put up blinds.

In the beginning we would have a mechanic from Melbourne to fix the machines.

For us to grow we had to begin training new people from the local area. We would give the girls an aptitude test to see how their co-ordination was and if they could be trained.

It is not easy to sew in a straight line, let alone be able to do piece work, which is doing a certain amount of work each day to make your wares.

People do not realise how hard it is to work in a factory doing repetitive work all day, every day all week long.

The really good machinists could make very good money, over the award wage, while others would just make the award each week.

We had our own training supervisor. After a while we grew bigger and ended up using the whole shop floor.

We had people checking the T-shirts and packing them to be sent on a truck to the Melbourne warehouse. We were then able to employ our own mechanic. We

ended up being so successful that a huge new factory was built in the industrial estate.

We moved to this beautiful building in October 1977, with about 40 girls.

This building had a lovely canteen and plenty of office space. It was a real luxury after being over the shops.

To build up the staff we had a large training school, with the help of government assistance.

A large cutting department was put in and this took up nearly half of the building. Prior to this everything was cut in Melbourne.

The Factory was a huge success, employing over 120 people. We would have a truck coming twice a week to take away our finished work and bring patterns and material.

We went from making only T-shirts in the old factory to windcheaters and shirts too.

Later we opened up our own shop for the girls to buy our products, as well as many other items, as Exacto was part of the Bradmill industries.

There are many happy memories that were relived at our reunion in early October. The factory was very successful until it closed in 1985.

It is sad to think that all that experience is lost. It will be hard to replace if it is ever needed in the future.

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Hosted By Joyce Burney c

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Friends of Morwell National Park

President's Report for 2003 to 2004

By KEN HARRIS

THE Friends of Morwell National Park has now completed its 18th successful year helping in the management of Morwell National Park. This year has seen some new members join the Friends and we extend a welcome to them.

Our new members include Jenny Farrar, not forgetting our youngest newcomer Aaron Sultana, born to Jane and Denis last year and now nearly a year old. Aaron is not active in the park yet, but already present on several working days.

On a sadder note, we lost one member when Rayma Felmingham passed away during the year and our sympathy went out to Reg and Cathy at that time.

Our annual koala count was a bit less successful than usual this year, not for lack of koalas, but lack of counters prepared to brave the weather. The koala count was postponed for the first time in the Friend's history. A less comprehensive count than usual was carried out the following month and some koalas were recorded.

At the same time as the deferred koala count, the butterfly orchid survey was completed. There is a continued loss of orchid plants as the endless drought continues, but it proved a good year for seed set and we can hope for some recovery as a result.

Working days started with the last tree planting for the winter, which saw a clear area on a steep slope at the top of the Lodge Track partially covered with new trees. The trees planted had been intended for trial planting on Blue Gum Hill, but the assistance we hoped to receive from The Green Corps to erect the fencing on Blue Gum Hill did not eventuate and is unlikely to in the near future.

Difficulties with access, equipment and organisation were the downfall of the idea. We are still looking at alternative ways of getting an area fenced so that we can make a start on the daunting task of reforesting that steep hillside.

One of our other attempts at revegetating Blue Gum Hill was a trial of using clayballs to get seed started. We sowed clayballs in a fenced plot, but had no lasting success. We detected two germinated eucalypts, but neither survived the dry summer.

This left us with a lot of surplus clayballs containing seed and rather than discard them, we used our March working day to distribute these clayballs in an (unfenced) area of Blue Gum Hill.

At least that way they have some chance of success and even a few trees developing will be a useful reward for our efforts.

In the spring we had a non-working day and went for an orchid walk on Stringybark Ridge. Overall we found 15 different species of orchids on the day, capped at the end by the first Southern Spider Orchid 'Caladenia australis' seen in the Park since 1986. A few other interesting plants turned up during the year.

Following the fire on Stringybark Ridge, a plant previously unrecorded in the park was found in the burned area, this was the Scentless Stork's Bill 'Pelargonium inodorum'.

We



Fosters Gully
Morwell National Park



Friends of Morwell National Park

also found the first Twining Fringe-lilies *Thysanotus patersonii* since 1986, some of these last were found on the deferred Koala count.

