

# CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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## Winners!

Over 250 entries were received in this year's Short Story and Poetry Competition. "There were so many fantastic stories and poems that the judges had a very difficult task," said Val Prokopiv. "The number of entries in the Adult Short Story section more than doubled this year making the task even harder. Nevertheless, it was very enjoyable reading them all. There are many talented writers in the Latrobe Valley."

"The support we received from the local schools, including Kurnai in Morwell, has been tremendous and the standard of entries was very high," said Ruth Place. "We would like to congratulate all our winners and thank everyone who took part."

"We would also like to thank our sponsors," said Val Prokopiv. "Monash University Bookshop, Department of Humanities, Communication and Social Sciences, Monash University, Hazelwood Rotary and International Power all donated prizes which contributed greatly to the success of the competition."

A presentation ceremony was held at the Co-Operating Churches with prizes being presented by Cr.

Darrell White, Ndaeyo Uko from the Department of Humanities, Communication and Social Sciences at Monash, Ray Beebe from Hazelwood Rotary and Gary Mauger from International Power Hazelwood.

Linda A Taylor won the Adult Short Story section with 'Is There anybody There'. Rosie Williams won the Adult Poetry section with 'Contemplation' and Sandra James took first prize in the Children's Story section with 'Noodles for Nicola'. Les Grauer traveled from Lakes Entrance to collect his prize in the Local History section. Les has researched and written the Harriet Nuttall Story. His story will be reproduced in the 'Looking Back' section of the paper in the New Year.

Chloe Morley won first and second prize in the 13-18 Short Story Section with 'Where I belong' and 'A Bilby's Tale' and Lauren Buurman won first prize and an encouragement award in the 13-18 Poetry Section with 'My Uncle, My Idol, My Hero' and 'Sonnet 1', a great achievement by both.

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Award winner Rosie Williams receives her prize from Ndaeyo Uko from HUMCASS at Monash University



Zade Lekay, Jake Coady, Lauren Buurman, Erin Jessup, Simon Bannister and Emily Olree

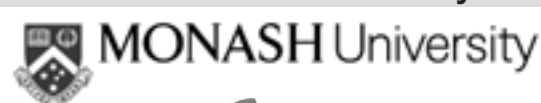


Cr Darrell White congratulates Les Grauer from Lakes Entrance

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## EDITORIAL

The 2006 Writing Competition was once again very successful and I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who entered, the judges and those involved in the presentation. The winning stories and poems are on pages 11-14.

On page 17 of this edition is the Road Safety Competition. There are some great prizes to be won. Parents and teachers are more than welcome to help younger children with the written part of the competition as it may be a little difficult. The important part of the exercise is to talk about road safety.

An update on the Churchill Hub is on

page 10. This article was submitted by Latrobe City Council and we welcome your comments.

Letters can be sent to PO Box 234, Churchill. We welcome comment from all readers about any issues or entries in the paper.

The Churchill and District News 'Looking Back...Through the eyes of local residents' is still on sale at the newsagent and post office in Churchill. All proceeds from the sale of the books will go towards the next edition. So if you are stuck for that extra Christmas present get a copy now!!

Ed

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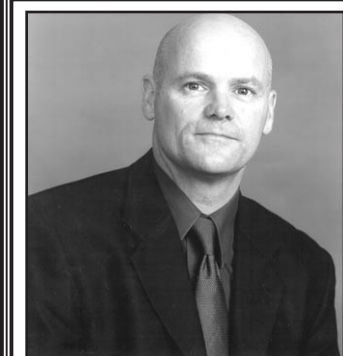
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### Winners

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Damian Toward with 'Camping' and Elisha Price with 'The Adventures of a Pig!' won the two first prizes in the 8-12 Short Story, with Courtney Broadbent winning the 8-12 Poetry with 'Time to Hibernate'.

Maddylen Lock won the Under 7 section for 'The Three Little Chickens'.

A full list of winners is below.



### Churchill & District News Short Story and Poetry Competition 2006: Winners

#### Adult Short Story

1st Linda Taylor: 'Is There Anybody There'  
2nd Rosie Williams: 'Second Chance'  
3rd Sandra James: 'Red Herring'  
Encouragement Awards: Linda Taylor "That Particular February" and Richard Pitt 'Juxtaposition'

#### Adult Poetry

1st Rosie Williams: 'Contemplation'  
2nd Grace Smith: 'Pelicans'  
3rd Sandra James: 'Good Days-Bad Days'  
Encouragement Award: Kay Ruane: 'Night Terrors'  
Special Award: Erin Jessup 'Sonnet'

#### A Children's Story

1st Sandra James: 'Noodles for Nicola'  
2nd Rosie Williams: 'Rain Dance'

#### Local History

1st Les Grauer: 'The Harriet Nuttall Story'

#### 13 - 18 Short Story

1st Chloe Morley: 'Where I Belong'  
2nd Chloe Morley: 'A Bilby's Tail'  
3rd Zade Lekay: 'A Complicated Wedding'  
Encouragement Award: Simon Bannister: 'Lies, Betrayal and Love'

#### 13 - 18 Poetry

1st Lauren Burrman: 'My Uncle, My Idol, My Hero'  
2nd Emily Olree: 'Sonnet 1'  
3rd Jake Coody: 'Sonnet 1'  
Encouragement Award: Lauren Burrman: 'Sonnet 1'

#### 8 - 12 Short Story

1st Damian Toward: 'Camping'  
1st Elisha Price: 'The Adventures of a Pig!'  
Runners Up:  
Aaron Timms: 'Foxes? Don't Think So'  
Bohen Hanna: 'King Jack'  
Ellis Hayes-Hills: 'Race Day'  
Jayne Quigley and Lisa Jenkins: 'Red Balloon'  
Encouragement Awards:  
Eve Hasset: 'Never ever again'  
Jack Butler: 'The war'  
Best Illustration: Matthew Veldman: 'The Great Circus Battle'

#### 8 - 12 Poetry

1st Courtney Broadbent: 'Time to Hibernate'  
Runners Up:  
Elisha Pirce: 'My Birthday'  
Alex Bennett: 'Camp'  
Shaelyn Cadzow: 'Burke and Wills'  
Encouragement Awards:  
Glen Lawless: 'The Farm Memories'  
Hayley Hrvojevic: 'A Rose'  
Best Illustration: Emma Frances Gunn: 'Kittens Kittens'

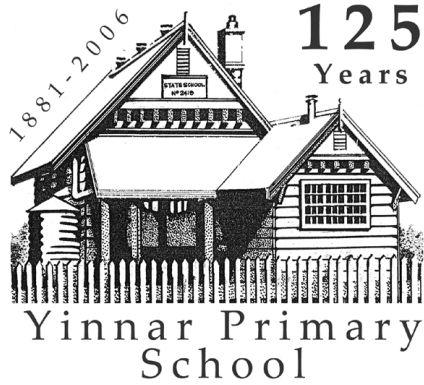
#### Under 7

1st Maddylen Lock: 'The Three Little Chickens'  
Runners Up  
Lucy Severson: 'The Dirty Billabong'  
Tristan Clark: 'The Trout Farm'  
Best Illustration: Bonnie Kearns: 'The Competition'  
Encouragement Award: Jessica Speake 'The Caravan'



# Yinnar Primary School Celebrating 125 Years November 18 - 19 2006

Across Three Centuries



Yinnar Primary School will be celebrating 125 years of education on the weekend of November 18 and 19. The school first opened in 1881 on the same site where the current school is located. It has gone through many physical changes in its 125-year history but one thing has remained constant. The school has always been an integral part of the Yinnar community. The 161 children currently at the school continue to enjoy this wonderful support.

brating this historic event. We have a terrific program of events organized for the weekend. The very best item on the agenda will be the opportunity for people of all ages to catch up with folk who they may not have seen for a number of years.

The School Council, led by our President Peter Linton, cordially invites everyone who has had any association with the school, either past or present, to join us in cele-

brating this historic event. We have a terrific program of events organized for the weekend. The very best item on the agenda will be the opportunity for people of all ages to catch up with folk who they may not have seen for a number of years.

that you would like included, please contact us so that we can arrange to make copies. A book about Yinnar Primary School will also be published and available for purchase. We would be happy to add your recollections of school days.

We are looking forward to seeing as many students, staff and friends, past and present, attend.

A range of memorabilia will be available for purchase on the day as mementos of this important occasion. Alternatively you can pre-order using the attached form and collect the items when you attend the anniversary celebrations. Included in the range of memorabilia is a photo collection on DVD. If you have any historic school photos

## Book Sale - Saturday

The Friends of Latrobe City Libraries will hold their next Book Sale on Saturday 14th October at Kernot Hall in Morwell close to the Midvalley shopping centre. The doors will open at 9 am. In the past it has been advisable to come early in the morning for the best bargains.

Surplus book stock, used Hear-a -Book tapes, CD covers and magazines from the Latrobe Library service as well as donations, will be available at \$1 each or sold by the bag. The bags will cost between \$5 and \$10 depending on the size. New calico library bags may be

purchased and filled for \$10.

The Friends of Latrobe City Libraries are a group of volunteers who run the sale and use the proceeds to purchase items requested by the Latrobe Library Service to enhance the library stock or the running of library programs.

For further information on the book sale or joining the Friends of Latrobe City Libraries please contact Jill Beck on 5174 1005.

## Join Up Now!!



Ever thought of becoming a firefighter? With the Summer Fire Season closing in fast, your services would be most helpful and appreciated. To be ready to fight fires for the coming fire season, you would need to join up now so you can complete your minimum skills training in time. No-one is allowed to fight fires until they have passed their minimum skills training.

your community all the year round. Are you interested in joining the brigade and want to know more? Contact Steve or Darlene by ringing 51223857, and leave a message. They will follow up your call. Or you can call into the station on Sunday mornings from 9:30am, or Monday evenings from 7:00pm. Your enquiries will be welcomed.

ering it with dirt or sand.

Those who live out of town, have your Displan complete and know whether you are going to stay and fight the fire or leave. Start preparing your property now by clearing up the roof gutters, leaves, twigs, dry grass, overhanging tree limbs and other fire fuel.

Learning how to be safe is emphasised strongly.

### Summer Fire Season

Being part of the brigade means you are part of the brigade family. There is great camaraderie, and friendships are made as you work as a team, both at training and when fighting fires.

This summer the fire restrictions will undoubtedly come into force in October, instead of December. This is because all the indications are we will have an horrifically hot and volatile summer. We expect there to be many fires. We all need to be especially careful with fire this coming season. Caution must prevail at every move.

Keep alert and know when a Total Fire Ban has been announced. Decide by 10:00am whether you are going to stay at your property or go. Leaving it later to decide is too late as it can cause you and the emergency services unnecessary hassles.

Once you have completed your minimum skills there are many other skills you are able to add to your range of abilities.

Cigarette users, please stub out your cigarette and put it in the ash-tray.

Listen to the local ABC Radio for updates and announcements about community meetings, and evacuations.

Both men and women over the age of 18 are eligible to join.

Campers, make sure your campfire is dead cold out. That means pouring water over it and then cov-

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ON Sunday October 15 the Friends of Morwell National Park will be holding their annual count of the Koala population in the Park. This enjoyable activity is open to anybody that has an eagle eye or would enjoy a nice afternoon out leisurely spotting Koalas in the idyllic surrounds of the Morwell National Park.

All participants will be guided through the park by members of the Friends Group. Participants are requested to meet at 1:30pm in the Kerry Road car park in the Foster's Gully section of the park. If you have binoculars bring them along to enhance the experience. For further information ring 5174 0782.



## Church News

### Church Times

#### Co-operating Churches of Churchill

Rev. Dr. Bob Brown  
Williams Avenue, Churchill.  
Tel: 5122 1480  
Glenda and Ian Cambridge  
Tel: 5166 1819  
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35 Walker Parade, Churchill  
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Sunday: Mass: 9.30am  
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Mass: 11.00 am  
2nd and 4th Sundays: Boolarra:  
Mass: 11.00am

#### Churchill Christian Fellowship

Maple Crescent, Churchill.  
Sunday: 10.00am  
Ladies Meeting: Tuesday 10.00am

# Church Snippets



Our month started with Ian and Mark's worship team telling us about rules, specifically about God's rules. It is important to live by the rules as it makes life more stable and happy, as we love God and love our neighbour as ourselves.

Our minister Rev Bob Brown has been running a series of workshops/lectures on prayer. We have learnt of several different ways to pray, like focusing on words from a Bible passage and meditating on them. We have also looked at some of the traditional prayers used in our worship and learnt how and why they are designed. It has been an interesting, enlightening and useful activity.

The Community Life Panel has a Monster Garage

Sale on November 11 from 8:30am-2:00pm. There will be furniture including baby items, cakes, plants, books, a Christmas goodies stall, Devonshire Teas, and a sausage sizzle. It will be held at the church on the corner of Williams Avenue and McDonald Way. If you have goods to contribute please ring Robyn on 51661306, Trevor on 51222442 or Glenda on 51661819. Hope to see you there.

Our Saturday breakfast guest was Debbie Bye from Life FM 103.9 Christian Radio Station. There is a full report elsewhere of what she had to say. Next month on October 28, Ruth Place will present a slide illustrated talk on her trip to Mongolia.

## Saturday Breakfast

By KEITH ENDERS

The September Breakfast was held on 30th and Debbie Bye, Station Manager of Life FM radio station was the guest speaker. The radio station is Christian based and is located in Sale. It celebrates it's third birthday in October this year and broadcasts on the 103.9 FM frequency.

The initial impetus came from Debbie who believed there should be such a station in Gippsland and she worked towards setting it up along with support from volunteers and local churches.

Debbie was previously the Gippsland Manager for the ABC and has many years experience in radio broadcasting. The station has a number of aims including:

Life FM provides programs and music to equip, encourage and empower the Gippsland community to face the future with hope in these troubled and challenging times.

Now more than ever the Christian message of hope is needed to provide light in otherwise 'dark' situations.

It provides teaching programs with an emphasis on the family, 'middle of the road' Christian music as well as more traditional music.

It also provides reasonably priced sponsorship rates for local businesses and organisations and plans to offer

professional training courses for those interested in community radio. The business name of the station is Gippsland Broadcasters Inc. and relies on donations, membership subscriptions, sponsorships and fund raising activities to maintain its services. It also needs volunteers in various functions to operate effectively.

The station's contact details are: e-mail: [gippsland@lifefm.com.au](mailto:gippsland@lifefm.com.au), phone: 5143 0355, fax: 5143 0388 and is located at 204 Raymond Street, Sale. For information on radio, other programs and further details visit the web site at [www.lifefm.com.au](http://www.lifefm.com.au).

#### Next Breakfast

The next Saturday Breakfast will be held on 28 October at 7.30 am at the Co-Operating Churches Churchill and Ruth Place will talk about her trip to Mongolia, illustrated by slides she has taken.

Please let Keith Enders know by Thursday 26 October if you wish to attend. Phone: 5122 1148; e-mail: [kbenders@net-tech.com.au](mailto:kbenders@net-tech.com.au)

## Chaplaincy Contemplations

The University's Semester break at the end of September is over with the pressure on in October to finish assignments and start studying for exams.

So many students are tired and under pressure because they need to work to bring in sufficient money to live on and are also full time students or part-time students with family responsibilities. Being a student these days is not the care-free lifestyle it once was. Sadly, the curriculum for the various courses are so 'jam packed' with what is seen as essential for that course, there is no room for thinking, reading and ideas beyond that course.

The iThink Seminars have finished. They are designed to encourage some deep thinking about broad issues relating to how humanity lives. It was pleasing to see so many people from the community attending these sessions. This year the theme was on Social Justice. Social Justice is a very powerful concept which drives a morality about all human beings being treated with equity and fairness.

It is a concept often held up as belonging with democracy, however it is often the case that particular groups receive less equity and fairness than other groups within a society. That is certainly true of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters and is often true of the most recent group to arrive in this country. Sometimes I think this world will only learn to pull together and relate to each other as one group of humanity when we feel threatened by someone outside this world. Hence all the science fiction writers who have humanity banding together against 'aliens'.

Why we should see this 'other' as threatening when we are all made from stardust requires another discussion. It is true to say that any group who is different and 'other' is seen as threatening and suspicious by another group. Genetically, the biologists would say this is an aspect fundamental to the survival of the fittest.

If we wish humanity to survive it is necessary to overcome this view of difference and 'other' as threatening and try and find ways of connection and understanding.

A prayer written by Alan Paton from South Africa is worth praying-  
O Lord, open my eyes  
that I may see the need of others,  
open my ears that I may hear their cries,  
open my heart so that they need not be without succour.  
Let me not be afraid to defend the weak  
because of the anger of the strong,  
nor afraid to defend the poor  
because of the anger of the rich.  
Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,  
and use me to bring them to these places.  
Open my eyes and ears that I may, this coming day,  
be able to do some work of peace for you.

It is heartening that so many people do care about the 'other', and look beyond stereotypes. May there be more of this. Amen

Blessings on you all,  
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# Hard Waste Collection Review

By Margaret Guthrie, President  
 CDCA has been invited to participate in Latrobe City's review of its decision to cease Hard Waste Collections for residents.

A Project Group, comprising WorkSafe representatives, Council officers, Councillors Amos, Lougheed and Middlemiss and representatives from Advance Morwell, Traralgon Chamber of Commerce, Merton Ward Residents Association and CDCA has been established to conduct the review. The group has been meeting fortnightly, and is due to report to Council at the end of November.

It was reassuring to hear at the last meeting that Councillors involved are committed to finding some appropriate solution to this issue and wish to be able to reintroduce an appropriate service for residents.

