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The Sleep Walkers

Relay for Life A Huge Success



The Champayne Cleaners

The Relay For Life was recently held at the Churchill Football with twenty-five magnificent teams giving it their best shot, under difficult weather conditions.

The total amount raised was \$47,000, which was a large increase on previous years.

The Teams

Churchill teams who competed included Gippsland Trade Printers, a

local business with a policy of supporting their local community events.

Team Leader Peter said that Relay for Life was happening right here in Churchill, and if the locals didn't support it, how could the community expect other groups to be involved. Peter asked his staff to participate, and they with family and friends made up a large team.

Peter says he was very proud of the way the staff responded, and added that they are already planning how they could be involved and do it better in 2008.

The Sleep Walkers, consisted of the Flakes who have been profoundly touched by the tragedy of cancer deaths. They all wore their special-made stripy PJs.

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Lions Ride for Sight

JOHN BARKER

In 1925 blind and disabled authoress and activist Helen Keller challenged Lions International at their International Convention in Ceder Point, Ohio to become Knights for the Blind.

Lions International has risen to this challenge and has made research into and treatment of vision loss a fundamental aspect of Lionism worldwide. The goal of this program is to eradicate or cure preventable blindness.

For the last 14 years the Ride for Sight has been District 201V3's major involve-

ment in raising funds towards this goal and to spread the word about preventable blindness. Our Lions District covers all of Gippsland from Mallacoota to Pakenham and also the Mornington Peninsula.

It's Purpose:

The Ride is a 400 km fun / social bicycle ride on sealed roads to raise funds for vision research and spread the word about preventable blindness and has been running every year since it began in 1994 raising over \$435,000.

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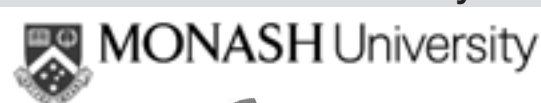
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I would like to say a huge thank you to the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre for their donation of \$100 to help with the costs of publishing the paper. We are very fortunate to have the support of groups like the Neighbourhood Centre as we

endeavour to include as many community groups as possible in our pages.

I would also like to thank the Interact Foundation for their donation of \$1,000, Latrobe City Council for a grant of \$2,000 and the State Government for a small

equipment grant which will enable us to purchase a new digital camera.

Next month we will begin planning for our 2008 Churchill Festival. If anyone is interested in helping in any way please let us know - all offers of help will be gratefully received! Ed

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Lions Ride for Sight

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\$47,000 from 2006 was added to funds raised by Victorian Lions Clubs and was used to cover salary and ongoing costs for a Centre for Eye Research Australia Low Vision Research Fellowship.

The funds raised this year, our goal is \$50,000, will go towards a fellowship researching a program to support independence in people with vision loss.

The Ride:

The 14th Latrobe Health Lions Ride for Sight, a fun, social, ride on sealed roads left Lang Lang on the South Gippsland Highway on 15th March, via Cowes and Wonthaggi before returning to Lang Lang on 18th March.

Fifty plus cyclists and ten support vehicles traversed South Gippsland over four days in a bid to raise a record \$50,000 for Vision Research. Each rider raised at least \$250 sponsorship and all District 201V3 Lions & Lioness Clubs in Gippsland and the Mornington Peninsula supported the Ride with donations, events, raffle sales and by hosting the riders during the four-day ride.

Churchill Lions Club Involvement:

The Churchill Lions Club entrant, Norm Hall - this was his fourth ride - did a fantastic job. He again showed the seasoned riders what tenacity and the ability to hide pain could do as he kept the pace for the distance. His support, John Barker, rode in comfort (?) in the club's Camp Quality esCarpade car which doubled as the "tail end charlie".

Churchill Lions Club and Churchill Lioness Club have been a huge support to the

ride over many years. This year the Lions Club supported the Ride and rider Norm Hall of Churchill with a total of \$2000. The Lioness Club donated \$250 and both clubs sold their quota of books in the raffle. The funds that are raised from "Ride for Sight" is donated for Eye Research in Melbourne.

Pre-Day 1: After a delicious dinner at Koo Wee Rup Hotel, overnight at Lang Lang.

Day 1: The route started at Lang Lang and went up and down, down and up, through the hills via Poowong to Grantville for lunch. Then more hills via Anderson to Cowes for the second night stop-over.

Day 2: Set off back through San Remo then more ups and downs to Woolami for a well earned lunch break. Then continuing even more ups and downs to eventually arrive at the stop-over at Wonthaggi. A leisurely swim in the pool and a shower followed by dinner was most welcome.