The year again saw successful propagation of trees and shrubs for this winter's planting. We are not growing quite as many at present as we are running out of accessible and workable sites that need revegetation. Seed collection was very limited this year but we have good reserves of the important species.

More work was put into destroying regenerating willows and it was pleasing to find very few of them. We are making real progress with eliminating willows from a long stretch of Billys Creek. A diversion from the willow pulling was the location of a number of wasp nests. These were all marked and an expert was later brought in to destroy them all.

In December our working day finished with an excellent barbecue provided for us and neighbouring Friends groups by Parks Victoria.

During one willow-pulling day, a lizard was found that was a new species for the park, our first Delicate Skink 'Lampropholis delicata'.

In May, the Friends had a stand at the Churchill Festival, which attracted a fair bit of interest and the sale of several more books.

In June we started the winter's tree planting, this time on Peel's block on the Western boundary of the park.

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful with our grant application for picnic tables in Billys Creek, but the department later found money for two tables, which are now installed and in use at the Junction Rd entrance and by the Billys Creek weir.

Other developments and events during the year were:

The new expanded information board was installed in the Kerry Road picnic area.

Some roadworks alongside Billys Creek have improved the Billys Creek Track.

Another arson incident in Fosters Gully in April resulted in a small area close to the main track being burned. It was stopped with remarkable speed by the rural fire fighters and only a very small area was burned.

Legislation for the formal expansion of Morwell National Park to include sections on the far side of Blue Gum Hill has been presented in parliament and should soon be ratified.

Hilmar Batza is to be congratulated on his research into the history of Billys Creek. His report "Billys Creek - A Brief History" is available for reading on the History section of the Morwell National Park web site. Hilmar's history was highlighted recently by an article in the Latrobe Valley Link Magazine.

We have again applied for a government grant and have already heard that we have been successful this time. We have been awarded a grant to use for removing the weed 'Tutsan Hypericum androsaemum' from along Billys Creek, together with Teasels, Mulleins and Foxgloves.

Jane and I attended the Greening Latrobe forum in June and I accepted on behalf of the Friends a certificate from the Latrobe Council in recognition of all the revegetation work that we have completed over the years.

Finally I would like to thank all the Friends for their efforts during the year, especially all members of the committee, our Secretary Jane, Treasurer Wendy and newsletter editor par excellence, Mike.

All will share with me in once again thanking our ranger Rob Howell for his outstanding assistance and support throughout the year.

Ranger's Report 2003/2004

By ROB HOWELL

TWO new picnic tables in the Billys Creek area were installed during 2003/04 (one at the weir and one at Junction Rd). The 2004/05 Grant application to Parks Victoria has been successful and we will have \$3500 to spend on controlling streamside weeds along Billys Creek, targeting Tutsan.

Progress has been made towards the removal of the pines in the southern end of the Park with the widening of the bend on Jumbuk Rd to enable log trucks to descend to the valley. This should allow the plantation to be logged this summer, once the ground dries out, and give us the opportunity to start on the long awaited and challenging task of revegetating the site in the near future.

Noxious weed control (by contractors) was another major task undertaken during the year with several successful assaults being made on thistles and ragwort and a large-scale onslaught being conducted against blackberries in the planted areas along Billys Creek. The Friends have again contributed to the on-going war against weeds with another two valuable sessions of removing Willows and other environmental weeds in and along the creek.

During one of our sorties along the creek in April a large number of European Wasp nests were discovered and it was decided to use a local Pest Control contractor to dispose of them during daylight hours instead of the usual method of going back after dark to treat the nests. A day or so later, while the contractor was treating the nests, more were discovered and a total of thirteen nests were disposed of in half a day. The effectiveness of this operation and the recognition of the increasing problem have led to the inclusion of an extra \$1000 in our annual budget dedicated to controlling European Wasps.

There were another two deliberately lit fires in the Park this year, one on Stringybark Ridge and the other in Fosters Gully. Fortunately they were both spotted early and kept very small which minimised the damage and the need for rehabilitation works.

Works carried out in the Park this year include the addition of new decking and a second handrail to the footbridge over Fosters Gully, realignment of the carpark barriers at Kerry Rd and removal of the old fireplace and concrete wood box near the Gas barbecue. The track to the weir was also upgraded with the installation of a new culvert, improved drainage and new gravel to improve vehicle access in the wetter months.

