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Civic Gardens for Churchill

FOR over a year now, Churchill District Citizens Association (CDCA) has been working in partnership with Latrobe City Council to establish a Civic Gardens Venue as close as possible to the Town Spire to fulfill a recognised need in Churchill.

The idea is to have an elegant place in the centre of hurchill:

- ❖ Where the community can assemble on formal occasions such as Australia Day Ceremonies
- Where visitors to town can expect to find public toilets and information to start their discovery of the wonderful assets of Churchill
- Where memorials can be erected to honour fellow citizens and community displays can be focussed
- ❖ Where the Council can be seen to be physically participating in the growth and welfare of the Town Centre. (Most of the Town Centre is privately owned.)

To Date, plans for the Civic Gardens have looked at utilizing the strip of parkland on the western side of Monash Way directly opposite the Town Spire, but the area is difficult to service, has little scope for car parking and is close to houses in Walker Parade.

Now a marvellous opportunity has arisen for the Council to take ownership of a large section of the old Hazelwood Nursery as part of a land swap proposed by a developer.

The land surrounds the tiny 4m by 4m park that conains the Town Spire and already has established gardens



Top: Site of the proposed Civic Gardens Above: Old Hazelwood Nursery

and paved terraces.

It is an ideal location for the Civic Gardens to be developed as originally envisaged with ample parking available right in the Town Centre.

Although the location is most desirable there will need to be strong support from the community to overcome the inevitable bean counter's arguments about the cost of maintenance.

The CDCA needs Churchill Residents to show their support for the project.

To register your support see Page 2.

Are You Ready?



Bush Fire in the Jeeralangs

By GERALDINE SEYMORE

ONE resident spoke of how she felt while the Jeeralang bush fire was raging near her property last week.

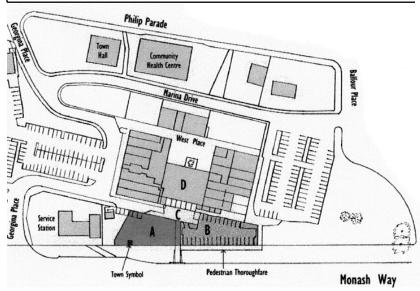
It was an unusual day, her husband was away from home with the family car. She was alone.

As the wind freshened she smelt smoke and could see the oncoming flames. She said she was terrified.

The fire almost reached her home, but local firefighters contained the fire in time. No properties were lost – THIS TIME.

Have You Got a Plan? Turn to Page 3

Pictured: The Holey Plains State Park fire.



Location Map: A: Proposed Site for Churchill Civic Gardens



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EDITORIAL

Welcome to issue number 3, our first for 2003. Once again we are packed with interesting articles and stories.

The Civic Garden Project is an exciting development for Churchill and I would urge residents to show their support by sending in the coupon opposite. We would be happy to pass on any coupons on your behalf.

Our congratulations go to Marnie Peterson for winning Young Environmentalist of the Year (p.5), to James Curwood for his efforts in collecting chocolate frogs for the Po Leung Kuk Children's Home in Hong Kong (p.13) and to Adrian Connor for yet another outstanding piece of artwork, "Backstreet Bunnies" (p.11). We have some extremely talented young people in Churchill and District.

Our new series "Looking Back" begins this month with an introduction by Cathy Cochrane. Cathy takes us back to the very early days of Churchill, to the naming of the town and the controversial cigar. In future issues interviews with some of Churchill's original residents will be published.

As we move into autumn and our gardens again demand attention after suffering from summer's adverse weather conditions, in our March issue we will take a look at plants that are hard to burn, both native and introduced species. Though too late for this year's fire season, it is worth thinking about for the future.

I would like to thank all our contributors, for both articles and advertisements. It is your support that will enable us to continue to publish this paper. So keep them

I would also like to thank all our sponsors and a final thank you goes to the hardworking team of volunteers that put in so much effort to meet our deadlines.

Contributions

Articles for publication and letters to the Editor can be sent to:

Churchill & District News C/- 4 Dalpura Court, Churchill, 3842

Or Email: prokopiv@dcsi.net.au.

All articles must be submitted by the 30th of each month for publication in the second week of the following month.

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Peter Prokopiv, Churchill & District News C/- 4 Dalpura Court, Churchill, 3842 Tel: 03 5122 2589 or 0402 406 376



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

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SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE CIVIC GARDEN PROJECT

To Show your support send the coupon below to PO Box 345, Traralgon, 3844, or post it in one of the Churchill & District News' Drop off Boxes.

To the Mayor of Latrobe City,

II/We wish to congratulate Council on their support for the Civic Gardens Project and strongly urge them to take ownership of the old nursery to have the best site for the Civic Gardens.

Churchill & District News

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 'Views of Churchill & District'

The Churchill & District News invites you to take part in our Photographic Competition

All proceeds will go towards the costs of publishing the Chuchill & District News which is run by volunteers and is a non-profit making organisation.

The theme of the Competition is **VIEWS OF CHURCHILL & DISTRICT**

TWELVE PRIZE WINNING PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE **PUBLISHED AS A CALENDAR FOR 2004**

CATEGORIES

Entries will be accepted in 4 categories:

1. Prep - Year 6 2. Year 7 - Year 12

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 1. Photographs must be taken within a 10km radius of Churchill town centre.
- 2. Each entry must be accompanied with an entry form and state where the photograph was taken.
- 3. Entries must be in the form of a photographic print. Photographs can be submitted in colour or black and white. They must be unframed. Size 150mm x 100mm (4"x6")
- 4. Slides will not be accepted. Computer generated images will not be accepted.
- 5. Multiple entries will be accepted
- 6. Photographs must be received by 30.05.03
- 7. The greatest care will be taken with entries, but no responsibility will be accepted for loss or damage
- 8. Unless otherwise specified, permission to reproduce

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- 9. Photographers will be credited whenever the images
- 10. Entries from students under the age of 18 must have adult consent. For a consent form please ring 512 22589
- 11. Any persons included in the photographic image must be consenting for the photograph and any subsequent use of the photograph. A consent form must accompany any entries that include images of people.
- 12. Entries will be returned only if they are accompanied by a SAE.
- 13. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 14. Signing of the entry form for this competition constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry.



Churchill & District News 'Views of Churchill' Photographic Competition **Entry Form**

Closing Date 30 May 2003 Attach a consent form if necessary

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WILL YOU SURVIVE? DO YOU HAVE AN EVACUATION PLAN?

THE first and most important decision you must make is whether or not you plan to stay with your home.

Before you make the decision to stay with your home, you should make an objective assessment:

Are you physically fit and mentally prepared to cope with the stress of fire fight-

Have you carried out proper fuel reduction around your home?

Do you have basic fire fighting equipment (buckets, hoses, etc.)?

Do you have adequate water supplies?

If you decide to evacuate, you must plan to do so early, well before the fires reach your vicinity. Lives are most often lost during unplanned last-minute evacu-

Whether you plan to stay or go, it is essential that your home is prepared as well as possible withstand a bush or grassfire.

If you ignore the need for ground fuel reduction prior to, and during the Fire Danger Period, you endanger not only your own property, but also the lives and property of your neighbours.



Urban fringe and semi-rural area's are at risk.



SOME COMMON **MISCONCEPTIONS**

"CFA Firefighters will protect my home during a Bush Fire"

Not necessarily. During a major fire, firefighters and fire tankers must be positioned at the fire front, working to prevent the fire from spreading. There simply may not be enough fire tankers available to defend every home, so a great deal of responsibility rests with the home owner.

"I can wait until the fire approaches to decide whether or not

Since Bush Fires move quickly and unpredictably, it is extremely dan-

gerous to make last minute decisions to evacuate. Once the fire is close by, visibility will be poor and travel will be hazardous. Escape routes may be cut off by the path of the fire and, should you be trapped in your car, or even worse, stranded on foot, your chances of survival are poor. If you decide to leave your home, you must do so early. If you decide to stay with your home, don't change your mind at the last minute. PANIC CAN BE A KILLER!

If a Fire Came What Would Happen?

THERE will be a shower of sparks and embers before the main fire front approaches. This shower of embers will continue for several hours after the fire has passed. You should also expect strong winds and heavy smoke which will make it dark, and visibility will be reduced. Dozens of homes will be under attack by the oncoming fire front at the same time.



A Total Fire Ban Day

A TOTAL Fire Ban day is declared by the C.F.A. Chief Officer in consultation with the Bureau of Meteorology and other fire services.

A Total Fire Ban Day may be declared for the whole state or one or more districts. We are in the Eastern District. When travelling, check to see if it is a Total Fire Ban Day in the district you are going to.



By RUTH PLACE shifts control burning. SHANE Renwick was flown from Asked about the experience, Shane

Local Fire Fighter in N.S.W.

Tullamarine Airport to Armadale on the N.S.W and Queensland border to fight the first outbreak of fires in N.S.W.

He was billeted at Armadale Teacher's College, and spent twelve hour

said it was hard work and he was glad to get home but he had a sense of pride in a job well done. He said he would gladly do it again - it was a unique learning experience.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS NOW IN FORCE





CFA INFORMATION LINE: 1800 668 066 IF YOU ARE TRAVELLING: POLICE/TRAVEL 1800 444 343

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KEEP WITH YOU:

Stage 2 Water Restrictions

GIPPSLAND Water has announced that Stage 2 Water Restrictions are now in effect for Boolarra and Thorpdale.

Stage 2 Restrictions

Private and Public Gardens: Lawn areas must not be watered by any means at any

Sprinklers may only be used on garden areas other than lawn areas between 6am -9am, and between 8pm - 11pm on alternate days (Odd numbered properties: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. Even numbered properties: Wednesday, Friday, Sunday)

Garden areas other than lawn areas may be watered at any time by a hand-held bucket or hand-held hose. (No change from

Accommodation Commercial Properties: Lawn areas may only be watered between 6am - 9am and 8pm - 11pm on alternate days (Monday, Wednesday and

Sprinklers may only be used between

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Garden areas other than lawn areas may be watered at any time by a hand-held bucket or hand-held hose. (No change from

Sportsgrounds: Active playing surfaces may only be watered between 6am-9am and 8pm – 11pm on alternate days, by means of a hand-held bucket or hand-held hose immediately prior to the surface being used.

Where watering prior to use would prevent the use of the playing surface afterwards, watering may occur at an appropriate time prior to a predetermined use but only to an extent necessary to maintain the surface

Dams and Tanks: Dams, tanks or like containers must not be filled or have their water added to or replaced, unless the water therein is only to be used for in-house domestic, stock, commercial, industrial or firefighting purposes.

Vehicles: Water may only be used to

by means of a hand-held bucket, which only a handheld bucket or

hand-held hose may be used for the final

Private Pools and Spas: Private pools and spas must not be filled from empty (defined as less then 25% full) without prior written approval from Gippsland Water. Private pools and spas may only have their water added to or replaced by means of a hand-held bucket or hand-held hose.

Paved Areas: Water must not be used to clean paved areas unless cleaning is required for health or safety reasons.

For further information on water restrictions please contact Gippsland Water's Service Centre on 1800 057 057.