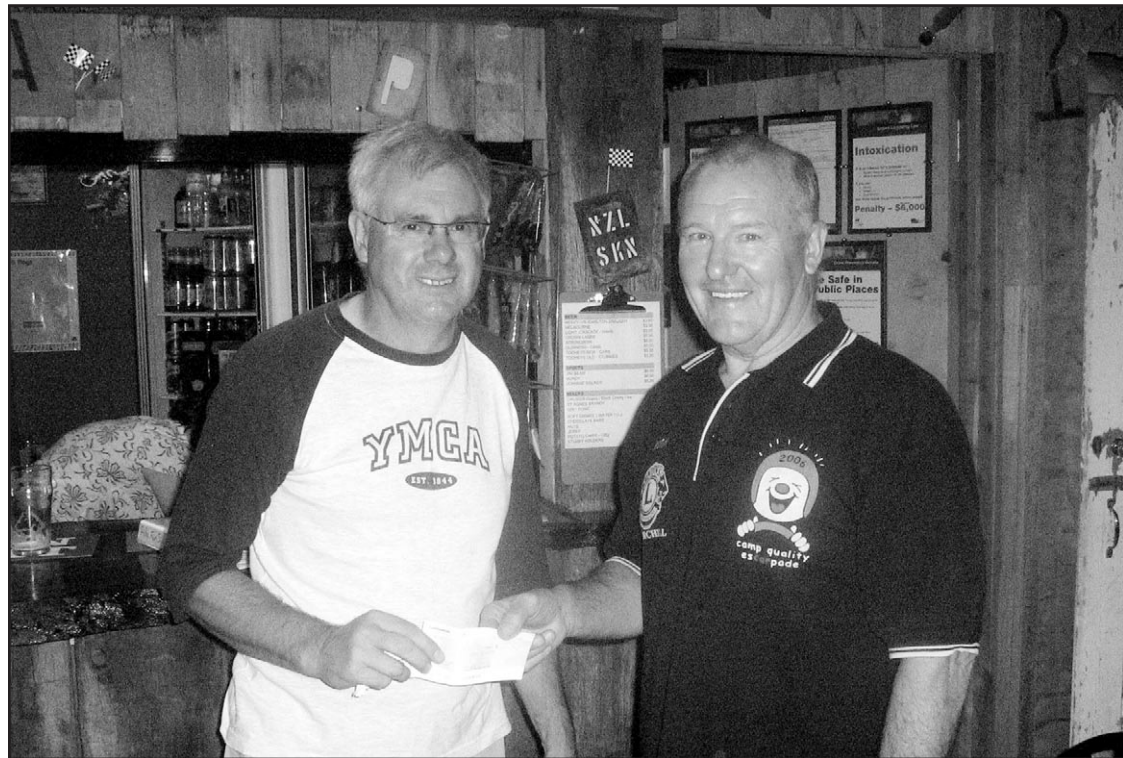
Day 3: The group took a leisurely coastal ride to Inverloch before a slow climb to Kongwak for lunch. Guess what - more hills before descending on Bena for a quick stop before guess what - more hills to Poowong for our next overnight stop-over.

Day 4: Up bright and early (as usual) with the smell of the finish in the air. On the bikes and downhill (almost) via Drouin South to culminate right back where we started three and a half days ago at Lang Lang where many weary bodies flopped down for the luncheon and presentations.

The rider's job was easy - all they had to do was ride. The support crew job was by far the hardest - they had to monitor and control the ride, put out and retrieve signs, maintain

communications, provide first aid and pick up the riders who for various reasons were unable to continue and ensure we didn't leave any riders behind. The accommodation consisted of finding a spot on the floor of the stop-over venue and throwing down a swag or sleeping bag.

Roll on next year when we do it all again.
Pictured on front page: Churchill & District Lions Club entrant Norm Hall.



Latrobe City Council Report April 2007

By Cr. DARRELL WHITE
(Firmin Ward)

by foot and car.

That the practicality and desirability of incorporating a Hotel in the business precinct of Churchill be a consideration in the consultant's report on the configuration of the Churchill retail business precinct.

A project has now commenced that will assess options for the east west town linkage and deliver the requirements of Council's 5th March 2007 resolution.

Beca Planning has been engaged as lead consultant, and has teamed with Essential Economics and Design Urban to provide an excellent and appropriate mix of skills to facilitate and deliver this project.

The aim of the project is to test the feasibility of the east-west connection by analysing the optimal retail provision in Churchill Town Centre and developing design options from engineering, planning and urban design perspectives, which can then be costed. It is imperative that realistic options are developed that meet with stakeholder agreement and are financially viable from Council's perspective.

On Monday 26th March last, Beca Planning facilitated a "workshop" at GREEN Inc. involving key players to identify the many important functional issues for this retail precinct that need to be considered in terms of future planning.

Traffic Issues – Glendonald Estate

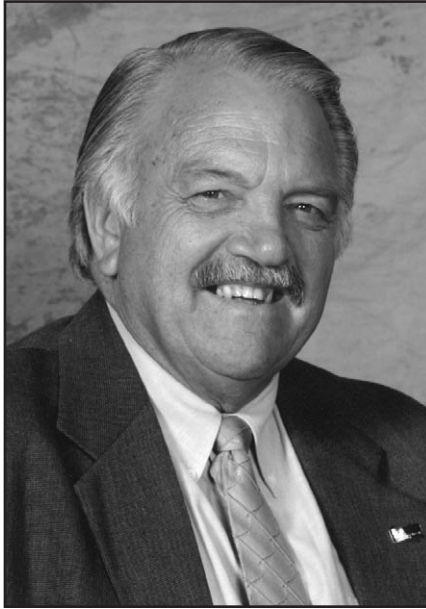
Concerns have been raised over time by the Glendonald Residents Group regarding traffic issues in the Glendonald Estate area, including excessive speed of vehicles and "hoons doing burnouts" along a number of streets, child safety when crossing roads and sight distance issues at the intersection of Churinga Drive and Glendonald Road.

A number of meetings involving the Glendonald Residents Group, the Churchill and District Community Association, Latrobe Valley Buslines, Churchill Police along with a series of public meetings have been held.

Traffic surveys were also undertaken to assist with the identification of a preferred scheme of traffic calming devices for the four streets with speeding issues.

As a result Council resolved at its meeting on 5th March as follows:

That Council agree for the need to install traffic calming devices in Churinga Drive, Amaroo Drive, Euroka Crescent and in Ikara Way, Churchill, to generally reduce traffic speeds in these streets and for works to improve sight distance to the east for the drivers of vehicles in Churinga Drive turning right into Glendonald Road. That funding for the staged construction of traffic calming and intersection improvement works in the Glendonald Estate area of Churchill as detailed in this report, be referred for consideration in future capital works programs and that priority be given for works in the following order:



*Churinga Drive
Amaroo Drive
Ikara Way
Euroka Crescent
That the Glendonald Residents Group and the residents of Churinga Drive, Amaroo Drive, Euroka Crescent and Ikara Way, Churchill be advised of Council's proposal in regards to traffic calming devices.*

Latrobe City "Business Tourism Association"

As Chairman of Latrobe City's Tourism Advisory Board, it is pleasing for me to see the formation recently of the Latrobe City Business Tourism Association.