The community representatives on the Project Group are united in stating that residents require a hard waste collection service to meet their needs. However, it seems unlikely that we will see a return to the old collection service of "whatever's put out gets collected". This

practice was costly and fraught with problems of hazardous waste disposal and manual handling problems, along with not being environmentally friendly.

The Project Group has identified that services are required for large heavy items such as white goods and old furniture, along with green waste too big for the bin system presently in place. Likewise, a service for the appropriate disposal of computers and other such goods is needed. Further efforts also need to be put into public education regarding the use of the 3 bin system, recycling options and free hazardous waste disposal.

A variety of options is being explored for the collection and disposal of hard waste e.g. a scheduled collection for large green waste items, along with a 'booking' system for white goods and other household items. Free services (tip vouchers, free roadside collections), along with 'user pays' options are also being discussed. Collection methods and associated risks are also to be explored.

Residents are invited to make their views on this issue known to

CDCA by contacting me on 5122 2997 or attending the next CDCA meeting.

CDCA meets in the 'Grubb Shack' (formerly the Churchill Noodle Bar) Meeting Room at 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month. Next meeting will be on November 8.

Plans for the proposed 'Relay for Life' event in Churchill next year (March 24 - 25) are well under way. Churchill Football and Netball Club will be hosting this important fund-raising event for the Cancer Council of Victoria. 5 teams have already registered, fund-raising over \$5000, so we're off to a great start. If you are interested in participating in the Relay, you can find out more information or register online at [www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au) or contact Chris Berry on 0431 748 556

More volunteers for the organizing committee are still needed - contact Michelle Harman, Cancer Council of Victoria, on 0407 566 971 for information, or attend the next meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 31 October in the Churchill Football Clubrooms at Gaskin Park.

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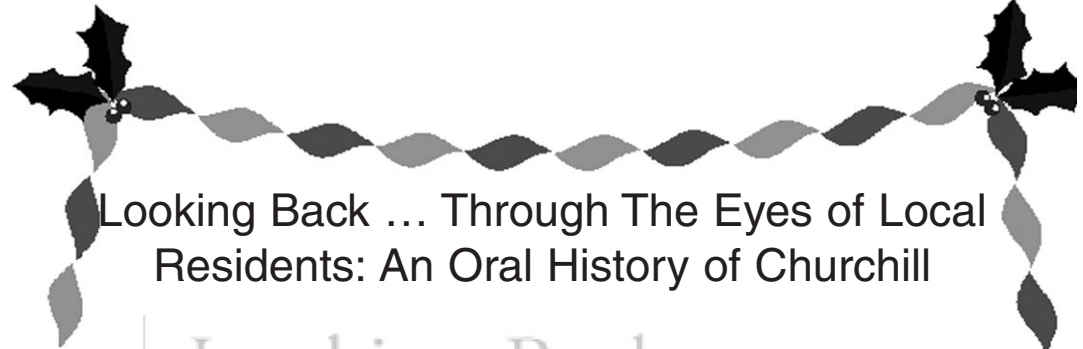
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## Boolarra Primary School

### L.V. BIKE CHAMPIONS AGAIN!

Several years ago we chose Bicycle Education as a priority at our school as so many of the roads in our area are narrow and many of our students are regular

informed children.

We would now like to extend the library by asking for donations of adult fiction and non-fiction books in good condition that

others may be interested in reading. The idea would be to set these books up in our Library and all community members could borrow these at specified times, just like at a Council run library.



cyclists. The program we follow focuses on safe and responsible cycling with strict adherence to road rules. This has proven to be so successful that our school teams have been the Latrobe Valley Bike Ed Champions for 9 of the 10 years that the competition has been staged. This year we were delighted when our team again was victorious! They now go on to compete in the Regional Competition later this term.

Books covering a variety of topics are encouraged, but please keep in mind they are being 'housed' in a primary school.

For further information contact Karen Tingay at the school on 5169 6471 or drop your books off anytime during school hours.

#### NEW POOL!

Parents raised the funds for us to replace our school pool and a dedicated group of volunteers worked tirelessly during the recent vacation break to install it. Our students can hardly wait for the required 3 consecutive days above 25 degrees to test it out!

#### FABULOUS STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY:

The students' behaviour is so outstanding at our school it enables the teachers to really focus in on their craft of teaching to maximise student learning. During a recent pupil free day staff examined assessment procedures linked to the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (V.E.L.S.) that we can use to ensure that our students are gaining higher



order, embedded understandings. We also looked at the latest research on ways we can ensure the growth of students with exceptional talents (we have a significant number of such students). We ended the day working with parent, Samantha Brick on the simple Kinesiology exercises we can use to maximise performance (our students and our own!). The day was extremely stimulating and will result in some new developments at our school but it also reaffirmed that much of what we are doing in our classrooms is exactly what current educational research identifies as best practice.

#### BOOLARRA COMMUNITY BORROWING LIBRARY

At the moment, the books we have available for borrowing through Boolarra Primary School for members of the community include mostly educationally based books such as how children learn to read and write, how boys and girls are different and how to raise happy and socially

#### GARDENING CLUB

Our gardening club has commenced, harvesting their first vegetables and it is proving to be a bumper crop with radishes that are the size of beetroot being pulled up!

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

**Wednesday 11th October** Breakfast @ School

**Tuesday 17th October** "Be Active" Lunchtime Program

**Wednesday 18th October** Regional Bike Education Challenge

**Friday 20th October** Grade 5/6s Lawn Bowling Program Commences

**Monday 23rd - 25th October** Grade 3/4s Woorabinda Camp

**Friday 27th October** World Teachers' Day

**Monday 30th Oct - November 1st** Grade 5/6s Melbourne Camp

## NEW COLLEGE PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCED

Kurnai College is very excited and pleased to announce that the new college principal will be Anthony Rodaughan. Anthony took up the position at the start of this term. He comes to Kurnai from Yarram S.C. Anthony is well known in this local area. He has also been seconded to the Innovations and Excellence Program, through which he has worked with a number of Leading Schools in Victoria. This experience will bring valuable ideas and innovations to the college.

#### CLOSURE DAY.

This was a very successful day for the teaching and other staff. Much information was assembled which will help with the future direction of the school over the next few years. It was a valuable day for all who had the opportunity to meet, discuss and agree upon these ideas. The results of the day will appear in the School Annual Plan which will be developed in Term 4.

#### Fun Run

This was held on Tuesday 12 September. The rain is usually a dampening agent, but not this year. There was good turnout of students, with the vast majority participating, pleasingly.

The funds raised will go to Camp Coolamatong on the Gippsland lakes, to help upgrade their facilities. The school has used this excellent facility for a number of years, and the students have answered the call to support the upgrade call very well.

#### It's Not Ok To Be Away

This program is a Gippsland wide push to get students to school, so they can learn on a consistent basis, as much as possible, with the goal of achieving their full potential. The persistence of the school with implementing this, has paid off with overall attendance rates increasing. Part of the

program requirements for students is that they supply a note giving the reason for their absence.

#### Gippspell 2006

John Schutte, Nicko Sokaluk from year 7 and Caitlyn Doherty and Corey Carter from Year 8, represented the school very well.

#### Kurnai College Music Variety Concert At The Co- Operating Churches

Kurnai Music Girls Choir had their debut at the variety Concert presented at the Co-Operating Churches of Churchill. The audience was impressed at the delightful sounds of the choir, and their large repertoire. The choir was accompanied by teacher Silvio Stefan.

The students who played the vibraphones, glockenspiel and xylophone, with Head of Music, Joseph Bonnici, had the audience wanting more.

#### Soiree

On Monday 4 September, the Kurnai College Soiree was held. It was a musical presentation featuring forty music students from the campus, some of whom were performing for the first time. It was well attended, with about one hundred in the audience. The variety of items was appreciated by all who came. The students were excited and happy with their performance. The evening was a great tribute to Joseph Bonnici and his music staff who have done so much to promote the benefits of music among the students.

#### Latrobe Youth Council Representatives From Kurnai Campus

These two young people, Samantha Holcombe and Daniel Yacoub, are the Kurnai Campus representatives on the Latrobe Youth Council.



Samantha Holcombe and Daniel Yacoub

## Hazelwood North News

The first of the three orientation activities for 2007 Preps will be held on Monday October 16th.

It was great to see so many former students, staff and parents at the school's recent 125th Anniversary Celebrations.

Three of our students, Matthew, Billy and Dylan competed at the Gippsland

Primary Schools Athletic Sports held at the Joe Carmody track in Newborough.

The school is looking great - it has been painted, new shade sails erected and a covered in assembly area built - all funded from Commonwealth Government Investing in Schools Grants.



# Churchill North Primary School

Taryn Browne of Churchill North Primary School wins Bronze at School Soccer Nationals.

Taryn Browne of Churchill North Primary school has just returned a medal



**Taryn Browne with her Bronze Medal from the School Soccer nationals**

winner as part of the successful Victorian School Girls Soccer team that competed in the School Sport Australia Football (Soccer) exchange held in Darwin August 27th to September 1st 2006.

Taryn was part of a 15-girl squad selected from over 5000 eligible girls within the primary schools system to represent Victoria and to travel to Darwin and compete in the national competition.

The competition was held over 5 days at the Marrara (AFL) Sporting complex and had primary school representatives from all States and Territories with the exception of Tasmania and Western Australia.

The initial round robin series resulted in wins for the Victorian Girls against the Australian Capital Territory (3-2), Northern Territory (4-1) and South Australia (3-1) where Taryn scored a good solo goal.

But unfortunately the Victorians were not able to match the strength of Queensland (0-9) and narrowly were beaten by New South Wales (0-1).

The results from the round robin phase ensured Victoria had qualified for the final play off series against the QLD and NSW teams.

Although the Victorian girls improved they were still beaten by QLD (1-4) who took out the gold medal, and in a very tight game lost the Silver medal to NSW (0-2).

Taryn was very pleased with the result and stated she enjoyed the experience immensely, although it did take some time adjusting to playing in such trying conditions 32C in the day and 26C in the night.

"We were given Hydration educational sessions on how to recover and we had to have "Ice Baths" to assist in muscle recovery "I did not like the ice baths".

But all up it was a great experience and I have made many new friends.

We were able to experience wild crocodiles feeding from the Adelaide River which was very exciting.

Taryn plans to present Churchill North Primary School with a framed photo of the team and would like to thank all those who have assisted in this achievement.

Congratulations Taryn on behalf of all



the Churchill North Primary School Community, you have represented your school well.

## Kids in Space

On Wednesday 13th September the students of Churchill North Primary performed a matinee and evening performance of 'Kids in Space' (by Lynne Bartlett, Mark Leehy and Kevin O'Mara).

All students were involved with the production with the main cast members being Breanna Downes-Smith, Kacey Stephenson, Nikita Hall, Taryn Browne, Jackson Chin, Kristy Barry, Darcy Britton, Kelsie Gardam, Michael Morse, Justin Moloney, Danielle Flanigan, Vanessa Gillett, Ebony Koostra-Denton and Liesel Ritchie.

These students along with the director, Mrs. Dunne have put in many hours of rehearsals over the last 2 terms.

Helping out behind the stage were Aidan Huizer, Ashlee Flanigan and Hayden May.

All grades worked really hard on their own song and the staff put in huge efforts in supporting the production.

In particular we want to thank Mrs. Algie, who worked on costumes and make-up, Mr. Thomas for designing the posters, tickets and programs and Mrs. Clarkson for selling the tickets.

We were lucky enough to have several parent helpers for the costumes in Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Bisop and Mrs. Moloney.

The whole production was a wonderful experience for all involved.

## Monash Interns are Finishing Up

Jessica Delahay and Shaun Waddell have been with us since the start of the year working in grades 1/2D and 5/6S.

Both interns have worked very hard in



**Monash interns  
Jessica Delahay and Shaun Waddell**

their grades and introduced lots of new things to the students.

They have both always been prepared to take on extra responsibilities. They will be greatly missed by the staff and students.

We would like to wish both of them lots of success in their future career in the field of education.

## Family Dance

What a wonderful event the Family Dance was on Friday 1st September.

I arrived a little after the start of the



**Students at the Family Dance**

evening to see children, parents and teachers dancing along to the Macarena.

All obviously were having lots of fun and enjoying the proceedings.

Mrs Algie had done a terrific job with the face painting.

Seeing lots of colourful fairies, butterflies, beetles, spiders, patterns and swirls on the sides of faces certainly added colour to the night.

Thank you to Ms Dunne and her organising group for completing all the work necessary to make the night a success.

Congratulations to the raffle winners: 1st Prize went to Trent Rosewall; 2nd Prize to Kathleen Kootstra; 3rd Prize to the Gillett Family and the 4th Prize to Joel Caile.

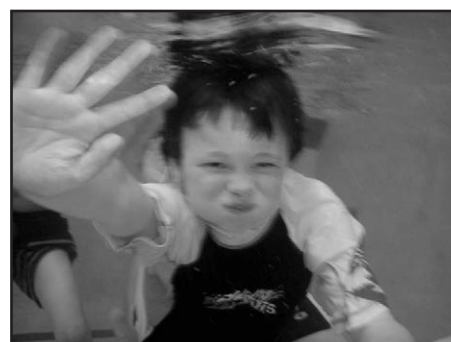
## Classroom Cameras

The staff and students would like to thank our Parents Association for their continued support of programs within the school.

In particular we would like to say a huge thank you for the digital cameras that each classroom has received.



**Underwater camera was used at the grade 1/2D swimming session**



Staff and students are finding it much easier to be able to snap away at those special moments with having their own camera rather than trying to find one of the few used to have and then only to find the battery flat and the moment gone.

The underwater camera was used at the grade 1/2D swimming session and proved to be a very powerful tool in getting students to go underwater and smile for the camera.

**Thank you so much!!!!!!**

## Gippspell Competition

By KRISTY BARRY

On Thursday 14th September Breanna, Jackson, Ryan and I went to St Paul's Grammar Junior School to compete in the Gippspell spelling competition; we were driven there by my Nan. We were competing against many schools. We left school at 10:30 and we arrived there about 10:50 because we got lost. We were very nervous. When we arrived there, we were shown where to go, it was in a little library, there were a lot of people watching us.



**Students who participated in the Gippspell Competition**

First up was a group of year 8s. All the contestants had 60 seconds to answer the question given, a bell would ring when your 45 seconds had passed. When your name was called you had to walk to the front and pick a number out of the tin, then you must call out your number and they would give you a word from a list. You were able to write down the word on a piece of paper for the first two rounds.

At the start you were given a practice round.

They would give you some help, for example they would put it into a sentence or give the definition of the word.

There were trophies and certificates but our school didn't get a trophy unfortunately.

This round was the zones and the finals are on the 26th October, But we didn't make it.

There were some year 7 contestants and then us, the grade 5s - Jackson and myself.

I made it to the 2nd round and Jackson made it to the 3rd.

Ryan and Breanna were next with the grade 6s, Breanna made it to the 2nd round and Ryan made it to the 3rd.

We had sandwiches and drinks in the time we were waiting. At the end all four of us received certificates. We all tried our very best.



## Churchill Primary School

### Principal Rob Higgins Says Farewell And Thanks

Thank you to the whole Churchill Community for their support of myself and the school over the last four and a half years. So many community groups are now an essential part of the school life, and they have done so much to improve the education and general quality of life of the children.

Particular thanks from me to the Co-Operating Churches, and the Churchill and District News, Churchill Lions, Quantum, Neighbourhood Renewal and Glendonald Residents Group, for always being willing to support any initiative we have proposed.

It's been fantastic to have worked in a parent community which has been so supportive of everything the school does now.

We have a wonderful staff at Churchill Primary School who dedicate many hours of their own time to the children.

Finally, to the students of Churchill Primary School you are talented, enthusiastic and great fun to work with. I look forward to hearing lots of positive things about you in the future.

Sue Davis will be the school Principal in Term 4 while the School Council goes through the process of appointing a person to this position. Rob Higgins

### School Maintenance

The painters will finish the internal painting of the school over the holidays. Special thanks go to all the guys who work for Vincent Painting. They have done a fantastic job and fitted into the school so well.

### Active After School Program

This program will continue in Term 4 with Tuesday evenings being for Grade 6 Bike Riding/HPV training. Wednesday evenings will be a Games Time for all students.

### Prep Enrolments

The school is now desperate to know of any further Prep enrolments for 2007. The school is deciding it's staffing in the next couple of weeks and really needs to know something close to the

final numbers. If you are still not sure which school to choose, take the time to visit the schools and have a look around.

### Musical- Best Foot Forward DVD

These DVD's of the memorable performance are available at the school Office for \$10.

### Breakfast Program

This program is well attended five days a week. The regular volunteers do a wonderful job, serving the food. BUT they would love some extra help from 8:30am on with the mountain of washing up. If you are dropping your child off at school and can spare 15-20 minutes from 8:30am to help with the dishes, it would be most appreciated.

### Walking School Bus

This wonderful program re-started on the 9 October. Volunteers are always needed. This is a special way you can help the school's students, while getting some exercise yourself.

If you would like to help with either the Breakfast or Walking School Bus programs, please contact Welfare Officer Jo Whitelaw at the school on 51221343.

### Amphibian Research Centre Visit To Churchill Primary School

Recently Churchill Primary School received a visit from Gerry Marantelli, the manger of the Amphibian Research Centre in Werribee. Gerry conducted a Frogwatch at Lake Hyland where several species of frogs were identified by their calls. Gerry even managed to go swimming as he tried to locate a brown tree frog!

The following day Gerry worked with Grade Prep, One and Two students. Gerry helped set up taddy tanks and talked to the students about looking after them. The classes are studying the tad-dies and measuring their growth and behaviour.