Transmitter Work to put Boolarra in the Picture

BOOLARRA'S notorious television black spot will soon be a thing of the past, with the completed installation of new transmitter equipment expected by the end of the month.

Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Tony Hanning, said reception of SBS and the commercial television stations had been severely limited or was non-existent for some Boolarra residents, with local topography interfering with the reception of a clear signal.

"The fact that these problems are now being overcome with the installation of new local transmission equipment, will provide affected residents with the same programming that most other citizens are able to take for granted," Cr Hanning said.

"The reach of the ABC transmission will also be enhanced with signals to be transmitted on a 180 degree plane instead of 90 degrees with the existing equipment."

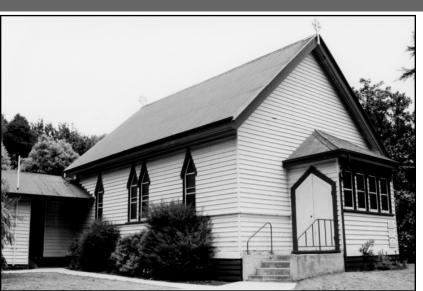
In June 2000 the Federal Government launched a Television

Black Spots Program and allocated funds to fix between 200 and 250 analog black spot television reception areas across the country. It announced that communities of 100 or more households located in black spot areas receiving no television or only one television service would be given highest funding priority.

Council then submitted an expression of interest to the Federal Government's Department of Communications Information Technology and the Arts for the funding of four new TV services -SBS, Prime, Ten and Win, and the replacement of obsolete equipment which transmitted ABC. Working with a local antenna technician, Council obtained the signal strength and topographic data to allow the Department to identify a solution to the reception prob-

Council also agreed to fund the ongoing operations and maintenance of the transmitter.





Visitors Welcome at Boolarra/Yinnar Parish

By RAE BILLING

MY twin sister Sandra and I were pleased to see our photo in the last edition.

As they say in show business, any publicity is good publicity!

Our Parish held a special service at Holy Innocents, Yinnar South on 29th December 2002 (another very hot day), on our actual patronal day (Holy Innocents Day).

The Reverend Anne Key who is the Uniting Church Presbytery Minister for Gippsland made her first visit to Yinnar South and dedicated the recent renovations. With a new coat of paint, new cross and signage, the church looks a picture!

It is well worth a drive out to see it and/or take a few pictures.

Over 100 years old and perhaps the smallest church in Gippsland, is still used

regularly for services on the 5th Sunday of the month, which works out to 3 or 4 annually.

All are welcome at these 10am services and also to Yinnar (2nd and 4th Sunday and Boolarra (1st and 3rd Sunday).

There is usually a Sunday School activity for any children attending.

Our Op Shop in Yinnar re-opened on 29th January and great bargains can be found on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Thank you to the Reverend Tony

Peters for taking two services in January so our minister Russell could have a well earned holiday with the family.

For any details about parish activities or the Op Shop, give me a call on 5169 1629.

Above: Boolarra/Yinnar Parish Church Picture by: Matthew Prokopiv

Yinnar Catholic Church Centenary

By NANCY SEWELL

OUR Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church will celebrate it's centenary on 27 oril 2003.

Organisation of a Mass and barbecue lunch is under way for this date.

Those involved with the church in the past are invited to send any stories or memorabilia to be included in a book on the history of the Church to Rosa Bennett.

For more information about the book and also the celebration telephone Rosa on 03 5163 1311. Stories of family memories are most welcome.



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Dinner for the Ladies

By RUTH PLACE

IN December the men of the Co-Operating Churches put on their Annual Ladies Dinner.

The ladies were treated to a four course meal, tea/coffee and chocolates, with entertainment provided.

This is no ordinary dinner served by just anybody! The waiters all wear white dinner jackets and a bow tie!

Garry Mauger was the M.C. Les Kite provided organ accompaniment for the choir as well as background music.

Among a lot of very

amusing, and much appreciated entertainment, Dave Sargeson gave a fantastic impression of a snake charmer, who was playfully seduced by 'belly dancer' Ian Combridge!

Through all the 'belly dancing', 'snake charming' and confetti throwing (carefully sidestepped by Bruce Campbell), the men sang on undaunted.

It was a night of fun, food and fellowship.

Don't miss it next year ladies!

Below: Waiters ready to serve the Ladies





Charmers: Ian Combridge and Dave Sargeson

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
Sunday School: 9.30am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

35 Walker Parade, Churchill
Tel: 5122 2226
Father Andrew Wise
Saturday: Mass: 7.30pm
Sunday: Mass: 9.30am
1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays: Yinnar:

Mass: 11.00 am 2nd and 4th Sundays: Boolarra:

Churchill Crusade Centre

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

Ladies Meeting: Tuesday 10.00am

4th Sundays: Boolarra: Mass: 11.00am

Lumen Christi Hi-Lights

OUR Christmas Vigil Mass and Midnight Mass were very joyous celebrations and once again enhanced by our Ladies' and Men's Choirs.

January brought about a big change. Our then Parish Priest, Father Andrew Wise, announced that he would be leaving Churchill and would be moving to the Parish of Cranbourne.

Father Andrew had been at Lumen Christi for five and a half years. We presented him with a painting of our Parish Centre that was the work of one of our parishioners, Fred Bugeja, and a suitably inscribed chiming clock

Father Andrew assured us that these two gifts would take pride of place in his new residence.

As Father Andrew prepared to leave we learnt that our new Parish Priest would be Father Malcolm Hewart formerly from Orbost.

Father Malcolm is no stranger to Churchill as he spent six months here ten years ago whilst studying. We welcome him warmly and pray that God will bless his work amongst us.

Our Cell group meetings are resuming after our holiday break.

Preparations are well under way for our ALPHA Course which will begin in February with our Introductory Dinner. The details are as follows:

Date: Thursday 20th February

Time: 6.15pm – the meal will be served at 6.30pm Venue: Lumen Christi Parish Centre, Williams Avenue. Churchill

Cost: \$6.00

The meal will be followed by a video by Nicky Gumbel titled "Christianity – Boring, Untrue &

ALPHA stands for: Any one can come

Learning & Laughter

Pasta (eating together

Pasta (eating together)
Helping one another
Ask anything

Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Marg on 512 22303 or Jonathon on 5122 2450 for catering purposes.

Justice of the Peace

PERSONS with documents requiring signing by a JP may contact Rob de Souza-Daw.

Rob requests people to first contact him on his mobile telephone: 0427 920080 to confirm his availability prior to visiting his private residence.



Gordon's

Gents Hairdressing



Appointments

Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday - Friday 8am- 9am

5134 4785



Churchill CoOperating Church
has organised a
Clean Up on Sunday
2nd March
Between McDonald
and Walker Parade
11.15am - 12.30pm
Everyone is welcome.
Please bring gloves
and a shopping bag.
Tel: Ruth Place on:
03 5122 1961

SUNDAY March 2nd is Clean Up Australia Day. This is the day when everyone can make a difference!

Since 1989 thousands of Australians have taken part in administering a dose of Australia's Own Medication!

According to Clean Up Australia, we are the second highest producers of waste per person in the world – we each produce almost 16kgs of rubbish for collection each week.

32 billion cigarette butts, enough to go around the world 16 times, and 2.8 billion plastic bags are thrown away each year.

Enough rubbish to fill 190 Olympic swimming pools has been collected over the past twelve years by Clean Up Australia Day volunteers.

As well as Clean Up Australia Day on 2nd March there is a Business Clean Up day on 25th February and Friday Schools Clean Up Day is on February 28.

To take part ring 1800 024 890 or register online at www.cleanup.com.au. An information pack will be sent to you. This will include a site guide and a Clean Up Kit.

To find out where clean up sites are, there is a Site Search facility on the web site.



Neighbourhood Watch

By PETER MCSHANE

LTB22, AREA MANAGER

HAVE we had too good a time over the Christmas/New Year break? A certain element in our community has had a great time over the past three months if you would care to cast your eyes over the following list of offences from 28 October to 15 January.

A perusal of the list below shows a high percentage of thefts, so i) keep watch for people acting suspiciously around our community and ii) keep your unoccupied car locked and alarmed even if you are only ducking into the shop or your home for a minute.

Offence	Location	Offence	Location
1. Theft (other)	Acacia Way	14. Theft from Motor Vehicle	Hawthorn Crescent
2. Burglary	Monash Way	15. Theft from Motor Vehicle	Ritchie Road
3. Theft (other)	Hawthorn Crescent	16. Property damage	White Parade
4. Theft from Motor Vehicle	Firmin Road	17. Burglary	Blackwood Crescen
5. Theft (other)	White Parade	18. Property damage	Firmin Road
6. Property Damage	Cutler Crescent	19. Theft (other)	Hall Court
7. Arson	Coleman Parade	20. Theft (bicycle)	Townsend Street
8. Theft from Motor Vehicle	Canterbury Way	21. Burglary	Monash Way
9. Theft from Motor Vehicle	Firmin Road	22. Theft from Motor Vehicle	Quigley Crescent
10. Property damage	Dunbar Grove	23. Theft from Motor Vehicle	Canterbury Way
11. Property damage	Dunbar Grove	24. Theft from Motor Vehicle	Ritchie Road
12. Theft (other)	Auchterlonie Crescent	25. Theft from Motor Vehicle	Ritchie Road
13. Theft from Motor Vehicle	Maple Crescent	26. Theft from Motor Vehicle	Ritchie Road

We are putting our monthly newsletter into the Churchill & District News instead of the delivery service carried out so capably since we started by our Zone leaders.

I would like to make it public record how very much we have appreciated the efforts and support from all of these people and trust that if our experiment does not work out then they will resume their pounding of the pavements to bring your newsletters to you. Again, our sincere appreciation for their efforts.

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

NEXT MEETING:

Missed our January meeting? Catch up with us on Thursday 20 February at 7:30pm at the Neighbourhood House Room at the Churchill Leisure Centre.

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY FAIR

By MARGARET GUTHRIE

THE 2003 Churchill Community Fair will be held on Saturday 5th April from 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Eel Hole Creek Park – between the Shopping Centre and the Leisure Centre.

The Community Fair is the chance to celebrate the opportunities and achievements of our district and

to involve the wider community in displays, cultural events and entertainment. This will be a family oriented day of free activities.

Organizations and groups active in Churchill and surrounds are invited to participate in this event, by either having a stall or organising a display or demonstration.

For further information please

contact Margaret Sutherland on 5122 3014 or e-mail jmsund@net-space.net.au Any suggestions or ideas on how this event can be enhanced would be most welcome, as would your representative at our next committee meeting on Wednesday 19th February at 5.00pm at the Co-operating Churches, McDonald Way, Churchill.

ENVIRONMENTALIST OF THE YEAR

INTERNATIONAL Power and St Paul's Anglican Grammar School are two organisations that are striving to raise our awareness of the environment and the adverse affects we have on it.

Hazelwood Power's parent company International Power is part of a worldwide group of six organizations that holds an annual global competition to choose a Junior and Senior Environmentalist of the Year.

St. Paul's Anglican Grammar School, Warragul gave its Year 11 Biology students a research assignment about a pest that affects Australia.

Marnie Peterson, who is student at St. Paul's, undertook a research project on the European Wasp.