This newly formed committee will enable Latrobe City Tourism Operators to benefit from a combined approach and be a springboard for future joint initiatives and network partnerships. Through a cooperative approach, this network will allow business operators to access activities that they may not otherwise have been able to do individually.

The network's role is likely to include undertaking research, lobbying governments, encouraging business development and providing an efficient way for cost-effective marketing. As an established Association, the group can also apply for and obtain funding through State and Federal Government's for Latrobe City focused tourism projects and marketing initiatives.

Latrobe City will provide a venue for meetings of the Association and will assist with administrative support so that the group will be able to focus on its broader goals.

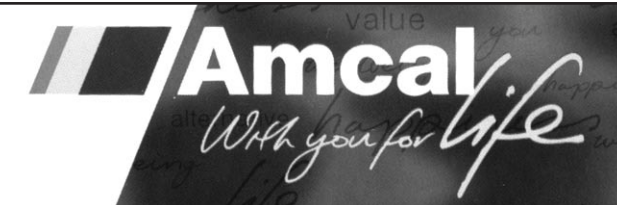
More information on the Tourism Network meetings can be obtained by contacting:

Linda Brock, Tourism Coordinator, Latrobe City Council, tel.: 5128 5655, (Mob.) 0400 610 086 or email: lindabk@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Websites

The following "websites" are full of information:

- Latrobe City Council
www.latrobe.vic.gov.au
- Latrobe City Visitors Information Centre
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Glenda and Ian Combridge
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Sunday Service: 9.30am.
Choruses: 9.20am

**Lumen Christi Catholic
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Father Malcolm Hewitt
Saturday: Mass: 7.30pm
Sunday: Mass: 9.30am
1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays: Yinnar:
Mass: 11.00 am
2nd and 4th Sundays: Boolarra:
Mass: 11.00am

**Churchill Christian
Fellowship**

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

Church Snippets



The beginning of the month happened with great activity.

Friday 2nd March was World Day of Prayer. As is our usual wonderful practice, the Co-Operating Churches combined with Lumen Christi to deliver a fine service.

Each year a group of Christian women from a chosen country prepare a service for the whole world.

It was a marvelous feeling to realize that our service was just one of a continuous wave of prayer going slowly around the world as the sun set on each country in turn, and as the services were run. What a powerful effect!

This year the service was prepared by the women of Paraguay. Their analogy of God was of His being spread like a tent, across the heavens, enveloping and protecting all beneath. To represent this, a piece of blue cloth was suspended over a stick to form a tent at the back of the altar. Then different members of the two congregations brought forward two pieces of cloth, one brown to represent the earth, and

one green to represent vegetation, followed by a flowering plant, a bowl of fruit, a jug of water and a guitar, which were arranged very aesthetically on and beside, and below the altar, as symbols of God's creation and Paraguay.

The Paraguayan women are very adept at intricate lace making called nanduti. It is very fine lace made of cotton. The nanduti in Paraguayan means spider's web. From being introduced into the country by the Spanish, the Paraguayan women adapted it to include symbols of their agrarian life- the jasmine flower or star, goats following one another, religious symbols, and little baskets without handles.

This, too, was used in the service, to show God's presence, the wonderful bounty of Paraguay, and the unity of European and Indigenous culture, the nanduti represents.

The service was interspersed with lovely hymns, which accentuated the theme, as well as prayers that illustrated the roles and nature of the life of the Paraguayan women.

Robyn put together a wonderful overview of photos of Paraguay, in a power point presentation. Beautiful harp music, a feature of Paraguayan life, was heard at many points during the service.

At the end of the service, everyone was invited to share in a delicious supper provided by the Ladies Fellowship. It was a special time of fellowship, prayer and developing understanding of another culture.

Some members of the Ladies fellowship also attended the diocesan Anglican Women of Australia Rally.

The Long Weekend saw a group of seven families go to the Lake Tyers Camp for the annual Church Camp. It was a laid back time, enjoying fellowship, food and fun. The Trivia Night was its usual success, as was the Games Night on the second evening.

The Church AGM was held at 7:30pm on Sunday 18th March. The election of Parish Councillors was announced and then we celebrated the year's work by accepting the reports of the various groups within in the church. Robyn prepared a Power Point Presentation to represent our church life over the past year. It brought back many memories.

The last Sunday of the month we were privileged to have a visit from the Bishop of Gippsland, the Right Reverend John McIntyre in attendance. During his sermon he encouraged us to be extravagant in our generosity to others not penny pinching and miserly as was Judas, both characters of whom were mentioned in the Gospel reading for the day. Bishop John also had us singing along in a three part round, the third part being himself and Natalee, as he accompanied us on his guitar.



REFLECTION

I am writing this reflection during the Church's season of Lent. In this season Christians focus on the last days of Jesus' life and re-examine their commitment as his present-day disciples. During his final journey to Jerusalem, Jesus says some eerie words, a kind of lament: "I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often I have desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" (Luke 13:34)

Four years ago, whilst on vacation in Tasmania, I visited the old historic village of Richmond. Now that town is known for its convict built bridge and historic churches and other buildings of

the mid 19th Century. But I am thinking of a family of ducks I observed over a picnic lunch on the banks of the Coal River near the Richmond Bridge.

It was interesting to watch how the mother took care of all seven ducklings. When anyone approached them, she would become immediately aware and would gather her little brood together and hustle them along to hide in the reeds and brush that surrounded the edge of the river. Now the family I was picnicking with had a four year old girl named Emma. When Emma's curiosity caused her to draw close to get a better look at the ducklings, their mother flew away. I was surprised by that at first — a mother abandoning her young. But then it became obvious what she was up to: she was offering herself as a decoy. She wanted the intruder to notice and follow her away from her ducklings. And that is exactly what Emma did. The mother duck was willing to sacrifice herself in order to protect her offspring.