In the evening Gerry with help of staff conducted a family science night based on frogs. Gerry is the foremost expert on frogs in Australia and travels the world working with different conservation groups.

Gerry is asking staff, students and parents to keep an eye/ear out for the Growling Grass Frog



that was once abundant in our area. Our frogs are an excellent indicator of how healthy our environment is.

This opportunity in working with Gerry was made possible by funding by Australian Government funding through the Department of Education Science and Training in Canberra.



All staff and their families would like to wish  
Dawn and Warwick Judkins the best in retirement.

As 12 year Directors of the company, they have overseen and supported  
a wide variety of local community events and associations.  
Dawn and Warwick have given many Churchill residents the opportunity  
to learn a trade and participate in stable employment.

Troy and Erica, Peter and Michelle hope to emulate their achievements  
to operate a successful and sustainable Churchill business well into the future.

We all look forward to hearing of their numerous escapades and travels  
throughout Australia.





## Glendonald Residents Group Inc Sponsorship for GRG Children's Activities

The last week of Term 3 saw some exciting visitors to our children's activities programs.

Our Monday after school recreational program in Glendonald Park was visited by Churchill CFA. Children were allowed to clamber over the fire truck, and operate the fire hose with supervision from CFA volunteers.

Activity books and stickers were distributed to all, and the children really enjoyed this activity. Many thanks to Churchill CFA volunteers for their visit.

On the last Wednesday of Term 3, our Wednesday "Indoor Activities and Homework Club" (held in the Glendonald Maternal and Child Health Centre in Churinga Drive) was visited by the manager of Australia Post, Gippsland region.

We were presented with a sponsorship cheque and plaque, to support the ongoing running of this program. This funding has been made available through the FRRR/Australia Post 'Stretching the Envelope' grants program.

At this weekly 'club', games, puzzles, books and a range of equipment are provided for activities that have an educational flavour. Children are encouraged to bring their homework along and complete it with the help of volunteers.

Afternoon tea - usually Milo, muesli bars and fruit - is always provided.

This activity is proving quite a hit with local children, and numbers have been steadily increasing. Isabel Temple, the literacy tutor from the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, is one of the key volunteers for this program, and brings all sorts of puzzles and activities to challenge the minds of young students.

Initial resources for this project were provided by sponsorship from Latrobe Community Health Services and the Smith Family 'Learning for Life' Program.

Latrobe City Council has also advised us of our successful funding application for this project, through its Community Development Grants Program. With the monies received, we are hoping to purchase a laptop computer for the use of students involved in our Homework Club.

During the school holidays we ran a free children's event in Glendonald Park. Using some of our 'Go for your Life' sponsorship funds, we engaged Michael Morgan, from First Track Adventures (who also works as Latrobe City's Bike Education Officer), to conduct some age-related organized bike rides for local children.

Latrobe City supported this event by providing spare bikes and hel-

pets from the Traffic School for children who didn't have the necessary items to participate.

Good use was made of the pathways through Glendonald Park (for the under 7s) and along Eel Hole Creek walking track (for the older children). Many thanks to the volunteers who assisted Michael with the group rides.

Mallard Cycles in Morwell also sponsored this event by providing a range of items at negligible cost for our bike-riders on the day.

demonstrating their safe bike-riding practices, children were able to select a 'prize' from the variety of drink bottles, flags, reflectors, bells, etc. A barbecue lunch was provided for all, along with watermelon and cordial for the thirsty riders.

GRG welcomes volunteers to assist with the conduct of our children's activities. You do not have to be a resident of Glendonald to volunteer for our programs.

Police checks are required for volunteers working with children, and GRG assists new volunteers with this, including any costs. For more information, contact Margaret Guthrie on 5122 2997



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Saturday 14th	Esquires
Friday 20th	Flatliners
Saturday 21st	D.J. Mike
Friday 27th	Stoneage
Saturday 28th	**Halloween with "Hound Dogs"

\*\* Halloween Fancy Dress night will be held on Saturday 28th October. Prizes for Best dressed and best dressed couple.  
For the month of October there will be NO old time dance held. Next dance will Be Sunday 19th November

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## Churchill Neighbourhood Centre Great Range of Classes for Term 4

By JEAN BAUDENDISTEL,  
Publicity Officer

The Neighbourhood Centre is offering a great range of classes and workshops for term 4.

The Computer and Online Learning classes are running extremely well and we are expecting to have our new computers in the near future.

Basic Sewing is starting again. Learn to mend, take up hems or better still throw out your old stuff and create a new wardrobe for yourself.

The Leadlight class needs more students to keep it running. Come along and learn the art of leadlighting.

### Patchwork and Embroidery

Patchwork and Embroidery is still popular and there are limited vacancies. "Colour Wash" and "Leadlight" will be taught this term in patchwork .

Various embroidery projects will be taught with kits available.

### Folk Art

The projects being undertaken in folk art are extremely well done and the students are enjoying each others work and company.

They took a trip to Paynesville during the break to buy wooden projects for their class. By all accounts they had a wonderful time.

### Workshops

Tassel Day:

We will be making three different tassels on the one day.

Using hand dyed lace and various other embellishments make your tassels a work of art. We are seeking expressions of interest for this one day workshop. The date is to be announced. Class materials will be available for purchase from Chris.

### Painting on Silk:

Painting on Silk will be starting on 6 November and run for approximately 4/6 weeks with Bee Mellor. Bee is a textile artist with a great deal of experience in Britain and has offered to share her unique skills with us. Materials will be available from Bee .

For more information on any of our classes and workshops don't hesitate to call us on 5122 2955, or call in at the Neighbourhood Centre (inside Leisure Centre).

### 25th AGM

We cordially invite the community, past members and staff to the 25th A.G.M. of the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, which will be held on 9 November at 11am at the Centre.

Community minded people are invited to join our progressive forward thinking committee. The meeting will be followed by a light luncheon .

All those interested in attending please book in with the Centre for catering numbers.



# Churchill & District Intergenerational Community Hub

## Project Update October 2006

The concept plans for the design of the Hub were signed off by the key stakeholders following input from two community meetings held in July.

Feedback on the design components and space requirements for potential user groups was extremely positive, enabling Latrobe City to provide clear advice to the architect engaged to complete the drawings. These have now been submitted to the State and Federal Governments as part of two major funding submissions which if successful, combined with the existing funding, will enable this exciting project to proceed in full.

The completion of this critical phase of the project occurred with a large amount of goodwill and cooperation between parties driving the project and community members who share a common future vision for the Churchill and district communities.

Now we await news from government on the processing of our applications, having supplied them with all the information they required.

So what will the Hub feel like? What will it offer community members and how will it build a stronger, more skilled and connected community? Let's imagine that it's about 3.30pm on a weekday afternoon and we are members of a community group arriving at the Hub...Let's walk through and see what's going on: ...

As we walk through the entrance area, wave through the window to the Co-ordinator of the Neighbourhood Learning Centre and one of our group's volunteers who now helps in the office here - the Centre provides a training venue for our members, volunteers and residents of our neighbourhood and we plan our training program in partnership with the Centre, utilising tutors, classrooms, equipment and the Neighbourhood House network of knowledge and expertise to source our training requirements.

Pause for a moment to speak briefly with neighbours who have just finished their afternoon class - a Level 2 First Aid Certificate course: a useful qualification, much in demand for volunteers and those seeking employment in a number of fields. These classes are being delivered by St John's Ambulance, funded by both State Govt grants to our Group and community agencies.

Don't forget to say hello to the on-line literacy students at the computers in another room, particularly the guys, some of whom have 'crossed the road' from the Community Work Shed (the converted lower floor of the Town Hall, which forms part of the Churchill Hub) to the Community Learning Centre, to explore new interests in what's become a comfortable environment for all ages, gender and socio-economic groups.

Did you look at the Work Shed across the road from the entrance to the Hub? Here older men meet, lunch, share their skills with wood and metal work, make and repair items for local residents, schools and community groups and events. It was great to see Churchill Primary School move their Human Powered Vehicle program into the Work Shed - they've now got the indoor space they need to build the new HPV and the kids love mixing with the 'Grandpas' who've volunteered their time and skills to help.

Here too, you find some of our local teenage boys hanging out, fixing their bikes and skateboards (the Churchill Skate Park is just next to the Hub), making 'stuff' and mixing with a range of interested and interesting older males. The local secondary school, Kurnai College, has brought some of their special programs into the Community Work Shed - the opportunity to mix schooling with practical and socialising skills has been another way of addressing the school retention rates of some of our 'at risk' students.

But women come here too - lots of our 'single

Mums' come to workshops here to learn practical skills around the house, like changing tap washers, how to hang pictures, basic carpentry or car maintenance. Funding for the Work Shed programs comes from corporate sponsorship and the Learning Centre, philanthropic trusts, donations from community groups like Rotary, and community fund-raising.

We head on in to the Community Lounge area. There's a group of 'international' uni students from our neighbourhood: through the Volunteer Resource Centre located here at the Hub, we've been able to link them up with local people - we help them with English and some of their cultural uncertainty about Australian customs and lifestyle and they help us with everything from LOTE for secondary students to ideas for games and outings for children's holiday activities.

Further along, in the Internet Café area, more teens can be seen using the on-line computers available to the public. Our Group has a permanent booking for 3 afternoons and 4 computers - many of the families in our neighbourhood don't have computers, let alone internet connections,



so it's important we provide a place for teens to do their homework, search the net for information and practice their computer skills which are becoming ever more important in this technological age.

Speaking of homework, there go a number of our primary school-aged kids rushing off to one of the community meeting rooms for 'Homework Club'. Conducted by one of the Learning Centre tutors, children and parents are involved in a range of activities. There's help with schoolwork and projects, craft activities in one corner, and always a storybook reading by one of the parents. We've found this a very successful way of engaging with parents - they come in to help their children, but once they're comfortable in the meeting room used for 'Homework Club', they often venture on into the programs conducted at the Learning Centre. Part of the tutor's skill is to support parents into learning pathways with the end goal of skill development, further education and/or employment.

The Childcare facilities at the Hub have provided untold opportunity for our residents. We've seen a sole parents' support group established by parents who've met at the door of 'occasional care' - this group of parents have organised social activities for themselves, provided mutual support and friendship and encouraged each other to become involved in classes, training, playgroup and kindergarten committees, recreational groups and other activities.

Centralised Childcare and Children's Services has also seen a greater take-up of these facilities by families from Glendonald since the days before the Hub existed. Not only do parents use Childcare whilst they attend Learning Centre classes, employment, recreational and social activities, they are better linked to Maternal & Child Health Services, Immunization Programs, Parenting Support Programs, Playgroups and 3 & 4 yr old Kindergarten Programs. This is making a real difference to both the health and parenting skills of local families.

On to the 'Community Centre' - really just another community room - but dubbed "The Office" by many of the community groups that use this room. It's equipped with lock-up alcoves that you can open and 'hey presto' there's your desk space, computer (of course if your group doesn't have it's own, there's the 2 'community

computers' available in the room), filing cabinet and all the bits and pieces your office needs.

We were able to move our filing cabinet into this space from the (most often locked up and inaccessible) kinder where it was previously stored and file all our important documents, member register, etc for easy access by our committee. Our administration funding comes from the DHS Office of Housing Community Grants Scheme, which includes the purchase of office equipment, now that we have an 'office' space to put it in.

There's our Secretary seated there, dealing with correspondence, typing minutes (which can be photocopied on the available community copier) and chatting with the Secretary of the local Lions Club and the District Leader of Churchill Scouts about arrangements for the forthcoming Tree Planting and Garden Maintenance Day at our local Park. These activities have been a great way of bringing other residents of Churchill into our neighbourhood, beautifying our local park and bringing a diverse group of residents together for some 'working socialisation'.

Over at the photocopier is another of our

committee members, responsible for our publicity fliers. With the software and training provided by the Learning Centre, our new volunteer has discovered an artistic flair for posters, which are being put to good use around our town advertising the range of activities we provide for Churchill residents.

Although our focus is on our own neighbourhood, we invite anyone in the district to get involved with our activities. Our children's after school and holiday programs and the training courses we have developed have been particularly popular. We've run accredited volunteer training (a module of Certificate 1 in Transitional Education) for people involved in voluntary activities, Food Hygiene & Safety Certificate classes, TAFE accredited "Introduction to Horticulture" modules and next term will be hosting a Course of eight sessions on "Working with Children" in partnership with staff and students from Monash University Faculty of Education and the Student Union.

So who else is about? A peek into the Community On-Line Library finds our Treasurer, doing an on-line training course on Book-keeping and using 'Quick Books' software, to better do the financial reporting and meet accountability requirements for our Group. Our Treasurer recently completed another on-line course - 'Writing Funding Submissions'. On-line learning particularly suits those who, like our Treasurer, have health & disability problems that make structured class times difficult, whereas on-line learning is flexibly tailored to the availability of the student. On-line learning is becoming quite popular amongst residents since the advent of the Hub.

There's another of our members, who's also involved in the local Churchill Gardening Group, which meets in one of the Hub community rooms, searching the On-line Library Catalogue to order a book on local indigenous plants. This is for our on-going community garden project. Initially funded by our local Council, this project, in partnership with both the local primary and secondary schools has seen the development of a stock of indigenous plants to be used in Churchill's various Parks and Gardens. A number of our neighbourhood Koori residents have become involved in this project and some wonderful outdoor sculptures (funded by a grant from

Arts Victoria) are being produced at the Community Work Shed.

Did I mention that there's a number of 'arty' things happening in the Shed? A group of local teens have formed a drama group and are busy making scenery for their forthcoming performance - this will be a great night of entertainment for locals, to be held in the upper storey of the town hall, which has had a stage, lighting and sound equipment installed to provide our town with a public performance space. They get support from the Gippsland Education Precinct in the form of advice, local student and staff involvement and some minor 'in-kind' sponsorship.

Some days you can hear the muffled sounds of the youthful band practicing after school in the designated room at the Work Shed - of course it's been fitted with some sound-proofing materials like the workshop areas, so the noise doesn't impact on those around this area, particularly residents who just come to enjoy the prospect of having a cuppa with other community members in one of the sunlit courtyards and garden areas around the Hub and Work Shop complex.

Whilst you and I pause for our own cuppa at a table near the Hub kitchen, you can chat to one of the members of the Ladies Guild of the Co-operating Churches of Churchill, who, like many other community groups, utilise the facilities in the Hub kitchen. They have a paid contract with the Learning Centre to cater for lunchtime functions in the Hub. This clean, modern and well-equipped kitchen is of a standard suitable for both preparing catering orders and teaching cooking skills. Our group has been involved in publicising some of the Learning Centre's 'Fantastic Health-Food Recipes' and 'Cooking to a Budget' classes.

As we leave the Hub, girls in Guide uniforms enter, to utilise one of the rooms for an activity. Young men from the local Holden Car Enthusiasts Club arrive for some car-related on-line activity at the Internet Café. Notices in the entrance area announce that Neighbourhood Watch meets tonight in Community Meeting Room 1. Another poster reminds us that the local Landcare Group meets in the Hub on Saturday.

A number of 'green groups' use the Hub as their meeting place and attract new volunteers as they do so - some of our younger members have joined, with a newfound enthusiasm for voluntary work outdoors. The district's environmental groups have embraced the Hub building, with its environmentally friendly design features. The building cost more to construct, but maintenance costs such as heating and cooling are much lower than might have been expected in a more traditionally constructed (and cheaper) building.

Pushed by our new young 'green' members, a group has developed a project, sponsored by Gippsland Water, in partnership with the Office of Housing, Gippsland Group Training (located at the Education Precinct), and TRY Youth Services to purchase and install water-saving shower heads in all public rental properties in Glendonald. We are also educating and assisting other community members in Boolarra and Yinnar with water saving. This means further training and employment opportunities for our youth, financial savings to residents and, of course, decreased water usage.

A great benefit of the new Churchill and District Intergenerational Community Hub is that so many diverse groups and individuals utilise the range of facilities therein, forming links between all the parts of our town. The Hub provides a 'community centre' for the district, where people become connected. It is these 'connections' that have enabled our group, and members of local communities to flourish and contribute substantially to our overall community wellbeing.





## Time to Hibernate

By Courtney Broadbent  
Winner 8-13 Poetry

Doormouse goes to sleep,  
Mole burrows deep.  
Squirrel secretly stores,  
Hedgehog softly snores.  
Swallow flies far away,  
Fox looks for food during the day.  
Badger eats until he's fat,  
Dog grows a thick coat and so does Cat!



"Red Balloon" by Lisa Jenkins and Jayne Quigley  
Runners Up 8-12 Short Story

## The Three Little Chickens

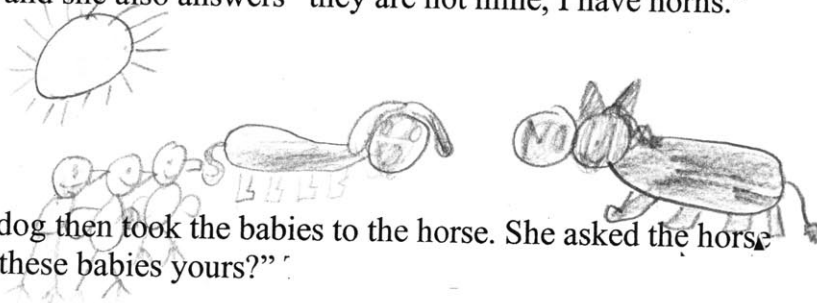
Once upon a time there were three little chickens that just hatched. They lived on a farm. They didn't see their mummy when they hatched, they saw a dog instead. The chickens followed the dog because they thought that she was their mother. "Where is your mum" said the dog. "I don't know" said the three little chickens.