The proposed additions to the Park have now been included, except for the block at the end of Reidy's Rd which will continue to be leased (subject to fencing) to the adjoining land owner or become private property if the proposed land exchange goes ahead.

We have had some very favourable publicity this year in print and on radio and special thanks should go to Hilmar for his work on the Park's history and Danny for the articles on Friends activities. I would also like to thank the committee and those hard working people who took part in all the activities throughout the year. A good job well done.

It is also pleasing to see a return to a variety of more enjoyable activities such as the Churchill Festival and the upcoming visit to the Royal Botanical Gardens Annexe at Cranbourne. Thanks, once again, for another constructive, rewarding and enjoyable year.

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The person being nominated must be a resident of Churchill or the immediate surrounding district.

NOMINATION FOR (Please tick appropriate box):

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OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

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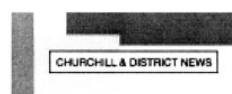
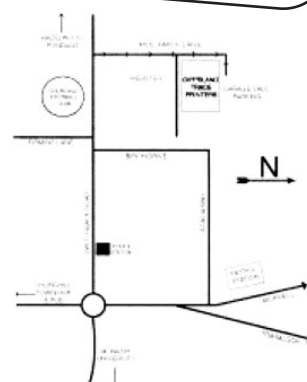


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CDCA

Decorations For Christmas

By MARGARET GUTHRIE, President.

WITH Christmas only a couple of months away, CDCA has been liaising with Latrobe City Council in regard to street decorations this December, and supporting plans for some local activities.

At our September meeting, we were pleased to receive applications for assistance from local schools - Churchill Primary, Churchill North, Lumen Christi and Kurnai College. CDCA will fund the purchase of some art and craft materials for students to create suitable banners or decorations. We hope to have these displayed in Churchill over the Christmas period.

Latrobe City Council has agreed to assist townships to display Christmas flags that Council will provide, and CDCA has requested further poles and flags for Monash Way (although these may not be provided until next year).

Carols by Candlelight will be held at Monash again this year, around 8pm on Sunday 19 December. This traditional Christmas celebration involves all our local church communities and CDCA is supporting this event with some minor funding.

Congratulations to the team at Churchill & District News for initiating their Cancer Care Appeal to raise funds for equipping the new cancer care unit to be built at Latrobe Regional Hospital. The recent Trivia Night was great fun and residents are urged to support the Monster Garage Sale being held at Gippsland Trade Printers, Churchill, on November 26.

In recognition of the value and contribution a local not-for-profit newspaper makes to a small town's community well-being, CDCA has decided to sponsor an award at a forthcoming conference for community newspapers, to be held at Monash on 19 and 20 November.

Rain has delayed the ongoing GreenCorps project works on the extension to the Eel Hole Creek Walking Track along Phillip Parade, but the team has been hard at work clearing weeds, rubbish & debris from along the creek. New plantings will enhance this section of the track.

Meantime, CDCA has written to Latrobe City Council, requesting their attention to the Mackies Rd section of walking track between Tramway Rd and Acacia Way, which is sorely in need of maintenance and improvements.

CDCA is often invited to participate in various meetings and community consultations. One such recent 'community consultation' was for the Latrobe Valley 2100 Coal Resources Project. This is a joint government and industry sponsored initiative to consider how coal resources may be developed over the next 100 years and the key influences and outcomes relating to that development. Community representatives were invited to identify key issues in relation to the project and put forward ideas and opinions to the project team, for documentation and consideration in the development of the strategy. The final report is due in December 2004.

A working party to consider a Community Hub for Churchill has recently been formed, on which CDCA has representation. We consider this may be an important development for our town. A public meeting will be held at the Town Hall on November 18 to discuss the proposal. CDCA urges all residents to attend and voice your opinions and ideas.

For further information on CDCA activities, contact us at PO Box 191, Churchill, or attend our monthly meetings at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month, held in the Link Room at Monash University. All interested residents are welcome!