It looked at the way in which the pest comes into Australia, its effect on the environment and eradication methods. Her work was skillfully presented on C.D., using a Power Point presentation.

Marnie's Father Bruno, is a Unit Controller at International Power, Hazelwood, which meant that Marnie could submit her work to the Young Environmentalist of the Year competi-

Much to Marnie's surprise she was the Senior winner. The prize entailed an International Power sponsored 12 day extended trip to London for Marnie and her parents Anne and Bruno.

The sponsorship included flights, accommodation in a luxury apartment, meals, sightseeing, and spending money, as well as attending the memorable presentation in the Dorchester Hotel in London.

She also met some British celebrities including Katy Secombe and Lady Secombe, daughter and widow of the late Sir Harry Secombe.

Only one other winner came from outside the United Kingdom, and as that was from the USA, Marnie's win was a very special honour.

At the presentation, Marnie received a beautiful bronze statue of an otter, with her name engraved on the base, as well as a certificate. She responded

with a short thank you speech.

After that there was a photo session and prelunch drinks, followed by a sumptuous four-course luncheon.

Winners had part of their project displayed. Marnie said it was a real thrill to be there.

Unfortunately the exam for a Year 12 subject that Marnie was studying fell in the time she was in England for the presenta-

tion. The exam paper had to mailed to England, and Marnie had to sit it at 4 o'clock in the morning to coincide with the time the students here in Victoria would be sitting the exam.

The formalities and exam over, the Petersons could relax and concentrate on some sightseeing.

Highlights around London included the London Eye, (a huge ferris wheel), the Tower of London, Madame Tussaud's, Buckingham Palace, (where they were lucky enough to catch a glimpse of the Queen and Prince Philip as they left to attend a function at Royal Albert hall), St. Paul's Cathedral, and many more. London was gearing up to Christmas, and was festooned with lights and decorations. They were able to watch the Lord Mayor's Parade.

Marnie also enjoyed shopping (she's a shopaholic says her Mum!) visiting Harrods, Carnaby Street, Covent Garden and Portabello Rd.Market at Notting Hill.

If you need some directions on how to use the London Underground, Marnie and her Mum now consider themselves competent commuters.

The days exploring the countryside

included visits to the Cotswolds, Bath, Avebury, Stonehenge, Windsor Castle and staying in a sixteenth century inn. The Petersons could not speak highly

enough of International Power's generosity.

Other winners from Hazelwood

Other winners from Hazelwood Power are also to be congratulated. Runners-up in the Senior category were Himawan Fernando who undertook a project on the Great White Shark, Jennifer Paulet who looked at Endangered Species and Sarah Anton who studied Antarctica.

Naomi Siddiqui was one of the Junior winners with her project on the Bilby.

From 'Hazelwood Power's Jumbunna', December 2002

Below: Marnie in front of her exhibit that looks at the effects of the European Wasp on the Australian Environment





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Schools

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Principal

2003 has started with great excitement at Churchill Primary School. We now have 210 students, which includes 34 new Preps.

Despite the hot conditions, followed by that lovely rain, the students are already back into the swing of school.

Most of last year's staff are still with us and we have two new support people.

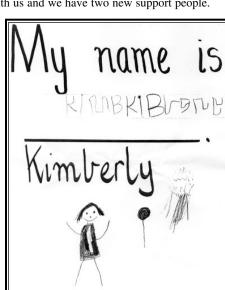
Development has commenced on our new centre that will provide the students with exciting outdoor play areas between the two main buildings.

Science areas will be a feature with frog "bogs" and bird attracting treed areas planned.

Other areas will be dedicated to craft and to the arts to allow for a variety of activities both during school time and at play time.

The boundary fence will be constructed very soon.

I thought I would finish with a piece of student's work. What a fantastic effort by a student who has only been at school 1 day. Well done Kimberly!



Gippsland Precinct Information Sessions

The Precinct is about

THE Gippsland Education Precinct partners will hold information sessions to discuss the status of what will soon be Australia's most extensive education

Representatives from Monash University, GippsTAFE, Kurnai College and Gippsland Group Training made presentations to more than 40 working party members and 80 Kurnai teachers in December.

At both meetings, those present felt that staff from the Precinct partners wanted more information and

developing new options for students at all levels of academic achievement. would benefit from it. As a result, the partners have each

arranged to hold meetings in March and All of the meetings will be promoted

nside the organizations as dates are con-"This Precinct has been in the plan-

ning stages for a while now, but with building about to commence, it seems to be an appropriate time to start talking about it with larger groups," said Project Manager, Loretta Hambly. "There are

still a lot of details to be ironed out, such as confirming the new pathways for the students, but progress has been made and people have said they want to hear about

With less than a year until the precinct opens, a number of exciting things expect to be happening that will also be

"Each major milestone along the road

to completion will be publicised through the media the Web site, meetings and word of mouth. And of course, if people have any questions, they can call any

of the Precinct partners," said Loretta

The Gippsland Education Precinct will be the first educational facility to provide group training, TAFE, secondary college and a university all under one roof. It will be opening in 2004 and be fully operational in 2005.

Details of the Web site and the information sessions will be published in this paper as soon as they become available.

From the Principal

WELCOME back to another school year. I hope all families enjoyed the Christmas break and we look forward to another busy and challenging year at Kurnai

I would particularly like to welcome families new to Kurnai College and look forward to meeting you at various school functions during the year.

We have had a good start to the new year thanks to the hard work put in by staff to ensure a smooth start. Ms Karen Bays and Mr Kim McDuffie are again acting

There have been some staff changes this year. We welcome two new teachers to the College: Mrs Cheryl Taylor - English / SOSE, and Mr Tonya Cairns -Indonesian / SOSE.

The first meeting for the Parents and Friends Association will be on Tuesday 18 February in the staffroom at 7.30pm. New parents/guardians are most welcome to attend. The staffroom is in the same building as the General Office.

New Staff Profile Cheryl Taylor

By CHERYL TAYLOR

HI, my name is Cheryl Taylor, and I am a new staff member at Kurnai College, Churchill Campus. Although I have been a registered teacher for over 20 years, I have spent most of the past 15 or so years, working in the field of mental

I loved teaching, but as the pay was not enough to raise my three children on, when I started teaching, I moved into teaching children with disabilities, adults and children with mental illness, children with druginduced psychosis, and others involved in the juvenile justice areas. I also taught in disabilities and mental health at TAFE, and lectured at Universities.

When my contract finished in mid 2002, and because my children were now financially independent (a situation which I never thought would arrive) I was free to decide what industry I would like to work

There was no choice really! The idea of returning to mainstream teaching, and being able to use all that I have learned about human behaviour to benefit the children, excited and stimulated me. To be free to make the choice, and then to find a position at Kurnai Campus, Churchill, working with students from year 7 to year 10, is the achievement of a long held goal.

I have found the staff and management of the whole school to be kind, sincere, focussed and professional in their approach to both teaching and the students.

The students are a delight, and I look forward to each class with anticipation. It is always fun, challenging and variety filled. If my children were still at

school, this is the kind of school I would have sought out for them, where every child is seen as an individual and not just part of a great mass of students. The majority of the students I have worked with already are bright, interested and curious young people, who are every day waiting to be stimulated and encouraged in their pursuits of knowledge.

Teaching is a role that I, and the other teachers at Kurnai take very seriously. This period of students' development can set their employment and personal decision-making outcomes for the early part of their adult years, at least, and for their whole adult life, possibly.

This school aims to assist, nurture and guide each student to develop their personal decision-making, their self respect and self-esteem, and their appreciation of their own ability to test themselves and explore new areas of learning.

For the parents of those students currently in grade six, I commend this school and campus to you for serious consideration next year. It would not be a mistake!



New Staff Profile Tonya Cairns

By TONYA CAIRNS

MR Tonya Cairns comes to Kurnai Churchill as the new Indonesian/SOSE teacher. During 2002 Tonya spent 6 months working as a journalist in Jakarta, Indonesia for Indonesia's leading political news weekly magazine called 'Tempo'. It was an eventful time in Indonesia with Tonya returning home on the first evacuation flight out of Indonesia after the Bali bombing.

Tonya still has a strong love of Indonesian and Asian cultures despite the horrific events in Bali.

While working at Kurnai Churchill Tonya will continue his studies by undertaking an honours program in Education through Monash University.

He will hopefully be joined in Australia by his Indonesian partner later this year.

With an extensive work background in the media and as a professional international D.J. Tonya is hoping to get the Kurnai-Churchill students interested in music and media related activities outside of the normal curriculum focus.

Letters to the Editor

CHURCHILL: THE PLACE TO LIVE

AS this issue of the Churchill & District News goes to print it is one year since my family and I moved to Churchill from Melbourne.

We didn't know anybody here, but we thought Latrobe Valley had much to offer in the way of shops, services and support, and Churchill looked such an inviting town, nestled at the foot of the Jeeralangs, surrounded by farms, forests and bush, complete with its own shops, schools, (a University even!), doctors, mechanics, et al.

Our neighbours said, "Welcome to Glendonald, otherwise know as The Bronx!" And we wondered what they

I'm still not sure. My family have been welcomed into this community we have all found friends to visit and share activities with. We found our neighbours to be friendly and helpful, and plenty of opportunities to become actively involved in our community.

After living in Melbourne all our lives we've found Churchill to be quiet, relaxed, safe and friendly, with no more "problems" than are to be found in any suburb of Melbourne.

Quite frankly, I love it here. Latrobe Valley offers us all the advantages of a big city, and Churchill offers us all the advantages of a small country town. And my neighbourhood, Glendonald?...well I'm proud to say that I live here, alongside the people I have met, with its kids, dogs, cars, parks and open spaces, and the skills, talents, humour, enthusiasm and warmth that I have found here.

So to the people that welcomed us to particularly Glendonald...thank you.

Margaret Guthrie Churchill

ARE YOU HAPPY WITH OUR COUNCIL?

ARE you happy about your rates and how Council spends your money? Latrobe City Council revenue is over \$60 million per year. Do you think its spending priorities are right? Now is the time you can

It's time to elect a new Latrobe City Council. Ballot papers will be posted out to all voters in the Shire on February 25.

Churchill needs an improved public transport system, extended library hours, a Neighbourhood House that can be utilized by all sections of the community (evenings and weekends too!), a bowling green of its own, footpath repairs, improved childcare and pre-schools (not threatened closures!), a better recycling service,

and above all, a Council that will listen to our views and take on board our priorities.

Will your Council continue to spend your money on new offices, overseas trips, new signs, fullcolour newspapers (the Link) and such like? All the people now on Council intend to stay there, unless you vote otherwise.

It is time we had Council representatives who consult with the community and act on their advice. We need new ideas, new strategies and discussion and open debate on Council policies and priorities.

I urge all voters in the forthcoming Council election to give consideration to the future of Latrobe Valley and vote for new priorities, not more of the same.

> David Williams Churchill, (address supplied).

OXFAM/CAA WALK against

WANT **SUNDAY** 23 FEBRUARY

By ANN RUSHTON Publicity Officer.

THIS year's Oxfam/CAA Walk Against Want is on Sunday 23rd February. Starting anytime onwards from 9 am. at Ronald Reserve Hall, Vary Street, Morwell. The Walk includes Waterhole Creek and the Crinigan Rd. Reserve.