The dog took the chickens to the sheep because she is a dog and can't look after them. She asked the sheep if these were her babies. The sheep answered "no they are not mine. I'm a woolly sheep."



The Dog then took them to the cow. She asks if the babies were hers and she also answers "they are not mine, I have horns."



The dog then took the babies to the horse. She asked the horse "are these babies yours?"

"The Three Little Chickens" by Maddalen Lock  
Winner Under 7

# CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS SHORT STORY AND POETRY COMPETITION 2006

In Circus Del there was Billy the clown, Terrence the Ringmaster, Ally the acrobat, Willy the strong man, the twin unicyclists Zane and Dain. The best act was Mel the lion tamer with his **talking** lion Leo. Leo was as smart as a ten year old and as kind as a recently fed rainbow lorikeet.



"The Great Circus Battle" by Matthew Veldman  
Winner - Best Illustration 8-12 Short Story





By Linda A Taylor

Sid lay on the material bed, door closed, listening to warm wind that laughed around the outside of his home. Silvers of breeze snaked inside via fine gaps between the window frame and walls. He felt no desire to rise and greet the day. The alarm buzzed and he forced it into temporary submission with the palm of his hand before closing his eyes again.

Beside him in a sleepy voice wife Madge said, "Put the kettle on love."

He stalled, "In a minute." Soon the clock buzzed again and Sid silenced it once more. He groaned, pushed the doona away, hitched up his pyjama pants and went to the kitchen, where like every morning he set the kettle to boil and went to find the newspaper. Where was it today? As usual nowhere near the door but balanced precariously amongst the bottom branches of the tree centered on the lawn. Sid wanted to complain about the paperboy's laxity but Madge would never let him. He retrieved the paper and went inside, taking it with him to the toilet.

Madge heard each task as it was preformed. The kettle would be full, which meant she had a few minutes; his slippers remained forgotten by the bed and the paper would be retrieved from wherever it landed. After twenty-three years, their routine was predictable. The toilet flushed, now she would rise and start her day. Outside the wind continued its siren song.

Breakfast always a silent meal. Sid continued with paper, while consuming egg, bacon, toast and coffee. Madge worked the puzzle page drinking black tea and nibbling dry toast.

Ready to leave, he pecked her cheek, "Remember, its Tuesday," she said.

He answered, "I know dear," then to himself, "As if you'd ever let me forget."

Sid despised Tuesdays yet for Madge it was the highlight of her week.

Across town Sid stopped his ute at the gate of his wrecker's yard.

Normally the dogs appeared at once to ride in with him but not today. He called, "Jack! Ben! Where are you? Come on fellas; breakfast time."

No response.

The greasy contents of his stomach stirred as he drove in, slowly in case they appeared suddenly, but they did not. He parked outside the office, (Madge called it a derelict tin shed, forecasting that one day soon it would fall over). He unlocked the door and again called the dogs, while banging their metal food bowl together. Jack, looking sleepy and stopping to stretch appeared from behind the Renault parked next to the office, Ben lumbered behind him. Sid's heart relaxed. Being German Shepherds did not automatically make them guard dog material but such titles kept the insurance company happy.

They greeted Sid with smiling faces and wagging rumps. He ruffled the fur of each, speaking to them as children. "Where've you been then? Scared me half to death you did. How about breakfast eh?" The one-sided conversation continued until the dogs had eaten; then they accompanied Sid on his morning tour of the yard and spare parts shed. The still persistent wind movement soon drove him back inside. The dogs, close behind took up their position before the pot-belly stove. Warm weather or cold, their days were mostly spent stretched across the office floor, moving hardly at all; except to lift their heads infrequently, in response to Sid's voice as he stepped over or around them as necessary. He wondered, as he often did, how they exhausted themselves so during the hours of darkness that necessitated the entire day being used for sleep. He suspected that when he left they curled up snug in the Renault (their sort-of

kennel) parked next to the office. The old car and heap of blankets protected them from the elements. Sid was a softie. Everybody knew it - wife, dogs and friends.

Customers that morning were frequent. During cold weather clients performed only necessary DIY maintenance so he sold fewer parts but icy roads, rain and fog meant his stock of vehicles increased. Warmer weather included young men to install new music systems, increase their engine power, replacing this, that or the other, to either outdrive their friends or impress prospective girlfriends. He remembered, if only vaguely, being young and driven by hormones.

Sometimes, when working around the wrecked cars, Sid's heart would fill with sadness and his soul felt unseen company. For sanity's sake, his thoughts firmly remained with the cars, ignoring all else. The dead were not his business.

During the afternoon two cars were delivered to the yard: an old blue Toyota with P plates and an equally ancient red Datsun, displaying L's - driver's with limited experience.

The dogs greeted Harry the deliveryman, as the old friend he was. Harry always felt the need to explain the history of vehicles he brought Sid. Indicating the Toyota he said, "Two kids died in that. Driver and his four-year-old brother. The L plater was a boy and his mum. They've gone too." Silence followed his statement as Sid refused to be drawn into a discussion on deceased persons.

While inspecting the dusty toes of his boots Harry asked, "And how's Madge?"

"Fine. Just fine. Fancy a beer tonight? It's Tuesday."

"Ah, the dreaded Tuesday. Sorry mate, can't. The in-laws are expected. Daren't be late. The missus'd have me hide."

"That's O.K." Without forethought Sid then said, "when that doorbell goes on Tuesday nights she's all smiles and happy. Like a girl again."

"Maybe she's bored."

"Can't see that. She says there's always something to do in the house."

Well then, can't help ya mate. Must be off. Few things still to do this arvo. See ya later."

The working day finally over, the dogs followed Sid to the gate and their brown eyes watched him depart. He hated leaving them but expected they would make themselves comfortable in Renault/kennel, which of course they did, remaining alert, doing what guards dogs are expected to. Sid would be proud.

On the way home, for the first time ever Sid gave honest thought to his feelings about Tuesdays. The other husbands made good use of their weekly freedom and Madge was exhilarated by the company and challenge. And he realized his jealousy of the time she gave her friends. Their marriage whilst not unhappy (for him) was empty for her. He may wake one day and find her gone; in panic he stopped and brought chocolates and flowers from the supermarket.

As always, the house was welcoming and bright. "Madge, I'm home," he called.

They met in the kitchen, pecked cheeks and she said, "Hello love. Have a good day?"

"Hm." He handed her the gifts.

"What's going on? It's not my birthday."

"Thought you might like them that's all. No need of an inquisition."

"You always say flowers are a waste of money."

"Do I? Well I've changed my mind."

"In that case, thank you." With the blooms displayed in a vase she asked, "Everything all right at the yard?"

"Fine. I'm just going to the bathroom then I'll eat and get out of your way. How many tonight?"

"Four and me." Still thinking of the flowers and chocolates she said, "You could play too."

"Not my thing you know that. And I'd be the odd one out."

She knew better than to argue.

## Is There Anybody There?

Promptly at eight o'clock the players arrived. Sid lay prone on the material bed, door closed, lost in the world of television. Beneath the door, faint laughter drifted into the room. He turned up the volume.

The first game of Scrabble commenced enthusiastically but soon flagged and side conversations began.

Hazel pursed her lips, sipping her sherry and said, "Let's do something different for a change."

Surprised by this turn of events nobody answered for a moment until Susan said, "I know - let's have a séance! It'll be a hoot. I've done it loads of times. We can use the Scrabble letters. Have you got a stemmed wine glass Madge?"

Grace asked, "Contact the dead you mean?"

"Of course," Susan answered. "Not frightened are you?"

Grace gave a withering look, "Certainly not."

Madge went for a glass and found Sid in the pantry. "Looking for these?" she asked, handing him the box of chocolates, then, "We're having a séance. And don't give me that look. Susan's done it plenty of times."

"But ..." He stopped, recalling his earlier thoughts concerning Madge's happiness. He said nothing further and she left the kitchen, glass in hand. On her return the scrabble tiles were set in an alphabet circle on the table. The words 'yes' and 'no' were written on paper and placed within the circle. Overhead lights were extinguished and the room lit by candle power.

Susan upended the glass and sat it in the table's centre. "Righto girls, one finger each on the stem, rest it gently and no larking about. The spirits move the glass through us and they'll know we're not serious."

"Good Lord, how many are we expecting?" Grace asked.

"Who knows? Shush now!" Very seriously Susan asked, "Are there any spirits in the room with us tonight? If so, please move the glass to yes."

Nothing happened.

"I feel silly," said Grace.

Again Susan asked the question and silence covered them.

Different terminology was used several times but the glass remained stationary.

"Now I'm beginning to feel silly," Hazel finally said.

Watching the non-event from the open doorway Sid said, "You'd have better luck at the yard."

"Of course, why didn't I think of that?" Susan jumped up excited. "There'd be lots of ghosts around smashed cars. Come on girls, pack everything up."

Grace asked, "What, now? But it's dark Susan."

"Ghosts come out at night, Grace." The tiles and glass were already in the Scrabble box, tightly held against Susan's chest. "You'd best come too Sid," she said. "I expect you'll need to open the gates or something."

Sid and Madge led the convoy of cars to the yard. Jack and Ben came running to greet them in a most exuberant manner; visitors never came through the gate at night. With the dogs in the ute, Sid drove in and all stopped outside the office. It was declared way too smelly for their purpose but the lights were left on to shine on the area to be used outside. Madge produced a table and some cobwebby chairs. The Scrabble tiles and glass were in position and candles set to burn.

Sylvia had thoughtfully brought the sherry, "Any glasses?" she asked. Sid produced coffee mugs and was glad it was too dark to see their stained insides.

In the distance a church clock struck the half hour. "Right atmosphere at least," Hazel whispered.

Jack and Ben sat in the ute with Sid. His insides felt kind of fluttery: but it was just a game. He swallowed noisily and rested a hand on

### Winner Adult Short Story

Jack's head. In the glare of his headlight five women sat and five fingers rested in the glass. "Are there spirits with us tonight?" Susan asked.

Everybody waited.

Grace said, "It's awfully dark out here."

"Shush," Susan commanded. "How many times must I say it? If the vibes aren't right, they won't come."

Jack and Ben felt the disturbance of air in the surrounding darkness. From opposite sides of the yard two youths appeared, one accompanied by an older woman, possibly his mother. The other was with a male child not yet old enough for school. All were dressed as if for a wedding or perhaps a funeral and they moved towards each other.

Jack's throat gave a low rumble, too soft to hear but the vibrations through his hand alerted Sid. "What is it boy?" He looked around but saw nothing.

"Is there anybody there?" Susan asked in a strident voice.

A young woman wearing a red coat, high heels clip-clopping across the Asphalt was neither seen nor heard by the spirit seekers. She held the hand of a silently crying female child and they advanced upon an almost destroyed Peugeot. The stranger took keys from the bag across her shoulder and the squashed in car door opened at her touch. The metal, bent and broken, screeched like a hungry seagull. She reached into the back seat, picked up a teddy bear and handed it to the child. Immediately the tears stopped. Red-coated, high-heeled mother said,

"Here you go darling. Now stop the tears because we must hurry to meet Daddy. We're so late and he'll be wondering where we are." Adult and child moved on with purpose.

"Is there anybody there yet?" Susan asked. "Please answer."

A middle-aged man in overalls came and began to rub a yellow duster over the bonnet of a red Commodore. Now and then he stood back as if to admire his work and then continued. He acknowledged none and was acknowledged by none.

"Is there anybody there at all?" Susan asked, her voice becoming petulant.

The two young men came within sight of each other and stopped. They stared, evaluating possible courses of action.

"Blasted mozzies are eating me alive," Grace complained.

An elderly couple appeared as if by magic. Brother and sister perhaps, or man and wife; arms linked, on their way to somewhere. Each pulled a case on wheels behind them.

"Another drink anybody?" Sylvia refilled the mugs.

A group of teenagers approached, loudly discussing how best to spend their evening. Their conversation continued unheard and unfelt, as they walked through, not around the table leaving the contents undisturbed and the women unaware; though Madge did ask, "Does anyone feel chilly?"

"PLEASE, isn't there anybody here?"

The teenagers, as is the habit of their age group, ignored their elders and continued on their way to nowhere.

Two young men and their companions walked to the Datsun delivered by Harry earlier that day. The hours of darkness sufficient for them to complete all still unsaid.

"This is stupid," Sylvia said. "If spirits won't talk in a place like this, then there's obviously no such thing as ghosts at all. Let's go home."

After everyone had left Jack and Ben returned to their Renault/kennel. For the remainder of dark they watched as the erstwhile owners of the broken vehicles in the yard went about their business. As daylight came the spirits returned to wherever they came from.

A wrecker's yard is no place for a respectable dog to get a decent night's sleep.





## Contemplation

By Rosie Williams  
Winner Adult Poetry

I gets up in the mornin' and I makes a cuppa tea.

I rolls a smoke and contemplates the work in front of me.

I goes out to the dunny and contemplates some more.

Me Grandad always says that's what a dunny's for.

Old Bluey comes a-nosin' round, lookin' for a feed.

I chucks him out a bone or two and that's me first good deed.

I 'ave a wash and contemplates the whiskers on me chin-

Should I shave or grow a beard! The whiskers always win.

Now for a bit of brekky. Get me strength up for the day.

But the cupboard door is stuck and it's near empty anyway.

So I pours another cup and dunks a crust of bread

And as I chew, I contemplate the day that lies ahead.

I contemplate the dishes, piled up in the sink

But I only done 'em Friday and they're not up to the brink.

I rolls another smoke and heaves a weary sigh.

That drippin' tap needs fixin' before me tank runs dry.

The cupboard door needs sandin'. The floor could use a mop.

An I'll have to go to town sometime to do a grocery shop.

I contemplate the back door screen. There's a worthwhile job.

And when I'm doin' it, I could replace the broken knob.

I breaks out in a sweat at the thought of all this lot.

Me brain is workin' overtime and it's gettin' bloody hot.

Before I start I'd better strip down to me underwear.

It's far too hot to work in jeans and they're me last clean pair.

Now there's a thought! I really ought to give me clothes a scrub.

But the dirt'll come out easy if they just soak in the tub.

I could get the mower started. The grass needs to be mown.

But Gawd! It that the time? Where has the morning flown?

I've been so bloody busy, I'm run right off me feet.

No wonder I feel knackered. I'd better stop and eat.

There's a bite of stew left over. I'll share it with old Blue.

And while we eat I'll contemplate the chores I've yet to do.

Feed the chooks? Collect the eggs? The garden's dry again

But sure's I start to water it, there'll be a shower of rain.

I'll have a little nap first. Well, I sure did need that break

'Cos the sun is going down when I finally awake.

So I gets up to me feet and I makes a cuppa tea

And then I sit and contemplate what tomorrow's jobs will be.



# Where I belong

By Chloe Morley

Winner 13-18 Short Story

My name is Louem Tien and I live in a war filled country called Vietnam. This place is my home; it's where I belong; my refuge and shelter. Or at least it was. You see,

lately there have been many wars and fights. People have burned down houses and killed many innocent people. This is my story.

"Wake up, my son. A new day is soon to dawn and we have little time to escape." I woke on the morning of July 16 1971 to find my father leaning over me in my lucky-to-be-still-standing house. The reason I can say this is because there has been a war between the Viet Cong and South Vietnam. Sadly, the Viet Cong was victorious in their quest to control all of South Vietnam and now our people live in fear. Children not knowing if they will see their next birthday. Worried parents unsure if they will see their children grow up.

My family was lucky. We have not been attacked and my father and I are to flee Vietnam before this happens. We are going to Australia. I am unsure whether it will be as good as Vietnam, but it will be better than living in fear and hiding. "Quickly Louem, we must leave before the Viet Cong find out about what we are doing," my father says in a quiet soothing voice.

I go into the kitchen where my mother is crying at the table. I go and comfort her and my father says that we will send for her once we have some money.

Saying Goodbye was the hardest part of all. I almost didn't want to leave. But then I remembered that I might be killed if I didn't so when my father led me out the door, I followed.

We ran into the darkness, moving as swiftly as night itself. Finally, we reached the shore. There was a large boat in the harbour. But despite its size, it made not a sound as it docked, like a silent giant. We boarded the ship along with many other people who were all pushing and shoving to try and find a place to sit.

I laid my head on my father's shoulder.

"We're not out of the woods yet," he told me, "we still have to get past the Viet Cong. Then we will be safe."

I was afraid, but strong, for soon we would be free.....

"Louem, Louem, wake up, we're in Australia!"

I woke to find myself in very different surroundings. It was my aunt's house. She had come to Australia many years ago for a new life with her husbands and two sons. We were going to live with them.

"Hello there little man," my Uncle Nyguen said to me, "I haven't seen you in a while."

We ate dinner in the dining room. The food was so good I haven't had a decent meal for ages. As I ate, I thought of my mother and sister, Yakima. I wondered how they were. Whether they were eating good food like I was. Whether they were safe...

The next day I had to go to school. I wasn't sure whether I'd like it though. So many people all dressed the same, like an army of mindless clones. Then again, back in Vietnam, there were no schools so this would be a great opportunity.

"You'll be fine," my aunt said softly. "It's just the first day that's a bit daunting." I gave her a nervous smile. I wasn't sure what to say so I just followed my father out the door.

"Welcome students! Today we have a new pupil. His name is Louem and he is from Vietnam. Why don't you tell us about yourself, Louem?" boomed the voice of Principal Nero over the top of all the students in the giant hall.