Now maybe, we can better understand the lament and the passion of Jesus' own voice. It is the cry of a mother who is worried to death, not only about what will happen to him in Jerusalem, but about all of us. Like a mother, Jesus sees

far more clearly than do we, the children, the danger we are in. Like a mother, Jesus knows we tend to over-estimate our powers and are prone to go off on our own, leaving the protective wings, to seek our own excitement and adventure. And like a mother, Jesus' chases after us.

Like a mother, Jesus' love is so great that his all-consuming passion is to sweep us up into his protective arms. And although there are others in pursuit of him, namely Herod, Jesus, like most mothers, is persistent. He sticks to what his love compels him to do. He pursues his flock with a passion. His answer to Herod shows that he has some more work to do in Galilee, a few more chicks to sweep beneath his wings. Then he will head for Jerusalem, where he will, in essence, fly off from his chicks alone and draw God's judgment to himself. He will do this so that the jaws of sin and death might sink their teeth into his flesh only and not into his children whom he loves with a mother hen's protective passion.

If you look closely at this man hanging on the cross on Good Friday; his arms eternally outstretched, the span of his reach on that wood will begin to resemble the loving wings of a mother hen, gathering up her chicks in a love that doesn't make sense but breaks our hearts if we look long enough. Jesus does not count on the world ever seeing or understanding such love. And even as he hangs there with wings nailed to a cross, he cannot make us love him. He cannot make us accept his love. But his desire for us is there; always, eternally there. "How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing?" He said that 2,000 years ago. He says that today. He desires our will: our proud, defiant and befuddled attempts to control over our destiny. To relinquish that is both the hardest, the sweetest and most rewarding thing we'll ever do. But today, every day we are challenged to do it.

Rev. Dr. Bob Brown

Saturday Breakfast

The last Breakfast was held on 24 March with George Telford as the guest speaker. George is currently the Principal at Yinnar Primary School and he spoke about his life in teaching. He has been a teacher for 26 years but after doing his teacher training, he worked in the Commonwealth Public Service for two years as there was an over supply of teachers at that stage. He then went overseas for five months and on his return decided that having trained as a teacher he would apply for a teaching position and was appointed to Churchill Primary School.

After Churchill he taught at Elizabeth Street Primary School and then came

back to Churchill Primary where he was acting Principal for a number of years before being appointed to Yinnar. George spoke about some of the teachers he had worked with, particularly those who had been helpful in developing his career and teaching skills. He remembers many of his former students and from time to time has been invited to birthday parties and weddings of some of them. George stated that he had enjoyed teaching with many happy experiences along with the more stressful ones. He also made some comments on the current state of education and gave some thoughts on what could be done in the future.

The next Breakfast will be held at the Co-Operating Churches on 28 April at 7.30 am. It will be either a visit to the International Power Hazelwood re-alignment of the river and highway with a maximum of 19 participants or if the weather is unsuitable Garry Mauger will give a talk on the project.

If you intend attending please let Keith Enders know by Thursday 26 April on 5122 1148 or by e-mail at kbenders@net-tech.com.au Participants in the visit will be on a strictly first in basis.





Relay For Life...continued from page 1

Money was raised through colleagues at Mill Park Secondary College and Kurnai College. Members of the team held several fund raising morning teas to bolster their contribution. Cancer has profoundly touched their lives, with several members either having died of cancer, or are present sufferers. To raise their contributions they held many morning teas and colleagues at Mill Park Secondary College and Kurnai Secondary College were very supportive.

The Champayne Cleaners described themselves as upper class cleaners. Their aim was to clean the world of cancer. They had erected a washing line on which were items of clothing representative of their main sponsors- Pizza Boys, Lasa Cleaning, Foodworks, Lionesses, Sulty's Fencing, Red Rooster, Woody's, Acacia Way IGA and Shim Bu Kai Karate. Many other groups and individuals contributed to their total fund raising effort.

They were a group of family and friends out to do their bit, and have fun doing it.

The Daffodils were also a group of friends and long time Churchill

residents whose Team Leader was Marya. She had lost a brother to cancer and other members of the groups had experienced similar loss. They support each other as friends and decided to enter the Relay for Life and see what they could do to help research into this common disease. Their money was raised by word of mouth, people being very generous and the community being very supportive. They chose the Daffodil name as it is the symbol of the Anti-Cancer Council.

Pondage Pigs were lead by Team Leader Wendy, who confessed that she had been meaning to enter the Relay for Life for years, and having it right on the door step at Gaskin Park, was the decider. They chose the name Pondage Pigs as Wendy and Jenny take their children camping at the Pondage each Christmas, weather and blue-green algae permitting. Wendy made a lovely quilt, which was raffled. The quilt had many sayings about "life" and being positive. Wendy persuaded her friends and neighbours to join the group. They made many lucky squares to raffle.

The winner of the quilt was Sue

Hunter. Lucky square winners were Annie Shaw \$100, Sheralee Van Heurck \$75 and mark Medew \$100.

The Churchill Football/Netball Club acted as hosts for the event.

A massive amount of work went into the preparations for the big day. The Football Club (Cougars) Committee arranged the entertainment, the P.A. system, line marking, and massage facility, as well as promoting the event through the media, video promotion at Mid Valley and pamphlet drops to Boolarra, Churchill and surrounds. The Cougars had 250 people to cater for breakfast. They organized the Churchill Lions to cook bacon and egg sandwiches as well as canvassing many businesses to provide other ingredients for the breakfast, as well as other services such as power.

They would like to thank their sponsors, and supporters- Coles New World, Safeway, National Foods, Parkinson's, Campbell's Cash and Carry, Mobil GPG, Morwell Dairy, Cool Aqua, Coates Hire, SES. Willaton's Truck for the entertainers.



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The Daffodils - walking with a spring in their step!
Pictured left top: Gippsland Trade Printers;
middle: The Pondage Pigs and left: The Cougars

Kurnai College Churchill

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2007 has seen the development of a number of innovative programs across the College such as the Year 7 Learning Centres, Planit Youth Mentoring and TAFE testers to name a few. Along with the continued development of existing programs, curriculum, pathways, transition and our international student program; Kurnai College continues to cement its position as a school of excellence in the Latrobe Valley and Gippsland.