YINNAR BOWLS CLUB

OPEN DAY

Sunday
24th October
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Young and Old / Male or Female
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Yinnar Bowls

By GEOFF MARSHALL
SEPTEMBER went well with both the men's and the ladies pennant practices and with two trial games of the Yinnar Skins to make any adjustments to the rules. The main game on the first Sunday of October also went well with everyone enjoying it. The next game is on November 7th, at just \$5 per person. The Mixed Pairs started on 10th October, and the Yinnar Triples on

13th October, continuing on Wednesday 20th at 1.00pm and then every 2nd and 3rd Wednesday's of the month.

The first Twilight bowls for the season will be on Wednesday November 3 at 6.00pm. 100 Up is on the 31 October and 3 November. Cup Day is a Mixed Social.

The club Open Day is free to anyone to come and try rolling some bowls (flat sole shoes pleas) on 24

October 2004.

When Jim first took up the game of bowls he played with borrowed bowls. The first bowl he put down was short of the jack and in trying to correct his fault, he did what many bowlers do, he over corrected and it ran into the ditch. Turning to his coach, he said in all seriousness "one of these bowls is faster than the other!"

Good Bowling

Jodie Motta – Selected for Victorian State Youth Team

By JODIE MOTTA

MY name is Jodie Motta. I am a 20-year-old TAFE student. I've lived in Churchill all my life, and I've been Tenpin Bowling for 10 years. My greatest achievement so far is being selected for the Victorian State Youth Team.

The trials for the State Youth Team were held at Morwell Tenpins in August, where I work as a casual employee, and bowl league and train at least 3 times a week.

The trials consisted of bowling 12 games in the one day, starting at 9:00 in the morning. The competition was pretty tough, as I was up against former State and Australian representatives between the ages of 18 to 23, so I knew it wasn't going to be easy. But being in my home centre, I

had a lot of support from my coach Joe Tomasinski, family and friends.

Over the 12 games I averaged 175 and placed 4th. The top 3 girls were automatically selected, but it was an anxious 20 minute wait for the selection committee to decide on who the 4th member of the team would be. Finally they announced myself as the 4th member. I was thrilled to have been selected over all the other exceptional bowlers.

My main focus for the past 8 or 9 months has been on making the State Team. I'd recently spent about \$1,000 on new equipment, and have been working with my coach on perfecting my game.

Last year I captained the local Youth Goldpin

Team in Bendigo, but gave it a miss this year to focus on the State Team. I represented Victoria last year in the East Coast Cup, where we only bowl against Queensland and New South Wales, whereas in the National Youth Cup in January, we will be bowling against 9 other teams from across Australia. Most teams have at least one Australian representative to their advantage.

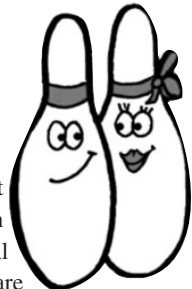
My main motivation for making the team was the fact that the National Youth Cup will be held at Morwell. To represent your State is an honour in itself, but to do it in my home centre in front of all my family and friends is an achievement that any bowler would be proud of.

For the next few months I will be training with the team, and also with my coach to get

ready for January. Next month I will be bowling in Geelong with our local Emerson Shield Team. We are hopeful of winning the shield for the second year in a row.

I will also be looking for sponsors to help cover my costs. To bowl in the National Youth Cup, I have to raise about \$700 to \$800.

Latrobe City Council has been a great help to Morwell Tenpins in the past, sponsoring local tournaments, and they have once again offered their assistance in sponsoring the National Youth Cup in January.



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Sports News

Junior Basketball Grand Finals



Under 10 Girls - Tigers



Under 12 Girls - Panthers

THE Grand Finals of the winter season of the Churchill Junior Basketball were held recently.

The winners were -:

Under 10 Boys – Mini Hoes

Under 10 Girls – Tigers

Under 12 Boys – Yinnar Magpies

Under 12 Girls – Panthers

Under 14 Boys – Panthers

Under 14 Girls – Opals

Mayor, Cr. Darrell White was on hand to watch some

of the games and to make the presentations to the winners.

The committee would like to thank all the umpires, scorers, parents and most of all the players for another successful season and hope to see everyone back again.

A new season is starting soon with teams ranging from under 8 to under 15. Places can be found in existing teams or entire new teams can be entered. For further information please call Jenny Webb on 51222 884.