Ring David Langmore - 5174 5327 for a sponsorship book, or you can pick one up on the day at Ronald Reserve Hall, or sponsor a friend.

All money raised goes to people in Third World Countries to improve health, education and equality.

Reflections of Gippsland

ON Tuesday 10th December 2002 Dr. Mary Griffiths, Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department of Communication and Writing at Monash University, launched the second book published by the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre's Creative Writing Group, "Reflections of Gippsland".

Dr Griffiths, originally from Manchester in England, said some of the writing reminded her of her own experiences as a migrant. She felt the book, written by Gipplsanders, showed a lovely eye for detail.

"Reflections of Gippsland" is a collection of short stories and poems about Gippsland by local writers.

Kevin Jackson's "Bushwalking In Gippsland" describes, among others, a bushwalk along Moonlight Creek and the Gardiners Mill Track at Mount Worth.

Olivia Langley's "Farming In The Family" is a fascinating history of the Walker family who emigrated to Australia from Yorkshire in England in 1884 and have farmed Riverdale in Yinnar for three generations.

Cindy Kearns recalls "Growing up in Gippsland" with her seven brothers and sisters.

Cora Pal's "Morwell National Park: A Gippsland Gem" describes her first impressions of the Park that she came across by accident thirty years ago and she recounts some personal memories of trips to the park with her family over the years.

"Home Is Where The Heart Is" is the story of Harry and Isa Shillinglaw told by Sandra Evans. Harry and Isa arrived in Australia in 1963 and Harry worked for the SEC for nearly thirty years.

Sheila Walters describes Market Day in Traralgon in the 1960s, juggling shopping, delivering firewood and three daughters

Mohm Fauzee in "Telling Hands" writes about Mrs Elsie Chitty, her childhood living in Bond's Lane and helping her father on the farm, her marriage to Archie and their dairy farm in Jumbuk. Elsie recalls the difficulties faced by farmers from droughts and seasonal depressions.

"Yallourn No More" by Robert Anders recaptures the atmosphere of the township of Yallourn and the unwanted ever-present brown coal-dust.

Lainey Hughes writes about local identity Tom Lawless's childhood on a solder settlement on the Morwell River.

Hilda Pengelly's "Billy's Creek" is a beautifully crafted poem, with illustrations, which describes the days of the early settlers to the coming of the power stations.

Hazelwood Power Station at night is the subject of Lauren Talarico's poem "Hazelwood Power Station From Churchill" and Eleanor Daisy Mcwhirr takes "a newcomers view" of the industry in the valley.

There are fourteen members of the Creative Writing Group, led by Cora Pal. Cora was delighted with all the work submitted.

It took about nine months to complete the book that will be entered in a writing publication competition run by the Victorian Government.

Cora expressed her thanks to Rebecca Lynch who is the Neighbourhood Centre Co-ordinator for her help and support in the venture.

Cora herself has received a certificate acknowledging her nomination for the Outstanding Tutor Adult

Learner's Week 2002 award.

The book is presently on sale at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre for \$8.00.

The Churchill & District News wishes Cora and the Writing Group every success with this excellent publication!

Pictured Left: Members of the Creative Writing Group at the Book Launch in December 2002.



What A Dish!

JANICE Redmond and Owen Guthrie were the lucky winners in our November Chicken Recipe competition.

Owen's favourite chicken dish is the Greek Style Chicken and Risoni Casserole which he learned to cook at the Youth Action Centre in Churchill. Janice sent us a tasty and quick recipe for Grilled Chicken with Apricot Sauce.

Greek Style Chicken and Risoni Casserole Ingredients

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 cloves garlic, crushed

1.5kg chicken

1 medium (150g) brown onion, chopped coarsely

1 medium (200g) red capsicum, chopped coarsely

500ml (2 cups) chicken stock

800g canned crushed tomatoes

2 teaspoons ground sweet paprika

220g (1 cup) risoni pasta

2 bay leaves

40g (1/4 cup) seeded black olives

Method
Combine oil and garlic in a small bowl.

Place chicken, breast side up, in large oiled baking dish; brush with half the oil mixture.

Bake uncovered at 180 degrees C. for 1 hour.

Meanwhile, in a large pan, heat remaining oil mixture;

cook onion and capsicum, stirring until onion is soft and remove from heat.

Combine stock, undrained crushed tomatoes, oregano, paprika, risoni and bay leaves in pan with onion mixture.

Pour around chicken in baking dish.

Bake uncovered at 180 degrees C for 30 minutes or

until risoni is tender and chicken cooked through.

Just before serving, sprinkle with olives

Serve with pan-fried spinach if desired.

Grilled Chicken with Apricot Sauce

Ingredients

34 cup apricot nectar

1 ½ tablespoons balsamic vinegar (or white vinegar)

3 teaspoons sesame oil

2 teaspoons dried onions

Garlic powder

4 chicken breasts (skinless and boned)

 $1\ teaspoon\ cornflour\ blended\ with\ 1\ tablespoon\ water$ Salt

300g fresh apricots (tinned if not available)

2 teaspoons ginger

Method

Combine apricot nectar, vinegar, oil, onions, ginger and garlic in a medium bowl.

Put ½ cup of mixture in a saucepan and leave

Add chicken to main mixture and cover thoroughly.

Put in fridge for 4 hours or leave at room temperature for 1 hour.

Place chicken under grill and cook until golden brown on both sides.

Meanwhile, add cornflour and pinch of salt to saucepan of apricot mixture.

Simmer over moderate heat while stirring. Add apricots and cook for 2 minutes or until sauce thickens.

Serve the chicken with sauce spooned over the top.



CDCA - Better than the TV!

By PETER MCSHANE, Secretary.

WELCOME to 2003 and we look forward to your input and assistance as begin another interesting and challenging year for our community.

We have just enjoyed a very successful Australia Day breakfast cooked by the Churchill & District Lions Club after the Churchill Guides provided a wonderful Flag raising ceremony and led the singing of our National Anthem. While this event was a first for Churchill, it was reasonably well attended and from the comments of those attending there should be a larger attendance next year.

The Council elections in March again give us the opportunity to mark the score

The Council elections in March again give us the opportunity to mark the score cards of our elected local Government representatives – would you like the opportunity to hear what the candidates have to offer? Would you like us to invite them to a public forum to put their case and answer questions? - then let us know immediately. Write to us at P.O. Box 191 Churchill 3842 or contact Secretary Peter McShane on 51221745 or e-mail petergmcshane@yahoo.com.au.

What are the issues that you believe should be addressed in Churchill & District? Please let us know your ideas by writing to us at P.O. Box 191 Churchill 3842 or e-mail petergmcshane@yahoo.com.au , so that we can discuss them and endeavour to resolve some of them.

This year got off to a good start with our meeting on Tuesday 4 February in the Link room at Monash University, but we would still like to see more community members coming to these meetings to provide some specific input on Community concerns. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4 March, again at the Link Room at Monash University commencing at 7.30 pm and is generally more interesting than the TV programs available, so come and join us – you may enjoy it!

Gone Fishing



THE Associated Angling Club held its first competition for the year in January. It was held on home ground, Lake Hyland. The catch was poor but the barbecue was good and the laughs plenty!

This year promises to be an exciting one with plenty of fishing trips planned. This weekend (14th 15th and 16th February) the Club will be meeting at

Port Welshpool for some Jetty fishing.

In March the Club will be going to Lake Tyers for some surf and jetty fishing. In April Woodside will be the destination.

New members are most welcome. For more information on any of the trips or how to join telephone Rod on 5122 2189 or Peter on 5122 2589.

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From 1969

The Churchill News of 6th June 1969 published the following poem:

Dogs!!!

Johnny had a little dog
It's coat was white as snow
And everywhere that Johnny went
The dog was sure to go.

It followed him to school one day
It was against the rule
It frightened children out at play
The silly little fool.

It ate up Sammy's lunch one day
It thought it was great fun
Scattering paper here and there
From off a nice cream bun.

Dogs will end up in the pound No matter how it's done And so poor Johnny cries out loud Because his dog has gone.

It was signed: (With apologies)

Inaugural Boolarra Folk Festival

THE inaugural Boolarra Folk Festival is to be held on Saturday March 22, 2003 at the Centenary and Rail Trail Parks in Boolarra Victoria. The theme for our first festival is "folk and drums". The theme incorporates traditional and contemporary folk music with Latin and African percussion groups.

Our community welcomes everyone to our lovely village, nestled in the foothills of the Gippsland Strezlecki Ranges. The Boolarra Folk Festival is a free event that will commence at 11.00am, concluding at 7.00pm.

For those who will be attending, we do recommend that you bring a chair, sunscreen, and your jig dancing shoes. Feel free to bring your camping gear too, and really make it a weekend to remember.

Nineteen professional and amateur musical performers and groups from Gippsland and Melbourne will perform over the 7-hour daytime event.

In the evening at the Boolarra Memorial Hall, the fabulous "Boola Boola" Band and Wendy Reed will wind up the festival with their unique brand of folk music. The Folk Dance will be the only event that will

have an entry fee.

We are also holding an Art and Craft Market and Food Festival in the Rail Trail Park, which will



Boolarra Memorial Park will provide a free campingarea for families attending the festival

showcase some of our talented, local artists.

One of the features of the Boolarra Folk Festival is for visitors to bring a tent, caravan or even a swag and just camp out at the Memorial Park or even out on the grounds of the Boolarra Pub.

Showers and Toilets will be supplied at the Boolarra Memorial Park and also electric barbecue facilities. There will be no fee for camping at both venues so this is a great opportunity to bring along the whole family and enjoy the peace and quiet of our lovely village.

We are very grateful to our sponsors Vic Health, International Power Hazelwood, TXU and the Baw Baw Shire who have provided funding for this event with the Latrobe City Council providing assistance for infrastructure and administration.

Classes in Full Swing

By REBECCA LYNCH, Coordinator.

THE Churchill Neighbourhood Centre offers a variety of Community Adult Education Classes in a relaxed, friendly environment, at an affordable price.

Classes are in full swing for 2003. Exciting new classes include Middle Eastern Cooking and a Celtic design workshop.

For those determined to update your computer skills we offer Beginner and Intermediate computer classes starting on the 11th and 13th of February. We also have Internet classes in term 1.

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

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

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

The Glendonald Residents Group and The Neighbourhood Renewal Project

Restricted Breeds of Dogs

Introduction of 'Restricted Breed' classification for certain breeds of dogs.

(The amendments to the Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994).

As part of the Government's commitment to providing a safe environment for the community, the Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994 was amended in December 2001 to introduce measures designed to protect Victorians from dog attacks.

Amendments were developed in response to community concerns about dog attacks and outline a sensible and considered approach to balance the need

for public safety with the rights of dog owners. Some amendments will impose restrictions on certain breeds of dogs as from 1 November 2002. 'Restricted breed' dogs are defined as those dogs prohibited from being imported by the Commonwealth Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956, including the Dodo Argentina, the Japanese Toso, the Fila Brasilia and the American Pit Bull Terrier or Pit Bull Terrier. Of these, the Pit Bull Terrier is the only breed existing in Australia.