Staff participated in a professional development day focused on introducing a new model of staff performance development. The new "Teacher Learning Circles" is a peer based developmental model. Its aim is to enable staff to support and challenge one another in improving teaching practice and the education outcomes for our students. This model of performance development aligns neatly with the work we are doing in developing a Learning Community where:

Learning is our focus

✿ We all accept the responsibility for increasing our own learning

✿ We all accept responsibility for helping others in their learning

Our vision of the college as a Learning Community is being used to develop our Strategic Plan for the next four years and our 2007 Annual Implementation Plan. These documents will form our core work over the next four years. They will enable us to keep focused on what is important - improving the educational experience, outcomes and pathways for our students.

Mr Rodaughan, Mr Juratowitch and Mr Block are currently in China, where they will be working to further develop our International Student program. While in China they will visit our sister school (Jiangyan Middle School in Jiangsu Province) and a number of educational stakeholders throughout the region.

In their absence Mr Ponton will be acting Churchill Campus Principal, Mr Jobling will be acting GEP Campus Principal and I will be acting College Principal whilst working with Mr Carbone at Morwell Campus. I would like to thank Mr Carbone, Mr Jobling and Mr Ponton in advance for their work over the next two weeks.

I was fortunate enough to attend the Official Opening of the Snowy River Alpine School in Marlo last Saturday. It was pleasing to see our students having a great time and learning a lot about themselves as Learners and Leaders. I met with all 5 Kurnai students who spoke very highly of their experience, the staff and friends from across the state that they have made over the past few weeks. A couple of student highlights that I recall were the 30km bush hike- expo and the bridge building in the lake. I look forward to hearing more from these students when they return to Kurnai next week.

I hope that everyone within the Kurnai Community has a relaxing holiday, enjoys the time with family and friends and comes back ready for what will be an action packed Term 2.

Craig Lamshed

Acting College Principal

Student Representative Council

This SRC meets once a fortnight to discuss projects in which the students can become involved. It is made up of students interested in participating in leadership programs. This is not compulsory and students are not elected, instead they nominate themselves. Trevor Chandler is the Teacher in Charge. It is from this group that students can apply for different leadership opportunities, eg. Latrobe City Council Youth Council.

Headstart Parent Feedback

Headstart is the program which sees students promoted to their next year level in the last two weeks of the previous year. The school is wanting feedback on this program so they can consider its merits. The survey appeared on the back

page of College Newsletter No 2. The school is anxious to receive that feedback and encourages all parents to have their say.

If you have misplaced the newsletter please contact the college for another copy, or just make comments under the headings of "Positives", "Negatives" and "Other Comments", and return them to the General Office of each campus.

Camp Rumbug 2007

Camp Rumbug was the venue for the Year 7s ALPS student's camp. The four brave teachers who attended were Jackie Melling, Dave Ellis, Nicole Pryor and Andrew Frost. The students consumed large amounts of healthy food to sustain them in their adventures, which included, rock pool searches, beach games, night walks, marshmallow roasting, and team orientated games such as the initiative course, flying fish (a huge swing), beach volleyball and swimming.

Everyone is reported as having a great time getting to know each other and their teachers much more, as well as exhausting themselves to the point of actually going to sleep, and then oversleeping and having to be dragged from their beds by still enthusiastic teachers.

Bushwalking Group

Teacher David Shields, takes VCE Outdoor Education Program. He recently took a group of Year 10's bushwalking and camping to the Lighthouse on Wilson's Prom. This group of enthusiastic students is participating in a Year 11 subject.



Alpine School

Currently there are five students attending the Alpine School, Snowy River Campus. The program at this campus is unique, offering Year 9 students the opportunity to have their adolescent needs addressed, and harness their energy in positive ways. The program provides space and challenges to help the students make the transition to a mature life as an adult. They experience team work, problem solving, working within real life situations, outdoor activities and trips.

Music Award Win

Kurnai College was the only school in Gippsland to be nominated and awarded the Jeff Buckley Award. The award was five electric guitars and amplifiers for use by the selected students Brad Pattieson, Zac Brown and Stephanie Tanain (Morwell Campus) and Sam Gillett and Matt Smart (Churchill Campus), and the waiving of their Instrumental Music fees until the completion of Year 12. The students were nominated by their teachers Ian Hopkins and Joseph Bonnici- Head of School.

Relay For Life Staff Participants

The college was proud to have two of its staff participate in the Relay for Life event on the weekend of 24th March. They were Sandra Flake who was part of the Sleepwalkers Team, and Chris Woodhouse.



VCAL PD Strand Full Steam Ahead

Eight students from the VCAL Technology Personal Development unit have taken the initiative of setting up a small furniture making business in their studies this year. This initiative involves the full operation of a manufacturing business to develop furniture for a wide range customers, many of those being their parents but outside clients and potential customers are now showing a keen interest of what they are achieving.

The business involves students in designing, costing and producing a wide range of items. First out of the workshop this year is hardwood decking chairs, which are being sold for \$100. This is proving to be a popular item with more orders taken recently. The whole operation gives the students insight into a successful business. The students have had to arrange a management board that represented the stakeholders, from there, the business was given a small operational budget to get them started, and then they just went for it. The leadership and teamwork that has resulted out of this venture has been amazing and students have been able to link other subject areas also to make it successful.

The photo shows the deck chairs that are being produced by the team in an oiled finish.

These are available in other finishes and can be ordered through the precinct campus office (a deposit of \$20 will be required at the time of ordering)

Kurnai Precinct Students tap into Deanmac emergency services first aid

Deanmac emergency services delivered an expert course on first aid at the precinct campus, Churchill on Wednesday the 14th of March.