Above: Under 10 Boys - Mini Hoes



Above: Under 10 Boys - Mini Hoes

Below: Under 12 Boys - Yinnar Magpies



Below: Under 14 Girls - Opals

Golf Results

Saturday Mens Comp: Stroke M/Medal: 28/08/04. CCR: 71.
Scratch: D Scurlock 74, A-Grade: (0-15) T Sterrick (13) 71. B-Grade and Medal: (16-22) C Flannigan (21) 68 c/b. C-Grade: (23-32) F Sedjak 72. DTL: R Sheahey 68, C Waterman 69, J Dickson 71, P Williams 71, G Fraser 71, C Lesiw 72 c/b. NTP: 3rd T Sterrick, 12th T Sterrick, 14th C Waterman. Encouragement Award: F Bianconi 72 c/b.

Sunday Mens Comp: Stableford: 29/08/04

Winner: L Maher (19) 37 pts. DTL: T Sterrick 35, F Sedjak 33. NTP: T Sterrick 12th. Birdies: T Sterrick 12th.

Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford: 29/08/04. CCR: 70.

J Blizzard (28) 34 pts.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Canadian: 31/08/04.

J Leslie (27) Di Scurlock (15) 76 1/2. DTL: M McConville, E D'Alterio 88 3/4, V Rowley, M

McDonald 91 3/4. Longest Drive: 0-32 M McConville, 33-45 V Rowley.

Saturday Mens Comp: Stroke: CCR: 67.

A-Grade: I Wilson (16) 64. B-Grade: V Monument (30) 67. DTL: C Lesiw 65, R Sheahey 71, J Osborne 72, F Sedjak 72. NTP: 3rd J Ambrosini, 5th J Osborne, 12th G Fraser, 14th S McCafferty. Birdies: B Debono 12th, S McCafferty 14th.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stroke M/Medal: 7/09/04. CCR: 70.

Scratch: E D'Alterio (24) 96, E D'Alterio (24) 72 Nett Medal. DTL: C Gardam 80, L Ollquist 81, J Blizzard 82. NTP: 0-32 3/12 - 5/14 E D'Alterio, 33-45 3/12 V Verheyen 5/14 M McDonald. Putts: V Verheyen 26, Encouragement Award S Cook.

Saturday Mens Comp: Par: 18/09/04. CCR: 69.

A-Grade: C Lesiw (12) +3 c/b. B-Grade: B Debono (22) +4, C-Grade D Williams (23) +1 c/b, DTL: R Scurlock +3, R Sheahey +1, A Casey +1, V Monument +1, J

McCafferty +1. NTP: 3rd R Scurlock, 5th C Lesiw, 12th F Sedjak, 14th G Britton. Birdies: F Sedjak 12th, B Debono 14th.

Sunday Mens Comp: Stableford: 19/09/04.

Winner: V Monument 36 pts, DTL: M Fletcher 35 pts, F Sedjak 35 pts. NTP: 3rd M Fletcher, 5th M D'Alterio.

Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford: 19/09/04. CCR: 70.

B-Grade: Winner- M McDonville 37 pts. DTL: E D'Alterio 33pts, V Verheyen 33 pts. NTP: 5th E D'Alterio. 14th E D'Alterio.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: 4B Aggregate. 21/09/04. CCR: 73.

Winners:- S Jeffery (32) C Gardam (31) 63, Runner Up:- J Blizzard (28) M McConville (22) 61. DTL: Di Scurlock, V Verheyen 53. NTP: 3/12 33-45 C Barnes, 5/14 0-32 J Blizzard, 33-45 M Mitchell.



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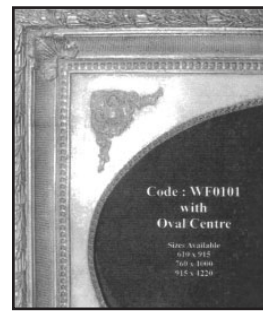
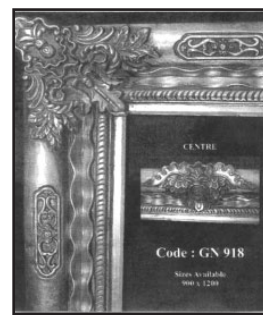
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