I walked up onto the stage. All the eyes of the school were on me. I felt so strange. I felt their eyes boring into me, anticipating my every word. I stuttered a bit and then began my story. Everyone listened in awe as I told them about my frightful escape from the Viet Cong, about my sister and my mother and about the boat. When I had finished, the entire room burst into applause. It was incredible. In my new classroom, I made friends fast with everyone, as they asked me questions about Vietnam and everything I had been through. They showed me around and helped me with my work. Maybe this place won't be so bad after all.....

A few years have passed. I've grown to really like this place. I have many friends. We play together and sometimes get into a bit of trouble. As for my mother and Yakima, we sent for them and now we have a house of our own. I have a pet dog named Daisy and two fish called Smokey and Nemo. I'm so glad we are all together again but most of all I'm glad we came to Australia even though Vietnam was where I was born. Now I know for sure, Australia is where I belong.



# Noodles for Nicola

By Sandra James

Winner 'A Childrens Story'

Down a narrow lane in Newtown lived nine nosy neighbours who were never nice to each other. Nigel, Nelly, Nancy, Norman, Nikita, Nathan, Naomi, Ned and Natasha and Nasty Nurse had been neighbours for nineteen years but they didn't visit each other or even say hello.

One day Nigel noticed that his little speckled hen, Nicola, wasn't in the hen house. She wasn't in the yard. She wasn't with the nanny goat. And she wasn't in the garden looking for big juicy worms! Nigel couldn't find her anywhere.

Nigel walked up and down the narrow lane calling Nicola but there was no answer. It began to get late and Nigel knew he should find his little speckled hen before the sun went down.

He took a BIG breath and knocked on Nelly's door.

"Nelly," he said, "have you seen Nicola, my little speckled hen? She is such a good hen. She lays beautiful egg in her nest every day at noon and every night for supper she nibbles on noodles. Please say you've seen her."

"No, Nigel," answered Nelly, "I haven't seen your little speckled hen but I will help to you look for her."

So Nigel and Nelly knocked on Nancy's door. "Nancy," said Nigel, "have you seen my little speckled hen? She is

such a good hen. She lays a beautiful egg in her nest every day at noon and every night for supper she nibbles on noodles."

"No, Nigel, I haven't seen your little speckled hen," said Norman, "but I will help you look for her."

So Nigel, Nelly, Nancy and Norman knocked on Nikita's door and she hadn't seen the little speckled hen. But she said would help them to look for her.

Then Nigel, Nelly, Nancy, Norman and Nikita all knocked on Nathan's door but he hadn't seen Nicola anywhere. But he did say he would help to look for her.

So Nigel, Nelly, Nancy, Norman, Nikita and Nathan went and knocked on Naomi's door. Naomi sadly shook her head. Nicola hadn't been to Nikita's house. But she would help to look for her.

So Nigel, Nelly, Nancy, Norman, Nikita, Nathan and Naomi knocked on Ned's door.

"Please say you've seen Nicola, Nigel's little speckled hen," they chorused. "She is such a good hen. She always lays a beautiful egg in her nest each day at noon and every night she nibbles on noodles for supper."

"No," said Ned, "I haven't seen Nicola, but I will help you look for her."

So Nigel, Nelly, Nancy, Norman, Nikita, Nathan, Naomi and Ned all knocked on Natasha the Nasty Nurse's door.

"Natasha," they said, "have you seen Nigel's little speckled hen, Nicola? She is such a good hen and lays a beautiful egg in her nest every day at noon. And at night she nibbles on noodles for supper."

"I know!" said Natasha, and she opened the door wide so they could all see Nicola perched at Natasha's table, nibbling on noodles. "Do come in. I have plenty of noodles."

So Nigel, Nelly, Nancy, Norman, Nikita, Nathan, Naomi and Ned all went inside and ate noodles that night with Nicola the little speckled hen and Natasha the Nasty Nurse.

Soon they discovered that Natasha was not a nasty nurse after all, she was a very nice nurse. And she cooked the best noodles in Newtown.

So all the neighbours stopped being nosy and became the best of friends, eating noodles on the ninth night of every month with Nicola the little speckled hen and all the little speckled chickens she hatched.





## My Uncle, My Idol, My Hero

By Lauren Buurman  
Winner 13-18 Poetry

I can't believe you left us  
I can't believe you're gone,  
For months after you left  
We all continue to mourn.

As much as I want to bring you back  
I know that you're in a much better place,  
But still, I find it hard to accept  
I cannot laugh with you, hear your voice, see your face.

I still feel guilty when I cry  
Because I know, for them, I must be strong,  
But deep down inside  
I've been mourning all along.

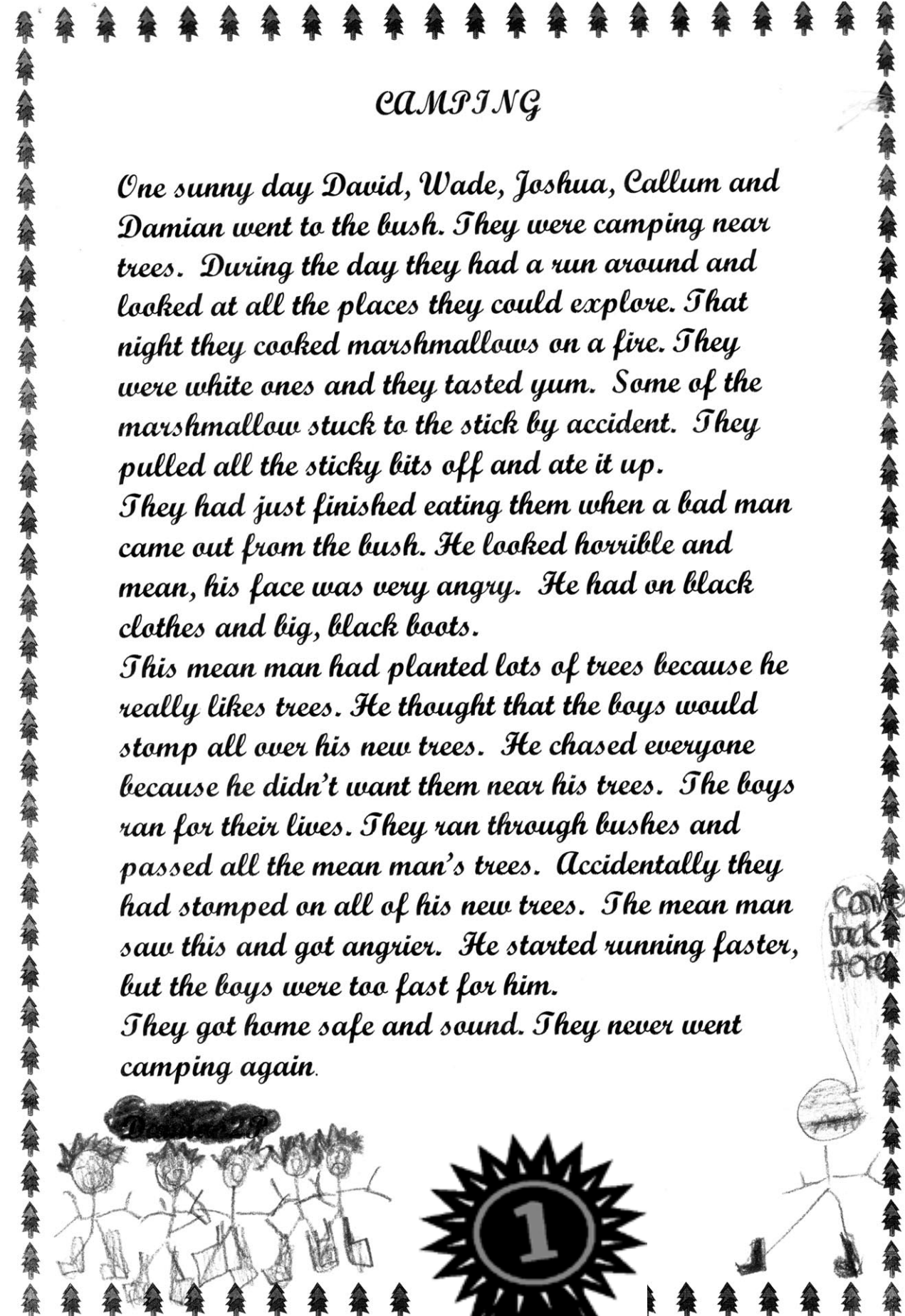
You know, if tears could build a stairway  
And memories make a lane,  
We'd walk the path to heaven  
To bring you back again.

I don't know what else to say  
Because "I miss you" says it all,  
You are not gone, you are not dead  
We're just separated by this ....wall?

Just because I can't see you  
Doesn't mean you are not here,  
You still live on inside me  
In my laughter, in my tear.

I'm never going to give this up  
You meant so much to me,  
But in a way I'm happy  
From all this pain, you have been freed.

And now I regret not telling you  
For now you'll never know,  
Not only did I love you heaps  
You were my uncle, my idol, my hero!

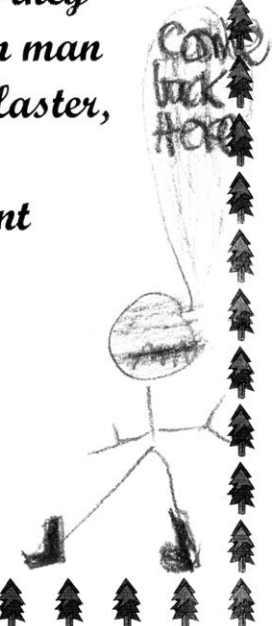


## CAMPING

*One sunny day David, Wade, Joshua, Callum and Damian went to the bush. They were camping near trees. During the day they had a run around and looked at all the places they could explore. That night they cooked marshmallows on a fire. They were white ones and they tasted yum. Some of the marshmallow stuck to the stick by accident. They pulled all the sticky bits off and ate it up. They had just finished eating them when a bad man came out from the bush. He looked horrible and mean, his face was very angry. He had on black clothes and big, black boots. This mean man had planted lots of trees because he really likes trees. He thought that the boys would stomp all over his new trees. He chased everyone because he didn't want them near his trees. The boys ran for their lives. They ran through bushes and passed all the mean man's trees. Accidentally they had stomped on all of his new trees. The mean man saw this and got angrier. He started running faster, but the boys were too fast for him. They got home safe and sound. They never went camping again.*



**Damian Toward**



## The Adventures of a Pig!

By Elisha Price

Winner 18-12 Short Story

One summer evening at a farm in a far-off place, all the animals were playing a noisy game. At least, all the animals except for a pig. The pig's name was Jemima and at that moment she was feeling very lonely because none of the other animals wanted to play with her. None of the other animals wanted her to play with them because she was fat, ugly and stupid. But that was only what they thought, because, to tell the truth, she was very clever and churnd pretty (but she was a bit fat).

So when Jemima saw the farm gate open, straight away she decided to run away because the animals were so mean. So she trotted through the gate and off she went, like a bullet, in case anyone saw her.

Jemima kept on walking for what felt like an eternity until she came to a dark forest at night-fall. In the forest there lived a woodchopper and his wife and they allowed Jemima to stay there for the night. Jemima was thinking to herself that she might like to live there until she heard the

wood chopper and his wife arguing about how they should kill her. So at the break of dawn Jemima slipped out the door and ran for her life. At midday Jemima came to a town where there were trains and train stations. So Jemima hid on a train going to New York. To Jemima's surprise there was a rat there wearing a long coat and looking just as surprised a Jemima felt.

"Who are you?" said the rat and Jemima at the same time.

"I am Roger the rate, madam," said the rat in a clear English accent.

"And I'm Jemima the pig," replied Jemima. "Are you running away?"

"Yes I am because everyone throws stones at me and curses me," Roger said sadly.

"Well," said Jemima, thinking hard. "How about we stick together so our journeys are more enjoyable?"

"Alright, you're on!" cried Roger who became cheerful again. So the two new friends told jokes and swapped stories as they waited patiently for

the train to arrive at New York.

A few hours later, the train arrived at New York and the two friends set off, debating about what they should do first.

"I think we should go to an art centre!" cried Roger who was a budding artist and was very passionate about art.

"No way, we HAVE to go to the movies!" shouted Jemima, who loved to watch movies. At that very moment, they walked past the zoo and they both yelled at the same time "The zoo!"

So Jemima and Roger bought some lollies to try and started to walk around the zoo. After a while, Jemima and Roger noticed that all the animals looked tired, starved and unhappy. Jemima and Roger were upset by this greatly. Then a whisper from Roger made Jemima jump.

"Hey, Jemima, see that lad over there? He's the caretaker and has the keys to every cage. If I could somehow steal the keys, then we could set the animals free and they would be happy!"

"Great idea," Jemima whispered back. "Go

get the keys!"

So Roger followed the caretaker to his office where the caretaker put the keys on his desk, put his feet up and was fast asleep in seconds.

Roger moved slowly towards the keys and after a minute of tiptoeing he reached the keys. Roger quietly picked up the keys with his front teeth and moved towards the door.

When Roger got out the door Jemima was waiting for him.

"Good job!" she whispered with joy in her eyes. Then Roger hopped on Jemima's back and together they unlocked all the doors in less than an hour. All the animals they freed whispered "Thanks" to them before running or sliding away.

Roger and Jemima liked being heroes and decided that they would make it their goal to free all the animals in captivity so they could be as happy as they were.

So the two friends set off into the sunset and are still helping animals today.





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## Opportunity to help others

Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) Dialysis Transport Program offers transport to and from dialysis on a roster system for people requiring dialysis but do not have access to transport.

Although this program is provided with a vehicle and fuel, it is really driven by our wonderful team of volunteer drivers. Drivers report that they enjoy the social interaction of the program and the feeling of satisfaction gained from helping others.

LCHS urgently needs more drivers for this program. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver please contact June Hutchison, Latrobe Community Health Service on 5136 5433. Drivers must hold a current Victorian Driver's Licence and are subject to a police check.

### Cancer Support

The Latrobe Cancer Help Group meets on the first Monday of each month, from 10.30am to 12.30pm at Latrobe Community Health Service, 42 Fowler St Moe.

The group provides a good forum in which to meet others affected by cancer, share common concerns, learn from others experiences and enjoy time together.

Guest speakers provide useful information and as the group is part of the Cancer Council Victoria network their newsletters are available also.

New comers, family and friends are most welcome.

For further information contact the Community Health Nurse, phone 5127-9100.

### Planned Activity Groups - Fun for Older People

Planned Activity Groups in Morwell, Moe and Churchill continue to provide social options and recreation for older people who would like the opportunity to get out and about.

The programs are centre-based with members being encouraged to have input into the program planning.

Some groups have special interests which allows for a wide variety in activities.

Both Moe and Morwell have a Men's group which provide a great opportunity for men to get together, tell a few jokes and talk men's business!

Recent activities at the centre include movie days, BBQ lunches, cards, and indoor bowls.

Other groups have participated in ten-pin bowling, walking or crafts.

As LCHS has several planned activity groups each week, there is a group to suit most people.

Transport is provided. These groups can be used as a respite for carers.

The groups are run by qualified staff with support from our friendly volun-



teers.

For further information please contact LCHS PAG Coordinator Betty Beacham, on: Tel: 5127-9107 or, Tel: 0400-067-632.

### Heart Smart - Getting healthy

Have you recently or in the past:  
Had a heart attack  
Had heart surgery of some kind  
Have high blood pressure  
Angina

Controlled heart failure  
Other vascular or heart disease

Suffer from type 2 diabetes (many elements have broad elements to heart disease)

If you answered YES to any of these questions then the heart smart group would be of great benefit to you and your health.

Heart smart is an ongoing phase three cardiac rehabilitation program provided by Latrobe community health service that focuses on, promotion of a good quality of life and improvement in risk factors associated with coronary heart disease.

Sessions include- low impact aerobic exercise, short walks, discussion and education, blood pressure checks, guest speakers, video presentations and information library and social support.

Each week a light exercise circuit takes place followed by discussions on heart disease requested by the group, as well as a friendly chat over afternoon tea.

Both the information and aerobic exercise sessions are coordinated by our trained Health Professionals to ensure you're taking the right steps towards optimal health.

The program is targeted at residents of the Traralgon, Morwell and Churchill areas. Sessions take place on Mondays in Traralgon and Tuesdays in Churchill, at 1.30 - 3.00pm Traralgon, 10.30- 12 Churchill.

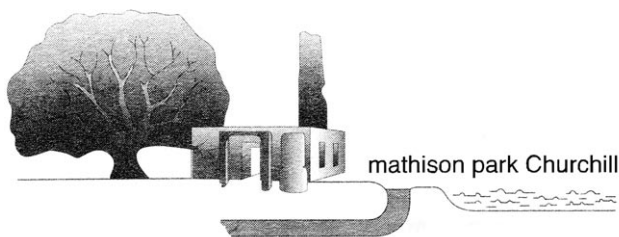
They take place at LCHS centre building in each town

The cost is a weekly gold coin donation (towards afternoon tea)

For more information call, Liz Jones on 51711407



## Where Is Mathison Park?



By RUTH PLACE

So, you have read about Mathison Park and still haven't been to see it because you do not know where to find it? Well here are some directions to the lovely, inviting, on- your-door-step park, right in the middle of Churchill.

Mathison Park can be accessed by following the walking path across the west side of Green Inc. then following the path across Switchback Road, doing a dog leg through Kurnai College grounds and linking up with the Eel Hole Creek pathway through the park from south to north.

Coming down the concrete pathway from Monash

Way by the pedestrian crossing, heading east, turn left into the pathway mentioned above and continue to walk south-north, through the trees, enjoying the birds, the cool greenery, and the peaceful surroundings.

If you drive you can access Mathison Park by travelling down Tramway Road, turning first right into Mackey's Road. About 200 metres along on the right is a car park, where you may park and walk into the park north to south.

