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Local Larrikin Churchill Citizen of the Year!



Churchill Citizen of the Year Tom Lawless

Tom Lawless was awarded the Lions Club of Churchill & District Citizen of the Year 2006 at the Australia Day ceremony in Churchill.

Tom has willingly and tirelessly given many years of service to the local community over many years.

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Young Churchill Citizen of the Year Taylor Jackson

Taylor Jackson, a Student at Lavalla College was awarded the Churchill & District Lions Club Young Citizen of the Year 2006 award at the Australia Day Ceremony in West Place.

Taylor was given the award for his outstanding sportsmanship. In primary school he was a member of the school swimming team, played basketball and was Vice Captain in year 6.

He has excelled in sport representing Gippsland in swimming, winning medals in all events.

At age 6 he joined Churchill United Soccer Club and at age 11 he was selected for the Gippsland Academy.

By age 12 he was playing Super

League Competitions for the Gippsland Squad.

He played in the Victorian Country Championships which his team won.

In 2005 he coached under 7 team and in 2006 he played with reserves as well as under 16

Taylor won the best and fairest for whole of Gippsland League. This was the first time a junior has ever won this award.

He was second in the Gippsland League goal kicking while playing in the reserves under 16 Victorian Country Championships. He kicked 11 out of the 26 goals for Gippsland.

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The Churchill Guides sing National Anthem on Australia Day

Australia Day in Churchill

For the fifth year, Churchill & District Lions Club organised an Australia Day Ceremony in Churchill. The weather was perfect for the 2007 ceremony with the Australian Flag being raised by the Churchill Scouts, the Churchill Guides

ing breakfast.

Many thanks go to the Lions Club for their work, to Rob Whelan for the use of West Place, Craig Blanch for the use of the Saloon Bar facilities and Latrobe City Council for their sponsorship of the event.



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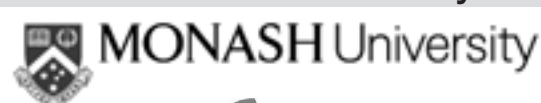
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EDITORIAL

Welcome a bumper first edition for 2007!

The discussions regarding the development of the Churchill shopping centre are continuing. The Latrobe City Council is facilitating a public meeting on 14th February

and I would strongly urge residents to attend. It is an excellent opportunity to look at proposals by developers, ask questions and voice your opinion. Further information is on page 12.

The 2007 Art Competition is

now underway and we invite artists of all ages to take part. Details and the entry form are on page 7.

Finally, check out page 11 - the Cancer Council Relay for life which is being held in March. Think about getting a team together! Ed.

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Latrobe Community Health Service - Programs for the new year

Alopecia Forum

"Alo' what?!" some people might be thinking, but according to the Community Health Nurse: those who develop alopecia know only too well the loneliness and distress it can cause. Latrobe Community Health Service is pleased to offer, for the first time in the Valley, an information session about this condition. It will be run in conjunction with the Alopecia Areata Support Association [Vic].

Alopecia is the medical term for hair loss, however it is not the same as male pattern baldness and can encompass relatively few patches to whole body hair loss. It can affect men, women and children at any age. Representatives from the group will outline the four types of alopecia, how they are able to provide support in coping with day to day difficulties, share information and ideas about such diverse things as applying artificial eyelashes to enhancing self esteem and communication skills.

The forum will be on Saturday 10 February, 1 - 3 pm, at Latrobe Community Health Service, Moe Centre, 42 Fowler Street, Moe. There will be time for questions and literature available. The opportunity to form a local support group will be discussed. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

To book in please contact Latrobe Community Health Service on Tel: 5127-9100 ASAP.

Type 1 Diabetes Support Group

If you have Type 1 Diabetes you are not alone.

There are many people with Type 1 Diabetes in the area; last year several people got together through Latrobe Community Health Service

(LCHS) to form a support group. The support group met for informative meetings as well as a Christmas Dinner.

This year the Group will be meet on the first Monday of every second month at 7.30 pm at 13 - 15 Princes Highway Traralgon. Please contact Chris Campbell or Julie Martin at LCHS more information, Tel: 5127 9100.

Life Skills

LCHS' Life Skills Program returns this year. The Life Skills Program covers areas such as: Communication, Time Management, Assertiveness Techniques, Parenting Skills, Job Seeker Skills, and Stress/Anger Management

Life Skills runs on Wednesday mornings from 9.30-12.30 during the school term. For more information or to book your place in this course, please contact Philip Cook on Tel: 5127-9100.

Managing Chronic Health Better

Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) and Latrobe Regional Hospital (LRH) are again offering the popular Better Health Self Management Course for people with chronic conditions. This accredited program is suitable for those with arthritis, diabetes, lung or heart diseases and many other conditions.

The course covers many topics that are common to all those learning to live with ongoing health problems, for example, understanding medications, the benefits of good nutrition and appropriate physical activity, ways to solve health related problems, managing fear, anger, frustration, pain and fatigue.

The program runs once a week for six weeks starting on Wednesday 28 Feb, 1.30 -4.00pm, at Latrobe Community Health Service 42 Fowler

St. Moe. The total course, including the book 'Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions' by Dr Kate Lorig, costs \$50. A deposit must be paid by 20 Feb.

Book by contacting Julie at LCHS on Tel: 5127 9139 / 9100 or Jenny at LRH on Tel: 5173 8569.

Anxiety Group Returns for 2007

Panic and anxiety disorders have a harsh impact, challenge survival and define life. Those afflicted seek compassion and acknowledgement. Sufferers often feel alone, yet they are not. Latrobe Valley Anxiety Support Group (LVASG) is here to support you.

The LVASG has been running for numerous years and will again resume in February 2007.

LVASG will be host to presenter Heather Brown a Consumer Consultant from LRH on the 12th of Feb. Heather will be talking about her own experiences/recovery of mental illness.

The event will be held at Latrobe Community Health Service Moe Centre, 42-44 Fowler Street, Moe, at 10.30am to 12.00pm.

Cost: gold coin donation For more information, please contact Tel: 51711400.

Hydrotherapy and Exercise For All Recommend at LCHS

Exercise For All (EFA) - is an exercise program aimed at improving health and daily abilities for all people, at all levels of fitness and ability. The Program is open to all clients of LCHS, of particular benefit to those over 55 years or those not currently completing any formal exercise.

The Program will focus on gentle, progressive exercise, including the key areas of strength, balance and mobility.

All clients will need to undergo a pre-exercise clearance prior to commencement. An exercise screening form can be picked up prior to attending class. Medical clearance may be required for some participants.

EFA runs on Wednesdays at LCHS Moe Site, Fowler Street, Moe.

Classes are restricted to 20 people. Once this number has been reached, expressions of interest will be taken for a second exercise class.

Cost is \$4 per session.

Hydro sessions are once again available through LCHS. Hydrotherapy involves gentle exercise and conducted in warm-water at a specific temperature.

Hydrotherapy is an enjoyable and highly beneficial form of exercise. The warm-water provides a supportive and low-impact environment. As a result, hydrotherapy will soothe and relax muscles, relieve pain and increase range-of-motion, improve blood flow and removal of toxins.

Hydrotherapy is of particular benefit to those suffering varied musculoskeletal pain, namely back and joint pain. It is also very helpful to those who experience pain or reduced movement during traditional land-based exercise.

The new LCHS Hydrotherapy Sessions will be conducted at the Latrobe Regional Hospital, Princes H'way Traralgon on Tuesdays.

Cost for the hydrotherapy is \$8 per session.

Participants for both EFA and the Hydrotherapy sessions must get medical clearance prior to participating in the classes. For more information, or to register please contact Kyle Williams, Exercise Leader, on Tel: 5136-5470.



Feedback invited on draft town structure plans

Latrobe City Council is inviting public feedback on draft structure plans prepared for Churchill.

Latrobe City's general manager Peter Quigley, said the structure plans have been developed to guide the sustainable and orderly development of the town.

"The feedback received on the draft version will be incorporated into the plans to ensure that the community's needs and aspirations are included," Mr Quigley explained.

"The structure plans will then be incorporated into the planning

scheme in order to ensure that land is appropriately zoned for development purposes and the planning scheme reflects the future development requirements for each of the towns.

"The community may wish to comment on issues affecting the plans such as areas for future residential development, pedestrian and cycle access, and business opportunities," Mr Quigley said.

The draft structure plan will be on display at council's service centres in Moe, Morwell and Traralgon.

The draft plan is also available

on the Latrobe City Council website www.latrobe.vic.gov.au.

Feedback can be forwarded by mail to: Alison Taylor, Strategic Planning Coordinator, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell Victoria 3840; or emailed to alison-ta@latrobe.vic.gov.au by Friday 16 February 2007.

If you would like more information or to discuss the plans please contact Alison Taylor at Latrobe City Council, telephone 1300 367 700. Alison is happy to talk with residents and explain the plan as well as listen to comments.



Community Information

By Margaret Guthrie, President

Many Churchill residents have expressed interest in the proposed developments at Churchill Shopping Centre. There has been much discussion, and some confusion, over the merits or otherwise of these proposals.

After discussion at our December meeting last year, CDCA resolved to formally request Latrobe City Council to convene a public meeting in Churchill. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the local community about the proposed developments. All developers have been invited to attend and make a presentation.

Latrobe City has advised us that the meeting will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 14 February at the Churchill Football Club. The meeting is being convened by Council, but will be conducted by an independent facilitator. All Councillors have also been invited to attend.

We encourage all residents of Churchill and the surrounding district, along with other interested persons, to attend this meeting, view the presentations, ask questions and

participate in discussion. No doubt, both Councillors and developers alike will be interested in hearing community opinion on these proposals!

CDCA is involved in a range of issues affecting Churchill and district residents and welcomes your ideas and comments. Local opinions form the basis of our requests and responses to Council.

The recently released draft Churchill Structure Plan is an example of a document that CDCA will provide comment on to Council. This Plan sets out areas for future developments within our town. (Copies of the report and map are available from Churchill Leisure Centre and all Latrobe City service centres, or can be viewed on Council's website - www.latrobe.vic.gov.au)

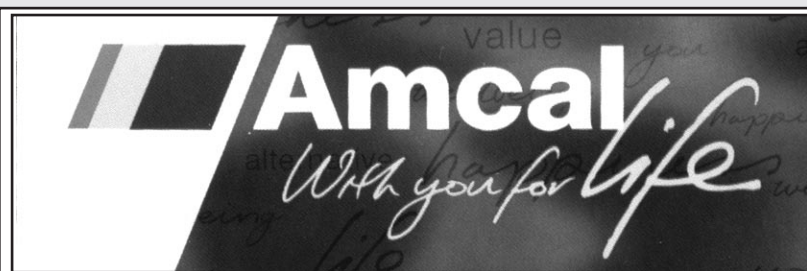
Through our participation in the Morwell River NEIP (Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plan), we have been advocating for the improvement of our local waterways. It appears likely that this will result in substantial restorative works being done along

the length of Eel Hole Creek, as it forms part of the Morwell River catchment area.

Over the course of last year we received numerous comments on the need for a 'clean up' of the Eel Hole Creek walking track from McDonald Way to Phillip Parade, including the creek itself.

'Clean Up Australia Day' is on Sunday 4 March and we are urging community groups and residents to volunteer a little of their time to help collect litter in Churchill. We would love to see some groups target the Eel Hole Creek pathway as the focus of their efforts on the day!

CDCA can be contacted at P O Box 191, Churchill, or call the Secretary, Rob Whelan, on 5122 3602. Our meetings are generally held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Grubb Shack (formerly the Churchill Noodle Bar) meeting room. All Churchill and district residents are welcome. Tea and coffee will be supplied.



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

Churchill Christian
Fellowship

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

Church Snippets



By RUTH PLACE

Christmas Club

The children from Grades 1-4 at Churchill Primary School enjoyed coming to Christmas Club. Many of them made several of the craft activities. The last week saw them dressed up in costume to act out the Nativity Play. This was done with singing and action. The main characters did a marvellous job.

Sincere thanks and appreciation go to all those who contributed in so many ways to the staging of this activity.

Christmas Services

The Christmas services celebrated the wonderful birth of Jesus, God's Son, who came among us. He came to show us how to live in love for one another; to set an example of how we can care for those around us, and to show us how much God loves us. It was a happy time.

Community Carols

A small committee of people representing all the Churches of Churchill organized a Community Carols by Candlelight event at the amphitheatre at Monash.

The committee wishes to thank all those who helped with this event, and especially Monash for the free use of their facility. The weather was kind enough at last, for the service to be outside.

Farewell to Rev Lyn Porritt

Although Lyn will continue to be Chaplain at Monash, she has decided to move out of the Rectory at Boolarra, and will no longer be part of the ministry team there, or at Churchill. After conducting her final service at Boolarra, there was a farewell lunch, to which members of the Churchill congregation were invited. Members of the Boolarra/Yinnar congregation expressed their appreciation of the time Lyn had spent among them, of her kind and caring ways, and of her encouragement of them to complete certain tasks. One of those was to restore the church bell to ringing order. A demonstration proved it had been achieved. Another was the making of the room where we met into a functional facility. A representative from the Churchill Parish also expressed our appreciation of Lyn's services to our parish. All wish Lyn every blessing in her new setting.



Co-operating Churches Crib Service

Saturday Breakfast

The first Saturday Breakfast for 2007 will be held at the Co- Operating Churches on Saturday 24 February at 7.30am. The guest speaker will be Jo Whitelaw, the Welfare Officer at Churchill Primary School.

People interesting in attending should contact Keith Enders on 5122 1148 or by e-mail at kbenders@net-tech.com.au by Thursday 22 February.



Glendonald Residents Group

Family Fun



GRG Inc held a community barbecue and 'end-of-holidays' activity for children in Glendonald Park on Friday 26th January. The get-together was good family fun for all.

The warm weather was ideal for kids to get a bit wet by participating in a traditional 'apple bob'. Other games conducted were egg and spoon races, sack races and a 'throw the Frisbee' competition.

About 50 people attended the event, which was held late in the afternoon, and dined on sausages and onions, watermelon slices and icy poles. Many thanks to the volunteers who organised it all!

We will be holding a range of community activities during the coming year, including our after school activities for children in Glendonald Park on Mondays and our Homework Club on Wednesdays during Term 1.

On Sunday 4 March, we will be participating in 'Clean Up Australia Day'. Volunteers are asked to join us at 11am at the barbecue shelter in Glendonald Park. After picking up any rubbish in the Park, we will be heading down to the southern end of the Eel Hole Creek walking track to collect litter there. Refreshments will be provided.

We are also planning to hold a free community social get-together - a 'Trivia Night' - later in March. Supper and childcare will be provided. We hope that this will be the first of several community evenings we are able to provide for local

residents during the year. More about this in the next issue of the Churchill News!

In April, we aim to hold an event in Churchill for young people, as part of 'National Youth Week'. But first, we need some young people to volunteer to be part of the organising committee.

We will be holding a free afternoon tea for local youth at 3.30pm on Friday 16 February in the Glendonald Pre-school, Churinga Drive. We hope that young people will bring along their ideas and suggestions for some local activities they would like to help organise.

All of our activities are organised by a small group of volunteers for the benefit of the local community. We would like to expand our program of events, but we need to increase the numbers of volunteers involved in the various activities we conduct.