Robyn Blande, of Deanmac services provided an insightful and thorough explanation of the premise of first aid. Tailoring her presentation to the needs of VET Certificate 2 Community Recreation students, Robyn Blande developed an awareness of the necessity for first aid and C.P.R. (Cardio pulmonary resuscitation) to be learned by all adults and children. Kurnai students then worked on the manikins and were taught the skills related to C.P.R. They enjoyed the session and offered positive feedback in relation to the importance of first aid. The Kurnai College precinct students are currently completing 80 hours of work placement in the local community at leisure centres, gymnasiums, sporting clubs and swimming pools as part of their VET certificate 2 in Community Recreation.

From the Precinct Maths Department By Norma Evans

English/Maths teacher extraordinaire

It is an enlightening experience teaching numeracy especially as I spend a good deal of my teaching time in the area of English and Health and I am enjoying the challenge.

Our students have been familiarised with Habits of Mind, ways in which we can employ strategies to help us learn and attain our potential through learning. One of these HOMs is 'Persistence'. If we apply persistence to our endeavours we should be rewarded with success, or at the very least, given an opportunity to learn from our mistakes on the way to success. As an example of this yesterday's numeracy class (which includes both VCAL and VCE students) saw me attempting to explain how to determine the surface area of a closed cylindrical shape despite having misinterpreted vital information of the diagram. Suffice to say that the answer I got with my first attempt was nowhere near the actual answer. After several attempts at solving this problem - with the help of the class, and the students in the next class, and the teacher in the next class, I was successful. Persistence paid off, a learning community worked together to solve the problem and there was success all round. I love to teach, I love to learn. Together, as a learning community, success is possible. That was the lesson learned in our numeracy class yesterday.

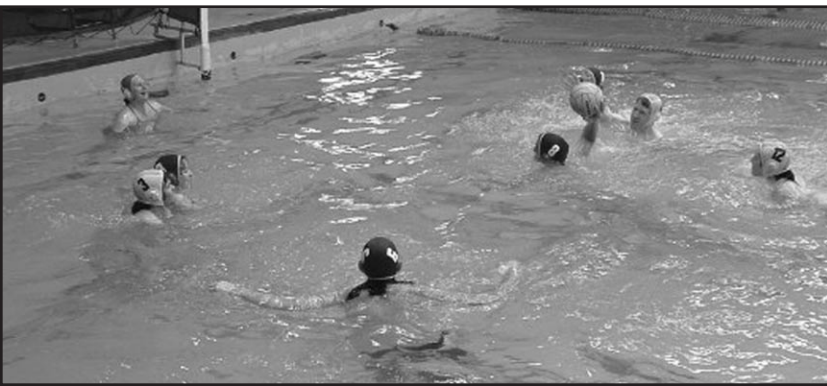
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culminated in a practical lesson of water polo instructed by local expert Sheryl Mason and refereed by Fiona Rickwood. Sheryl taught the key concepts of water polo catching, throwing and goal shooting whilst enabling students to gain fitness by instructing the students on the egg-beater kick method of treading water. The Kurnai College students then attempted a game of water polo and developed a thorough knowledge of the game, its rules and the implications of friction and biomechanics in water sports.

Kurnai College Precinct students study biomechanics using waterpolo

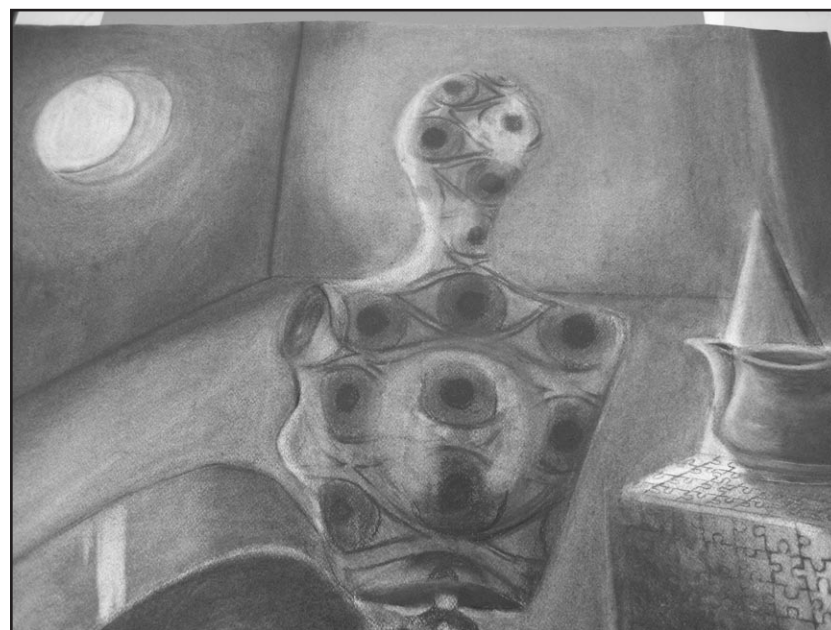
On Friday the 23rd of March Kurnai College year 11 physical education students tested their swimming skills in the Latrobe Shire Churchill pool. As part of their VCE course students learned the concepts of biomechanics in the classroom. Topics such as friction, Newton's laws and qualitative analysis were explored. This unit of work



Below - Students from Kurnai Tennis Team



Right - Drawing by Ericka Yokoi



Dillie Prasad

Kurnai Teaching Staff



Kezia Horvath



Nicole Pryor



Les Ponton

Churchill Primary School

children. Congratulations go to all students who tried hard for their house. The winner was Yellow House. A top scorer award was given to the girls and boy in each age group.
 Age 5/6 yrs. Bailey Flanigan, Ryan Lowrie.
 Tayla Kelty-Roberts, Kelsey Mayer.
 Age 7 yrs. Toby Thain, Josh Lehrner. Rachael Pendlebury
 Age 8yrs. Bradley Sands, Bonnie Kearns.
 Age 9yrs. Riley Flanigan, Tristan Turpin. Kalisha Henshaw, Jazmyn Wilkins.
 Age 10yrs. Ben Lewis, Lani Murdoch
 Age 11 yrs. Reece Smee, Shanasai Iorangi.
 Age 12/13 yrs. Braydon Henshaw, Tyi Johnston, Jayden Wilkins. Tayarra Morris.