The amendments bring Victoria into line with Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia, where the ownership of Pit Bull Terriers is already restricted.

THE RESTRICTIONS IN RELATION TO 'RESTRICTED BREED DOGS' ARE:

- A maximum of two restricted dogs per person without a permit from the council;
- Escape-proof and child-proof fencing;
- Permanent identification using microchip technology;
- Owners are required to notify their local council if the dog escapes, dies or there is a change of ownership;
- The compulsory notification of a prospective owner that the dog is a restricted breed dog;
- Owners are required to leash and muzzle the dog while in public places;
- Placement of modest 'Beware- Restricted dog's' signs on property access points; and,
- Minors are not allowed to own a restricted breed or be in charge of a restricted breed in public places.

At the time of registration, the owner of a dog will be required to declare whether their dog is a restricted breed dog. Authorized Officers are also able to declare that a dog is a restricted breed dog. The owner of a dog may appeal a declaration by an authorised officer to an expert panel.

In early 2002, the Government also requested that dog shelters put down any stray Pit Bull Terriers to help prevent aggressive dogs returning to the community.

These measures add to those that increased the maximum penalties for dog attacks to \$12,000 or 12 months imprisonment, address community concerns about public safety and are designed to make dog owners more accountable for the actions of their dog,

(Department of Natural Resources and Environment, 2002)



Digital Students Pass The Test

By GLEN GREENWOOD

Imaging Specialist, Harvey Norman.

WHEN digital cameras were first released the quality was poor and the prices high. It was common sense to go and pick up a couple of rolls of film for your weekend trip away.

You loaded the camera and took all those great shots that you could not wait to get developed. You took them in, paid for the developing and to your great disappointment only three and a half of the photos were worth keeping.

You discarded the ones that had giant thumbs, were out of focus, or the ones where someone had their eyes shut.

Annoyed and frustrated, after paying good money for poor photographs, you decided that taking photos was a very costly exercise.

To make it worse, the time had passed and the moment was lost in time

More often than not, this is a common scenario, but digital cameras are changing all that.

Most digital cameras are now far more advanced than the traditional SLR camera. Digital cameras can take superior shots that can be viewed straight away, allowing you to determine if you need to take another photo or not, without worrying about film and developing costs.

All you do is take another shot and simply erase the old one.

See the photo you have taken, see the big thumb on the lens and simply erase. Take another photo and keep your hands to yourself!

The important thing is all your photos become ones worth keeping and more importantly, album worthy.

Because your shots are recorded onto an infinitely re-usable memory card, it's not costing an arm and leg every time you release the shutter button and the photos that you take home after your great weekend escape don't just sit in your glove box for six months.

Simply download your images straight to your computer where you then can send them to family and friends via e-mail, burn them to CD, or print them out and frame them exactly as you want. Then wipe your memory card clean and off you go again.

As you can see the digital process not only allows you to take better shots and save a small fortune, it also opens up a whole new world giving you the ability to edit, crop and change your image in so many ways that is limited only by your imagination.

As I sat there thinking about this whole digital process one day, I realised it was the cost of taking the photos that actually stopped people taking them.

Remembering that digital cameras now take equal quality pictures to that of the SLR, and the cost of film and developing is no longer an issue, the only other thing that could possibly hinder the digital camera could be its ease of use.

So someone had to put it to the test. I took on that mission and decided to run a digital photography competition for primary

school students. The competition, judged by the public, would give me the proof I needed to decide if digital was the way of the future.

To make it more exciting the winner would receive a digital camera kindly donated by Fuji Digital, and a digital photo printer from Epson for their school.

Travelling around to local schools, armed with a Fuji Digital Camera, I went out into the schoolyard and taught the students the basics on photography. The students then would take a photo of something interesting within the schoolyard.

The shots were absolutely amazing. With so many creative masterpieces it was destined to be a very close competition.

Copies of the pictures were sent out to professional photographers and also to the state and national account managers for Fuji and Epson.

They too were very impressed by the talent that primary school children had shown.

What the students were taking photos of was also very intriguing. Some photos consisted of half eaten oranges, spider webs, flowers, a bird's nest, playgrounds and teachers helping students.

These photos took me back in time, remembering all the things I used to see around the schoolyard.

With four local primary schools involved in the competition, Grey Street Primary School, Kosciusko Street Primary School, Stockdale Road Primary School and Churchill North Primary

School, I gathered over 80 photos and now needed to find a winner.

The photos were displayed at the Traralgon Centre Plaza for judging by the public. The votes rolled in and with over 200 voters in total it was a tight race to the finish.

Churchill North Primary School's photo of a spider web took the prize with the bird's nest from Kosciusko Street Primary School only a few votes behind.

Thursday 5 December was a very exciting day as I awarded the camera and printer at the Churchill North Primary School assembly. Well done Churchill North!

Sam and Sheree, who have both shown excellence in digital photography, took the winning photo, have been awarded some great prizes for their outstanding achievement.

Digital camera's passed the test! If school children could take such great photos that even professionals were impressed by, one has to wonder why anyone would not have one!

You don't even need a computer to be able to take advantage of digital cameras. There are now printers available at a very reasonable

> price that require no computer at all to run, just the memory card from your camera to be able to print out your photos on the spot.

I send a huge thank you to all schools for taking part in the competition. I hope that all students enjoyed learning about digital photography. I send a special than you to John Ceccotti for all your help and assistance. Also thank you to Fuji Digital and Epson for their kind donations that will benefit the school students.

In conclusion to the ultimate test of the digital camera, my advice is that the next time you go to buy some film or

The Winning Photograph 'A Spiders Web'

Lynx Trefiol Guild

By CHRISTINE HEALEY

THE Lynx Trefoil Guild began the year with their first meeting being held at the new barbecue facilities in Glendonald Park in January

Even though it was an extremely hot day, the meeting was a huge success, with families enjoying a great barbecue in a relaxed friendly atmosphere.

All families brought their own laughter, fun and food. The older children played some basketball, while the younger ones enjoyed the puddle of water under the drinking fountain!

Our discussions centred on the great new barbecue facility that we got to enjoy for the first time this year, and future invitations to assist with community events.

For more information on the Lynx Trefoil Guild and its meeting dates please contact Christine Healy on 5122 3341

Our World

GUIDING for the younger girls is on again.

Plans have already been made for the first term.

The first theme is 'Our World'. We will be experiencing Guiding around the world.

'Our World' takes in everything from erecting flagpoles, international foods, freestanding creations, to recycling tin cans and making stilts.

Churchill Guides meet on Mondays from 4.30pm – 5.30pm and from 5.30pm – 7pm.

For more information or to book in please phone Debbie on 5122 2791.

pick up your photos after they have been developed, have a think about how much money you would save with a digital camera.

If you would like to find out more about digital photography or have a look at the fantastic photos the students took, feel free to contact myself or one of the friendly team either in store at Harvey Norman Traralgon or on 5174 8177.



Winners: Left - Shree Burns and Right - Sam Billingsley Back - Glen Greenwood from Harvey Norman and Hilmar Batza, Churchill North Primary School Principal.

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Nativity Pageants

By RUTH PLACE

HAZELWOOD North, Churchill North and Churchill Primary Schools all participated in Nativity pageants as a climax to the years Christian Religious Education lessons.

The pageants involved singing, prayers, Bible readings, a re-enactment of the birth of Jesus, visit of the angels, shepherds and Wise Men, as well as talks by C.R.E. Co-ordinator Joy Nunn and visiting speakers.

Reverend Robyn Schaefer attended Hazelwood North and Ivy Goodwin spoke at Churchill and Churchill North Pageants.

Thanks go to Robyn and Ivy for their time and help.

The aim of the pageants was to involve as many children as possible so each grade level had their own song item and prayers to present.

Pictured Left: Top: Hazelwood North Primary School, Centre: Churchill North Primary School, Bottom: Churchill Primary School

Christmas Around Town!

Carols by Candlelight

By RUTH PLACE

THE three churches of Churchill again combined to run the Community Carols at the amphitheatre at Monash University.

John Sunderland gathered together the band, George Telford was the Announcer, Carol Roeder led the singing and Tony Marsden from the Crusade Centre gave the talk



Several very enjoyable items added to the community singing of well-known carols. The first was Judy and Barry Woods' group "Redwood". Greg and Tim Woods and Kathryn Hilton of "Look Out" followed them. Lastly we heard the voices of Nyssa James and Kelly Harris.

The weather was very kind and as the evening grew darker the candles glowed warmly.

Sadly the number of people attending was down on previous years. If you have any suggestions to boost numbers please let Ruth Place, C/- Churchill & District News know.



Santa and the Fire Truck! Firefighters Graeme and Shane Renwick and Chris Gallagher of Churchill Fire Brigade help Santa (John Lee) deliver lollies and presents.

Looking ahead to Christmas 2003!

Churchill Fire Brigade would gratefully receive donations of lollies or money for Christmas this year.



"Sounds Like Singing" from the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre paid a visit to Hazelwood House in December. They led a Sing along of Christmas Carols and songs, which was enjoyed by the residents.



Left: Members of the C.D.C.A erect the Roundabout Christmas Tree

HAZELWOOD VILLAGE



SHOPPING CENTRE

Youth Yard

From Primary to Secondary

By OWEN GUTHRIE

SCHOOL'S back... Year 7, Kurnai College, Churchill Campus... Not a Grade, not a Primary School.

Form groups; earlier starts (ughh); more homework (double ughh); periods, not classes; lockers that actually lock! Instead of dinky little plastic tubs which anyone can take stuff out of; a canteen with hot food that's open every day; a truckload of books and folders to carry around (some people are beginning to resemble The Hunchback of Notre Dame!); change of uniform; change of hat; more teachers = more names to remember = "yeah...great!"; new building to get lost in; new students; new diaries; it's all new!

It feels different. 'Cause it is different. Grade 6 was a bit like Grade 5, which was a bit like Grade 4, etc., etc., etc. This is all totally different. It's new, exciting and unfamiliar.

So it's all good in a way, but then again it's just school...it's work, homework (stuff that prevents me from having fun at home), rules, uniform, alarm clocks from Monday to Friday, limited T.V. time, cold mornings and hot afternoons...but all in all, despite the hardship, it's more fun than Primary School.

And, it's a step closer to being independent from parents, getting a car, earning money, leaving school.

Spaghetti and Pool

By OWEN GUTHRIE

THE Youth Action Centre started again on 29 January. We had lots of fun making necklaces and bracelets, and cooking spaghetti with meat sauce for our dinner. We also played pool and

Because there weren't many people there (about 8) we did not have a meeting to decide what we are going to do over the next few weeks. We want more kids to turn up with ideas for our

Please come down to the Teen Centre at Gaskin Park on Wednesdays between 4 and 8p.m.

BACKSTREET BUNNNIES



By Adrian Connor

Make Up and Bike Mania

THE Youth Action Centre has opened again after the Christmas Break. We have a mixed bag of activities coming in the next

In March we have bike mania. There will be bike repair, bike products and bike com-

In the same month we are trying to organise some make up and hair workshops. There will be some local hairdressers and beauty therapists coming with show bags and technique sheets.

The Centre needs to be decorated. Jewelry needs to be made so we have a stock for our store. Some other craft things can be made to sell as well.