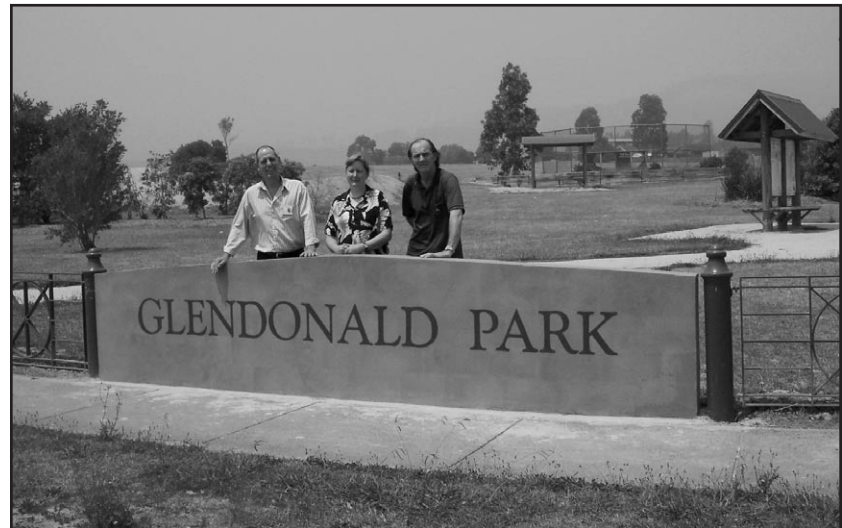
Volunteering with our Group can take many forms - from kicking a football with local children in Glendonald Park one Monday afternoon a month, to helping cut up fruit for the Homework Club each Wednesday, or by just lending a hand at an occasional community barbecue. GRG volunteers are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses.

GRG can be contacted at P O Box 245, Churchill 3842 or by telephoning the Secretary on 5122 2997. Our next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 27 February at Glendonald Pre-school.

New Entrance to Glendonald Park

The Glendonald Park Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the official opening of the Glendonald Park main entrance. The entrance consists of iron fence structures and a brick rendered wall, which has been signwritten with the park's name on it. The entrance design was constructed utilising the two existing pedestrian footpaths leading into the park

at the Philip Parade and Amaroo Drive roundabout. In 2006, the Glendonald Park Advisory Committee focused on securing the northern end of the park from vehicle traffic to provide a safer environment for users. Funding for the entrance project was kindly provided by the Department of Human Services.



Glendonald Park Advisory Committee members, Simon Clark (Latrobe City), Margaret Guthrie and Maarten Klien

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We concluded the 2006 school year on a spectacular note with our end of year concert at the Boolarra Memorial Hall. As is always the case the hall was filled with lots of extended family members of our students. Every student performed in a range of acts such as keyboard presentations, songs, dance routines and skits. The vast number of excellent photos that captured the school year was displayed by data projection throughout the evening. Computer disks containing the 2006 school year photos may be purchased from the school office thanks to the hard work and dedication of parent, Sylvia Sauppe.

The Christmas raffle was won by student Gareth Hall, 2nd prize went to parent and Computer Technician, Simon Pickett and 3rd prize to Col Webster.

FAREWELLS

At the end of year concert we farewelled Ms Jenny Dowsett who has taught at our school for 5 years. Jenny leaves us to take up a well earned promotion to be principal at Nambrok Dennison Primary School. We also lose

the services of parent Simon Pickett who provided information technology support at our school but is taking up a position at Kurnai College. Fortunately as Simon's sons attend our school we should still see him. Our smallest cohort of grade 6 students marked their transition from our school at a special graduation ceremony at the Boolarra Hotel. The highlight of the evening was the fabulous speeches given by a number of the students.

WELCOMES

We are delighted to welcome a new teacher to our school - Joanne Dryden. Jo has worked in the pre-school system for the past 8 years and in the catholic primary education for 2 years prior to this. Jo' is very excited to be returning to primary education and we are equally excited to have her with us! We have 8 new preps commencing with us this year and, if the days they visited last year are any indication, they will settle into the school routine very quickly and smoothly! Several new families also join our community - we extend a warm welcome to the Potter, Clissold and Heusmann families and trust that they quickly settle in at our school.



Grade 6 Graduation

FIRST EVER EQUESTRIAN TEAM TRIUMPHS!

Late last year a team comprising Madeline of grade 3 and Dana and Airtrea both of grade prep competed in the state-wide equestrian championships in Melbourne. Out of a field of 19 teams, mostly from much larger schools than Boolarra Primary School, they placed a very impressive overall 5th, which was an amazing

achievement!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday 1 March - First visiting Show - Steve Shulz, who will train us for the drumming routine which we will perform at the Boolarra Folk Festival. Friday 2 March - Yinnar & District Swimming Sports at the Churchill Pool. Saturday 3 March - Boolarra Folk Festival featuring our students drumming at 12:00 noon.



Daina - Equestrian Team Member



Teisha & Bry

Churchill Primary School



It is with great pleasure that Churchill Primary School staff have welcomed students back to school for the 2007 school year.

The school has started the year with 187 students in total. Of these students, 23 have started Prep, their first steps on a journey of primary schooling.

The staff look forward to getting to know their new students and families and developing a positive and supportive relationships for the mutual benefit of all those connected to the school.

The staff team are also welcomed back for 2007. As a team the staff are looking forward to delivering curriculum programs that inspire, motivate, challenge and support all students within the school. A new member of the staff team in 2007 is Principal, Mr. Brad Moyle.

Brad is joining Churchill Primary School as an experienced Principal, having led school communities in Croydon, Seville, Hoddles Creek, Woomelang and Ultima.

His leadership skills are supported by hands on practical experience as a teacher at Numurkah, Park Orchards and St. Joseph's Primary Schools. Brad is excited by the possibilities that exist for Churchill Primary School and looks forward to working with students, staff and parents in ensuring that Churchill

Primary School continues to ensure that "Children are our first priority" and that "We work together as a team."

Plans for 2007

2007 will see students, staff and parents working together in a combined effort to ensure the ongoing development of the schools programs and facilities.

On the curriculum front the school will be continuing their involvement and work in the Federal Government's ASISTM project aimed at encouraging innovation, promoting world class teaching and learning and the further development of teacher skills and expertise. This will be supported by the school's Primary Connections program, targeting Science, Literacy, Numeracy and the use of technologies.

Other areas of curriculum development targeted for 2007 include a whole school focus on spelling. This focus is starting early in the year with the school welcoming Faye Bolton to work with staff in this fundamental area of literacy.

Facilities development

2007 will also see further facilities improvement works taking place around the school. The most significant of these being a roof redesign to improve the buildings capacity to adequately deal with significant rain, as well as presenting a better façade and providing additional areas of shelter outside.

The school received Federal Government funding for these works through the Investing in Schools Program.

Hazelwood North Primary School

A New Year At Hazelwood North Primary School

We welcome our new preps, students at other levels and their parents to our school. Our starting enrolment was 157 students. Teachers and support staff spent significant time prior to the start of school preparing for the busy year ahead.

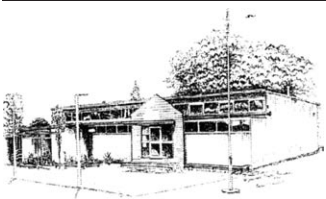
School started smoothly with all students settling in well to

their new classrooms and a positive playground as usual.

A power upgrade was completed during the holidays; this will ensure the system is not overloaded on extremely hot days.

Bus captains have been appointed and Junior School Councillors will soon be elected.

A whole school barbecue was held early in February. Parent Information sessions for each grade will be held during February.



CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS ART COMPETITION 2007

The Churchill & District News invites you to enter
the 2007 Art Competition

CATEGORIES:

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| 1. Children 7 and Under Drawing | 2. Children 7 and Under Painting |
| 3. Age 8-11 Drawing | 4. Age 8-11 Painting |
| 5. Age 12-14 Drawing | 6. Age 12-14 Painting |
| 7. Age 15-18 Drawing | 8. Age 15-18 Painting |
| 9. Adult Drawing | 10. Adult Painting |

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- All artwork must have a completed entry form attached
- The entrants name must only be on the entry form and not on the artwork
- Entries must be original and not have won a prize previously
- Each entry must include a title
- Multiple entries will be accepted
- Unless otherwise specified, permission to reproduce entries in the Churchill & District News or for publicity purposes will be assumed. Copyright remains with the author.
- Entrants will be credited whenever their art work is reproduced.
- All contributions will be displayed at the discretion of the Churchill & District News Committee.
- The Churchill and District News reserves the right to reject any entry deemed inappropriate.
- The Churchill & District News will take all reasonable care in handling works, but will take no responsibility for any loss or damage.
- Entries must be received by Monday 30th April 2007
- Drawings and Paintings can be in any medium.
- Entries will be returned at a date, place and time to be arranged - it will be the responsibility of the entrant to collect their work.
- The Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Signing of the entry form for this competition constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry.

ENTRY FEES

Adults: \$3.00 Per Drawing - \$2.00 Concession or Student

Adults: \$3.00 Per Painting - \$2.00 Concession or Student

Under 7, 8-11, 12-14 and 15-18 year old categories - 50c.

Cheques and Postal Orders to be made payable to Churchill & District News.

Entries can be sent to

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Entries can be delivered to: 4 Dalpura Court, CHURCHILL

Note: Please phone prior to delivery on 03 5122 2589

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Saturday 24th	Esquires

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Unknown Quantity are a new local band playing hits from the 60's till now. There are some well known faces in this band.

Old Time Dance with Ken and Alice Rae, will start at 2pm and finish at 4pm. Held in the Anzac Room. Please note: NO BYO Food or Drinks allowed

Churchill & District News Art Competition

ENTRY FORM 2007

Name: _____

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I have entered: Drawings _____ Paintings _____

Title of Drawing(s)/Painting/s _____

Category (see below) _____

I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them. I certify that this is an original unpublished painting/drawing, created by myself.

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

Signature: _____

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Closing Date: 30th April 2007

Churchill Lions Club - Student Awards 2006

The Lions Club of Churchill and District continued contributions to the youth in our community by making two awards available to students in each of the four Primary Schools in our district. Starting in 2005, this is now an ongoing Club Project.

The school staff were given the task of choosing the students to receive the awards. After discussion with the school staff, the categories cho-

sen to be represented were

* Leadership Award - outstanding organising and leadership skills

* Academic Award - outstanding or greatly improved academic skills, and

*Most Improved Student - most improved throughout the year.

Each Award carried a voucher for \$25 and a certificate of recognition.

The winners of the Awards for 2006 are as pictured below.

The Lions Club continued the tradition of awarding a Citizenship Award to a student nominated by Kurnai College, Churchill Campus. The student is chosen by the College based on their involvement in the school as well as being an active participant in the wider community.

This year the Citizenship Award was "split" over two students. Each Award which carried a cheque for \$50 and a certificate of recognition was presented to Daniel Yacoub and Samantha Holcombe.

Congratulations to all recipients.

Churchill Primary School

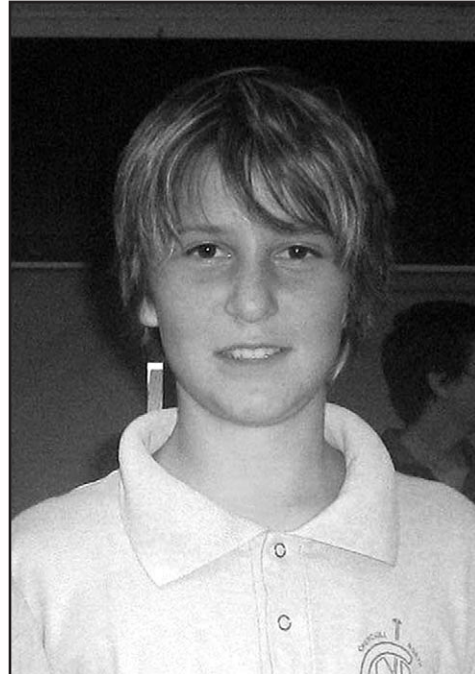


Leadership - Adelaide Hanna

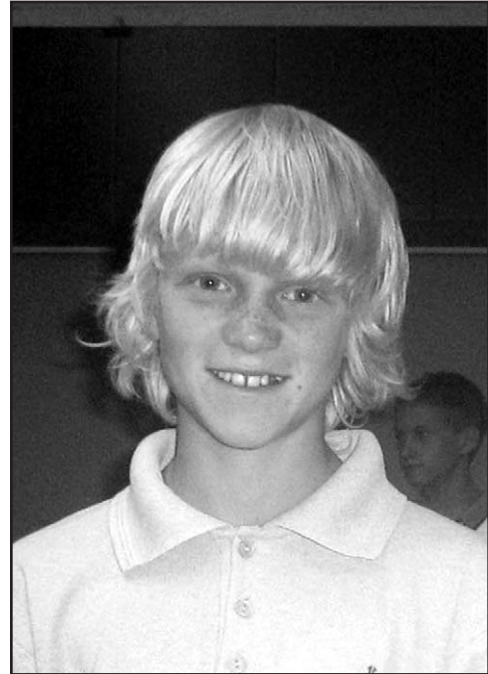


Academic - Courtney Semple

Churchill North Primary School



Most Improved - Ryan O'Donnell



Leadership - Nathan Lugton

Lumen Christi Primary School



Leadership - Naimi Matthyssen



Academic - Suzie Moss

Hazelwood North Primary School



Academic - Shaelyn Cadzaw



Most Improved - Danielle Couling

Community Leaders Sleepout Event

Lifeline Gippsland is seeking support from Gippslanders for its 2007 Annual Community Leaders' Sleepout event.

This year's Sleepout is particularly significant as it will mark the launch of a major campaign to raise funds to build a Lifeline Community Multipurpose Centre in Morwell. The \$1.9 million facility will include new and expanded offices for Lifeline Gippsland and accessible disability friendly meeting, counselling and training space for other community, not-for-profit groups and agencies. It will create unique and significant opportunities for information exchange, cooperation and support that will be of considerable benefit to our community.

Lifeline Gippsland has applied to both the State (DVC - Community Service Grants) and Federal Governments (DOTARS - Regional Partnerships) to contribute \$1million towards building costs with Lifeline Gippsland providing the balance through the sale of its current building, cash reserves and fundraising appeal.

'We have set an overall campaign target

of \$500,000 for the Fundraising Appeal - we believe this is fully achievable given the great support Lifeline enjoys in our community'. Said Patricia Nalder, Lifeline Gippsland's CEO.

Planning for the Community Multipurpose Centre began two years ago when Lifeline Gippsland realised that its current facilities were inadequate to meet the growing demand for its services which include 24 hour telephone counselling line, Suicide Crisis Support Program, face-to-face counselling and support for individuals impacted by trauma such as bushfire and drought.

"Lifeline Gippsland is committed to realising our vision for the Multipurpose Centre which will meet both our needs and our community's needs for a facility of this kind. We have received a great deal of support from other groups and agencies and Latrobe City. We are hopeful of the success of our grant applications given the commitments made to supporting regional Victoria by both State and Federal Government," said Patricia

Nalder.

The 2007 Sleepout will take place on Friday, 2nd March, at Moe's Gippsland Heritage Park, where a number of sleepers will brave the elements in an acknowledgement of the emotional and physical hardships faced by many members of our community. Said Patricia Nalder 'It is hoped that the 2007 Sleepout will raise \$30,000 which will be a fantastic start to our Community Multipurpose Centre Appeal. We encourage community leaders to participate or, if they are unable to attend, nominate someone else or make a donation'.

A second Sleepout will also be held in Bairnsdale on 2nd March. The proceeds from this event will be put towards the costs of opening a counselling sub-centre in Bairnsdale planned to open later this year.

For more information on the Sleepout or to make donation to the Multipurpose Centre Appeal contact the Lifeline Gippsland Office on 5134 8278 or email lifelinegipps@llg.org.au or by post Lifeline Gippsland, PO Box 678 Morwell 3840.

Brass Band in Churchill

The Latrobe City Brass Band (formerly Morwell Citizens Band) will be practicing at their temporary rehearsal space in Churchill for the next few months while alterations are being done to the Town Common Pavilion Bandroom.

They will take place at 7.30pm - 9.30pm on Tuesdays in the former Teen Centre, Gaskin Park, Manning Drive, Churchill

Visitors are welcome to come along and listen to rehearsals and meet our members.