Lake Hyland is also located there and is a great spot to fish. It is a peaceful, protected from the westerly winds- a place to spend some time.

Hope to see you there soon.



## Yinnar and District Preschool Mini Market Day

29th October 2006  
10.00am - 2.00pm

Yinnar and District Preschool  
Main Street, Yinnar  
Entry by Gold Coin Donation

## Preschool Mini-Market

YINNAR and District Preschool are holding a Mini Market at the preschool.

Come along for a fun filled day with a variety of different party plan stalls.

There will be stalls from Body Shop, linen, lavender products, wood work, candles and more.

For more information contact Samantha McGown on 5163 1312





Residents and staff tested their skills at footy tipping. The result at the end of the season was: Nell Young, first place, staff member Lyn Day in second place and in equal third place was Peter Martin and Joy Darragh

## Hazelwood House Happenings



The residents have been collecting secondhand dolls, cleaning them up and dressing the dolls in new hand knitted outfits. The money raised from the dolls goes towards the bus fund which is now up to \$15,700. Velta and Nell display the dolls dressed in the new clothes they knitted.



Once a fortnight Brian Barker spends an afternoon entertaining residents while they enjoy happy hour. The photo shows Jean singing along with Brian.

## Variety Concert

Hazelwood House is holding a variety concert on Sunday 29 October. It will be packed full of entertainment, including country, rock, bush, comedy and lots more. Light refreshments will be available.

It will be held at the Churchill Football Club Rooms

from 4pm to 8pm.

Tickets will be on sale at the door or they can be brought at the hostel

For more information please ring 5122 3000.

## Health and Wellbeing Depression

Professor Don Jefferys

Adjunct Professor, Deakin University

Irritable, experiencing sleepless nights or feeling sad, perhaps you are suffering depression. Depression is the most common adult psychiatric illness occurring twice as frequently in women than men. It is not an illness specific to adulthood, it occurs in children, adolescents and in later life. Tragically, most who are depressed are either not diagnosed, remain secretive or in a state of denial about their illness.

Depression is not to be ignored, wishful thinking for happier times is not a treatment. For many, depression is a genetic disorder that parents unknowingly pass on to their children via their genes. Moreover, this illness is often chronic with repetitive episodes occurring. Sixty percent who experience one episode of depression will experience a second, 70% of those, will experience further episodes.

The symptoms of depression vary little between age groups. The most prominent symptoms are the persistent period of lowered mood often manifested in irritability, sadness or flatness. Other symptoms include insomnia i.e., difficulty going to sleep or interrupted sleep, decreased or increased appetite, concentration and memory impairment, fatigue and lack of motivation. Tragically, some experience suicidal thoughts and some attempt suicide, the distress of their illness being too painful to endure. Those who are depressed often feel alone, withdraw from others and are unable to feel joy in their life.

Depression is more than just feeling "gloomy"; it is an illness affecting one's ability to function in everyday life. Unfortunately, most sufferers experience one or more anxiety disorders, the onset of which precedes the onset of their depression. Hence, it is not uncommon for depressed people to have a history of panic disorder, generalised anxiety disorder (GAD) and/or social phobia now known as social anxiety disorder.

Can depression be treated, the answer is YES. Pharmacotherapy is the most common mode. Today, there are many classes of antidepressants, all equally effective.

Antidepressants take 7-14 days to have an effect, often the dose requires adjusting. Antidepressants should not be feared; they are not addictive and will not change your personality.

Other therapies for depression include cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), which, while useful as an adjunctive therapy to pharmacotherapy, may not be as effective as originally thought. Regular exercise is useful for all with depression, for some with mild depression, exercise is the only therapy required.

So, if you feel you might be depressed, get help, don't be embarrassed. Depression is not just a disease of the mind it is a whole body illness. It is not a personal flaw; it is a real physical illness occurring in the brain that, in the depressed person, is asking for help.

Dr Don Jefferys, PhD, MAP's, Suite 4/140 Church Street, Richmond. Tel: 9420 1414.

Website: [www.pamguide.com.au](http://www.pamguide.com.au)

## Mine Heritage Protection Looming



Heritage protection for the State Coal Mine Eastern Area is now a step closer following assessment of the site in August by Heritage Victoria.

Notification of the recommendation for listing was published in the Herald Sun newspaper on September 18th. A final decision on any recommendation will not be made by the Heritage Council of Victoria until the expiration of 60 days from that date.

Anyone may make written submissions to the Heritage Council before it makes its final decision. Anyone may also request a hearing before the Registrations Committee of the Heritage Council to present views personally or discuss matters further. Written submissions must reach Heritage Victoria before 20th November 2006.

President of the Friends of the State Coal Mine, Garry Wilson asks that people should now use this opportunity to write letters of support to Heritage Victoria as this is an important part of the

process.

"Heritage Victoria will

be influenced by all feedback and submissions, including those of a positive nature. Once the site is listed on the Victorian Heritage Register, we will have more opportunities to source State and Federal Government funding. This listing would also protect the underground tunnels to ensure their existence for generations to come." he said.

All places on the Victorian Heritage Register and the Heritage Inventory are legally protected under the Heritage Act 1995. Other State Coal Mine sites around Wonthaggi are already listed for protection, leaving the remaining site vulnerable.

Garry requests that you send your letter of support to:

The Heritage Council, Level 7, Nicholson Street, East Melbourne 3002 before 20th November



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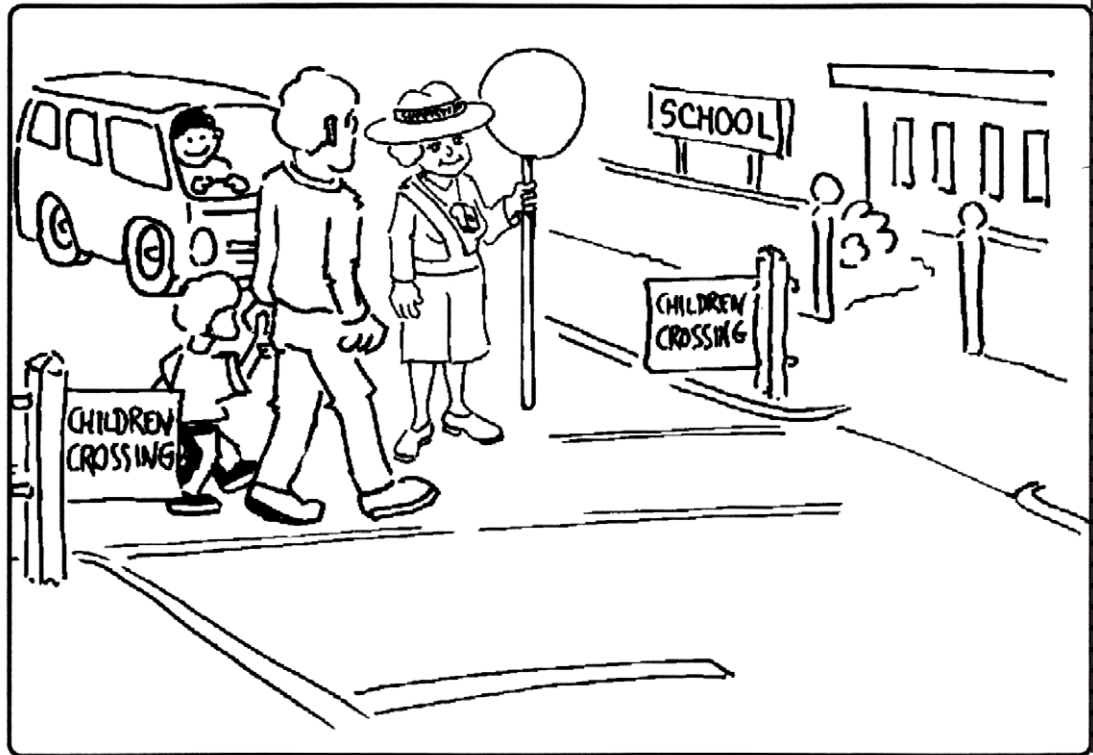
# Competition

## COMMUNITY SAFETY MONTH

### Crossing the road safely

Fill in the missing words to complete the safety sentences. All the missing words are in the box underneath.

- \* Stop, look, \_\_\_\_\_ and think.
- \* Walk, don't \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* Keep \_\_\_\_\_ and listening as you cross the road.
- \* Be seen, wear \_\_\_\_\_ that are easy to see.
- \* Don't cross from \_\_\_\_\_ cars, trucks or buses.
- \* Walk across the road, don't \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* Where possible, cross at pedestrian and school crossings or \_\_\_\_\_ lights.
- \* \_\_\_\_\_ the road laws.



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Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Word box</b>	behind	colours
run	looking	ride
obey	listen	traffic

To enter  
 Colour in the picture above  
 Fill in the missing words to complete the safety sentences  
 Fill in your name, address and telephone number.

Send your entry to: Competition, Churchill & District News, PO Box 234, Churchill.  
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## LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB

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 If you are under 12 years old you can join the club. Ask your Mum, Dad, Guardian or Carer to ring the Editor of the CHURCHILL AND DISTRICT NEWS on 5122 2589 or write to

LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB  
 PO BOX 110  
 CHURCHILL 3842



with your NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, BIRTHDATE, and whether BOY or GIRL (all information strictly confidential).

The lucky "Birthdayites" last month were  
**ELLIS HAYES-HILLS and TAYLA SMITH.**

### BIRTHDAYITES FOR OCTOBER

Kristy BARRY	11 years	Maddylen LOCH	7 years
Tyson CURTIS	11 years	Jed MUDGEAW	12 years
Breanna LAMONT	7 years	Trent ROSEWELL	5 years
Kway LAUHLAN	1 year	D'Artagnan SIMPSON	
Dana LAWSON	11 years	Ton Lee UPTON CROWE	11 years
			9 years

The randomly chosen "BIRTHDAYITES" this month are  
**BREANNA LAMONT and JED MUDGE.**

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

John Barker      Publicity

# BIRTHDAYITES!




**Ellis HAYES HILLS**  
 8 years  
 on the 24th September 2006

This "Birthdayite" was all smiles as he was presented with a \$15 voucher for Churchill Newsagency by John Barker from the Lions Club of Churchill & District.

He was chosen at random from the September list. This could have been you - make sure you join so you also have the chance to be a lucky "Birthdayite".

## Make yourself at home

by Duncan MacKellar

<p>Welcome to the pigsty,                  I hope you're ready to eat.                  Have your fill of homemade swill,                  Give yourself a treat!</p> <p>What! You're not hungry,                  How can that possibly be?                  Still never mind, it means I'll find,                  There's all the more for me.</p> <p>Make yourself at home my friend,                  Wallow in the slime.                  Admission free, don't mind me,                  No hurry, take your time.</p>	 <p>I like potato peelings                  And biscuits when they're stale.                  Cabbage, beetroot, rotting fruit,                  Even the occasional fishtail.</p> <p>I love the smell of compost,                  The whiff of rotten eggs,                  The exotic allure of fresh manure,                  Scraps and leftover dregs.</p> <p>But hang on just a minute!                  You'll have to leave this stall.                  I'm never wrong, I can tell by the pong,                  You're not a pig at all!</p>
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# The History of Hazelwood North Primary School

Part 2

In 1919, there was serious flooding, with water as high as the school fence. Children rode home in water up to the saddle. Tramway Road was under water. The Alexander children had to stay with the Porters who lived where the Char Plant stands today.

Picnics were very popular. Sometimes local schools would combine for such occasions. The end of year Christmas Party was usually a sports day, starting at 10am, with games like thread the needle, a picnic lunch to follow, and ending with a Christmas tree.

Children often had to milk 3-4 cows by hand before going to school. Around 1914 the first kerosene powered milking machines were introduced, which helped to quicken the time milking took, even though only one cow was milked at a time!

**Miss Roma Matchett** was the teacher from 1928-1931, the Depression years.

Miss Matchett's wedding saw her change her name to Cordingley. Here are her memories.

*When I arrived at Hazelwood North School No. 2382 in January 1928, I found one room 30 feet square, with one third of it a skillion at the back. I was told that this back third had been the head teacher "residence" in earlier days. It contained no windows and the one door opened onto the flaming or freezing west.*

*The school was top heavy with pupils anxious to leave and get on with living. By about September, I think, they'd had their birthdays and school attendance had dropped by about 50% to the usual small school average.*

*Those years, '28,'29,'30, were in the Age of Innocence. It was before the 2nd World War but still in the Depression. Teachers were trained to teach pupils facts and ideals. We had not begun to question the Three R's, parental authority or the British Empire. Neither teacher nor pupil expected indulgence so high lights of our year were the visit of the D.I., a Bird Day ramble, a school concert, a new see-saw or a raid by someone's pigs. A great day was when we acquired a gramophone (maths to music).*

*I fancy some early Head Teacher had the idea of planting the pine-tree wind break round the school yard. We raked up the needles and used them to break down the grey clay which was our garden area. Here the boys practiced experiments with seeds from Dookie College and the garden was at times a joy to see.*

*Rural Schools were allowed five shillings and two pence per week for expenses- cleaning, pan service, ink, chalk, stamps, some books, some lighting. I remember the Committee-men's lantern lights bobbing across the flats on Committee nights, and then they would come in-Ike Matson, Bert Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bolding, Mr. and Mrs. Medew, Mr. McGinnis and later Mr. Woolacot. These people had to debate how much they would have to give to supplement the 5/2-free wood delivered to the school (our only heating), free work and timber to build a bench, free labour and timber to give the children a see-saw, someone to mend the fence, provide conveyance, etc. etc. We held the meeting in the light from their lanterns.*

*I have heard that most of their children did fairly well.*

*It was over fifty years ago- in the Depression- and we all were happy enough.*

C.R. Cordingley.

**Richard Cahill** was the Head Teacher from 1934-1950.

Richard was one of the longest serving teach-

ers at the school, teaching two generations of some families.

He rode a big black bicycle from Morwell every day, come hail or heat. He is remembered for the help he gave local residents in the disastrous bushfires of 1944. Bridges were burnt, roads impassable, but on his bicycle, Mr. Cahill took messages and supplies to those in need.

The fire passed through at 2:30pm. The children were sheltered at the Jones' brick house over the road. After the fire passed, they were sent home on their ponies. The fire destroyed the nearby hall and church, but left the school unscathed. Many lives were lost on that tragic day.

By 1947, school enrolment had risen to the level where Mr. Cahill could apply for a sewing mistress. These did not have to be qualified



**In August 1951 floods and snow in the hills washed the roads away to a dangerous state. As in 1919 Tramway Road was badly affected.**

teachers, and were sometimes as young as 16.

Hazelwood North's first sewing mistress was Coral M. Thompson. In 1948 she was replaced by Bernice M. Robinson, then aged 17. Miss Robinson was highly regarded by the pupils and parents. Mr. Cahill applied for her to be classified as a permanent teacher. This was refused by the Inspector who thought her teaching skills not developed sufficiently.

During the early thirties times were tough due to the Depression. Butterfat prices fell, but most farmers were able to survive on home grown produce, home slaughtering and sharing with neighbours. The school garden was useful. Rabbits were plentiful.

Men on wages were in real trouble. There were many swagmen on the roads at that time. The swagmen would call at farms to supply food and shelter.

Curriculum in the thirties and forties still emphasized the Three R's, with additions of geography, nature and gardening, needlework and woodwork. Interschool sport was played in rounders and cricket.

1939 saw electricity brought to the area. It also marked the outbreak of WW2. This area was considered vulnerable due to its proximity to the power stations. Air raid shelters were dug by fathers, in the school grounds.

Horses were still used to take children to school, but bicycles were becoming more popular. In 1945 a bike shed was erected, and extended in 1949. Picnics were as popular as ever, with Cowarr Weir one venue used.

**Mr. Higgins** was the teacher from 1950-1952. As there was no residence, he stayed two months each with various families. This must have been difficult for Mr. Higgins, but he did

get to know some families very well. During his time, the first permanent assistant was appointed. She was Miss Iris Sharpe. Her arrival saw the discontinuation of the appointment of a sewing mistress.

In 1951 there was again a very serious flood which resulted in part of Tramway Road being washed away. Children played in flooded paddocks. Also that year the Committee agreed to spend 32 pounds on a five valve dual wave mantle model radio so the children could listen to school radio broadcasts. [insert photo of flooded road near school]

Due to the great need, a residence was built on a site purchased from Mr. Doug Cranwell. The house was first occupied in January 1953 by Mr. I.E. Tilbury. A fence was soon built around it to keep stock out.

**Head Teacher Mr. Ray Clark** reported to the Department in 1955 that the school was seriously falling into disrepair, and called for a new school building. It still consisted of one room housing all eight grades.

When no answer was forth coming, the committee correspondent Colin Jackman, wrote to Sir Herbert Hyland MLA, who spoke to Sir John Bloomfield, then Minister of Education, on their behalf. Mr. Clark wrote to the Department asking for permission to hire the hall. This was granted. But also the new building was erected and ready for use in 1957.[photo of school behind fence]

Mr. Clark is remembered as a kind man who would help out with milking if a farmer was sick. He also coached older students in preparation for High School. In 1956 Morwell High School opened and Grades 7 and 8 were transferred there. That year the school was raised from a 4th Class school to a 3rd Class school due to increased enrolments.

**Mr. Des Hackett** was the first Head Teacher in the new building. However the old school building remained in use for another two years after which it was removed.

In the early 60's a new classroom was added.

The children played football in Cranwell's paddock, now part of the school yard, as well as hopscotch, rounders, chasey, tiggy and skipping.