The Centre is located at Gaskin Park, Manning Drive in Churchill. It is open every Wednesday between 4.00pm and

If you have any ideas for activities and/or would like to help organise some please contact Kerryn on (free call) 1800 196 884 or 51 32 2800.

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Lions Club of Churchill & District

By JOHN BARKER, Secretary

DURING December our major fundraiser was the selling of Christmas Trees. Our costs had to be increased as our supplier increased the base cost, but we believe we gave value for money and we thank the public for supporting us.

Other projects were Letters to Santa with 25 letters processed. Thanks to Hazelwood North Primary for "running" with this project as an in-school activity. We hope there were many smiles as the letters were delivered to the children.

This project will be run again next year. Santa Visits are always a big hit with children. He was certainly kept very busy again this year.

Our heartfelt thanks to Churchill Fire Brigade for their assistance.

Camp Quality (looking after children with cancer) was kept alive in our minds with all proceeds from catering at Bunnings in mid December being donated to them. Two of our members who are Camp Quality Companions attended a Christmas Party at Melbourne Zoo. The logo "laughter is the best medicine" is certain-

Our ongoing commitment to ground maintenance at Lake Hyland and Mathison Park keeps one of our members very active and the facilities at Apex Park looking good. Time has also been given for other projects including Neighbourhood Watch and the Scout Association.

Recent donations included \$500 to St Vincent de Paul for hamper distribution, \$500 towards the victims of the Bali bombing through the Bali Relief Lions Project, and \$500 to the Drought Relief Lions Project.

Our Club catered for the QUANTUM sponsored barbecue at Glendonald Park in December that was very well attended by over 200 people. It was a huge success.

Well deserved congratulations to student Kirsty Seaborne who was presented with a cheque from our Club for \$100 and a certificate as the winner of the Kurnai College Community Service Award for supporting community projects in school and the community.

The Lioness Club performed their annual catering at



the Dog Show in Morwell in January. The Lions provided the cooking facility and members to help make this activity a huge success.

Australia Day Celebrations were held in Churchill this year for the first time, instigated by the Lions Club and supported by Latrobe City Shire. Approximately 70 people attended the ceremony held at the Memorial Wall.

Youth members from the Scouts and Guides were prominent in the celebrations taking the role of raising the Australian flag and leading in the singing of Advance Australia Fair. Councilor White attended as the Shire representative and spoke on their behalf.

The ceremony was followed by a typical Lions catered breakfast of bacon and eggs. The Guides provided a face painting activity for the younger children. Thanks to Latrobe City Shire for sponsoring the event.

Upcoming activities and events the Lions Club will be involved with are the Computer Expo 19 February at Kernot Hall, the Camping, Caravanning, Boating and Great Outdoors Expo 21 to 23 February at Kernot Hall and assisting Cowwarr -Toongabbie Lions at the Stationary Steam Engines Display 8 to 9 March.

Licola Village House 3 project should be completed soon. Thanks to our sponsors for your generous support.

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

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



Pictured: Left - Australia Day Flag Raising in

Above - Lions Australia Day Barbecue

Thanks to the generous support of the

community, Lifeline Gippsland is now able to offer for one week only a \$2 sale on all garments.

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A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...



...through the eyes of local residents

An introduction...

A new town for the Valley

By CATHY COCHRANE

IN the early 1960's the State Electricity Commission was rapidly expanding its operations in the Latrobe Valley.

Some officials were making bold statements predicting as many as eight power stations would be operating in the district within 40 years.

It was predicted the workers needed for such a large industry would boost the Latrobe Valley's population to as high as 200,000 by the turn of the century.

Local and state governments faced a dilemma. Where would the massive population live? Morwell's population was limited to no more than 25,000 by the coal reserves that would eventually be dug up. So the answer had to be a new town.

It would be planned from the grass up and be located in the Hazelwood area- close to Morwell and between the pondage and the Strzelecki Ranges to ensure it was outside the 'smoke ring' and the 40,000 residents would have fresh

There is some confusion as to the exact dates of the development of the new town.

According to Tom Lawless, a resident of the district since 1950, the Shire of Morwell first used the name Hazelwood in relation to a town in 1962.

The 'History of the Name' summary that accompanied the 1988 Shire of Morwell's Survey of Residents (to gauge support for a proposed name change) says that the Housing Commission also proposed establishing a town in 1962.

The Notice of the Hazelwood Planning Scheme (Shire of Morwell and Housing Commission of Victoria) is dated 7 October 1963 but advisers that all objections must be lodged by 10 January 1963. It appears the first date should read

The planning scheme was not approved until 1964, according to the Monash University National Centre for Australian Studies.

The original plans for the town included a heliport, a Chadstone-style department store with a flat roof for the helicopters to land on, 13 primary schools and a theatre

The town was originally called Hazelwood, which was the name of the district.

It can be traced back to the Hasellwood Station, established in 1844 and named by early settlers after Mrs Hasel Bennett, believed to be the first white woman to live in the area.

But in February 1965 the state government changed the name to Churchill, in honour of Sir Winston Churchill who had died on 24 January 1965.

The change had the support of

the Shire of Morwell (support that was later reversed). The Minister for Housing Lindsay Thompson made a joint announcement of the name change with the President of the Shire of Morwell, Cr A. L. Hare, and the Shire of Morwell proclaimed the town of Churchill on 15 March 1965

The name change became a very controversial issue.

Mr Lawless wrote a letter to the editor of The Advertiser shortly after the announcement arguing that there was "a deep resentment that the very appealing and appropriate name of Hazelwood had been changed."

A Hazelwood Citizens' Committee was formed, holding public meetings at the Hazelwood South Hall. Mr Lawless was the Chairman of the committee.

More than 1,000 people signed a petition calling for the name change to be reversed. Instead, it was suggested that the town square could be named Churchill Square as an alternative way of honouring Churchill.

At another point it was proposed to name what is now Lake Hyland after Churchill; even Sir Herbert Hyland, the former Victorian Leader of the Country Party, supported the idea.

According to Mr Lawless the committee was not against honouring Churchill, rather it wanted to preserve the identity of the town and district

It was the Housing Minister Mr Thompson who originally suggested the name change to the Shire of Morwell.

"I had no idea that people would be other than proud to live in or near a town named Churchill," Mr Thompson later said.

His comment was met with a simple response from Mr Lawless: "If other people want to live in a town called Churchill that is alright with us... My committee is interested in a lot of people who want to live in a town called Hazelwood."

The issue was not resolved until 24 November 1966, when The Advertiser reported the name Churchill was final.

The Minister for Lands Mr J.C.M. Balfour said the government had carefully considered the Morwell Shire Council's resolution (in support on Hazelwood) and the interim report of the Place Names Committee, which had also considered the issue, in reaching it decision.

In reflection Mr Lawless says, "The word consultation hadn't been invented at this stage, you were told what to do."

"I think the circle has turned back again," he added laughing.

With the name debate over for a time, the town continued its development.

According to the Centre for

Australian Studies, housing construction began towards the end of 1964 and the 'History of the Name' also says site works and building commenced in that year.

However, newspapers did not report the offering of the first home construction tender for Churchill until March 1965, with tenders closing on 21 April.

The first tender was for 94 single-story brick veneer homes and 8 two-story brick homes built in four pairs.

The first houses were built in Firmin Road, Heesom Cresent, McInnes Cresent, Howard Avenue and Switchback Road.

The first families arrived in Churchill in 1965, according to the Centre for Australian Studies, or in 1966, according to the 'History of the Name.'

The Citizen's Association of Churchill was formed in 1966.

The building of the 102 feet high 'Cigar' was also a controversial decision.

According to Mr Lawless it is an "artist's representation of a cigar" commissioned by the Housing Commission to give the town a symbol. It's construction cost around 70,000 pounds, he said.

There was little community appreciation for it, especially as birds began filling it with straw for their nests. At the time, residents wanted practical things, such as shops, Mr Lawless argues.

The town did get some shops by 1968, with the completion of what is now the Old Shopping Centre.

The population did not grow in the manner anticipated. However, by the end of the 1960's there were around 100 new homes built each

The Australian Studies Centre puts Churchill's population at 3,500 in 1976; 4,800 in 1981 and 5,600 in 1991.

The town naming issue returned in 1988 when the Shire of Morwell held a survey of residents to determine which name the community preferred.

The survey results were close, with Hazelwood gaining a majority of just two votes (1,456 votes to Churchill's 1,454).

Without overwhelming support for a change, council laid the issue to rest and the town remained Churchill

Look out for interviews with some of the town's original residents in future issues...

Featured on the banner:

Left- The Housing Commission of Victoria's Hazelwood logo used on government documents circa 1963. Right- The Housing Commission's Churchill logo used on documents circa 1967.

Mathison Park

By RUTH PLACE

DESPITE the lack of water, Mathison Park is still an attractive place to visit.

Lake Hyland has been stocked with trout and may people are trying their luck.

The grass between the blocks of trees on the northern side of the concrete path has again been mown. Members of the Mathison Park Committee would like to encourage you to take a walk along the path and enjoy the trees but please don't scare the snakes!

There have been quite a few species of birds seen on Lake Hyland over the holidays. They include pelicans, black swans and wood ducks, as well as the usual grebes, coots and swamphens.

The Purple Swamphen is about 48cm long. The male is larger than the female and it has a red frontal shield and beak.

It is quite distinctive. The legs are bright red and the brilliant breast shines in the sun.

The large feet with long, spread out toes enable it to clamber around the reeds, gripping several reed stems at a time. It can swim, but it is seen more often running around on land.

It's tail gives a characteristic small flick as it moves.

Its diet consists mostly of young reed



A Purple Swamphen

stems but it also eats herbs, seeds, fruit, eggs, and insects.

It breeds for most of the year, building a nest of large reeds trampled down to form a dish shape, which it lines with grasses.

Three to eight spotted blotched eggs are laid, which hatch in about twenty-nine days.

The whole group takes turns to incubate the eggs.

Nursery nests are built for chicks and they are brooded by the group after nightfall.

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Frogs Fly to Hong Kong with James

By RUTH PLACE

JAMES Curwood was born in Hong Kong and lived in Po Leung Kuk Children's Home.

Cathy and Jeff Curwood had three children and longed to adopt a boy from Hong Kong. After about seven years of frustration, interviews and false alarms, they were able to go to Hong Kong and meet James, who they were able to adopt; Margaret and John, James' sponsors; and Mary Lou from the Home.

This summer the Curwood Family decided to visit Hong Kong and the Home. James remembered when Cathy and Jeff first visited him and they had given him Furry Friends Chocolate Bars.

Churchill Primary School, where James is a student, and Jeff a teacher, has been studying frogs. Consequently, James decided to take chocolate frogs to the children in the Home. The school got behind James and collected about 800 chocolate frogs.

With additional donations, James took about 1000 frogs to Hong ng!

The frogs were a great treat for the children in the Home, as they

have nothing of their own, and have to share toys and clothing.

When I asked James, who was three and a half years old when he left for Australia, if he had any memories of the Home, he said it seemed like a dream. He could remember a big slide, a big T.V., and watching his favourite movie "Lion King".