The Band has a busy year ahead with performances including Walhalla, Morwell Rose Festival, Moe Jazz Festival, Morwell Playground celebration, Anzac Day Parades in Moe and Morwell, and a BIG concert with the visiting Dusseldorf Youth Concert Band after competing in the National Band Championships at Easter. The Band currently has over 40 members ranging in age from 12 to 70+ and play a variety of music styles under the leadership of Dr Cyril Payne.

Come along and have a listen and meet our friendly musicians - and if you are interested you may even take the opportunity to have a go.'

Contact The Secretary, Judy McKenzie on 5166 1412 for further information.

Lions Churchill Citizen of the Year Tom Lawless

TOM Lawless was recognised in the Lions award for his outstanding dedication and service to the district. His achievements span many years.

Tom was born Morwell, went to school at Hazelwood Ridge Primary School and worked on his fathers farm.

In 1939 he started apprenticeship carpenter with a local builder. Tom joined the RAAF in 1942 as a fitter/driver and served overseas in New Guinea and Borneo.

After returning from the war in 1947 he finished his apprenticeship. He joined Morwell RSL and has been a member 60 and awarded life membership in 1969.

Tom Joined the Labor Party and stood for State Parliament and Shire Council over 8 years.

Eight children followed his marriage to Margaret in 1950 who have given him 16 grandchildren. In 1951he started farming his own property Mackeys Road.

During the 1950's the Hazelwood farming community, which Tom belonged to, developed what is now the Soccer ground and Hazelwood South Hall.

Tom held positions on various farming organisations including the Herd Testing Association, United Dairy Farmers Association, and the Farmers Discussion Group.

A great believer in cooperatives at one time he was a member of 13 Cooperatives. He was instrumental in forming the Yinnar Hotel Cooperative and in developing Decentralist Cooperatives. Among others Tom served as a board member of Morwell Cooperative, Morwell Technical School Hall and Young Christians Workers Group.

Tom was also -

* A member of Hazelwood South Hall building committee.

* Foundation and life member of Latrobe Valley Aero Club.

* President of local Fire Brigade until about 1986, life member in 1990.

* Involved in compulsory land acquisition for Churchill.

*Led committee with Eric Rowley protesting

over Hazelwood name change to Churchill.

*Committee member of Churchill Citizens Association for 38 years, holding every office position.

*Member of Morwell Shire Council in 1986, representing Churchill until amalgamations in 1994. He is still actively involved with Mathison Park.

This is quite a list of achievements but what about Tom himself? We were fortunate to be able to learn more about Tom as he wrote the following about his life.

THE Soldier Settlers farming community I grew up in, in Hazelwood had a very strong bond of caring and working together. They (45 farmers) were all dairy farmers and they were mostly members of and involved in farmers Co-Operatives formed by farmers to service their needs.

The other organisations which bonded them together was the RSL and their Churches, there was no bigotry or religious discrimination among returned soldiers.

Upon reflection much later in my life, I concluded that this environment I had lived in, must have had a big effect in forming my character and priorities.

On discharge from the RAAF I immediately joined the Morwell RSL and have been active and involved there for 60 years.

Like many other Returned from Active Service young hot heads 'we knew' what was wrong in the world and got involved in politics. I joined the Labour Party and have been involved in political affairs ever since.

I stood for State Parliament Service, and Shire Council several times Eventually I was elected to Morwell Shire Council and served for 8 years until municipal amalgamations.

On the personal side one of the first community (public) activities I became involved in was in the early 1950's.

I am a Catholic and the church told us to become involved in the movement of welcoming and helping new Australians so I joined the

Morwell Good Neighbour Council and found it most a rewarding activity.

In particular I enjoyed meeting with the many young German men who came to the Valley to work for the SEC.

Farm Industry Involvement

I was a member of the Victoria Dairy Farmers Association, Victoria Farmers Federation, Dairy Farmers Herd Test Association, Artificial Breeders Co-Operative, Hazelwood Dairy Farmers Discussion Group, Corridor Land Care Group, Gippsland Agro Forestry Network.

I was involved in every farmer issue that ever came up. The biggest issue was the compulsory acquisition of farms for Churchill by the Victorian Government when they took, at Government valuations, about 4 times more land than was ever used for town of Churchill.

Then when this was all over and they changed the name from Hazelwood to Churchill that started a controversy that lasted 2 years. Eric Rowley and I led the committee that staged the protest and then in 1966 when the first residents settled in "Hazelwood" our Hazelwood Citizens became directly involved with new Churchill Citizens Association. I served on that organisation continuously and from time to time held every office position until year 2004 (38 years).

I was elected to Morwell Shire Council in 1986 and represented Churchill on Council until Council Amalgamations in 1994. In all that time I represented the Citizens of Churchill, Hazelwood and the South Risling physically (working bees) and on committees etc on numerous activities and still am involved with the Mathison Park Development Committee.

CoOperatives:

The philosophy of the Co-operative movement has inspired me all of my life. And where possible we joined Co-Operatives to service our farmer and family needs.

I served on the Board of the Morwell Co-Operative LTD (Morwell First "One Stop" Supermarket) for 26 years and we have been suppliers and members of Murray Goulburn Dairy Farmers Co-Operative for 40 years.

With the support of the Morwell Co-



Tom pictured in the Churchill News December 1986

Operative we bought the old run down Yinnar Hotel and turned it into a most successful local Co-Operative.

In May 1968 a public meeting held in Churchill to consider a proposal to build a Co-Operative Hotel in Churchill.

It was still early days and there was not enough support and none from Housing Ministry, Council or Monash. The idea eventually lapsed. What a great opportunity lost.

In the 1950's the Hazelwood farming community working together developed what is now Churchill United Soccer Club ground and Hazelwood Hall.

The land was donated by a farmer Mr Harry Jones and the money needed was a gifted by each family taking out a debenture. Eventually all debenture were repaid after years of fundraising activities by the Community.

Mr Jack Medew was the organizing secretary for the venture.

Tom Lawless

Taylor Jackson

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Taylor is also the holder of several awards including Runner up in under 16's and the reserves at Churchill Soccer Club and the Coaches Award for the most outstanding performance.

Taylor has also received the Duke of Edinburgh Award through his school. Congratulations Taylor!

Latrobe City Australia Day Awards



Australia Day Award for Young Yinnar Citizen Mark Stolk

Mark Stolk is a 13 year old student from Yinnar. He was recognised in the Latrobe City Australia Day Awards for his active community participation and volunteer association with the Yinnar and District Community Association.

Mark is known for being one of the most active junior members of the Yinnar community, and is described as a true leader and excellent role model for his peers.

Some of Marks significant achieve-

ments include his being elected as School Captain at Yinnar Primary School.

Even at a young age Mark was an exceptional athlete. Excelling in many sports including Judo, Mark has represented his local Judo Club and Victoria, in both State and National Judo Titles.

His sporting achievements also include numerous accolades in Tennis, Football, Basketball and Athletics.

Congratulations Mark!



Peter McShane Recognised for his Contribution the Churchill Community and the Lions

Peter McShane of Churchill was recognised in the Latrobe City Australia Day Awards as a valued member of the Churchill community for his outstanding contribution and dedicated volunteer involvement with community organisations in Latrobe City.

Peter's involvement with local community organisations include:

The Walkley Park Kindergarten Steering Committee, Churchill Primary School Council President for 9 years, An active member of the Churchill Apex Club for 28 years, Churchill Post Primary School Planning Committee, The Kurnai College School Council, The Churchill and District Citizen Association, and the Churchill

Neighbourhood Watch Committee.

In 2006 Peter's outstanding contribution to the Churchill and District Lions Club was recognised, with him being awarded with the Lions highest International President's Award - the 'International President's Certificate of Appreciation'.

Congratulations Peter!



Neighbourhood Watch - February 2007

Child Safety Month

'Injury and poisoning is the leading cause of death and a major cause of disability among children in Australia'

Accidental poisoning is common. Children are keen to explore their world. Young children learn about new things by putting them in their mouth. In most cases, a child swallows a poison not knowing that it will cause them harm. Your child can ingest poison at any time and any place.

Most poisonings happen at home but they can also happen while visiting friends and family or while on holiday. Often the substance is in sight, ready to be used but unattended. At other times, children have climbed up high to get something they are interested in. Poisoning is a problem mostly in children under the age of three, especially boys. They are too young to know the difference between what is safe and what is dangerous.

Phone the Poisons Information Centre on 131 126 if you suspect a child has ingested a poison. In an emergency, call an ambulance.

Symptoms

If your child has swallowed a harmful substance, symptoms will depend on what has been ingested, how much was ingested and the child's own constitution. Some poisons are weak and only cause minor distress. Other poisons are very strong and only a small amount can cause serious problems. Symptoms of poisoning may include: Nausea, Vomiting, Drowsiness, Tummy pain, Fits.

Some common poisons

Many drugs and everyday household items can be poisonous, including:

Drugs - such as paracetamol, cold and flu remedies, cough syrup, mouthwashes, vitamins, herbal remedies, antiseptics, antibiotics, sedatives, heart pills and more.

Cleaning products - such as detergents, bleaches, washing machine and dishwashing powders, room deodorants, drain cleaners, methylated spirits and turpentine.

Cosmetics - such as creams, ointments, shampoos, perfumes and aftershaves.

Other products - such as alcohol, cigarettes (if eaten), essential oils, pesticides, car products, glue, batteries and gardening products.

Poisonous plants - such as oleander, datura, arum lily and foxglove. Berries and coloured

leaves can be attractive to children and harmful.

to by the Poisons Information Centre.
Admission - a few children need further treatment in hospital.

Full recovery is likely

Your child is likely to make a full recovery. The doctor will have ruled out serious problems and possible delayed effects. Should your child become ill at any point, go to the hospital emergency department or contact your local doctor.

Reducing the risk of accidental poisoning

It can be hard to watch your child's every move. The best protection is to make sure that a child cannot get hold of any poisons. Put safety measures in place - it takes only a few minutes

Always read the labels of potentially poisonous products.

Don't confuse children by talking about pills and liquid drugs as 'lollies'.

Children tend to copy adults, so take your own pills out of sight of children.

Keep handbags out of reach of children.

Take unwanted and out-of-date medicines to your local pharmacy for proper disposal. Your local council can advise you where to dispose of batteries and poisons.

Keep children away from the dishwasher and close it straight after loading it.

Don't grow poisonous plants. Ring your local nursery or council for advice.

Where to get help

Your doctor

Emergency department of your nearest hospital

Always call an ambulance in an emergency Tel. 000

Poisons Information Centre Tel. 131 126

Royal Children's Hospital Safety Centre Tel. (03) 9345 5085

Kidsafe - Child Accident Prevention Foundation Tel. (03) 9345 6471

Local council

Plant nursery

Royal Children's Hospital Safety Centre

- information on poisonous plants

Things to remember

Accidental poisoning is a problem mostly in children under the age of three, especially boys.

Most poisonings happen at home but they can also happen while visiting friends and family or while on holiday.

The best protection is to make sure that a child has no access to poisons; for example, store all drugs, cleaning products and cosmetics out of reach. Preferably, store them in a locked cabinet.

Victorian Poisons Information Centre
Phone: 13 11 26
24 hours a day, 7 days a week Australia wide

leaves can be attractive to children and harmful.

Treatment options

The Poisons Information Centre can provide advice, as treatment varies with each poison. Treatment may include:

Blood tests - to check the level of poison in the blood. This helps in deciding who is at risk of problems so further treatment can be given. In most cases, the level is very low and no problems are expected.

Activated charcoal - helps to bind some drugs so the body can't absorb them.

Observation - some poisons have a delayed effect.

Antidote - can be given for some poisons.

Vomiting - a child who has ingested a poison will usually not be made to vomit unless advised

and, in most cases, costs nothing. Suggestions include:

When buying drugs, household chemicals and garden products, choose child-resistant containers if possible.

*Ask for pills and tablets in blister packs and foil strips.

*Put all poisons away straight after using or buying them.

*Store poisons in their original containers. Never put poisons in drink bottles.

*Use child resistant locks on cupboards where poisons are stored. Locks and lockable cabinets can be bought from hardware stores or the Child Safety Centre at the Royal Children's Hospital.



On Continual Alert



By RUTH PLACE

The brigade has been on continual alert for the last couple of months as there have been more Total Fire Ban days than usual, and many more fire turnouts.

The brigade has provided several crews to participate in strike teams to fight the fires in East Gippsland, particularly at Dargo, and Licola. Each team is sent to an area for three days, and works often up to 12 hours a day.

Even so, our brigade, supported by other local brigades, are ready and willing to respond to any fire call.

The message from the Brigade is not to become complacent. Keep your yards clean and free from loose leaves and twigs and other rubbish. Think about what you will do if a fire comes towards your property. Have your hoses at the ready? Do you have mops and buckets ready to put out embers flying in from a fire front? Are your gutters free of leaves and debris? Are places where embers could land and take hold (air vents under houses, gaps in eaves) been blocked up? Do not think you are safe in town, or on the edge of town. Think again! You must remain vigilant. You must give consideration to whether you will stay or go early if a fire is coming your way. If you stay, you must be prepared with your fire plan, ready to activate.

TIP: a tennis ball in down pipe will allow you to fill the spouts with water to protect your house.

Leading up to Christmas, and on Christmas Eve, the Fire Brigade was kept very busy transporting the man in the Red Suit around town.

Christmas Eve saw the Churchill Brigade joined by several other local brigades to visit the streets of Churchill, taking Santa to give out Christmas Cheer in the form of lollies. Churchill Brigade happily contributes a considerable amount of money for this venture.

The brigade also paid a visit to the residents of Hazelwood House on Christmas Eve to the delight of residents.



Tucker 'n' Tales

A collection of stories and recipes from the Latrobe Valley and Mountain Rivers community

\$22.00

To order please call 5122 3344.

Women who Mean Business Latrobe Valley and Mountain Rivers Project are pleased to announce, the publication of 'Tucker 'n' Tales'

The book includes a collection of 70 stories and recipes, photos from our region and local artists work. The book represents the diversity of the area and gives an insight into the development of the community.

The book was produced with help from the Latrobe City Council, the Victorian State Government, Women in Business, the Rural Women's Network and the school community who all provided invaluable support with their participation.

All funds raised from the sale of the book will be invested in further community projects and community organisations.

Women who Mean Business Latrobe Valley Inc

Locals Step Up And Make A Difference

The Cancer Council Victoria is looking for participants to join in the fun of the coming Latrobe Valley Relay For Life event by stepping up and making a difference in their ongoing fight for a cancer free future.

The sixth annual Latrobe Valley Relay For Life is being held at Gaskin Park Oval, Churchill from midday on Saturday March 24 until midday on Sunday March 25. The aim of the event is for teams of ten or more friends, family and colleagues to keep their baton moving through the twenty four hour event and raising money for the cause.

Participants don't need to be fit to participate, just dedicated to making a difference, as everyone takes turns walking on the track. But for those interested in fitness, there is the opportunity to walk or run and count your laps.

Participating in the Relay is a great opportunity for anyone who's New Years Resolution is to get fit and/or make a difference.

An information and registration night was held at Gaskin Park Oval on Monday 29 January with a strong attendance and five teams registering on the night. One of those teams was The Cheeky Sneakers (pictured), a team with three very eager children who can't wait for the night of the Relay.

Mother of two and Team Captain, Kirsten Welch said the children were so excited when they read about the Relay, they wanted to register that night, but had to wait until morning before phoning to find out more.

At the moment they have five team members but are hoping more friends and family members will join in and help them out. Michelle Carroll from the Cancer Council explains, "The Cheeky Sneakers are such a wonderful example of the teams that get involved in Relay For Life. Their enthusiasm was amazing and they were so excited about registering and receiving their team polo shirts, they didn't want to take them off. The evening went so well, we are planning another one in February."

The volunteer committee is aiming for twenty teams to register and participate. Prior to the January meeting, six teams were registered and this has now jumped to eleven with a total of \$12,000 raised so far.