Swimming Competition

Congratulations to all the children who competed in the Yinnar and District Swimming Competition on Friday 2nd March. They competed to the best of their ability and showed great sportsmanship. Special congratulations go to Tamara Kemp for coming 2nd in the Butterfly, and Dakin Morris who came 3rd in Freestyle.

Rubbish Free Day

As part of the Clean Up Australia activities, schools were invited to have a Rubbish Free day, to highlight the amount of packaging we use for lunches etc. The school wishes to thank all those parents who made a terrific effort to send along a lunch with the minimum of packaging. It was challenge as we have become so quick to use cling wrap, and pre-packaged items such as chips and lolly bars. The event caused much discussion among parents as to how they had managed it. The outcome was of note. Comparing the amount of rubbish collected the day previous, the Rubbish Free Day generated only half the amount. Well done, and keep thinking about packaging deduction.

House Sports

A great day was had by all! The behaviour and the sportsmanship of the students showed their positive attitudes, which was terrific. There was brilliant support for the day also, by the parents who came along to help and cheer on their

The sports consisted of the usual events such as high and long jump, discus and sprints. After lunch the relays were staged. These proved to be exciting and fun to watch, especially the littlies who were so cute, even if they did forget to run, or hand over the baton!

This was the fore runner of the Yinnar and District Sports to be held in Term 2.

Crazy Hair Day

The schoolyard was filled with many weird and wonderful hair creations on Thursday 29th. Some looked as if they had seen the biggest fright ever. Other were very creative, and some were quite intricate in design. Colour was essential to many styles, with purple, green, red and blue all featuring.

The day certainly was a source of interest as

comparisons about who had done it, how it was done, how effective it was etc. etc.

I don't think I would have liked to be Mum or whoever, combing it out that night. I think there would have been some grumpy children as knots were dealt with.

Cross Country Championships

The students who participated did a fantastic job with excellent results. Again, the parents were marvellous in their support of this event.

Next term Churchill's Gaskin Park will be the hosting venue for the finals of the Yinnar and Zone Cross Country races. Churchill is hoping they will have a home team advantage!

Tarra/Bulga Park Excursion

As part of the Grade3/4s unit on "Australia and the Natural Environment", the students had an excursion to the Tarra/ Bulga National Park. There they listened to the ranger give a talk about the park, watched the slideshow in the Information Pavilion, did a walk on which they took a quiz sheet to fill in the answers to questions.

The school is proud to report that the behaviour of the students was just wonderful, stating that it is great to do things with such a well-mannered group.

Breakfast Program Thank You

Four schools are running breakfast programs supported by Quantum and MECU.

On Wednesday 28th March, representatives from those four schools gathered at Liddiard

Road. Primary School to say thank you to the representatives from Quantum and MECU.

Sue Davis represented Churchill Primary School and took with her four students who attend the school's breakfast program.

Sue was pleased to note that Churchill's program is going very well as it is supported by our community and its businesses and parents, through donations of goods. The support of volunteers from the community to run the program is also marvellous, ensuring the continuity of this worthwhile program.

School Council Representatives Elected

The following parents and teachers have been elected to the roles of School Council.

Office bearers:-

Peta Whelan- President

Paul Comber- Vice president

Brad Moyle- Treasurer

Wendy Bishoff- Secretary

Committee Convenors:-

Brad Moyle- Public Relations, Marketing and

Finance.

Mark Medew- Facilities and grounds

Helen Dyson- Policy Development and

Review

Gena Flanigan- Fundraising.

Please feel free to contact any of the above persons if you would like information, or have a concern. Parents are always welcome to attend School Council meetings, the times and dates of which are published in the school Newsletter.

Churchill North Primary School

School Captains 2007: Nikita Hall and Miles Eddy
Vice Captains 2007: Kelsie Gardam and Jackson Chin



Successful Reading Recovery

Jessica Morrison-Walker, has successfully completed Reading Recovery at Churchill North Primary School with tutor Mrs. Cathy Curwood. Jessica was awarded a certificate and a book at assembly. She was encouraged by her Mum Mandy, who was a terrific support in hearing Jessica read at home with a consistent, regular, daily effort. Home support is an essential part of the success of this program.



Churchill Fire Brigade

Second Lieutenant Scott Randall of the Churchill Fire Brigade, was very happy to receive, on behalf of the Brigade, a cheque for \$100, from the School Captains at the school's assembly on Monday 5th March 2007.

Mrs. Curwood is the teacher in charge of the school's Junior School Council. The Council realized the huge effort being put in by the volunteer fire-fighters throughout the fire season. Council member, Katelin Lugton, suggested that the school raise some money to donate to the local brigade.

This was agreed to and through sales of icy-poles and a disco, the money was raised.

Mrs Curwood proudly told of the whole school's enthusiastic response to this idea, and their forthcoming support of the activities to raise the money.

In accepting the cheque, Lieutenant Randall thanked the school's students very much for their efforts.

"This money will go towards the purchase of a positive pressure fan which will be used to extract smoke and gases from a structure (building) fire, thus keeping brigade members safer," he said.

Great News!

One of the Churchill North Blue tongued lizards has been "blessed with issue". A big surprise to us all as we all thought it was a male.

Exhaustive inquiries have revealed the fact that the lizard in question made a brief bid for freedom during the Christmas holidays which resulted in our shock discovery last week of five lizards in "Bluey's" tank. One however did not make it, but we now have four new additions to the front corridor.

Hazelwood North Primary School

Hazelwood North Happenings

As term one draws to a close we reflect on the many activities we have participated in over the last nine weeks. The following activities highlight the links we have made within our community.