The Three R's were still the go. Children from that era well remember the School Papers, printed in Melbourne and posted in bulk around the State. They cost 1 penny per copy, and eleven copies were printed a year. These were held together in a folder similar to reader covers of today. They were graded, and included reading, spelling, dictation and general interest activities. Library books were few and far between so

school papers were awaited with eagerness.

The Mother's Club began in 1956, and was well established by the 60's. The members met in each others homes until the hall was built and then they met there.

This valuable group has over the years supplied funds for many necessities for the school. In 1956 the school library was started. A highlight for the children was the introduction in 1964 of a once a week hot pie delivery. Children during this time also went to Morwell Public Swimming Pool in Summer, where they endured learning to swim in the very cold water. Not until 1972 did the children go to the indoor heated pool in Winter. The mothers arranged hot soup and sausage rolls for that day.

The School Committee was primarily engaged in maintenance work and improving school facilities. It also organized the school picnics.

In 1967 parents were concerned about the heavy traffic passing the school during the construction of the Hazelwood Pondage. With the help of local Member Arch Tanner, improvements to Church Road were instigated, making it safer.

The compulsory acquisition of the hall land added playing space to the playground.

With lobbying from Mrs. Mildenhall and Mr. Mele, along with Head Teacher, Mr. John Smethurst, a bus service was begun, which is still in use today. At that stage there were 45 children at the school of which 19 used the bus.

Following are the memories of John Smethurst

*I was Head Teacher from 1969 to 1973. Approximately forty plus students were in attendance and this was beginning to rise near the end of my term.*

*A number of those attending were from the Jeeralang North area. The Jeeralang North School had closed in 1961. After a number of years catching the secondary school bus and arriving at Hazelwood North very early a bus service was commenced in 1969.*

*Assistant teachers over that period were Jill Dooley, Helen Lanigan and Henrietta Swanink. The school had two classrooms and was divided along traditional lines e.g. Prep-Grade 2 and Grade 3-Grade 6.*

*Working Bees were held and a feature was the setting up and establishment of a garden area at the front of the school.*

*There was a residence beside the school available for the Head Teacher. This was convenient, because a normal routine in the winter months would be to set the heaters going and return home for breakfast, and by the time the children arrived later the school as warm.*

*School concerts were held at end of each year in the hall and Santa Claus always came.*

*A number of excursions were held to places such as the Healesville Sanctuary.*

*The children were taken to the outdoor Morwell Pool for swimming lessons, and this was later changed to the more comfortable heated indoor pool*

*The School Committee comprised of eight people from the local community. All parents were invited to attend meetings and many of them did. During my time Bruce Hunter was the President and Ivan Loechel was the Secretary.*

*A very active Mothers Club greatly assisted the school.*

*A number of the families are still living in the district.*

John Smethurst



# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



By 1975, the size of the school had started to increase and the first portable class room and a third teacher arrived.

The job of cleaning the school was offered to the Mother's Club, and became their major fund raiser. However in 1978 a fourth classroom arrived, and the school was sufficiently large to employ a part time cleaner. Union rules stated that the position had to be advertised and a cleaner appointed. To replace their former fund raising effort the Mother's Club sold T-Shirts etc, and regular lunches on Fridays.

It was in the 70's that School Committees were replaced by School Councils, which required a greater parental involvement (13) as well as a teacher representative and a Mother's Club representative, with members elected for two year terms, half to be elected annually.

In 1970 the first major planting of the grounds took place, creating treed and lawned areas. In 1979, a further acre of land was added to the north of the school ground.

In 1978, school fees were increased to make the fund raising efforts less strenuous for a small few. This saw the introduction of bulk buying of school requisites. The extra fees also provided a library extension, basketball court and rebound wall. Much voluntary labour was provided to construct the latter two projects.

Curriculum changes and an increase in num-

bers at the school were noted in the later half of the 70's.

During 1973-1977 parents were encouraged to be more involved with the school. Teachers to instigate this were firstly Mr. Perrett, and then Mr. Lewis. Their system of teaching incorporated a child-centred philosophy, which was a radical change from the past. Parents were apprehensive at first. The children were encouraged to be more responsible for decisions about the school activities and environment. For example each child was given a plot of land in the school grounds to develop as they pleased. Some grew gardens and some built cubbies. The result appeared chaotic- understandably different from many people's ideas of how a school should operate. The school attracted a lot of attention during that period, and featured in several articles in magazines and newspapers. Educationalists praised the school as imaginative and progressive.

Here are Mr. David (Fred) Lewis' memories of his time at the school.

*Bernie Perrett and I were appointed to Hazelwood North, a two teacher school, in 1973. Bernie was the Head Teacher and I was the Infant Mistress. We both had done a lot of reading about alternative ways of educating children and so our school became known as an "alterna-*

*tive" school. We were called Bernie and Fred by the children and the school community consisted of farmers, "blockies" and parents from the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education, which was, to say the least, a very vibrant mix and caused many vigorous discussions at School Council meetings.*

*Much of our teaching was student directed and occurred outdoors. We had fantastic support from the parent community, who provided us with logs from the bush, truck loads of pine board, from the Rosedale factory and numerous building materials. The results were lots of cubbies, ( some underground which flooded!) magnificent forts, pond, rafts for the school camp at the Glenmaggie Weir and numerous other constructions. Luckily for us the climate was one of discovery and adventure with due care taken for safety, and litigation was largely unheard of.*

*Bernie left after one year and I became the Head Teacher. The school continued to develop along alternative lines with the students developing their own open "personal plans" for learning. Ron Ikin the District Inspector was very supportive of our philosophies, and we had many visitors who were always "collared" by the children and asked to help with their various projects. The school attracted more and more children and unfortunately grew to the point where I was told to "adjust" my position because I was not entitled*

*to be the Head Teacher of a school that size!*

*My fondest memories are of the wonderful community, the excited children who sometimes came to school to have breakfast in their cubbies and the chance to provide genuine child centered education. I love it when I bump into children that I taught at Hazelwood North and we reminisce about the great times we had together, rarely what happened in the classroom, but rather what happened in the school ground and beyond.*

Fred Lewis 1973-1976

In 1977, the children were engaged in a creative art program together with student teachers from the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education. The number of pupils increased sharply, so the school saw the arrival of the second portable, and Head Teacher Mr. Smith. He returned to the more structured style of teaching. These increases affected social life at the school. Concerts could not be accommodated in the hall any more. Picnics, and presents from Santa also stopped.

At this time the school attendance numbers were made up of old established families who had worked hard to provide resources for the school, and many new families with business and professional backgrounds. There was a need to increase the resources to be adequate for all students.

**Part 3 next month**



## Help Hazelwood House Raise Money for a Bus

Liberal candidate for Morwell, Stephen Parker, has thrown his support behind Hazelwood House's efforts to raise \$30,000 for a bus to transport residents on day trips and visits.

Mr Parker recently visited the modern hostel in Churchill, which has 36 permanent residents and two respite carers.

"The hostel is desperately trying to raise money for an 18 seater mini-bus with a hydraulic lift so residents can be transported to outings, to local shops and day trips to Gippsland," Mr Parker said.

"Residents and staff have formed a fundraising committee and have so far raised \$13,500. Some residents

have been busy knitting baby cloths for dolls to help out."

Mr Parker said his visit to the facility gave him a unique opportunity to see the work of the hostel as well as meet its interesting residents.

"I could see how important it would be for residents to keep their minds active through visits in our community and a bus is really needed for this," Mr Parker said.

"Anyone who wants to make a donation, large or small, to help purchase the bus is welcome to send it to Hazelwood House at PO Box 196, Churchill, 3842.

"I know the residents would be truly grateful for any donations or help."

Public seminar presented by Professor Don Jefferys

Adjunct Professor Deakin University

### "Sleep and Mood"

Monday 30 October 2006 10am to 12midday

Latrobe Valley Community Health Centre, 42-44 Fowler Street, Moe  
Gold coin donation

(Presented on behalf of The Latrobe Valley Anxiety Disorders Support Group, Moe)

## Up to \$1,000 Help With Education Savings

The Saver Plus program has recently been launched in Latrobe City by Berry Street Victoria and the ANZ Bank. The program aims to assist people and families on low incomes to establish a long-term savings habit, build their financial skills and knowledge, and save for Education. Every \$1 saved by participants is matched with an additional \$1 (up to \$1,000) to purchase educational items like computers and uniforms.

To be eligible you must:

\*Be an Apprentice or

\*Be an adult 18 years or over, either:

- with a child/children attending a government or independent primary or secondary school in 2008

- attending or returning to vocational education and

\*Have a health care card or pension card and

\*Have regular income from paid employment and

\*Have the capacity to save.

Information sessions (1 hour) at the Berry Street Victoria's Morwell office are being held on:

Thursday 12th October at 7pm, or

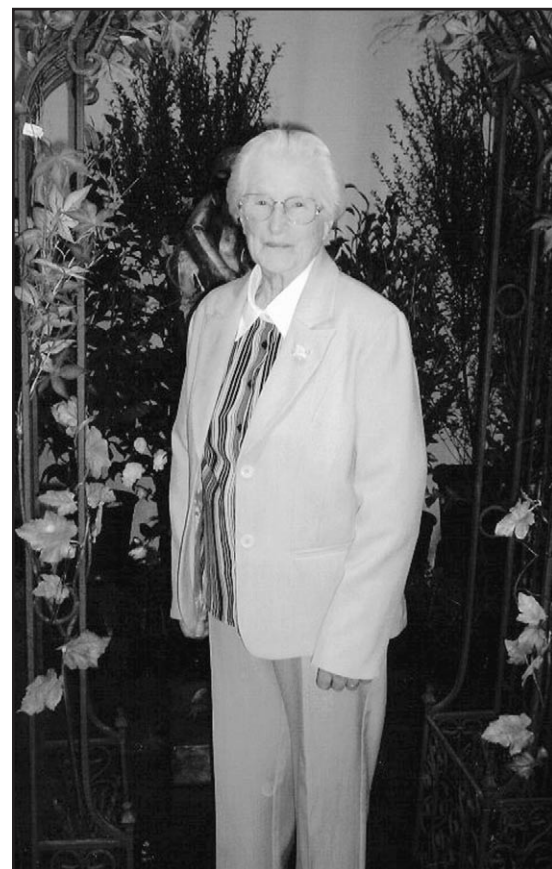
Monday 16th October 10am, or

Tuesday 17th October at 10am or 5:30pm, or

Thursday 19th October 1:30pm.

RSVP by contacting Michael Easton at Berry Street Victoria on 5134 5971.

## Freda Oakley Celebrates 80 Years Young



Freda Oakley (nee Stott) was born at Mt Pleasant in South Australia on 16 September 1926.

With her husband Gordon, she moved to Churchill in April 1992.

She has two daughters and one son, all of whom are married with children.

She has nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Her 80th birthday was celebrated with 40 friends and family at Yinnar, on Friday 15th Sept.

Many of her Garden Club friends attended the dinner, as well other friends, and family.





**Lions Club of Churchill  
and District Incorporated**  
PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842



**2007 CHURCHILL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS  
NOMINATION FORM**

The Awards are provided by the Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. and presented at the Australia Day Ceremony in Churchill on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2007. Person(s) who have made a noteworthy contribution during the preceding year and / or given outstanding service to the local Community over a number of years shall be eligible. Members of the Lions Organisation are ineligible to nominate. The person(s) being nominated must be a resident of Churchill or the immediate surrounding district. All information is confidential. The decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

**NOMINATION FOR (Please tick appropriate box):**

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Young Citizen of the Year Award  
Must be 18 years or under on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Citizen of the Year Award.

**DETAILS OF THE PERSON BEING NOMINATED:**

Surname: ..... Other Names: .....

Private Address: .....

Occupation: ..... Telephone Private: ..... Business: .....

Date of Birth: ..... Age: ..... Marital Status: ..... Children: .....

**THE PERSON IS BEING NOMINATED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY IN:**

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**OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:**

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*Additional material may be attached if desired. (Continued overleaf)*

**PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERSHIP OF COMMUNITY/SPORTING/PROFESSIONAL BODIES, ETC:**

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**ANY OTHER RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

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**OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY BE CONTACTED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEE:**

Name: .....	Name: .....
Position: .....	Position: .....
Address: .....	Address: .....
Post Code: .....	Post Code: .....
Telephone: .....	Telephone: .....

**TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION:**

Mr/Mrs/Miss: .....

Address: ..... Post Code: .....

Organisation represented (if any): .....

Telephone: .....

Signature: .....

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Citizen of the Year Coordinator  
Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc  
Phone: (03) 5122 1548  
Fax: (03) 5122 3890

**FORM TO BE RETURNED TO:**  
The Secretary  
Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc  
PO Box 110  
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**COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY:**

Date: FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2006

# Lions Club Citizen Awards 2007

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

To enhance this event, the club decided to present a Young Citizen Award and a Citizen Award to the most outstanding person(s) in each category for their contribution to the community during the previous 12 months.

This Award is now adopted as a tradition and we ask that residents again nominate candidates. Nominees must be a resident of Churchill or reside in the immediate surrounding district.

The nominated person's applications will be scrutinised by an independent panel of judges

and the relevant winner for each category chosen. The decision of that panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The awards will be supplied and presented by the Lions Club of Churchill and District at the Churchill Australia Day Ceremony on 26th January 2007.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc Young Citizen of the Year Award - applicants must be 18 years or under on 26th January 2007.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc Citizen of the Year Award - open to all applicants over the age of 18 years on 26th January 2007.

The closing date for all applications is Friday 17th November 2006.

## Old Time Family Dance

The next Jeeralang North monthly old time family dance will be held in the Jeeralang North Hall on Friday 20 October

Dancing from 8.00 pm to 11.30 pm	Admission: \$5.00 Door Prize & Novelties
Music: Harmony Plus	Please bring a plate

**For more details please ring Zelma Mildenhall on 5166 1264**

## "GO Club" (Golden Oldies)



Thanks to the courtesy of the Churchill Football/Netball Club we meet each Thursday at 1pm to 3.30pm in the Gaskin Park Club Rooms.

The GO Club Friendship Group is open to anyone who would care to attend.

The aim of the group is for people to meet with others who may be looking to do something for a short time each week. The program consists of bingo, cards, craft, rummykin or just a chat. There are also special feature afternoons with entertainers and trips to various places amid great friendship and 'get together' time.

On Thursday 21 September, 55 people celebrated with Gladys Morris for her 90th birthday. Gladys was presented with a birthday cake cour-

tesy of her daughter, Margaret. 'Happy Birthday' was sung with cards and gifts being presented to Gladys.

The entertainment for this special event was The Chatelier Family Singers, comprising of Mum, Dad and seven children. It was a delight to share with them and to see how much Gladys enjoyed their presentation of beautiful music. A great day was enjoyed by all.

Now the nice weather is upon us, if you feel like some time out we would love to see you.

If you would like to know more about the group feel free to contact Betty Wyatt on 5122 1691 or Joan Gardner on 5169 1623.





# Health and Wellbeing

## Allergy testing

A wide variety of substances may cause allergic reactions in some people. Allergy testing is the procedure used to determine which particular substances (allergens) are responsible for provoking an allergic reaction. The procedure used depends on the type of allergy, but may include skin and blood tests or special diets.

Some reactions, such as anaphylaxis, are potentially life threatening. It is important that allergy tests are performed by a qualified health professional who can anticipate and treat any allergic reactions you may have.

### Seek medical help to diagnose allergies

A number of other tests have been misleadingly promoted to diagnose allergies. Such tests include the cytotoxic food test, the Vega test, bioelectrical testing, hair analysis, pulse test and kinesiography. These tests have not been scientifically validated and the results should not be used for diagnosis or treatment.

Remember, reactions to allergens can be life threatening. Allergy testing should always be conducted under medical supervision.

### Taking care of yourself at home

Be guided by your health care professional, but general suggestions for care after allergy tests include:

\*If you had skin tests, follow all recommendations given by your doctor.

\*If you are following an elimination diet, be careful not to consume any foods or fluids that are not allowed. This may affect the results of the test and you may need to start all over again.

### Long-term outlook

Allergy testing can help a person suffering from allergies to discover which allergens trigger their symptoms.

In some cases, an experienced allergist can offer immunotherapy. This exposes a person to increasing amounts of a particular allergen, to a point where they no longer have symptoms when exposed to 'normal' amounts of that allergen or they experience reduced symptoms. Immunotherapy should be conducted only under strict medical supervision.

### Other forms of treatment

Other forms of treatment for allergies include:

\*Avoiding the allergens

\*Taking medications to treat the symptoms, including over-the-counter medications available from your chemist (such as corticosteroid nasal sprays or antihistamines)

\*Using corticosteroids and other medications that may be prescribed by your doctor to help manage your symptoms.

Where to get help

\*In an emergency, dial triple zero (000)

\*Your doctor

\*Nutrition Australia Tel. (03) 9528 2453

\*Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy email: education@allergy.org.au

### Things to remember

\*Allergy testing is used to find out which substances provoke an allergic reaction.

\*Tests can include skin and blood tests or special diets.

\*Allergy tests must be performed by a qualified health professional who can anticipate and treat any allergic reactions.

*This article has been sourced by Hazelwood Health to provide up-to-date information on topical subjects.*

### Symptoms associated with allergies

Symptoms associated with allergies can include:

\*Skin rashes - such as eczema (atopic dermatitis) or hives (urticaria)

\*Swelling - or angioedema

\*Sneezing and running nose - or allergic rhinitis (hay fever)

\*Tearful, red, itchy eyes - or allergic conjunctivitis

\*Asthma

\*Nausea and vomiting

\*Anaphylaxis - this is a severe allergic reaction that causes serious breathing problems. Anaphylaxis can be fatal.