All monies raised from the Relay For Life go to The Cancer Council Victoria for cancer research, education programs such as Quit and Sunsmart as well as patient support programs.

Registration is \$15 per person, which includes a polo shirt, registration fee and personal insurance.

The next information and registration evening is being held at Gaskin Park Oval, Churchill from 7pm on Monday 19 February. Simply turn up on the night or for more information phone 0407 566 971.

Pictured Right: The Cheeky Sneakers team: back row L-R: Louis Welch, Kirsten Welch, front row L-R: Annie Pepper, Remy Welch



Call For Volunteers

The Cancer Council Victoria is looking for volunteers to assist with the first ever Relay For Life to be held at Gaskin Park oval this March.

Already on board are Robert Jenkins and Phil Jellis (pictured) from the Churchill Football Club. Robert and Phil are part of a volunteer committee consisting of four other members from around the Latrobe Valley. Together they are working closely with Michelle Carroll from the Cancer Council Victoria, to stage this worthwhile and moving event. Robert and

Phil have been instrumental in the success of the Relay so far by assisting with the football oval facilities and organising the catering to be served on the day. According to Michelle, "the event simply would not have been possible without the ongoing support of the Churchill Football Club, and in particular the work that has been done by Phil and Rob."

If you are interested in getting involved, they are still looking for a Treasurer and Chairmanager as well as volunteers to assist with parking, registration and vari-

ous tasks on the day. Previous experience is not necessary to be part of the fun. The Treasurers role requires an honest volunteer with some cash handling experience. For the Chairmanagers role, they are looking for someone from the Churchill/Traralgon area that is able to speak at the event, welcome people and be present at the final committee meetings.

To be part of this wonderful event, please contact Michelle Carroll on 0407 566 971.



Volunteers Robert Jenkins and Phil Jellis

Lifeline Gippsland Churchill Shop News

If you are new to the Churchill district and looking for a bargain the Lifeline Shop is well worth a visit.

Located up the walkway near the Churchill Pizza in West Place Shopping Centre, the Lifeline Shop is open from 9.30am-4.00pm weekdays.

Whether you are after clothing, linen, books, footwear, crockery or kitchenware chances are we can help with our excellent range of reasonably priced good quality recycled goods.

We also have some new clothing from a well known manufacturer on offer at much reduced prices including; ladies and mens underwear, work pants, polo shirts, girls singlets, work and fire socks. Sizes are limited so be quick and pick up a real bargain.

If you've recently had a clear-out, donations of your unwanted goods (clean and in good condition - no elec-

trical items please) can be dropped off at our shop - you can drive up almost to our door and we can help you carry them in.

Alternatively, they can be placed in any of the three bins located in Churchill: Southern car park of the West Place Shopping Centre, on the Corner near the Veterinary Clinic; up at the Leisure Centre.

Breakable or large items cannot be placed in the collection bins and please do not leave anything outside the bins. Lifeline can arrange collection of large items such as furniture - please contact our Warehouse on 5133 7512.

We look forward to seeing you at the Lifeline Churchill Shop. If you have any enquiries you can call the shop during opening hours on 5122 2606.

We look forward to seeing you.

Northe Urges Gippsland Students To Try For Nats Scholarship

First year Latrobe Valley university and TAFE students should consider applying for a generous scholarship for young country leaders, The Nationals Spokesman for Youth Affairs, Russell Northe, said today.

Mr Northe, who is also the Member for Morwell, urged students starting tertiary studies this year to apply for The Nationals Scholarship program for Young Leaders, which is valued at \$15,000 over three years and may be shared amongst one or more successful applicants.

"The scholarship is designed to assist students from rural and regional Victoria through their chosen tertiary course," Mr Northe said.

"The Nationals want to help students offset their education costs and to support young people who aspire to live and work in country Victoria at the completion of their tertiary studies.

"The scholarship is open to TAFE and university students, and I strongly

encourage students from Monash University Gippsland Campus, Central Gippsland Institute of TAFE, and East Gippsland Institute of TAFE to apply."

Mr Northe said there was an overwhelming response to the scholarship offer in 2006, with many talented young students demonstrating their desire to build a life in rural and regional Victoria.

"The Nationals recognise that country students often face additional challenges in completing their tertiary studies, with many having to move vast distances from home in order to pursue their course," Mr Northe said.

"I offer my congratulations to all students who have gained a tertiary place this year, and encourage eligible students from the Latrobe Valley to apply for the scholarship."

Criteria for The Nationals Scholarship include:

Available to students aged between

16 and 25 who are attending their first year of a recognised Victorian tertiary institution commencing in 2007.

Awarded to students who are intending to return to or remain in the country after their course and demonstrate a career commitment that will ultimately benefit rural/regional Victoria.

Special consideration may be given to students in hardship situations for whom the scholarship will provide major assistance. The selection criteria for The Nationals Scholarship will include the applicant's academic record, leadership qualities and community involvement.

The application process closes on February 25, 2007. Forms can be downloaded from The Nationals website: www.vic.nationals.org.au. Latrobe Valley students can obtain forms from Russell Northe's electorate office, 66 George Street, Morwell 3840. Phone: 5133 9088.

Public Meeting

Developments at Churchill Shopping Centre

At the request of the Churchill and District Community Association, a public meeting is being facilitated by Latrobe City Council, to discuss proposed developments at the Churchill Shopping Centre.

When: 6pm, Wednesday 14 February 2007

Where: Churchill Football and Netball Club, Gaskin Park, Churchill

Invitations have been sent to all developments with proposals for the Churchill Shopping Centre to attend the meeting and present their proposals to the local community.



For further information please contact Carol Bolding at Latrobe City, telephone 51285664



Tineke, a large flowered or hybrid tea rose

Rose Show and Special Workshop

The second annual Morwell Rose Show will be held at Mid Valley Shopping Centre Friday 16th to Sunday 18th March 2007. The 2006 show was organised at short notice to coincide with the Celebration of Roses in mid February. The autumn flush of roses does not occur till mid March so few entries were received last year. The main display came from the Morwell Centenary Rose Garden.

To make this year's show more appealing, the naming of sections has been simplified to large flowered (or hybrid tea) and cluster flowered (or floribunda), as shown in the two pictures. These two main categories are then sub-divided into seven colours, including red, white and blue! Well a bluish shade of lilac or mauve.

Individual sections are also included for single, miniature, David Austin, Australian bred, old

fashioned and a perfumed rose.

There are six floral art sections including an arrangement depicting Easter. For those wishing to try their hand for perhaps the first time, there are four sections for those who have never won a first prize at a rose show.

The organisers wish to encourage school children to participate. Three sections are included each for children 8 years and under, 9 to 12 years and 13 to 16 years. These include a saucer arrangement, an Easter arrangement and, for fun, an arrangement in an unusual container.

There is no entry fee and all first place winners receive a \$10 Mid Valley Gold Gift Token. Championship sashes will also be awarded and a special prize given to the most successful junior exhibitor.

Entry forms with full details of all sections will shortly be available

from Mid Valley Shopping Centre Office, florists, neighbourhood houses, Latrobe Council Service Centres, nurseries and garden clubs.

For those who would like to learn a about the growing, preparation and exhibiting of roses, a workshop has been organised for Monday 19th February, 10.45am to 3pm at the Morwell Senior Citizens Centre, corner of Maryvale Crescent and Ann Street. This is a rare opportunity to learn the craft of preparing roses for showing from four of Victoria's most successful exhibitors. Practical demonstrations will be given and each participant will be given the opportunity to try their hand at what has been shown. Because of the practical nature of the workshop, bench space can only be provided for thirty participants. Ring Pam now on 5134 4642 to reserve a place. Participation is free apart from a plate to share for lunch.

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sentations and information library and social support.

Each week a low impact aerobic 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 are taking the right steps towards optimal health. The details of the

group are as follows:

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Time: 10.30- 12 noon

Venue: LCHS centre building in Churchill town centre

Cost: Weekly gold coin donation (towards afternoon tea)

For more information call, Liz Jones on 51711407



Local identity in charge of Gippsland Group Training at the Gippsland Education Precinct

The Gippsland Education Precinct is a unique partnership between Monash University, Latrobe City Council, GippsTAFE, Kurnai College Year 11 and 12, and Gippsland Group Training (GGT).

Graham Harvey pictured above), is in charge of the GGT facility at the Precinct and is also an Automotive Instructor. Graham has been part of the Churchill scene since 1965 when, with his Mum and Dad he moved into McInnes Crescent Churchill, opposite the house occupied by the Rev Peter Arch and his family. Graham boasts that his family was the nineteenth to move into Churchill. His parents took over the Churchill Milkbar from the Koedijks.

Graham started Churchill Primary School in June 1969 as a Prep. From home he could see the school being built, and played in the clay and bricks after the workmen disappeared for the day.

In 1975, Graham's parents moved to Yallourn where they took over running Meadows Café for two years. In that time, Graham attended Yallourn High School. He was the last boy to attend the school before it was closed. From there the family moved to Morwell, and his parents bought and ran the milkbar on the highway, now the 24 Hour Spot. Graham still had many good friends in Churchill (Steve Connolly was one), and Graham played cricket and footy for Churchill. Although he lived in Morwell, he was classed as a Churchill boy 90% of the time.

Graham has played cricket ever since - nearly 30 years. He has served on the committee since 1981, and is at present the President of the club and Game Record holder. Cricket has been a

family affair. In 1972, his Dad and his two brothers played in the first cricket match in Churchill.

Graham completed his high school education and went to work for two years in his parent's milkbar, before they sold it. Graham then applied to Maryvale Ford Traralgon, a Ford Dealership, to be an apprentice mechanic. Graham stayed for over twenty-three years, reaching the position of Workshop Service Manager. Valley Ford took over Maryvale Ford in September 1993, and Graham continued to work there until August 2003.

Graham had many dealings with GGT over fifteen years, through employing their apprentice motor mechanics. GGT approached Graham to become an apprentice trainer. He thought it was time for a change, and so accepted the position. He has been with GGT since 2005.

Graham says it is good to work on the other side of the business, and be able to influence the training to make the apprentices more able to do their job. Graham is aware of what the dealerships require, and their need to have their workers present a tidy appearance, have a positive attitude and have ability. The old image of a mechanic being a grease monkey is not acceptable. The public likes to see cleanliness.

Graham believes the GEP concept is a great idea. It is good, especially for the Year 11 and 12 students to see what university life is like, and to see what is ahead of them. They have the opportunity to ask questions and look around before they decide yes or no to a particular course or pathway. The GEP, in Graham's opinion, does

not look like a school or feel like a school. It is very modern, but homely.

Throughout the year, but with two major intakes, GGT recruits and employs apprentices across a broad range of trade areas, including automotive, metal fabrication (boiler maker), plumbing and gasfitting, fitting and turning, carpentry, electrical, cabinet making, painting, and horticulture. The latter three are employed by GGT but receive training with other providers.

These intakes are advertised in the local media, with letters also being sent to schools where teachers are asked to encourage any interested students to apply. Applications are short-listed; applicants receive an interview which if successful allows them to begin their training almost immediately.

GGT also offers Administrative Traineeships, in office administration, spare parts, warehouse (store person) and retail (shops).

The GEP has courses in automotive, metal fabrication, carpentry, fitting and turning, and electrical. The rest of the courses are delivered in Morwell at the facility on the corner of Firmins Lane and Tramway Road. The course is partly schooling and partly on the job training.

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GGT is always looking for the opportunity to offer additional help for extra studies to allow apprentices to extend their training and education into Monash courses, through the Diploma of Foundation Studies program. For example, an automotive apprentice can start an engineering degree at Monash while working towards their apprenticeship. GGT will continue to pay the apprentice their regular salary on days that they are required to attend university.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in an apprenticeship and the options available at the GEP, there is a Careers and Recruitment office in the main entrance area of the GEP, or you can contact the office on (03) 5132 3810.

Women's Health Clinics

Latrobe Community Health Service offers regular women's health consultations at Churchill Community Health Centre in Philip Parade, Churchill. Specially trained nurses are able to undertake pap tests and provide information on a wide range of health topics including contraception, breast care, menopause, bladder and bowel problems, safe sex practices and heart and stroke risk factors.

Regular pap tests are the best way for women to reduce their risk of developing cervical cancer. If it has been 2 years since your last pap test the Community Health Nurse urges you to make an appointment. Young women who are not sure if they need pap smears are also invited to make an appointment or to contact the nurse by phone.

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Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Yinnar Primary School 125 years of history

On the weekend of 18th and 19th November, 2006, Yinnar Primary School celebrated its 125th Anniversary.

This school has a proud history of serving the community and surrounding areas of Yinnar, and being an integral part of the life and times of the town. The story of how it all began and is continuing today follows.

In 1879, the area called Middle Creek and Scrubby Forest, became known as Yinnar

Selection. Settlement of the farms saw fifty children of school age in the area that were too far from existing schools like Hazelwood Ridge. There was concern for the lack of education facilities for these children. In October 1879 a group of residents, including George Firmin, Henry Wicks, John Quigley and eight others, who between them had 35 children, requested the Minister of Public Instruction to "consider their petition for the immediate erection of a State School". The Honourable F.C. Mason MP supported the idea, and District Inspector Thomas R. Hepburn recommended that a part time school be established, to be shared with Hazelwood North. He also accepted a one acre site of the land owned and offered by Henry Wicks.

The site was reserved by the Secretary of Lands, and on 3rd June 1881. J. Charles supplied a portable school-house and living quarters for £116.16s and Messrs Oldfield supplied forms and desks at a cost of £4.17s and sixpence. Two years later on 22nd August 1881 the school opened with Catherine Kemp as Head teacher.

By 1889, the building was too small for the growing number of children (fifty-three were on the roll with more to come). The then Head Teacher, Thomas Holland, suggested that the residence be converted into other teaching areas. This was approved by the District Inspector, Thomas Bothroyd. However, it wasn't until 1900 that the conversion was made, during which time the school was closed, as there were no finances to pay for another residence for the Head Teacher.

It was not until 1906 that the new Head Teacher, Richard Lethbridge, was able to take up residence in the new four roomed wooden house.

The enrolment grew until the existing school premises, was deemed unsuitable. The Mechanics Institute was hired for the first four months of 1908, until the new school building was complete, and the children moved in, in May 1908.

In 1923, there were approximately 65 pupils with three teachers using one room. An extra room was added with the Inspector's recommendation, as well as additional playing space being acquired, in 1925.

Electric power was installed in the school and residence in 1928.

Shelter sheds were built in 1932, funded by the proceeds of a dance organized by Mr. and Mrs. Holt. Playground equipment was purchased in 1948.

An additional classroom was added in 1962. The school was reclassified, with staffing now including a Head Teacher and three assistants.

The block of land adjoining the southern side of the school was bought from the Methodist Church in 1970 to provide an area for sports.

Two extra portables arrived, one in 1972 and one in 1977. The ante-room was partitioned off in that year to provide a library-classroom.

Art and craft lessons were conducted across the road in the railway shed. That year also, the parents constructed an adventure playground, partly funded from proceeds of a spell-a-thon conducted by the children. School enrolment had

reached 110 by 1973, increasing to 142 in 1981.

In late February, 1981, the initial stage of a new five module re-locatable classroom building was installed, beginning a new era of schooling in Yinnar.

The Community Sport's Stadium added to the school's available facilities.

The present enrolment of Yinnar Primary School is 161.

SCHOOL LIFE IN THE EARLY YEARS

Some of the children in the early days walked up to four miles to go to school. Others rode ponies which were paddocked where the Catholic Church is now. With the advent of the motor buggy, a major concern was the sudden appearance of one of these noisy machines which could, and did cause the horses to scatter!

Children who lived on the western side of the Morwell River could not get to school when the river flooded. At other times their unofficial school buses were the quarry trucks driven by Jack Quigley, Ernie Williams or Hughie King.