In the Churchill P.S. newsletter, James wrote, "Churchill Primary School, thank you for giving over 500 frogs. I am sure that the children at Po Leung Kuk will enjoy them. I will show them your picture. I am sure they will be happy. It makes me warm in the heart that you care for my friends in



Hundreds of Frogs!

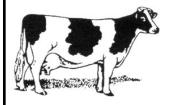
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Pet Pics!



This month we have Owen's cats sitting waiting for him to come home from school. Jag and little Tessa are having a nice afternoon nap. Jag and Tessa belong to Mick and Ross of Churchill.

Send a picture of your pet to:

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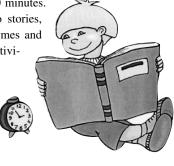


Storytime

Storytime for pre-school children is a free service provided by the Latrobe City Library Service. The sessions held throughout the school term are suitable for three to five year-olds. They

usually last 30-40 minutes. Children listen to stories, sing songs or rhymes and participate in activities.

Sessions are held at C h u r c h i l l Library on Tuesdays at 2.15pm.



Jokes

- Q. Why is grass like a mouse?
- A. Because the cat'll (cattle) eat it.
- Q. What smells the most in a Pet Shop?
- A. Your nose.
- Q. What always falls but is never hurt?
- A. Rain

Junior Colouring Competition Conditions of Entry

The Junior Colouring Competition is conducted by the Churchill & District News.

Entry is Free

Winners will be announced and prizes distributed at the 2003 Churchill Community Fair on Saturday 5th April. Winners will be notified by phone prior to the prize giving. Winning entries will be on display to the 2003 Churchill Community Fair, and names of winners will be published in the Churchill and District News, April edition. Winning entries and photos of winners may also be published in the Churchill & District News.

Prizes to be announced.

The judges' decision is final.

There will be four categories: 1) Under 5 years. 2) 5 to 8 years. 3) 9 to 11 years. 4) 12 years and over.

Special commendations may be made at the judges' discretion

Closing date for entries is Friday 28th March. No late entries will be accepted.

Picture by Ros Fitzpatrick

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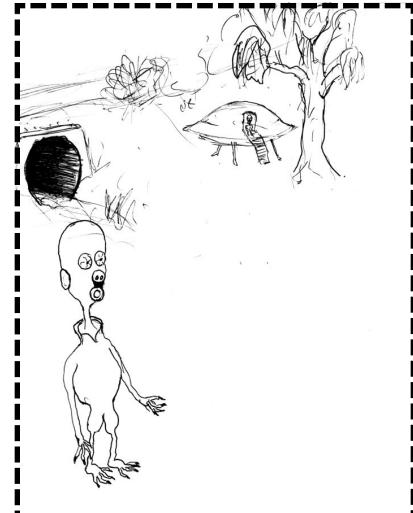
JUNIOR COLOURING COMPETITION PUT YOURSELF IN THE PICTURE

Aliens have landed at Eel Hole Creek Park!
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Draw yourself meeting the alien in this picture, and colour in the rest.

Write your name, age and telephone number on the entry form underneath the picture (get your Mum, Dad or Teacher to help you if needed).

Cut out your entry and drop it into the Churchill and District News boxes at Foodworks Supermarket, Churchill Library, Churchill Primary School, Monash University Reception, or the Co-operating Church's foyer.



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Sports News



ON Friday 6th December, Churchill & Monash Golf Club had their Presentation Night. A good time was had by all who attended. Trophies were presented to:

Mixed Foursomes Champions: Scratch: V. Verheyen & W. Peter. Handicap: V. Verheyen & W. Peter. Mens Foursomes Champions: Scratch: C. Johnson & C. Lesiw. Handicap: K. Garlick & A. Casey. Club Champion (Men): Scratch: Dael Scurlock - R/UP: C. Johnson. Handicap: Toby Spark - R/UP: D. Gardam

4bbb Stableford Championship Aggregate: Ryan Counsel & Shaun McKinnes.

Pairs Champions: Adrian Casey & Dave Taylor. R/Up: C. Speekenbrink & Dick Harvey. Most Improved Player: Sameer Andrews. Best Club Person: K. Garlick

Ladies Club Champion: Scratch: Di Scurlock - R/UP: M. McConville. Handicap: M. McConville - R/UP: Di Scurlock. Ladies foursomes champions: Scratch: Di Scurlock & L. Ambrosini. Handicap: P. Hrynyszyn & V. Anderson. 4bbb Stableford Champions: B. Beebe & L. Jessop. Most Improved Player:

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Golf Results

Linda Jessop

Melesia Lesiw was also presented with a Gold Putter for her Hole in One earlier in the year.

R a f f l e Results:

1st – C. Ellis, 2nd – E. Baker, 3rd – J. Thomas. Thank you all for your donations.

Results for December 2002 – January 2003 Saturday Men's Stroke Monthly Medal, 30.11.02: Scratch: Dael Scurlock 72 Pts.

Medal Winner: Dael Scurlock 72-7-65. B-Grade: R. Sheahey 86-18-68. C-Grade:

S. Wotton 97-28-69. DTL: C. Johnson 68 Pts, M. Brereton 69 Pts, D. Gardam 69 Pts, G. Fraser 69 Pts, D. Wilkinson 70 Pts C/B. NTP: 3rd – G. Morrison, 12th – G. Morrison, 14th – G. Morrison. Birdies: 3rd –G. Morrison, 5th – D. Cook, R. Welsh, 12th – G. Morrison, 14th – G. Morrison. Putts: C. Johnson 24 Pts. New Course Record: Dale Scurlock 72 Pts.

Sunday Men's Stableford, 1.12.02. Winner: T. Sterrick 41 Pts. DTL: C. Speekenbrink 40 Pts. NTP: 3rd – J. Sterrick, 12th – C. Speekenbrink, 14th – P. Ludlow.

Sunday Ladies Stableford, 3.12.02. A-Grade: D. Thomas 44 Pts. B-Grade: P. Hrynyszyn 42 Pts. DTL: V. Rowley 41 Pts, M. Mitchell 40 Pts, Y. Wotton 40 Pts, C. Gardam 39 Pts. NTP: 3/12 + 36 Andrena Membrey, 3/14 – 36 Y. Wotton, +

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36 L. Casey. Longest Drive: +36 V. Rowley, -36 D. Thomas. Lost Handicap: D. Thomas 34-32, P. Hrynyszyn 43-42.

Saturday Men's Stableford Hemingway, 7/12/02. A-Grade: C. Lesiw 44 Pts.

B-Grade: D. Gardam 50 Pts. C-Grade: P. Wilk 46 Pts. DTL: J. Armstrong 45 Pts, B. Forrest 43 Pts, R. Welsh 42 Pts, C. Johnson 42 Pts, A. Davis 41 Pts, E. Fashogbon 41 Pts. NTP: 3rd – W. Leslie, 5th - C. Lesiw, 12th – W. Peter, 14th – B. Forrest.

Sunday Men's 2 Person Ambrose, 8/12/02. Winners: J. Armstrong/J. Mitchell 64 nett.

DTL: T. Sterrick/G. Down 64 ½ Pts. NTP: 3rd – J. Mitchell, 5th – T. Sterrick, 12th – J. Armstrong. Birdies: J. Mitchell – 3rd.

Sunday Ladies 2 Person Ambrose, 8/12/02. Winners: M. Mitchell/L. Ambrosini 74 ½ Pts. NTP: 5th & 24th – Di Scurlock. Birdies: L. Ambrosini 12th

Saturday Men's Stroke, 14/12/02. A-Grade: L. Morrison 64 nett. B-Grade: G. Hornsby 63 nett. C-Grade: A. Van Vliet 62 nett. DTL: D. Harvey 65 Pts, J. Armstrong 65 Pts, G. Blizzard 66 Pts, D. Gardam 67 Pts, K. Van Vliet 67 Pts, S. Wotton 67 Pts. NTP: 3rd – R. Welsh, 5th – G. Morrison, 12th – D. Gardam, 14th – R. Sheahey.

Sunday Ladies 4BBB, 17.12.02. "No Game". Tuesday Ladies 4BBB, 17/12/02. Winners: V. Verheyen/H. Steenhold 46 Pts.

DTL: S. Jeffery/H. Croft C/B 44 Pts. NTP: 36 + 3/12 L. Ambrosini, - 5/14 H. Steenhold, -36 5/14 C. Gardam. Longest Drive: -36 C. Gardam, + 36 V. Rowley.

Lost Handicap: V. Rowley 42-38, H. Steenhold 45-42.

Saturday Men's Stroke – Monthly Medal, 21/12/02. Scratch: K. Hills 74 Pts.

A-Grade: K. Hills 74-7-67. B-Grade: J. Ambrosini 89-21-68. C-Grade & Medal Winner: J. Dickson 96-31-65. DTL: C. Waterman 69 Pts, G. Beyer 69 Pts, P. Ludlow 70 Pts, C. Johnson 70 Pts, G. Blizzard 70 Pts, T. Sterrick 71 Pts C/B.

NTP: 12th – K. Hills, 5th – P. Ludlow. Birdies: 12th – G. Sanders. Putts: G. Sanders – 25, G. Sanders – 26.

Sunday Men's Stableford, 22/12/02. Winner: F. Sedjak 38 Pts C/B. DTL: M. Brereton 38 Pts, K. Ellis 38 Pts. NTP: 5th – Dael Scurlock.

Sunday Ladies Stableford, 22/12/02. Winner: V. Anderson 38 Pts C/B. DTL: J. Busch 38 Pts. NTP: 5th – V. Anderson, 12th – J. Catherwood, 14th – J. Catherwood.

Saturday Men's 2 Person Ambrose, 28/12/02. Winners: P. Williams/J. White 62 ½ Pts. DTL: G. Blizzard/D. Scurlock 61 ¾ Pts, G. Fraser/K. Ellis 65 ¼ Pts, A. Casey/J. Ambrosini 65 ¾ Pts. NTP: 3rd – R. Welsh, 5th – D. Scurlock, 12th – P. Williams, 14th – C. Speekenbrink. Birdies: 3rd & 14th – Con Speekenbrink.

Sunday Men's Stableford, 19/12/02. Winner: F. Sedjak 41 Pts. DTL: J. Armstrong 40 Pts. NTP: 12th – D. Harvey.

Sunday Ladies Stableford, 29/12/02. Winner: P. Hrynyszyn 42 Pts. DTL: M. McConville 40 Pts. NTP: 3rd – M. McConville, 5th – C. Ellis, 12th & 14th J. Blizzard. Birdies: 3rd – M. McConville.

Tuesday New Years Eve Competition Stableford, 31/12/02 – 9 holes.

Men's Winner: J. White 24 Pts. Ladies Winner: M. McConville 20 Pts.

DTL: B. Croft 23 Pts, P. Williams 21 Pts. NTP: 3rd – P. Ludlow, 5th – R. Scurlock, 5th – L. Jessup.

Saturday Men's Stableford, 4/01/03. A-Grade: G. Sanders 43 Pts. B-Grade: S. Sanders 42 Pts C/B. C-Grade: T. Spark 40 Pts. D-Grade: J. Dickson 43 Pts C/B.