### Medical issues to consider

Before undergoing allergy testing, you need to discuss a range of issues with your doctor, including:

\*Your medical history

\*Clinical symptoms and when they occur

\*Possible allergen triggers

\*Any medicines you take that may interfere with skin prick test reactions, such as antihistamines.

### The procedures

Specific tests are needed to determine which substance or substances are causing an allergy. These tests can include:

\*Skin prick tests - selected allergens are applied to the forearm or the back with a dropper, and the skin gently pricked with a needle. A positive result shows as a red weal or flare on the skin within 20 minutes.

\*Allergen-specific IgE blood tests (RAST) - these tests are useful when skin testing is not possible or is inconclusive. A blood sample is taken and the level of an immunoglobulin associated with allergic reaction (allergen-specific IgE) is measured in a laboratory.

\*Elimination diets and challenge testing - an elimination diet is used to isolate foods that may be causing an allergic reaction. This usually takes a number of weeks and involves avoiding foods identified as common causes of food allergy. No foods or fluids may be consumed other than those specified.

If symptoms improve, foods are added one at a time until symptoms recur (this is known as 'challenge testing'). Usually, a diary is kept to record any symptoms so they can be linked to the correct food. This procedure must only be performed under medical supervision.

\*Patch tests - are most commonly used to investigate contact dermatitis. Common triggers include fragrances (for example, in soaps), nickel (in jewellery, watch buckles and coins) and chrome (in leathers and bricklayers' cement). Patches are applied to the back in adhesive strips. The area is examined after two and four days. A positive result shows as redness or blisters at the site of a particular substance.

### After a test

After the test, you can expect:

\*If you have a skin prick test, your doctor will examine you for signs of an allergic reaction after 20 minutes.

\*Patch tests require further visits at two and four days after they are applied.

\*The results of blood tests may take up to a week to be known.

\*An elimination and challenge diet may take many weeks to provide results.

False reactions can occur with any test, so results need to be assessed in conjunction with your clinical symptoms. Once the offending allergen or allergens are identified, you should try to avoid or reduce exposure to them in future.

### Possible complications

Some people with allergies experience severe reactions when exposed to particular allergens. For example, the red weals associated with skin prick tests can be painful, inflamed and irritated.



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## Yinnar Bowls

# It's FREE!

By GEOFF MARSHALL

Sunday 22 October is our open day at Yinnar. If you would like to play bowls at the Churchill Bowls Club, now is the time to come over to Yinnar and see what it takes to roll a bowl and have some fun. All we ask is for flat shoes. If you enjoy it, come to the Twilight bowls on the 25 October. It is only \$5 for men and ladies are asked to bring plate for a BBQ. There will also be Twilight bowls on November 22 and 29. Come along and have a bowl or call us on 5163 1606.

October 14 is the Boolarra, Yinnar shield. With Pennant starting on Saturday 21 October, both teams will be playing at Yallourn. On October 28 both teams will be at home.

Do not forget your teams for the Yinnar triples on Wednesday the 18 October, November 8 and 15.

### Cup Day

Cup Day is November 7 so come and have a flutter on the horses and have a

bowl.

*Bill had been playing badly all afternoon and his skip was getting more and more exasperated. Normally he was a placid, patient man, tolerant of the shortcomings of his team and quick to praise their good shots, but this particular match had been ruined by the shocking play of his number two. He tried to hold his temper and asked as pleasantly as he could, and not for the first time, for his second to put the next shot a foot behind the jack. Number two played taking too little grass and putting on too much weight so that the bowl cut across the green and finished well out of bounds.*

*"It's not dead is it?" he blandly called to his skipper.*

*"DEAD" yelled the skip no longer able to contain his frustration. "You could smell it in Morwell".*

Good Bowling.

## Gippsland Branch - National Seniors Association

The National Seniors Association is a non-profit organisation catering for the needs of people over the age of 50 in our community. We aim to deal with community issues and participate in social events.

The Gippsland Branch will be moving into new, more spacious premises from next months meeting. Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, October's meeting will take place at the Masonic Lodge, Lodge Drive, Traralgon.

For those travelling from the direction of Morwell, just past Traralgon Golf Club/Latrobe Valley Funeral Services, Lodge Drive is the dirt road just after the BP Service Station. For those travelling from/through Traralgon a u-turn will be necessary at the Golf Club. The meeting on 18th October will be a Social Evening with refreshments provided. Registration at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start. Come along and join us at this more spacious venue.

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## L'Oreal continues support of Women's Golf in Australia

Since its inception in 2000, the L'Oréal Paris, Ladies Cup has become a renowned event on the women's golf calendar. The cup attracts over 500 golf clubs nationally with nearly 200,000 female golfers participating during this period.

On Tuesday 29 August Churchill and Monash Golf Club Ladies competed in the sixth annual L'Oréal Paris Ladies Cup, vying for L'Oréal Paris skin care prize packs.

Dianne Scurlock won the A Grade division on a count back with a score of 75. Coming close in B Grade also on a count back was Barb Beebe with a score of 76. Other winners of a L'Oréal Paris

Skincare prize pack were Maureen McConville, Vicki Verheyen, Eva D'Alterio and Jill Beck. The prizes were presented on behalf of L'Oréal by local pharmacist Liz Ollquist assisted by Barb Beebe President of the Churchill and Monash Golf Club.

The L'Oréal Paris ladies cup has become an institution in women's golf nation wide, playing a pivotal role in establishing strong club based competitions for female golfers at grass root level.

For more information please contact: Past Secretary - Jill Beck - 5174 1005 or Vice Captain - Jan Blizzard 5174 1075.



## Churchill Junior Indoor Netball Association News

By KATIE DUNCAN

On the 5th of August, the Churchill Junior Indoor Netball 2006 competition came to a close.

The teams competing were the 17 and Under teams, Black and White vs. All Torque, 15 and Under teams, Checkers vs. Elmo's, Under 13s Dominators vs. Pink Panthers and the 11 and under, Mighty Magpies vs. Yinnar Swallows. All competing players had a great time.

Black and White defeated All Torque 24 to 22. The scores were quite close through out the whole game though, with the final moments becoming quite anxious. Checkers defeated the Elmo's 33 to 24.

The Checkers were in the lead for the whole game but the Elmo's put up a great fight. The Pink Panthers were defeated by the Dominators 21 to 17. The Pink Panthers were winning until the last quarter in which the dominators managed to take the lead and come out on top.

In the final game of the season, the Yinnar Swallows defeated the Mighty Magpies 17 to 9. The Yinnar Swallows dominated for the whole game but the Mighty Magpies were able to close the winning gap in the last quarter.

The Churchill Netball Association would like to farewell Jessica Robinson, Claire Watson and Melissa Folks who because of their age, are unable to play again next season.

They would also like to thank the umpires Anne Huggins, Trish Chapman, Jenny Smethurst, Sharlene Draeger and Sharon Middlemiss for all of their help in umpiring the grand final games.

As a break up to the committee organised a netball game on the 13th of August for the supporting parents and children. The final score was a draw but everyone had a great time.

Many laughs were had and everyone agreed that an adults vs. kids game was a great way to end the season.

Thank-you to all of the players and parents and coaches for supporting your team and child/ren. Also thank-you to Fiona Rickwood, Kathy Quinn and Sharon Middlemiss.

Without their help the competition would not be able to commence. All round, the 2006 season has been a great success. If anyone is interested in joining the 2007 season could you please call Fiona Rickwood on 51222493.



## Tennis Victoria "Mums Tennis Program"

The Mums Tennis Program is a subsidised program that is aimed at introducing beginners to tennis, as well as reintroducing ladies that have previously played back into tennis. The program details are:

Churchill Tennis Club

Evening and Daytime sessions available

1 hour sessions

5 week program at a total cost of \$15

Contact: Sally Kirstine 5174 9661



## Sports News

Churchill Football/ Netball Club  
"the Cougars"Consistent effort rewarded at Club  
Presentation night

By TONY MARTIN

PLAYERS who performed consistently at a high standard in their respective teams were rewarded for their efforts at the Club's annual presentation night held on Friday the 29th of September at the Club Social Rooms.

The best and fairest award for the Senior Football team went to Chris Burke, who starred consistently as he had 79 points, twenty points ahead of runner up Travis Brighton. The Seconds best and fairest was won by Adrian Waller who also stood out consistently as he had 68 points, thirty ahead of runner up Jim Sanders. In the under 18s it was a lot closer with John Kieghran taking out the best and fairest with 80 points, 5 ahead of runner up Luke Stempel on 75.

In the Netball A grade the best and fairest was close over the first 5 positions. Kylie O'Brien won the award with Stacey Sanders and Roxy Shields close dual runners up, only 5 points behind. With C grade it was a close contest again with Rachel Paterson on 25 points being best and fairest, only 4 points ahead of runner up Karinda Ball. C grade was also very tight with best and fairest Chandra Mabin 3 points ahead of runner up Mandy Leeson. D grades' Katrina Hutchinson was that team's best and fairest with Alana Matheson and Katie Vary dual runners up.

Other awards presented to football players during the evening were as follows. The most consistent players were Dean Jenkins from the seniors, Chris Johnson in the seconds and Ryan Bailey in the under 18s. In the most courageous player category, Greig Williams in the seniors and Paul Metlikovec of the under 18s received the award. In the seniors Joe Whykes was voted as best first year player. Also in the seniors Nathan Richer was voted most improved player, Chris Burke was most valuable player and Scott Kelly received the coaches award.

In the reserves Shaun McNamara was voted most determined player, Aaron Whannel most improved player and Quentin Whitehead won the coaches award.

In the under 18s team Steven Leeson was voted most determined player. Most improved player was Brad Hughes and Adam Bickley won the coaches award.

The coaches award in the Netball went to Stacey Sanders in A grade, Rachel Paterson in B grade, Jen Lawrence in C grade and Sionainn Hayes in D grade.

The annual Best Club Person award was presented to Roger Brighton and Kay Jellis won the president's award.

Overall the night was a great success with a full house, great food and another one of the many enjoyable events held by the club throughout season 2006.

**Life Membership for Phil Jellis**

By MARK ANSWERTH

Life Membership of the club has been awarded to Phil Jellis in recognition of his outstanding contribution over the past eleven years. Phil's involvement dates back to 1995 when he first took on the role of third's team manager. Since then he has filled this position either at thirds level or senior level right up until this season (11 years). Prior to this Phil was involved with the junior club.

Phil joined the committee in 1996 and has held several executive positions, including Club Vice President for 3 years. He is currently the club secretary. His dedication to the club is unquestionable. He is at training every Tuesday and Thursday making sure all is well (even counting the footballs before and after training to make sure none have gone missing!).

Phil's Saturdays during footy season start around 7.30am and often don't finish until 2.00am the next morning. Over time he has been scoreboard attendant, interchange steward, umpire escort, goal umpire, orange and lolly boy, results secretary, league delegate, bar person, club apparel salesperson and jumper collector. Many of these duties he does simultaneously.

He has been the club player registrar for several years, membership collector and the link between the players and the club.

Last year Phil won the SUA "Personality of the Year", which was acknowledgement from outside the club for how he is perceived by others. He has also won the "Best Clubman Award and the President's Award, both of these acknowledged his commitment to the club.

Phil often works behind the bar at functions until 2.00 in the morning only to be back at the club to clean up at 8.00 o'clock the next day. He is always the first to put his hand up to help out and is liked by everyone at the club. Phil never seems to look for any accolades and does everything with infectious good humor and a smile on his face.

Phil Jellis is a most worthy recipient of Club Life Membership and he is one of the main reasons why we have such a successful club.

**Life Membership to Scott Derhamy**

Life membership of the Club has also been awarded to Scott Derham in recognition of his outstanding playing record and contribution to the Club.

Scott joined the Cougars back in 1994, which was our last year in the LVFL. Scott turned up on our doorstep at the club with his mate "Paddles" (aka Rowan Thompson,) two university students just looking for a kick. I think the first impression of Scott was his unique kicking style, which involves a special "ball toss" just prior to kicking and hence earned him the nickname of "ball toss" or just "toss".

In Scotty's first year at the club he



played fourteen reserves games and won the reserves best utility player award.

In 1995, our first season in the North Gippsland Football League, Scotty played six senior games and fourteen reserves games. He won the reserves Most Valued Player award.

From 1996 to 2003 Scotty continued to toil away in the seconds playing another 122 reserves games, collecting two "most consistent" awards and another best utility award.

In 2002 Scotty, who was now working as an accountant at a local power station, took on the role of Treasurer, which he still holds today.

In 2004 Scotty broke back into the seniors after 9 straight years in the seconds (long apprenticeship) and he played 8 senior games and 13 reserves games this year.

2005 saw Scotty come of age as a senior footballer as he consolidated his place in the senior side amassing 17 senior games for the year and only 3 reserves games. Also during 2005 he reached the milestone of playing his 200th club game on the same day as Crocker played his 200th senior club game. He and also won the seniors most improved player last season. Scott played his 50th senior game this year and this is a testament to his persistence and dedication.

During his time at the club Scotty has played in many finals campaigns, winning 3 premierships. He has been runner up on several occasions.

In his position as treasurer he has introduced a level of professionalism to our financial processes not previously experienced. His financial reports have been outstanding and he leaves the club in a very strong financial position.

Scotty and Libby leave for Queensland to live later this month, and he will be missed from both an on and off field perspective. Our club has been a better place for him being here.

Good luck Scotty and Libby!!

**Club Annual General Meeting**

The annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday the 24th of October at the social clubrooms commencing at 7.00pm. Members are reminded that their membership must be up to date for them to be eligible to vote on matters raised at the meeting. Membership can be paid at the club or alternatively at Woody's Churchill Timber and Hardware in Switchback Road.

**At the bar**

The situation of a Thursday evening has changed slightly with an influx of lesser-aged participants and the introduction of a chook raffle to add to the fun. The bar opens at 4.00pm and all are welcome. Lenny the Mac still runs the bar so you are theoretically in good hands. If you are

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**President says thank you to all participants in Season 2006**

By ROB JENKINS

With the presentation night held the year is over for the footballers and netballers. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all players on the manner in which they participated in their game. Their attitude and the way in which they conducted themselves is a credit to the club. Whilst we didn't bring any premierships home (although that may be the icing on the cake) and I don't believe that is the only way we should measure success, over all it has been a great year. Financially we have had a terrific year and this will go a long way towards building a better future for the club. This did not just happen, a lot of hard work and long hours were necessary to achieve these good financial figures. New additions to the club such as Rotary and the chook raffle will see some new people utilising the club and we welcome them and hope they enjoy their association with the club. I have enjoyed my year as president and seeing the way in which we have all worked together.

I would like to thank the ladies who have spoilt the players with their choice of meals on Thursday nights. To Kaye, Kate, Sharon, Debbie, Jill, Sue, Claire, Lorraine and anyone else I say well done and you are truly appreciated. To Mark and Johnno, who have worked hard on sponsorship you have done a terrific job and I thank you for this. During the year we have had some terrific social functions and I would like to thank Woody, Bobby and Sharon for organising these. The canteen was very successful this year and I would take this opportunity to thank Marya and Julie and all the people who helped out.

To all the trainers, Rog, John, Lee, Bill, Harry and Paul you have come a long way since the start of the year when things looked bleak and I thank

you all for the terrific effort. To the coaches who undertook a difficult task at the start of the year I believe the effort that was put in was nothing short of great and I thank you for the year. Finally to the committee, who gave such wonderful support and although I gave them reason sometimes to scratch their heads, thank you and I hope we stay together for next year. To Lenny who runs the bar on Thursday nights and Gary who always made sure the beer was cold, thank you also. To Tony who has done a terrific job with the news articles we thank you and hope that next year we can give you a bit more support. Publicity is important and all of us may need to dedicate a bit more time in this area. Hopefully I have not left anyone out, but if I have I apologise. Hope to see all the players; the supporters, sponsors and spectators back next year, at the best of clubs, for season 2007.

**Bowling Green Committee**

By TONY MARTIN

Progress is slow as was anticipated. As a result the progress meeting for the public scheduled for the 24th of October has been deferred until such time that it is worthwhile getting people to attend. As soon as progress has been achieved the meeting will be rescheduled and suitably advertised. In the meantime the committee will continue to work towards a suitable model that will make the project possible.

**Bingo every Wednesday evening!**

Bingo is on every Wednesday evening at the Social Club Rooms. The program starts at 7.30pm and it's eyes down at 8.00pm. There are three sets of 10 games with a jackpot on the last game. Currently the jackpot stands at \$1,000 on bingo at 50 or less numbers. The bar is open during breaks and drinks and eats are available. There are various competitions included. All in all it's a great night, so round up your friends who like a punt and come along. The boys who run it, Brian, Fred, Robbie and Jeff, say "the more who play, the more we pay."





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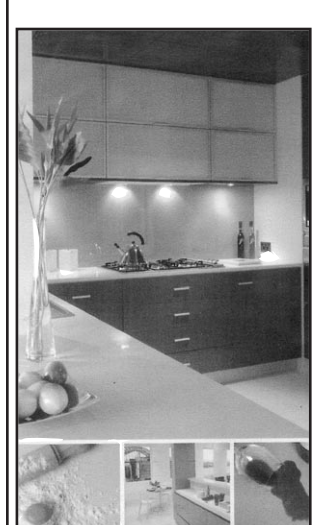
If you are in the vicinity of the main street in Drouin, you will notice this women's clothing store, "TASTE DESIGNS". The shop has been extensively renovated and our team at Guy's Glass are responsible for the new laminated shop front windows. The large windows have made a huge improvement in the overall look of the building, while allowing the owners to display their clothes beautifully!

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