Tanks were the only water supplies for schools. When the bell went the kids would line up for a drink from the one tap!

Snakes were always a present worry in the warmer months!

EARLY USES OF THE SCHOOL

In 1882 the first wedding in the district- Mrs. Fanny Morrell was held at the school.

Up until 1886 the school had been used as the Post Office, with the Head Teacher of giving out the mail before it was moved to the Carrig's Store.

In 1889 the school was declared a polling booth and the school was used for up to three church services on a Sunday.

The use of the school facilities has continued over the years, as part of the social and business activities of the town.

MEMORABLE EVENTS

The main events of the year were the Lavinia Park Races on New Year's Day and the Middle Creek Family Picnic held on the first Wednesday of the year.

"The same new dress was worn to both occasion," Annie Bond recalled.

During World War 1 patriotic concerts were held for the "French Comforts Club". Families contributed to Anzac War Savings Certificates. Upon receipt of a certain number of certificates, a medal was awarded.

Andy Coleman remembered that one school girl trapped rabbits to save sufficient money to be able to go to Melbourne to meet her father on his return from the war.

"It was a joyful occasion when the soldiers returned. We had a bonfire and an effigy of the Kaiser was thrown onto it," he said.

There were traveling concerts, such as those to aid the Blind Institute. Each child who sold 10 tickets got a free ticket to see the magicians and comedy acts.

Empire Day was celebrated each year. In 1935 Shire President Auchterlonie and Cr. Martin Walker came to address the children.

On 15th July, 1937, the children attended a Coronation Picnic at Morwell.

Young Farmers' Field Days were always a highlight of the year. Everyone was involved; with calves, birds, decorated bicycles or cooking.

In the 1950s Ted Baker of Baker's Store used to train the children for the Yinnar football team.



EXCERPTS FROM INSPECTORS REPORTS

In 1943 Inspector Curtis reported that the school ground was large, securely fenced, with a number of pine trees for shelter, and a vegetable garden underway. He also commented that teaching in reading and writing skills was effective, showing good progress. Included in the curriculum was, recitation, nature study, singing and physical education.

War work was very important in those years, with the school raising money for war relief, and also knitting, and making rugs and camouflage nets for the troops, as well as raising vegetables. The following year the Inspector commented on the Committee and Mother's Club efforts of enlarging the library building and reference books supply. The girls were commended for their work for the soldiers.

In 1945, Inspector Phillips's recorded the purchase of a projector and a broadcast receiver. While the following year, 1946, he declared the school would be one of the best equipped in the inspectorate, with the great support of the parents.

In 1952 Inspector McIntyre noted the undertaking of Gould League activities, and the schools involvement in appeals especially for the handicapped children.

It was reported in 1960 that the Public Works Department had improved the drainage of the grounds, but that filling of low lying areas still required attention.

The 1970s saw the introduction of biennial reviews, with more detailed reporting being analytical and thorough. Ron Ikin, in 1977, commented on the favourable teacher- pupil ratio, specialist teaching and creative arts areas.

From 1976 - 1980, under the principal Gordon Graeme, community involvement increased a great deal. Ron Ikin commented upon this advantageous situation, in glowing terms.

SCHOOL COMMITTEES

The people of Yinnar have always been concerned about the quality of education in the area.

Minutes of meetings, and memories of before they existed, demonstrate this concern. They are a record of the concerns for school grounds, the drainage of which was a constant problem, maintenance, alterations and additions to the school buildings, and decisions concerning equipment and books, teaching aids and treats for the children. There was the organization of working bees and the planning of fundraising activities. Some activities have changed over the years. In earlier times working bees were called for the specific task of getting and chopping firewood. There were chimneys to clean as well. Also mentioned was an epidemic of measles in 1935. Mention of occasions like Anzac Day and Empire Day also featured, as did the building of the air raid

trench, and repairs to the bell tower and bike shed.

In the early 1970s greater decentralization occurred with the establishment of Regional Offices.

In 1976 major changes were implemented with regard to School Councils, establishing them as incorporated bodies with representation from the teaching staff, parents, Mothers Club and principal. Councils have vast amounts of administrative and financial matters with which to deal.

The school community agrees that at all times it is very important for the maintenance of links between the school and the community, to maximize the benefits for all. The support and hard work of the School Council continues to present times.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

This activity was run from 1937-1961. Meetings were held throughout the year, to plan for the Field Day, which was usually held in March. The cost of running them was met by donations, collections from businesses of the town, and entry charges and sale of goods. The Mothers' Club provided lunches and afternoon tea.

Categories for entrants ranged from vegetables, eggs, cakes, flowers, calves, cattle, poultry, craft work, dogs, gardening and school work. Later, decorated bicycles, and floral saucers, were added.

Much educational work was done as a lead up to, and follow up to these occasions.

A Senior Section of the Young Farmers' Club was a fore runner to the Young Farmers' Clubs throughout Victoria.

MOTHERS' CLUB

In 1939 the School Committee asked the ladies of the district to form a Mothers' Club. It began in July 1940. Seventeen ladies attended the inaugural meeting in the Mechanics' Hall.

During the 1940s money was raised with Saturday night dances and card evenings. The children were given a Christmas party with a gift for each child. They were also given a picnic during the year. School equipment was purchased.

In the 50s and 60s, the ladies raised funds by catering for local weddings, with many of the ingredients being donated by the mothers.

An annual birthday party was held and some of the mothers would attend the district Mothers' Club Birthday party. At the 21st Birthday 180 people attended. There was a market stall to raise funds. The day began with a casserole luncheon followed by a guest speaker and entertainment. In 1968 there was an Apron Parade for 200 people.



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The Mothers' Club funds raised were responsible for the purchase of much audio equipment, books, and sport's equipment, through a great variety of activities, which changed over the years to suit the situation and the events happening in and around town.

In 1977, Mothers' Clubs became a thing of the past as Parents' Clubs took their place. The Parents' Club was concerned with fund raising as well as children's health, initiating programs of healthy eating, dental care after school, as well as in school lessons.

Water safety and survival were also emphasized, with mothers helping to conduct swimming programs for all grades. Book orders schemes were also run by the parents. Money was raised and money was spent! Again, the present Parents' Club continues to work hard for the school.

SCHOOL LIFE FROM 1970

The seventies was an era packed with enriching experiences, cultural activities and school camps. Teachers were unstinting in their efforts to educate children in many new and exciting ways. Many parents supported these initiatives with their time and energies.

The school magazine, "Contact", began in 1977, under the editorship of Vin Russell, a teacher at the school. This monthly magazine had several roles including advertising, informing, promoting the English work of the pupils, and a resource of the school's activities in the last few years of the seventies.

Excursions were made to the R.A.A.F. Sale, The Express, Silk Screen printing exhibition, Art Gallery and Morwell Open Cut to name a few.

Cultural shows included the film Storm Boy, The Nutcracker Suite Ballet, and Peter and the Wolf.

The Inter School Sports in the seventies were held at Yinnar recreation ground. Yinnar South, Yinnar, Hazelwood Estate, Hazelwood North, Thorpdale, Boolarra and Driffield participated in non competitive events which saw each pupil competing against those of like standard with the idea of bettering their school standard on the sport's day.

In 1978, teacher Mrs Jo Evans was the Social Service Co-Ordinator. She instigated the idea of the school pupils supporting a foster child through Plan. A nine year old girl in Bangladesh was sponsored with the \$50.00 raised by the pupils each year, using many innovative ways.

Other major events have included a Balloon Launch from Yinnar Recreation Ground, a Fancy Dress parade during Children's Week, fetes, concerts, the International Year of the Child in 1979, celebrations.

School camps were "joyfully participated in", at such venues as Morwell National Park, the old Jumbuk School, Connan Park, Woorabinda and Ten Mile Creek.

On 1st October 1980 the whole school travelled to the Melbourne International Centenary Exhibition at the Exhibition Buildings in Carlton, courtesy of the State Government.

BRYAN TAYLOR

Bryan Taylor attended Yinnar Primary School from 1975 starting in Prep Grade.

Bryan was full of stories about school life, most of them from playtime escapades, or out of school experiences.

Life then was much more casual, and less regulated. It was the year that it snowed in the Jeeralangs to the extent that the snow lay on the ground for some time. Bryan went to school and told the teacher, saying that it was okay for all to go to his parents place for a look. The teacher immediately got on the phone and soon several parents were available to transport the children,



between 90-100 to two properties- the Taylor's for the young children and the Wheatland's for the older ones. After a great deal of fun, it was back to school to draw pictures on special black cardboard with white crayons. This was a special treat for Bryan.

In Grade 1, there were swimming classes. They were held at a local resident's pool. The students walked down the street, swam or did water confidence activities, then walked back to school. The teacher did the teaching. Bryan remembers how cold the water was.

As part of Social Studies, a nurse came to the grade to tell the children about her work. She allowed the children to have a turn injecting a doll.

One of the most popular games was one which involved the whole school. It was kickball. The call went out "Up against the wall for Kickball". The senior students were chosen to be the captains, and they picked their team. It was a great honour to be picked in the first few. One team fielded, while the other took turns to kick the ball as hard as possible. Then you had to run like mad to the mark. You were out if you were caught or hit by the ball as you ran. This game was played all day, starting with morning recess, followed by lunch and afternoon play.

One special incident remembered was the day the ball was bowled off course, went out of the school gate, and under the wheel of a passing tip truck. There was an enormous bang. The truck stopped and the driver quickly alighted to check all his tyres. No blowouts! Puzzling! The students stood at the gate wondering what to do. Bryan says there was an amazing sense of fair play towards the younger children who were given chances. It felt like you were a hero when you achieved, he remembers, even though someone had been kind to you.

Winter months in the school ground, which was not as cultivated as now, brought lots of puddles and a different sort of fun. The puddles were particularly big and useful behind the bike shed in the sandy area. Boats made of milk cartons cut down the middle length wise, were sailed on these puddles. They played football a lot, especially in the senior grades, all year round, as opposed to cricket which was seldom played.

Bryan remembers being kept in for one whole week for talking. He was not the only one. Some other boys and girls were too. He says they had more fun inside talking to each other than being outside playing. So much for that discipline!

Grade 3 was sleepover year. A memorable activity from that was the Spotlight Game they played. A car was parked on the oval with a real spotlight mounted on it. Then teachers counted to ten, the children hid and then had to see if they could make it back to the car without having their name called out. Bryan was no fool. He arranged to swap his jumper with another student

which tricked the teachers. He was very happy with himself.

In 1980 the portables started to arrive. Some classes moved out of the old building into them. At that time the school bell which was a horn, was removed, and the old bell used on the old building. Sparks flew out of the switch. When the old building was demolished a hand bell was used. No-one could (conveniently) hear it so a siren from the Fire Brigade was loaned to the school.

"It was a ripper," enthused Bryan with eyes twinkling with the memory. "It was plugged in each time".

Finally in 1981, the 5/6s were able to move into the 'new' portable which arrived. It was considered very special when compared to the old style ones which had arrived previously.

The trees of the playground were well utilized. The oak trees were a wonderful source of ammunition for the boys who would fill their pockets with acorns during acorn season, and use them for acorn fights.

The girls would use the oak leaves and pine needles to make house plans in which to play. Boys in P/1/2 were invited to play house with the girls. Look out though, if you accidentally, or on purpose, messed up their house, you would be severely chastised! After Grade 2 it was taboo for the boys to play with the girls. It was not until you were in grade 5 or 6 that talk with girls became okay.

Climbing trees was a great pastime. The row of pine trees at the back of the oval was excellent for climbing. The boys played games like 'chasey' in the trees by swinging from branch to branch, or going round and round the branches of a tree on 3-4 levels. Bryan once fell out and severely winded himself, when he fell on his back. They did not dare to tell the teacher in case they were not allowed to climb the trees again. You had to show you were not a wimp, by not allowing your discomfort to show.

There was also a competition running which was to see who could jump from the highest branch of the tree to the ground. Bryan held the record. He remembers jumping and jarring his leg, so badly he could hardly walk, but he didn't tell anyone and tried not to show the pain. He was a hero among the boys!

There was a monkey bar. The girls were very good at doing all the hanging by your legs and round the world etc moves. They tried to teach the boys, but not very successfully. The boys however climbed to the top and sat there shouting out at the top of their voices to those below "I'm the king of the castle and you're the dirty rascal". Those on the ground would deny it and say the reverse was so, repeating the call to those sitting above.

During the Olympic Games, a Mini Olympics was held. Bryan was a good runner and remem-

bers competing in the marathon. It was run all the way to Creamery Road and back. At every road you had to stop and wait for the traffic. Bryan was doing extremely well until he had to stop at the Pub corner to wait for a car. The result was third not first place!

A special fundraising effort for the school was the bringing by each child of some spare change from home. The coins were placed side by side to see how long a line could be made. It reached as far as the milkbar.

Pet Day saw Bryan's pet lamb make an appearance at the school. Blackie, an orphan didn't win, but had lots of fun.

Tennis racquets were often taken to school for the kids to practice hitting the ball against the wall of the old building, and returning the shot. When the old building was demolished, that activity was sadly missed as no other place was a substitute.

The shelter sheds were converted into storage sheds for things like lay equipment. The Grade 3/4s were put in charge of the key, with each pupil having the responsibility of opening the shed for sports equipment for a week at a time. You felt very important says Bryan.

Lunches could be bought from either the Milkbar or the General Store, with students walking to their choice at lunchtime. This practice has continued until just recently when lunch orders are collected in the appropriate basket, from each grade for whichever shop the student has chosen.

One boy put a Huntsman spider in his pencil case. One day after lunch, the Huntsman was missing.

The Nestle's factory huts for workers were at the back of the school. They had been used by the workers as sleeping quarters in the past. They were declared "Out of Bounds", but were explored despite the order.

The Yinnar Recreation Reserve was, and still is, the venue for the inter school sports. Yinnar wore brown tops with numbers on them. Bryan remembers that there was lots of practice for the sports during the first few weeks of Term 1, under Gordon Graeme's direction.

Under Principal Ross Thomson, Bryan did Science for the first time. The episode that stands out was when they made soap. Too much caustic soda was added to the mixture resulting in the whole lot boiling over on to, and staining, the floor of the brand new portable! It was also the first time homework was set.

In Grade 4, students were expected to supply their own pens and pencils. Until then they had been supplied by the Education Department. Some people thought others were helping themselves to their pencils. One boy put a Huntsman spider in his pencil case. One day after lunch, the Huntsman was missing. The teacher's desk was positioned across the corner of the room. The children were busy with some work when all of a sudden there was a clatter and a squeak from the teacher's corner. The children looked up immediately to see the teacher pressed into the corner, frozen, but pointing at the desk. The missing Huntsman had been located. The kids thought the incident was fantastic.

For punishment you got the blackboard ruler if you were in P/1/2. In Grade 3 there was the threat of the strap should it fall from your shoulder where it had been draped by the teacher. From Grades 4-6 you had the strap.

Bryan is a first generation pupil. His two sons, Lauchlan and Benjamin are second generation.

Part 2 of the History of Yinnar Primary School will be published next month.



Kaleidoscope

Neighbourhood Centre Creative Writing Group Launch Their Fifth Book

The Creative Writing group at the Neighbourhood Centre recently held a ceremony to launch their fifth book of their writings, 'Kaleidoscope'.

Kaleidoscope of an anthology of poems and short stories, which express and evoke, a depth of many different emotions and feelings.

Ruth Place was invited to launch the book. She said it was an honour to be asked, as she had had a long association with the group over the years. The group had responded to Ruth's request to write stories about fire safety she could read to her classes while working in schools for the Fire Brigade.

After reading out some of the poems and a story she congratulated the group on writing and of producing a fifth book of their work.

In his Preface, Kevin Jackson thanked Anne Hogg for her collating and computer expertise in putting the book together, Henry Parniak for assisting Anne and for the printing of the book and the group themselves for their "energy and imagination". Olivia Jackson and Cora Pal were thanked for proof-reading, and Cora for "her tutorial skills and ability to motivate and mould the group into a busy bank of scribblers".