DTL: D. Chessum 42 Pts, D. Coad 42 Pts, R. Burns 42 Pts, J. Milkins 43 Pts, D. Gardham 40 Pts, G. Blizzard 39 Pts C/B. NTP: 3rd – W. Peter, 5th – D. Taylor, 12th – R. Sheahey, 14th – K. Ellis. Birdies: G. Sanders 14th, P. Kearns 14th, K. Ellis 14th, R. Welsh 14th.

Sunday Men's Stableford 05/01.03. Winner: W. Barnes 47 Pts. DTL: P. Ludlow 41 Pts, A. Casey 40 Pts. NTP: 3rd – G. Blizzard, 5th – A. Casey, 14th – W. Leslie. Birdies: T. Sterrick 14th, G. Blizzard 3rd.

Sunday Ladies Stableford, 05/01/03. Winner: C. Ellis 42 Pts. DTL: J. Leslie 40 Pts. NTP: 5th & 12th – C. Gardam, 14th – J. Leslie. Lost Handicap: C. Ellis 34-32.

Tuesday Ladies Stroke - Monthly Medal, 05/01/03. Scratch: J. Leslie 92 Pts C/B. Handicap: H. Croft 70 nett - Medal Winner. DTL: V. Verheyen 72 nett C/B, M. McConville 72 nett. NTP: 3/12 36+ M. Mitchell, -36 M. McConville, 4/14 36+ P. Hrynyszyn, -36 Y. Wotton. Putts: J. Leslie 26. Longest Drive: -36 Di Scurlock, +36 H. Croft.

Saturday Men's Par, 11/01/03. A-Grade: M. Brereton +3 C/B. B-Grade: A. Casey +1. C-Grade: R. Welsh +3. DTL: G. Beyer +3, C. Speekenbrink +2, A. Van Vliet +2, R. Counsel +2, D. Chessum +1, F. Sedjak +1, J. Sanders C/B. NTP: 3rd – C. Speekenbrink, 5th – A. Casey, 12th, C. Speekenbrink, 14th – R. Counsel. Birdies: C. Speekenbrink 3rd, C. Speekenbrink 12th, C. Sanders 12th, E. Fashogbon 12th, R. Counsel 14th.

Sunday Men's Stableford, 12/01/03. Winner: R. Scurlock 38 Pts. DTL: G. Blizzard 36 Pts, J. Ambrosini 35 Pts. NTP: 14th – R. Welsh, 12th – K. Ellis. Birdies: G. Blizzard 14th.

Sunday Ladies Stableford 12/01/03. Winner: J. Leslie 39 Pts C/B. DTL: P. Hrynyszyn 39 Pts, C. Barnes 35 Pts C/B. NTP: 3rd – J. Leslie, 3rd P. Hrynyszyn. Lost Handicap: P. Hrynyszyn 38-37.

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U/14'S

RD 8 (7/12/02) Churchill 99 runs defeated panthers

THE game was played as a one-day match due to the unavailability of players on Friday evening. The match was reduced to 25 overs per side.

Panthers (Jeeralang Boolarra) were first to bat and made 7 for 66. Top scorers were J. Kecskemett 22 and D. Leys 10. Bowling figures for Churchill were Thys Stanistreet 2/7, Scott Cooper 3/28 and Clayton Tebb took 2 catches.

Churchill batted and scored 5 for 96. Top scorers were J.Whykes 27, Blake Cornell 13, Thys Stanistreet 14 & Adam Curwood 17 not out. Best bowler for the Panthers was J. Cooper 2/8

RD 9 (13-14/12/02) Churchill 139 lost to Junior Students 273.

Churchill won the toss and elected to bat but the top order batsmen were immediately under pressure from some very fast bowling by the Students opening bowlers. The middle order of Ryan Bailey 18, Dale Murphy 17 and Scott Murphy 12 helped push the score to 139. Bowling for Students M. Peterson 2/16 and M. McLean 1/19. Students then batted and made 273 with run scorers being M. Peterson 76n.o., T. Dye 46 and R. Battista 53 n.o. Best bowling for Churchill was Blake Cornell 2/13.

Thys Stanistreet 1/43, Adam Curwood 1/18 and Scott

Congratulations to Thys Stanistreet for making the T.D.C.A. u/14 Junior Country Week squad played between the 6 - 10 January in the Traralgon area.

RD 8 (6/7-12-02) Churchill 135 defeated Panthers 61 Churchill won the toss & sent Panthers in to bat. They were struggling for numbers and could field a side of 8. Panthers started solidly with their best contributors being Ryan Wilk 13, Jamie Maunder 12 and Dermott Leys 9. All Churchill's bowlers took wickets. John Keighran 2/16, Cameron Dunne 2/15, Nick Duncan 1/21 and Brent Connelly 3/8. Paul Metlikovec took 2 catches and 1 catch each to Cameron Dunne, Peter Johnson

(Wicketkeeper) and a brilliant catch to Nick Duncan in first slip.

Churchill batted and collapsed to 4 for 8 then 6 for 22 with some fine bowling by Trevor Wright, Craig Blackberry & James Beamish. John Keighran and Paul Metlikovec then steadied the innings and saw Churchill through to victory.

Good batting performances were from John Keighran with 73 and Paul Metlikovec with 17. The Panthers Bowlers performed very well with limited fielders and were well served by Trevor Wright 4/17, Craig Blackberry 3/26 and James Beamish 2/14.

The McDonalds encouragement award went to Paul Metlikovec.

RD 9 (14-12-02) Churchill 108 defeated Junior Students 19.

This game was a one-day game only due to Junior Students not having enough players available on the Friday evening. Churchill won the toss and elected to bat and was pleased to score 108 off 22 overs. The opening partnership of 86 runs between Nick Duncan and Peter Johnson gave Churchill a good start. Five wickets were lost in the pursuit of quick runs. Good batting performances from Peter Johnson 11 (retired) and Nick Duncan 53n.o. Wicket takers for Students were Brad Patton 3/14 and Jarred Willhelme 2/7

Junior Students then took to the crease and with only seven batsmen available it was always going to be a difficult chase. None of their batsmen could handle the swing of John Keighran or the pace of Cameron Dunne. Both bowlers finished with 3 wickets each with John taking 3/10 and Cameron 3/8. Catches were taken by Mitchell Jackson and Paul Metlikovec. The McDonalds encouragement award went to Peter Johnson.

Congratulations to both John Keighran and Paul Metlikovec on making the junior Country Week teams.

The season commenced again on 31 January 2003.

Training for the u/14's began 27 January whilst the u/16's began 29 January.

The u/14's are currently 7th on the ladder with an opportunity to make the finals if they can win their remaining games. The u/16's have crept back into the four and will be looking to consolidate in the New Year.

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Tuesday Ladies Stableford, 14/01/03. Winner: Y. Wotton 42 Pts. DTL: H. Croft 41 Pts, L. Casey 39 Pts, J. Blizzard 39 Pts. NTP: 3/12 36+ T. Hutchinson, 5/14 36+ L. Casey, -36 C. Gardam. Lost Handicap: Y. Wotton 29-27, H. Croft 40-37, L Casey 45 -44.

Saturday Men's Fourball Stableford Aggregate, 18/01/03. Handicap: J Sanders (42), F. Sedjak (41) 83 Pts. DTL: P. Kearns (42), P. Williams (36) 78 Pts, S. Wotton (40),

J. Diskson (37) 77 Pts, D. Harvey (35), N. Hutchinson (42) 77 Pts. NTP: 3rd - D. Harvey, 5th - P. Kearns, 14th - W. Peter. Birdies: S. Sanders - 3rd, P. Kearns - 14th

Sunday Men's Stableford, 19/01/03. Winner: K. Ellis 42 Pts. DTL: T. Sterrick 40 Pts, Dael Scurlock 39 Pts, G. Down 38 Pts. NTP: 5th – D. Harvey, 14th – D. Harvey. Birdies: R. Welsh - 12th.

Sunday Ladies Stableford, 19/01/03. M. Mitchell 46 Pts. DTL: J. Busch 43 Pts. NTP: 5ht - C. Barnes, 14th - J. Busch. Broken Handicaps: J. Busch 35-32, C. Barnes 36-34, H. Croft 37-34, P. Hrynyszyn 37-35, M. Mitchell 38-33.

Tuesday Ladies, 21/02/03. A-Grade 0.33 M.

McConville (20) 45 Pts. B-Grade 34-45 P. Hrynyszyn (35) 42 Pts. DTL: J. Blizzard 43 Pts, Barb Beebe 41 Pts, Eva D'Alterio 40 Pts. NTP: 3/12 –36 Linda Jessop, +36 Barb Beebe, 5/14 –36 Eva D'Alterio, +36 Evelyn Baker.

Saturday Men's Monthly Medal, 25/01/03. Scratch: R. Scurlock 73 Pts. A-Grade:

R. Scurlock nett 63. B-Grade: D. Wilkinson nett 68. C-Grade: F. Sedjak 63 Pts C/B and Medal Winner. DTL: J. White 63 Pts, M. Brereton 65 Pts, P. Williams Pts, T. Sterrick 66 Pts, J. Sterrick 66 Pts, N. Hutchinson 67 Pts C/B. NTP: 3rd – C. Waterman, 5th C. Speekenbrink, 12th P. Kearns, 14th – J. Jeffery. Birdies: J. Sterrick, G. Blizzard, C. Speekenbrink Putts: R. Scurlock - 23.

Sunday Men's Mixed Canadian Foursomes, 26/01/03. Winners: D. Wilkinson/V. Anderson 61 5/8. DTL: P. Williams/J. Busch 68 3/8, G. Blizzard/C. Barnes 71 1/8. NTP: 12th - V. Anderson, 14th - W. Barnes - J. Bosch.

Tuesday Ladies Stableford, 28/01/03. A-Grade: V. Verheyen 37 Pts. B-Grade: S. Jeffery 35 Pts. DTL: C. Ellis 37 Pts, C. Gardam 35 Pts, Di Scurlock 35 Pts.

NTP: 3/12 -36 C. Gardam + 36 L. Welsh, 5/14 -36 M. McConville + 36 V. Rowley.

WELCOME to the 2003 soccer season. Training commenced for seniors on 14 January 2003 and for juniors on 4 February 2003.

Training nights this season are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Juniors train from 4.30pm to 5.30pm with the exception of under 16 players whose training time is 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

If the temperature is over 30 degrees at 4.30pm junior training will not proceed. Senior training starts at 6.30pm and finishes at 8.00pm.

If you have a family member interested in soccer this year bring them along to a training session and present them to the coach for their particular age group.

Player registration, Club information, shorts, socks and drinks are available from the Club canteen every Thursday

evening during training.

A senior practice match between Churchill and Pegasus Soccer Clubs has been organised for the evening of 26 February 2003 under lights at the Monash University Soccer ground between 6.30pm and 8.30pm to coincide with orientation activities week at Monash University.

There is no entry fee and all are welcome to attend.

The Club would welcome any operational support parents can offer.

Areas of need include operations. junior coaches, team managers and a person for Club marketing and sponsorship.

If you'd like to become involved with the Club please contact either Laurie Paton on 5122 3544 or Marrianne Osborne on 5122 2 073.

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By VICKI SCHILLING

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