Cora has led the group for 12 years and is an inspiring leader. They have a regular attendance of 12, but all are welcome to come and join the group when they re-convene in 2007.

The book is available at the Neighbourhood Centre for \$5, and is well worth buying to read and enjoy.

25 Years of Service

The Neighbourhood Centre [NHC] has

given 25 years of service to the community. The NHC encompasses a family atmosphere. It is welcoming and provides a variety of programs. Community spirit has inspired the NHC to continue through its ups and downs, and remain be an integral part of Churchill and district life.

Henry Parniak had been appointed Co-Ordinator and Jacqui McLure President.

Classes for 2007 will include Isobel's Discussion Group and Open Learning On Line, Literacy, Maths, Drawing, Quilting, Folk Art, Patchwork (beginners and advanced) Lead lighting, Basic Sewing, Basic Computers (Microsoft Office programs), Embroidery, Sew, Learn and Chat, Creative Writing, and Craft Activities for Home Schoolers.

Letter to the Editor

Churchill Motors is Tops

During a recent trip to the Blue Mountains my Mazda 626 became overheated, especially when driving up steep hills.

Advice was sought from a country garage who said the problem was a blown head gasket. My son doubted this as the engine was still running smoothly and there was no evidence of water in the oil.

As I have Total Care with RACV I decided to have the car brought home to Jeeralang Junction. RACV arranged over night accommodation, the transport of my car and provided a rental car while mine was receiving attention.

Churchill Motors service my car so I asked them to check out the overheating problem. Since the engine was still running well and they could see no evidence of moisture round the head gasket they believed that the problem was possibly a blocked radiator.

The radiator was checked and found to be

severely blocked. The appropriate cleaning was done and there has not been any further sign of the engine overheating.

The fee was \$200 as opposed to a minimum of \$1500 if a new head gasket had been fitted and it would not have corrected the problem of a blocked radiator.

Several important lessons can be learned from this experience.

1. Investing in RACV Total Care is a small price to pay for the service available. In the above instance the accommodation was \$85.00, the transport of the vehicle \$3000.00 and six days car hire \$420.00, all paid by Total Care.

2. If in doubt about advice given seek the opinion of a second or third garage.

3. If you live in the environs of Churchill Motors, be assured that you will receive an honest appraisal of any problem from that garage. Thankyou Steve and Malcolm for your honesty and diligence. In my book you are tops.

Rob Pengelly

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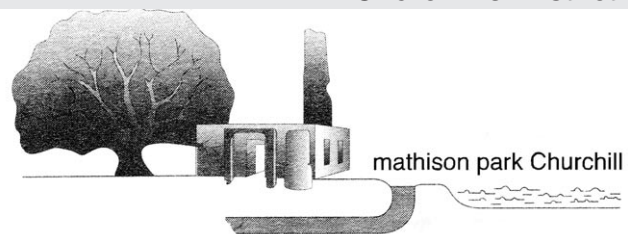
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Room 1	Talk the talk & walk the walk craft activity sessions - Finish or start new activities, socialise, have a cuppa or just chat, plenty of help & advice from many experts	CREATIVE WRITING Learn to write short stories & poetry may be used in publications	Room available for meetings	Room available for meetings	Room available for meetings
Room 2	Basic Computers - level 2/3 Learn to make the computer your friend, & do what you want to do.	ON-LINE OPEN LEARNING Use basic computer skills to discover a new way of learning & enhancing your literacy & numeracy skills	ON-LINE OPEN LEARNING Use basic computer skills to discover a new way of learning & enhancing your literacy & numeracy skills	Time for internet/computer use for general public	Time for internet/computer use for general public
Room 3	PATCHWORK (advanced) Learn quilting, material choice, techniques and design	Room available for meetings	PATCHWORK/Craft Activities Class designed for the beginner & novice patch worker alternate weeks - begin 7/02/07 weeks 2, 4, 6, 8	PATCHWORK/Craft Activities Class designed for the beginner & novice patch worker alternate weeks - begin 1/02/07 weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9	Leadlighting Class Make your own colourful projects, lamp shades, windows, mirrors
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Room 1	Room available for meetings	DISCUSSION GROUP Join this group for positive conversations and discussion on various topics	Folk Art Learn different brush techniques (round & flat) to achieve decorative paintings on a variety mediums	Mixed Craft Sessions Learn a variety of crafts, patchwork, embroidery, tassel making, lamp shades etc.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Depending on numbers the following classes can be arranged, please inform coordinator of your interest: Basic sewing Introduction to drawing <i>Painting on silk</i> Food Safety Handling Beading Level 2 First Aid Tassel Making Learn to use 'Annie' the quilting machine </div>
Room 2	Basic Computers - level 1 Learn to make the computer your friend, & do what you want to do.	Time for internet/computer use for general public	Adult Literacy On line open learning increase your reading, writing and spelling skills	Microsoft Office learn to use Word/ Excel/Access	
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YOGA

Thursday evening
5pm - 6.15pm -
6.30pm - 7.45pm

Heather 5194 2397

Bird Watching at Mathison Park



A Silver Zitting Cisticola photographed by Ken Harris at Mathison Park

By RUTH PLACE

Many people have enjoyed visiting Mathison park over the Christmas holiday season. Walking the dog, bird watching, walking and talking, fishing, admiring the scenery, and noting the new fishing platforms, feeding the ducks as well as picnicking barbecuing, and playing on the equipment all make for a pleasant pastime.

Ken Harris has been bird watching, and noting a many new species of birds visiting or resident in the park. He has captured many great photographs of the birds, which has required patience and persistence. With the courtesy of Monash University Facilities and Services Department, these have been printed and will be seen in the notice boards of the park. Ken has written a

small commentary on each bird which will help with identification and appreciation of different species.

Mathison Park fishing platforms are wheelchair accessible. The Mathison Park Advisory Committee is grateful to Loy Yang B for it's help in paying for the construction of the fishing platforms. They will also supply plants for re-vegetation, once the new pathways have been constructed.

Please note the signage on these platforms. These signs are there for your protection.

A new large sign has also been installed at either end of the park, also containing warning signs. Please take note of them.

Health and Wellbeing **Bushfire Smoke**

While at the time of writing the devastating fires in Gippsland have been brought under control there is still a significant threat of more fires through the warmer months. Hazelwood Health Centre has sourced the following article on how to deal with the treat of bushfire smoke so residents can be prepared.

Bushfire smoke can affect air quality in rural and urban areas. It contains particles of different sizes, water vapour, and gases including carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxides. Depending on the situation, bushfire smoke may affect people's health.

Larger sized air-borne particles are visible to the eye and contain burning debris, embers and so on. These particles contribute to the visible haze when a fire is burning. They are generally too large to be breathed deep into the lungs, but they can irritate the nose, throat and lungs.

In contrast, finer particles (one-thirtieth the width of an average human hair) and gases are small enough to be breathed deep into the lungs. These small particles and gases can affect your health.

Health effects of bushfire smoke

The health effects of bushfire smoke depend on your age, pre-existing medical conditions such as asthma or heart disease, and the length of time you are exposed to the smoke. Generally speaking:

Healthy adults usually find that effects from short exposure to smoke clear up quickly after the smoke goes away. Signs of smoke irritation include itchy eyes, sore throat, runny nose and coughing.

Children, the elderly, smokers and people with pre-existing illnesses such as heart or lung conditions (including asthma) are more sensitive to the effects of inhaling fine particles. Symptoms may take a while to develop and get worse.

It is important that people with pre-existing health conditions take their medication, follow their treatment plan and seek immediate medical attention if they become unwell.

Facemasks - issues to consider

Ordinary paper dust masks, handkerchiefs and bandannas don't

filter out fine particles from bushfire smoke. They are generally not very useful in protecting your lungs. Special masks called 'P1' or 'P2' are suitable for filtering out bushfire smoke. These are available at most hardware stores and generally provide a greater degree of protection against inhaling fine particles.

Issues to consider include:

Facemasks can be hot and uncomfortable to wear.

If the seal around the nose and mouth is poor, the mask is much less effective. Men with beards, for example, can't get a good seal.

The masks generally don't filter out gases such as carbon monoxide.

A mask can make it harder to breathe normally, so anyone with a pre-existing heart or lung condition should seek medical advice before they use one.

It is often better to stay indoors away from the smoke, unless you can't avoid being outdoors

Health precautions

It is important to minimise your exposure to bushfire smoke. Suggestions include:

Avoid (or limit) physical activity outdoors. Exercise encourages a greater number of fine particles to be breathed deeper into the lungs.

Keep away from the smoke and rest as much as possible if you have a pre-existing heart or lung condition.

Stay inside and keep windows and doors closed.

Turn on the air conditioner, if you have one, and switch it to 'recycle' or 'recirculate'. This will reduce the amount of smoke coming inside.

Take an air-conditioned break at a local community library or shopping centre if your home gets uncomfortably hot or is letting in outside air.

Avoid sources of indoor air pollution as much as possible, including smoke from cigarettes, wood stoves or burning candles.

Try not to use unflued gas appliances.

Don't stir up fine dust by sweeping or vacuuming.

If there is a break in smoky conditions, air out your home to

improve indoor air quality.

Take steps to reduce heat stress if you don't have an air conditioner. This is particularly important for young children, the elderly and people who are unwell.

Keep at least five days supply of medication on hand if you have a lung or heart condition. People with asthma should follow their personal asthma plan.

Seek urgent medical attention if anyone has breathing problems or chest pain.

Hazardous smoke conditions

Listen to your local radio station or watch television for updates on fire and smoke conditions in the area, or contact the Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667. When smoke conditions become hazardous:

Everyone should rest indoors and avoid outdoor activity as much as possible.

Outside sporting events should be postponed.

People who are particularly sensitive to smoke should consider temporarily moving away from the smoke-affected area and staying with friends or relatives if possible.

Where to get help

Your doctor

Your local council's Environmental Health Section
Victorian Bushfire Information Line Tel. 1800 240 667

(TTY for the deaf - 1800 555 677, then ask for 1800 240 667)

Environmental Health Unit, Department of Human Services
Victoria Tel. 1300 761 874

Things to remember

Bushfire smoke contains fine particles and gases that can be breathed deep into the lungs.

Children, the elderly, smokers and people with pre-existing illnesses such as heart or lung conditions (including asthma) are sensitive to the effects of breathing in fine particles.

Stay inside, close windows and doors, and switch your air conditioner (if you have one) to recycle or recirculate.

Breakfast Club Program For Gippsland Education Precinct



2007 will see a Breakfast Club program piloted at the Gippsland Education Precinct (GEP).

The first breakfast will be on Tuesday 20 February and will include pancakes cooked on the barbecue in the GEP courtyard and good music played through the school's speaker system. It is anticipated that the smells and sounds emanating from the courtyard will attract a fair number of people from the school community - students and staff alike.

Many of the students at the GEP have participated in breakfast clubs during their junior school years (years

7-10). Therefore, they are accustomed to interacting with, and being served by, community minded people from the local area, who have a heart to care about young people. It is hoped that the Breakfast Club program at the Gippsland Education Precinct will be equally as popular amongst the senior school students as it has been at Kurnai's junior campuses.

For the past several years the Kurnai College Chaplain has worked with Fusion (a Christian Youth and Community service) and the local churches, to provide breakfast and lunchtime programs at Kurnai

College's junior campuses. These programs aim to assist in the development of a community atmosphere within the school, meet some of the nutritional needs of the students and help them to feel valued. It is an opportunity for the students and staff to be able to interact with people from the local churches and wider community in an atmosphere that is relaxed, fun and supportive.

Providing breakfast is a fantastic way for the community to show its young people that it values and cares for them. It is also a fantastic experience for people in the community to

come and be a part of the school environment.

Programs such as breakfast clubs cannot happen without resources and support. In order to ensure that the breakfast club program can continue viably through out the year it needs committed people to get involved. Ways you can help include:

*COMING ALONG TO THE SCHOOL (to help cook, clean up, or interact with young people)

* SHOPPING (for the ingredients we need for menu items)

* FINANCIAL SUPPORT (for food, games, fuel)

* DEVELOPING AND SUPPORTING FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

A special fundraising trivia night will be held in the coming months. Proceeds will go towards supporting the breakfast club program at the Gippsland Education Precinct. More information will be provided closer to the time.

If you would like to assist in any way with the Breakfast Club program at the GEP please contact:

Geraldine McClure at Fusion Gippsland on (03) 5134 6922.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

SUPERHEROES

Aquaman
Batman
Captain Action
Captain America
Captain Atom

Captain Marvel
Daredevil
Falcon
Fighting American
Firestorm

Flash
Green Arrow
Green Lantern
Human Torch
Incredible Hulk

Isis
Martian Manhunter
Robin
Silver Surfer
Spectre

Spider-man
Sub-Mariner
Superboy
Superman
The Atom

The Mighty Thor
The Phantom
The Ragman
Wonder Woman
X-Men



This month we have a word search for all the children to enjoy. A superhero is a hero, in children's comic books and television cartoons, possessing extraordinary, often magical powers.

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BIRTHDAYITES!!

These "Birthdayites" were all smiles as they were each presented with a \$15 voucher for Churchill Newsagency by John Barker from the Lions Club of Churchill & District. They were

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



Dylan ROWLEY,
11 years on the
14th of December



Oliver THAIN,
11 years, on the
26th December

LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB

Proudly sponsored by the
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Hi Kids,

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

The randomly chosen "BIRTHDAYITES" for December 2006 were
DYLAN ROWLEY and OLIVER THAIN.

BIRTHDAYITES

JANUARY 2007

- Samantha BLANCH 12 years
- Alisha BRIGGS 4 years
- Brianna BRIGGS 6 years
- Jordan CURTIS 8 years
- Breanna DOWNES SMITH 12 years
- Ashlee KEARNS 12 years
- Shenae McLURE 11 years
- Lachlann SIMPSON 1 year
- Zac TALARICO 3 years
- Emily ZELA 7 years

FEBRUARY 2007

- Hayley BEYER 10 years
- Hanna DAL PAZZO 6 years
- Sam FLANIGAN 10 years
- Bailey FLANAGIAN 6 years
- Corey KOOTSTRA-DENTON
- Paige ROWLEY 10 years
- Toby THAIN 7 years
- Madeleine TURPIN 9 years

The "BIRTHDAYITES" for January are
BREANNA DOWNES SMITH and SHENAE McLURE.

The "BIRTHDAYITES" for February are
HAYLEY BEYER and TOBY THAIN.

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

John Barker

Publicity



March 4th, 2007
First Expo/Market and Explore the Arts Day of the Year
Great Family Day
Attractions for families throughout the day
Non Alcoholic Event
Bands playing from 9.30am
Mostly Country and Western Music
Admission: Gold Coin Donation
To be held at 760 Tramway Road
Churchill from 9.00am till (approx) 3.00pm
Contact Di for stall bookings on 5134 1820
Cheryle for musician / singing bookings on 5122 3440

Precious Memories STOLEN

Two memory sticks with precious wedding photographs on were stolen from a car in Churinga Drive, Churchill on Australia Day. These photographs are irreplaceable and the owner is pleading for anyone who knows their whereabouts to contact them. Other items stolen were:

1. Sony Mini Handy Video Camera with an extra large batteries with black case.
 2. Digital Camera Case.
- Anyone with any information is urged to contact Deborah on 5122 2119 or 0428 112 051 or the Churchill Police.

Kurnai College Celebrates 20 Years First Multi Campus College

Kurnai College celebrated its 20th anniversary on January 1, 2007. The college was the second government multi-campus college to be established in the state and the first in regional Victoria. It was also the largest, involving an amalgamation of four local secondary schools - Churchill Post Primary School, Maryvale High School, Morwell High School and Morwell Technical School.

Community Endorsement

Its formation was an expression of a strong community desire to enhance the educational opportunities of students attending the local secondary schools. It was preceded by considerable community consultation through a working party representing local government, local tertiary institutions, the staff and parents of local primary and secondary schools, secondary students and the Education Department.

Senior and Middle Campuses

The outcome was the establishment of a secondary college with a senior campus and four middle campuses. Research was undertaken on similar school models in Tasmania and Canberra. Keith Brownbill (Morwell High School) was the Interim College Principal prior to the appointment of Dr Jack Howe as College Principal in 1987. A college administration consisting of the College Principal, Business Manager (Mike Hall) and the Principal's Secretary was located at Morwell Heights Campus until the refurbishment of Morwell Campus took place.

Transition Period

It had been proposed that a transition from four stand alone schools to the multi campus model would take effect from 1987 - 1990. This was to ensure the minimum disruption to senior students already in the existing schools. All students completing Year 10 at the end of 1988 entered the senior campus together in 1989 and became the first Year 12 cohort in 1990. That year Kurnai College boasted about 1800 students.

Principal Leadership

The Campus Principal of the senior campus was John Bryant (Maryvale Campus). Dr Les Mayes (Churchill Campus), Peter Box (Morwell Campus) and Eric Sanders (Morwell Heights Campus) were the campus principals at the middle campuses. Despite some concern amongst students about conflict between those who lived in Morwell and those who lived in Churchill, a successful orientation program, a range of curriculum options and a well considered campus organisation and student welfare processes ensured an incident free commencement.

College Governance

Kurnai Council, responsible for the governance of the college, was large and consisted of 34 members. 13 parents represented the Campus Management Committees of the four campuses. There were 8 teachers and 8 students, 2 ancillary staff, 1 Campus Principal, 1 co-opted member and 1 person representing the indigenous community. When the name 'Kurnai' was suggested for the college, permission was sought from the indigenous community and approval given. The Ganai-Kurnai people were the traditional inhabitants of the area.

Initially, there were 9 committees reporting to Kurnai College. They were Student Issues, Facilities, Strategic Planning, Curriculum, Governance, Finance, Welfare, Administration and Campus Management. As membership of these groups tended to reflect membership of similar groups at the campus level, the organisation was quite complex.

Staffing

Staffing was also complex

with different processes and formulae for high schools and technical schools with the latter applying to amalgamations. In 1987 there was a total of 225 teaching and non-teaching staff: Maryvale Campus (55), Churchill Campus (48) and Morwell Heights (56).

Progress of College

The establishment and progress of Kurnai College has provided educational opportunities for thousands of students and career opportunities for hundreds of teaching and non-teaching staff. In addition, there have been numerous extra curricula activities, special programs and initiatives organised and implemented over the past twenty years. Some were local initiatives while others were of a systemic origin reflecting the constant change and dynamism of a modern state education system.

Major College Events

Many major events occurred over the twenty-year period including:

- * The gradual change from a parochially campus focused organisation to one with a college focus has been significant

- * The opening in August 1992 of the Maryvale Technology Centre later called the Kurnai College Technology Centre (KTEC) in a building vacated by the Victorian branch of the National safety council in Bridle Road.

- * The closure of Morwell Heights Campus and its amalgamation with Morwell Campus at the commencement of 1993 after the state government election in October 1992

- * The participation of the college in the Victorian Youth Development Program with the establishment of flight 24 Air Training Crops in 1997. The AIRTC 9 Australia Air Force Cadets, under the Advance Program remains an important element of college life

- * In 1995 the college was appointed the administrative 'umbrella' school for one of the first Koorie Open Door Education (KODE) schools. The KODE Campus, later called Woolum Bellum Campus, was located adjacent to Morwell Campus on the vacated Latrobe valley District Education Centre site. Karen Cain was the first principal

The aim was to encourage indigenous children, for whom the normal schools had failed, to attend and complete primary and secondary schooling in a setting the indigenous community had input, including a committee of management. KODE Campus catered for Prep -12 students and was later enhanced by the addition of a pre-school. In 2006 similar KODE schools in the state established a federation and Kurnai College has no further responsibility for Woolum Bellum which remains in its original location.

- * In May 1995 vandals flooded the Churchill Campus library and adjoining rooms by inserting a fire hose in the book return chute. About \$25,000 damage was caused.

- * A new gymnasium was constructed at

Morwell Campus in 1997. This was the first purpose built gymnasium at the site.

Unfortunately, this facility underwent two major floor replacements caused by water distortion. The first replacement was a construction problem and the second which took place in 2002, was the result of vandalism when a fire hose was turned on after forced entry to the building.

- * On the evening of the last day of school in 1997, a fire caused serious damage to the technology wing at Morwell Campus resulting in a major refurbishment of this facility.

- * The Kurnai College chaplaincy program commenced in 1999 with the appointment of Ms Fiona Gunnion as chaplain. The program is a unique partnership between Kurnai College and Fusion Australia, a non-denominational Christian youth organisation. Funding is provided by the college, local churches, sponsorships, barbecues and donations. Initially, the chaplain supported students and staff for five days a week at Morwell and Churchill Campuses. Currently, the program operates for four days per week. Ms Liz Sulley is the current chaplain. The chaplaincy program is a valued element of student welfare support.

- * Over twenty years information technology has become a vital element of teaching, learning and school administration. As with the general community the college is reliant on sophisticated computer technology. Student networks, email, the internet, laptops and palm pilots are new tools of the schools.

- * The appointment and movement of staff - principals, teachers and non-teaching staff, to different Campuses helped create a more unified organisation. Likewise, common curriculum, practices and processes were equally as important.

- * The following people have been appointed principals of Kurnai College:

College Principals: Keith Brownbill (Interim), Dr Jack Howe, John Bryant (Acting), Margaret Corcoran and Anthony Rodaughan (current).

Maryvale Campus/Precinct Campus (Years 11-12): John Bryant, Peter Roberts, Peter Box, Robert Juratowitch (current).

Morwell Heights Campus (Years 7-10): Erick Sanders, Kevin Hall.



Cutting the cake: left to right: Nello Carbone, John Bryant, Robert Juratowitch, Anthony Rodaughan, Peter Roberts, Jack Howe, Peter Box, Keith Brownbill, Geoff Block, Sue Murphy, Craig Lamshed and Karen Cain

Morwell Campus (Years 7-10): Peter Box, Kevin Hall, Sue Murphy, Peter Roberts, Craig Lamshed (current).

Churchill Campus (Years 7-10): Dr Les Mayes, Tina Hambelton (Acting), Peter Roberts, Gwenda Vermeulen (Acting), Sue Murphy, Geoff Block (current)

- * The college administration was initially located at Morwell Heights Campus then Morwell Campus and currently it is at the Precinct Campus. Business Managers were Mike Hall, Greg McDonald, Bill Hall (Acting) Peter Davis and currently Chris Woodhouse.

- * During the mid-nineties there had been formal and informal discussions regarding further curriculum enhancement of the college by providing a range of senior Campus pathways in addition to the Victorian Certificate of Education. Dr Jack Howe's comments in the 1998 school magazine referred to a proposal for a major change by creating an educational precinct at Monash University, Churchill. The formation of a precinct would become a 'lighthouse' initiative and a model of things to come. Acting College Principal, John Bryant, pursued this proposal and the new appointment of Margaret Corcoran as College Principal in 2001 saw this work continued with the eventual opening of the Gippsland Education Precinct (GEP) in 2006. The Precinct Campus replaced Maryvale Campus as the senior campus at a new building complex at Monash University, Gippsland Campus, Churchill. The GEP involves Kurnai College, Monash University, Central Gippsland TAFE, Gippsland Group Training and Latrobe City. As a consequence the educational potential for senior students attending Kurnai College is exciting with new learning options possible.

- * The relocation of the senior campus from the Maryvale Campus, Bridle Road site to the Gippsland Education Precinct, Churchill was accompanied by the closure of the Morwell Campus site in McDonald Street, Morwell and its relocation to the Bridle Road site. Funding for major refurbishment at Morwell Campus was confirmed by the government during the 2006 election. Surprisingly, each relocation to a week to complete before re-opening for business for the last few weeks of school in 2005. Further, by December 2006 hundreds of items of excess furniture and equipment had been disposed of.

Facing the Future

Kurnai College is to be congratulated on its twenty years of service to the Morwell and Churchill communities. As the college enters its twenty first year it is certainly a slimmer, less complex organisation. However, its activity has never been more dynamic. Educational change is constant, new local and departmental initiatives and challenges are ever present. In this context the college community faces its future confidently.



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Proceeds from this book go to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund to assist those affected by fire, flood and other emergencies

A pictorial record of the current Gippsland bushfires is now in production, with proceeds from sales of the full colour book donated to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund.

The book, which will be available early in February, will use images taken by people involved in or affected by the numerous fires around Gippsland during the 2006/2007 fire season.

A feature of the book is that many of the images are snaps taken by people on their per-

sonal cameras, often at the fire front. The book is being published by The LV Printers as a fund raiser for the Emergency Relief Fund. It will be distributed through The LV Printers as well as available at mecu, Gippsland's community credit union, and GPG Mobil outlets.

The LV Printers spokesman, Ian Needham, said many of the images are quite graphic.

"They include photos of a large shed and its contents burning from the inside out, taken by the property owner as she was sheltering inside the house at the height of the fire, through to images of cattle standing in a paddock while the



Fire Book Raises Money For Emergency Relief Fund

hills around them are ablaze," Mr Needham said.

"There are other fascinating shots, such as a huge sheet of flame photographed from the back window of a car as the family leaves, eerie shots of Bairnsdale's main street in virtual darkness at 2 o'clock in the afternoon because of the huge smoke and dust cloud, and that weird orange glow that hung over much of Gippsland during the fires."

There are also a range of other photos from the various regions affected by the fires. "The major aim is to assist with raising funds for the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund, which helps out people across the region in times of need, including this fire event," Mr Needham said.

"We hope it will also be an interesting pictorial record, produced and published in the region, which will remind us of the extent of the fires and demonstrate this quite fearsome aspect of the part of the world in which we live," he added.

The book, which costs \$20.00 including GST and postage and handling, can be ordered now by contacting The LV Printers on telephone 5174 2348 or posting a cheque made out to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund.

The envelope should be addressed to Fire Project, The LV Printers, P.O. Box 50 Traralgon 3844 and must include a return postal address.

"It is important that people make out a cheque to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund, as they know the money raised will go straight to the Fund," Mr Needham said. "Others who wish to order and pay electronically can contact our office on 5174 2348 for details on how to go about that."

Email orders can be lodged at accounts@lvprinters.com and the book will also be available from offices of mecu, Gippsland's Community Credit Union, in Moe, Morwell and Traralgon as well as from GPG Mobil outlets across Gippsland from early February.

Cassini Mission To Saturn

By JEFF SING

Tonight, around the time of sunset at approximately 8.30 pm, Eastern Australian Summer Time, the steady light of the magnificent outer planet, Saturn, will rise above the north-eastern horizon - and be visible for the entire night - providing the skies are clear.

The best time to start to view the planet will be about an hour after sunset, when the planet climbs higher in the sky.

Around 1.45 am tomorrow morning, Saturn will be due north, for when it reaches 37 degrees maximum altitude above the horizon (just a little less than two hand-span widths high at arms length, one hand on top of the other) it will get lower in the sky until it sets below the north-western horizon by 7 am.

At magnitude -0.0 the ringed planet outshines all of the brightest nearby stars.

A magnitude scale is used by astronomers to measure the brightness of stars and other celestial bodies. The brighter an astronomical object is the smaller the magnitude number.

The nearest bright star to Saturn at the moment is Regulus, in the constellation of Leo, the Lion, shining at magnitude 1.4.

Celestial objects brighter than magnitude 0 are given negative (-) numbers. For example, Venus' maximum magnitude is -4.4.

Fainter objects are given larger numerical positive numbers on the magnitude scale. At one extreme end of the magnitude scale, which involves a logarithmic relationship, the Hubble telescope can detect objects to magnitude +30, or four million million times fainter than the brightest star, Sirius, at magnitude -1.4.

There is not enough space here to provide a full explanation of the magnitude system. A full account will appear in a later issue.

Under steady night sky conditions Saturn does not twinkle as much as the stars because the planets are disks, and not point sources like the stars, - as seen by the naked eye. The reason the stars do not show disks (apart from the Sun) to the naked eye, or even through the largest telescopes, is due to their

immense distances from Earth. The planets are so far away that they only show points of light to the naked eye, but reveal their true nature with optical aid.

Even the smallest telescope will reveal the disk and rings of Saturn, and perhaps Titan, if suitably placed.

Galileo first to look at Saturn

The Italian astronomer, Galileo, was the first to look at Saturn through a telescope in 1609 and 1610. Galileo thought he saw 'ears' on either side of Saturn, and mistakenly theorized that they were attendant moons.

The great scientist, however, was unaware that he was the first to discover Saturn's rings.

Unfortunately Galileo's primitive instruments were optically inferior compared to his successors' instrumentation and also compared to modern day standards. His crude optics placed some severe limitations on his pioneering astronomical observations.

However, he made a multitude of amazing discoveries with quite limited equipment and resources.

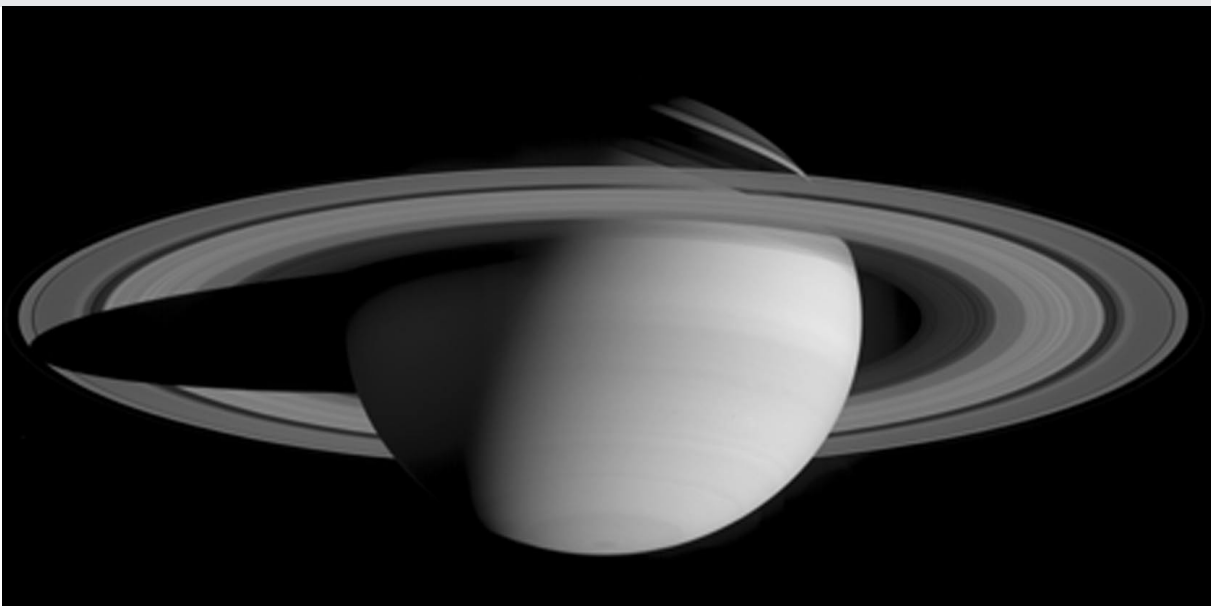
In 1612, Galileo became puzzled when he saw Saturn's 'ears' completely disappear; as he was unaware that the rings were by then edge-on to his line of sight: that is, from the Earth's perspective.

In 1659, Dutch scientist Christiaan Huygens solved the puzzle of the rings, which had vexed Galileo, and using optics superior to Galileo's design he noticed that Saturn's rings formed a very thin disk, like a 'sheet'.

[Saturn's rings are tilted about 27 degrees to the Earth's orbital plane, and most of the time the Earth passes either above or below the ring plane. About every fifteen years the rings appear edge-on as the Earth passes through the plane of Saturn's rings. The last time this happened was in 1995 and 1996. The next two crossings will be on 4 September, 2009 and 23 May, 2025.]

Huygens also discovered Saturn's moon, Titan.

A few years later, the Italian-French astronomer Jean-Dominique Cassini (also known as Gian Domenico Cassini is his native Italy) added several other key Saturn discov-



eries. He discovered four more major moons - Iapetus, Rhea, Tethys and Dione. In 1675, Cassini observed that Saturn's rings are split in two parts by a narrow gap now known as the 'Cassini Division'.

In the 19th century, James E. Keeler, while pursuing the theoretical studies by James Clerk Maxwell showed that the rings were composed of small particles which orbit Saturn: not as a uniform 'sheet', as Huygens thought.

With the advent of space exploration a century later, it was found that the rings are not solid but are composed of countless unconnected particles, ranging from the size of invisible dust to the size of icebergs as big as a house.

This complex ring system is a collection of thousands of ringlets. The spacing and width of the ringlets are orchestrated by gravitational tugs of a retinue of orbiting moons and moonlets, some near the edges of the ringlets, but most far beyond the outermost main rings.

Cassini launched in 1997

On October 15, 1997 the Cassini spacecraft (named in Cassini's honour) with its on board Huygens scientific probe, was launched as the most ambitious effort in planetary space exploration ever.

Cassini had a four year mission to explore Saturn, its rings and satellites. Early flybys of Saturn (by Pioneer 11 in 1979, and Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 spacecraft in 1980 and 1981) sent some outstanding data back to Earth and paved the way for later missions. Cassini is regarded as the most successful mission by any spacecraft launched from Earth.

A joint endeavour by NASA

(National Aeronautics Space Administration), the ESA (European Space Agency) and ASI (Agenzia Spaziale Italiana) Cassini reached Saturn on July 1, 2004 using gravity-assist maneuvers past Venus (twice), the Earth and Jupiter.

On January 14, 2005 Cassini released the Huygens probe to descend onto Titan's surface, the first landing on a major satellite in the solar system by any spacecraft since the Moon landings during the mid-twentieth century.

If Titan were a planet it would likely be the most important one in the solar system for humans to explore.

Titan is the size of a terrestrial planet and has a dense atmosphere of nitrogen and methane and a surface covered with organic material. Although it is far colder and lacks liquid water, the chemical composition of Titan's atmosphere resembles an early Earth.

The Cassini orbiter's imaging cameras, sensors and other detectors and also the instruments on board the Huygens probe when it touched down on Titan's surface, showed how similar processes on Titan occurs on Earth including wind, rain, volcanism tectonic activity, as well as river channels, and drainage that all seem to contribute to shaping Titan's surface.

Titan resembles a volatile, inhospitable environment with temperatures reaching -180 degrees Celsius and the chemistry that drives these processes are fundamentally different from Earth's. For example, its liquid methane performs many of the same functions on Titan as water does on Earth.

This year will be a busy time for Cassini with more scheduled encoun-

ters with Saturn's rings, and flybys of sixteen of its satellites, ten of them at least twice. Cassini's mission will end in June, 2008 but there are plans to extend the mission, possibly influenced by Cassini's record of astounding successes.

Next month's article will include further highlights of the Cassini-Huygens mission to date: including some new discoveries about Saturn's complex ring systems; several surprises in regards to Cassini's explorations of some of its moons (the most recent tally is 56 orbiting moons, some less than 10 kilometres diameter); and Saturn's newly-found radiation belt; and the latest findings about its magnetosphere.

Saturn will still be visible in the evening sky, rising and setting several minutes later each night - until August when it will be too close to the Sun for observation.

The Latrobe Valley Astronomical Society, where I am a member, meets every second Tuesday of the month from February to November each year at the Wirilda Environment Park conference centre near Tyers, starting at 7.30 p.m.

So you bought a telescope for Christmas

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 13 February at the above venue. The topic for the evening is: 'So you just bought a telescope for Christmas' by member John Sunderland; followed by an observing session in the conference centre's car park. For further details contact Gavan Dinsdale on 51746453, or visit the society's website at <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~lvas>

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Wattle Club Nearly New Home!

By RUTH PLACE

The Wattle Club members were all smiles and happy faces as I entered the newly re-furbished Community Room at the Churchill Latrobe Community Health Service building, on their first day in their new home; or should I say a return to their original home. It was here that the Wattle Club started.

Over the previous week, all their goods and chattels had been moved out of their previous home of many years, (the bottom floor of the Town Hall) by a willing band of helpers.

Although not as big as their previous room, the light and airy surrounds, with views outside to trees and paddocks, gave rise to a cheerful atmos-

phere. There were 12 clients in attendance, all glad to be back after their break and eager to renew friendships, and join in the activities.

Kelly, who is replacing Ann, has joined the carry over Supervisor Kerri. Ann has been promoted to the Overall Supervisor.

Kerri and Kelly, together with the clients, were planning and arranging the program for the next month.

The wonderful volunteer base of Wendy, Dorothy, Lyle, Kath, Joe, Laura and Marie make the program possible.

They were hard at it, having fun finding out where things could be found.

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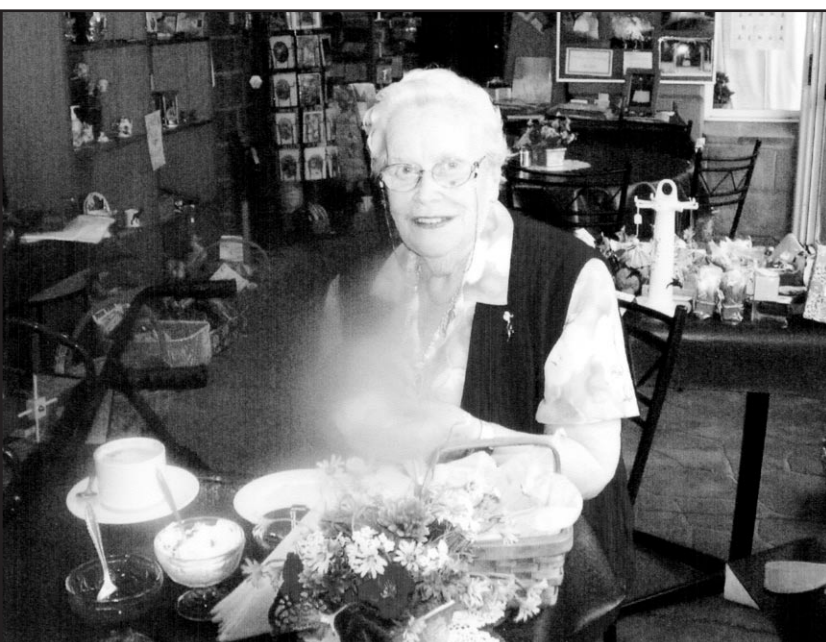
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Sports

Churchill United Soccer Club Junior Training 2007

If girls and boys from Churchill and district are interested in playing soccer this year, training commences at Churchill United Soccer Club at 4.30pm on Thursday 8 February 2007.

Last year, one hundred and seventy one juniors formed 13 teams in various age groups up to 16 years of age at the club.

Two girls teams formed at the under 12 and under 14 age levels out of the forty one registered female players. This year the club expects to form three girls teams at under 10, 12 and under 14 years of age.

If you'd like to make new friends, get active and be a

member of a great club please do any if the following to join in:

- ♦ Come to training and ask for the coach of your age group
- ♦ Call the club on 51 222 804 any Thursday after 4.30pm
- ♦ Go to the club canteen on Thursday after 4.30pm
- ♦ Contact the following junior coordinators for more information:

Laurie Paton 0438 307 083
Nigel Browne 0417 117 649

Yinnar Bowls Club Get Active!

By Geoff Marshall

So you made it through Christmas and New Year. Right - now lets get down to getting fit - 'bend down and pick up that bowl, bend down and roll that roll that bowl, repeat. Now lets walk to the other end and to it all over again'!

Pennant has only two weeks left but we could make the finals again with our second team. Club pairs were played in January because of the water shortage. Yinnar Triples is on Wednesday 28 and March 7. Get your names down early because with men only \$5 and the ladies bringing a plate it is a good evening out. After a

bowl, we have a barbecue and drinks to finish off the night.

Now is the time to get teams in for the Boolarra Tournament on March 10 - 12. After this, enter your teams for the Yinnar Tournament on March 24 - 26.

Sid finally became skipper playing in a pennant team. During the match the called out "Which is shot?"

"It's hard to say," his number three replied. "It's a measure."

"All right," said Sid "Which is second shot, then?" Good Bowling!

Hazlewood House Happenings



Roma McQuilten celebrated her 90th birthday with residents and family at Hazelwood House.

Some of her family travelled long distances to help her celebrate.

Roma is pictured (left) cutting her cake.

The residents enjoyed an afternoon outing and picnic at a park in Mirboo North.

The residents enjoying their picnic are pictured below.

Wally Prater celebrated his 95th birthday with a visit from members of the GO Club. Afternoon entertainment was a sing-a-long with Lucy and Les. Wally is pictured (far left) with his cake.

Some of the residents enjoyed an afternoon outing to the Gables in Warragul. Velta Rozite is pictured enjoying a Devonshire Tea (bottom left).



"the Cougars"

Churchill Football / Netball Club

Juniors ready to roll into 2007 season

Churchill Junior footy is all set and ready to go for season 2007. The coaches for each team are as follows: Rod Campbell will be looking after the under 10s; Peter Mason will coach the under 12s; Graeme Harvey will take care of the under 14s and Mick Kaser will coach the under 16s with Mark Answerth as his assistant. All are looking forward to a great year with their new league.

Our registration days will be on Friday March 2nd from 5 to 7 pm and Saturday March 3rd from 10 am till noon at the football ground, Gaskin Park, Manning Drive Churchill. At both times, there will be a sausage sizzle and free giveaways with registration and senior team players will attend to assist with the proceedings.

Training will commence on Tuesday the 6th of March for the under 10s and 12s and will be from 4.30 to 5.30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings. For the under 14s training will commence on Tuesday the 6th of March and will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5 to 6.15 pm.

Under 16s will commence training on Monday the 5th of March and will be on Mondays and Wednesday evenings from 4.30 to 6 pm.

The first game of the season is scheduled after the Easter break. A firm date has not been set as it depends on the condition of the grounds as a result of the drought etc.

For any enquiries re Junior Football please phone Cheryl Mason on 51661797.

Membership Packages for 2007

The various membership packages for 2007 are as follows: -

Cougar Gold, Family: - Admission to all home games, Cougar stubby holder, discount drinks at the bar, home game after game cash and voucher draw, Thursday night voucher draw (\$500), end of season cash draw, Club voting rights, 50% discount on function room hire, free kids (under

18) membership. The cost is \$240.

Cougar Gold: - Admission to all home games, Cougar stubby holder, discount drinks at the bar, home game after game cash and voucher draw, Thursday night voucher draw (\$500), end of season cash draw Club voting rights, 50% discount on function room hire. The cost is \$120.

Cougar General Family: - Discount drinks at the bar, home game after game cash and voucher draw, Thursday night voucher draw, Club voting rights, 50% discount on function room hire, free kids (under 18) membership. This will cost \$90

Cougar General: - Discount drinks at the bar, home game after game cash and voucher draw, Thursday night voucher draw, Club voting rights, 50% discount on function room hire. The cost is \$45.00.

Cougar Social/Student: - Discount drinks at the bar for \$20.00

Further information is available by contacting Scott Bruerton on 51221534, Rob Jenkins on 51222003 or from staff at the clubrooms on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

Tryouts and training the go for netballers

Training commenced for the netballers on 17 January. Tryouts will be held on Sunday the 18th of February and Sunday the 25th of February. Any enquiries about this please call Amanda Barling on 0438 230 283 or Nolene McDougall on 0407 861 007. If you wish to play this season but are unable to make it to the tryout sessions for whatever reason, please call the above. Training in "A" Grade, "B" Grade, "C" Grade and "D" Grade will commence after the tryouts, in the week beginning Monday 26th February, the days and times will be determined by the various playing groups.

This season the netballers will be wearing new tops, moving with the times and updating their look, and are anticipating a great season.

From the President



First let me say as editor of this column that getting any stuff out of Rob Jenkins is akin to me applying to extend my credit with the nut who gave me credit in the first place. You get lots of smiles and affirmative action but at the end, to your chagrin, you really haven't got much at all, unless you call goodwill a negotiable entity. It's really hard to take out a contract on a really nice person but if this keeps up I may have to break the rules! So he told me to make sure we wished Roger Brighton a happy fiftieth birthday (Rog will be pleased that this has been noted but not pleased that his making out he's thirty five has been severely compromised in future). He also wanted to wish Nicola Brighton a happy sixteenth birthday, so happy birthday Nicola. Lakes Oil has made him very happy by deciding to take out a leading sponsorship deal with the club. This is a company we believe is going to dig a very, very deep hole and find lots of stuff that is going to make some people even happier than Rob. The Relay for Life is being hosted by the Club at the oval on the 24th and 25th of March. Training for the senior player group has started so any body interested in having a go or in just getting fit give Rob a call and he'll sort it out for you. Actually, he said to say it would be better for him if you just came down to the ground on training nights.

Marathon Committee meeting gets planning off to a Good Start

On Sunday 21 January the Committee was involved in a marathon four-hour planning meeting, which resulted in a solid development plan for the coming year and into the future in relation to all aspects of the club from progress to date to future

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aims, aspirations and club development. All division managers detailed their plans for the coming year, including budgets and expectations. There was also plenty of discussion on the continual development and usage of the social rooms as well as discussion on the commencement of a five to ten year plan for the club, which is hoped to be developed in the ensuing months and released to members later this year. Further on this as details are finalized.

At the Bar/ the Quiet One

If you're missing that Thursday after work social interaction session since the pub closed, wander down to the footy clubrooms at Gaskin Park in Manning Drive and renew that wanted feeling. Every Thursday from 4.00 till 7.00 pm the members bar is open with happy hour from 5 to 6pm and a chook raffle conducted weekly.

In every group there is that person with the uncanny ability to see that which others present cannot see at the time, and so it is with the Thursday night mob. So the other night "the bright one" quietly observed that if the editor kept on running a segment called "at the bar" the owners of the Herald Sun may see fit to sue his butt off. He also observed he was pretty sure they would have a little bit more financial clout than the editor and that they would almost certainly succeed in their aims, or goals as they say today.

After considerable conjecture it was decided that in the interest of Martins ongoing shaky financial situation that maybe a name change was an appropriate way to go. We will talk to him next time someone decides to publish this stuff.

Bingo every Wednesday!

Bingo is on every Wednesday evening. The program starts at 7.30pm and it is eyes down at 8.00pm. There are three sets of 10 games with a considerable jackpot on the last game. 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 Chips and Jeff, say "the more who play, the more we pay."

Cougars Café up and running for 2007

Come along and enjoy a meal every Friday night from 6.00pm at the clubrooms at Gaskin Park, Manning Drive, Churchill. Each Friday's menu will be posted on line by Wednesday evening on cfnc.vcfl.com.au Table format is round, seating up to 10 people, rectangular seating up to 8 people, and square seating up to 4 people. If you wish to book a table bookings can be made by calling Julie Larkin on 51221762, otherwise just turn up and enjoy the experience.



Churchill Football Coaches: Back Row: Peter Mason (Under 12's Coach), Chris Burke (Asst. Senior Coach), Mark Answerth (Asst. Under 16's Coach), Matt McNamara (Asst. Senior Coach) Chris Harding (Reserves Coach) Rod Campbell (Under 10's Coach).

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