Junior School Council

By **TAHLIA TAIFER, MEG VAN ROOY and TYLER.**

On the 19th of March, 2007 Hazelwood North Primary School had a crazy hair day to fundraise money for Kids with Cancer.

The Junior School Council organized a pricing system that involved the school raising a certain amount of money, and the staff on that price would have their hair done. The most expensive staff were Mrs McGowan and Joy. They were worth two hundred dollars, which the school raised easily. We raised the exact amount of \$400, which was a great effort.



We would like to thank the parents, especially Luisa Cardillo and Louise Meade who did the absolutely fabulous job of the teachers' hair.

Raising money for kids with cancer was a great experience for all of the Junior School Councilors. We learnt how to organize and advertise an event, make announcements and speak in public. This experience has helped us to become more confident in ourselves and make us aware of some ways in which we can help our community.

Swimming Sports

By **ANNIE, CEDAR AND JESS**

On Wednesday 3rd of March a few people from Hazelwood North Primary School went to the Churchill

swimming pool to compete against different schools.

Some made it to the zone final in Morwell, which is on the 14th of March. Then a few more people made it to the next zone in Morwell again.

Some people were place getters. Everyone was happy with their effort. It was hard to find seats because there were so many people there so we had to sit on our towels!

Melbourne Football Team

By **TYLER HILLIER and ALEX BUTLER**

Grade threes and fours went to Morwell Football Ground. We sat down and the players came out. They talked about positions on the field and introduced themselves and told us how many goals they got and some of them said where they come from. Then we got to go around and ask questions and get some signatures. We didn't get to play on the oval because it was too wet but we still had fun because we met some really good players.

Marie James' visit to Antarctica

By **AMBER STEVENSON**

In term 1 Marie James came to talk to us about when she went to Antarctica as a tourist. She told us that she saw bits break off cliffs and she saw old deserted bases and the remains of buildings. She had to wear polo fleece jackets and gumboots. One night she had to scoop out ice to put her sleeping bag in the hole to go to sleep. On the other nights she stayed on the ship. Some people kayaked close to icebergs and they were able to go ashore and

see the wildlife up close. She loved the scenery and the sunsets. It was great to hear her talk.

Talk about Antarctica

By **Brad Brereton And Damian Yates**

On Thursday a guest speaker, Renee, came in to talk about her dad who went Antarctica. Renee said he was a driver of machinery. She said that he saw penguins, seals and killer whales at the bay.

Renee's dad went to Antarctica three times. He was there for six months each time. In these times he went to all the Australian bases and he was there through Christmas, Australia Day and Renee's birthday. They only had two postage deliveries to him every six months.

Renee showed us what her dad wore when he went to Antarctica. There were two different hats and another from Russia. It was made of dog hair. She showed three pairs of gloves. She had four pieces of top wear and one pair of pants.

She showed us lots of photos from her dad's trips. It was a very interesting talk.

ANTARCTIC EXPERIENCE

We've been studying about Antarctica because it's the Year of the Polar Regions. On Friday 16th of March a man called Len Trace came to our school for his show called Antarctic Experience. He made 2 trips to Antarctica over 3 years. He told us about his experiences in Antarctica and he showed us a film with penguins jumping in and out of the water. We also saw the buildings at bases, four wheeler transport and icebergs. Then he told us that before you go to Antarctica you have to do training so you know what to do in an emergency. He also showed us specialist clothing for each season and he got Sam, Jaye, Xavier, and Jesse to put on clothes. I think this show was very interesting and we learnt lots about Antarctica.

The Churchill Cougars Footy Clinic!

By **MADDI ALEXANDER**

In term one grades 3, 4, 5&6 went to a footy clinic on our school oval.

Mr. Foster, Cheryl Mason and Brent Connelly from Gippsland Power came to teach us some footy skills. We had a go at handballing, kicking and marking a footy.

After the footy clinic we got invited to join the Churchill Junior footy team.

The Shrine

By **RICKY VAN ROOY**

Today we went to the Latrobe Regional Gallery in Morwell to learn about the Shrine of Remembrance.

Our host, Johanna showed us a video on the making and planning of the Shrine. She showed us some pictures too.

The Shrine is a very big building by the looks of it and looked very impressive.

I learnt that it took six years to build and there is an eternal flame.

It was a great experience and I would now like to go to the Shrine.

Excursion to Tarra Bulga National Park

Prep - Two

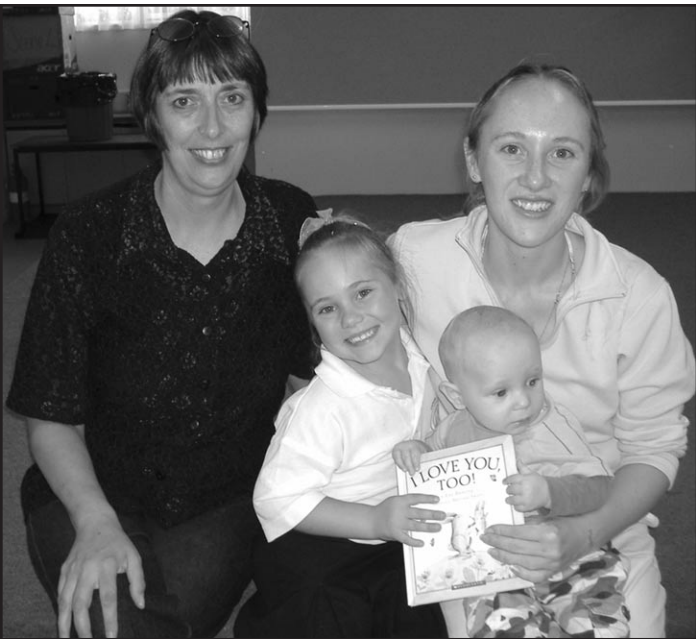
By **PETER DUNCAN**

At Tarra Bulga National Park you can see lots of animals like lyre birds, snakes, kookaburras and blue wrens. You also see algae and ferns. There are lots of pictures to look at. There's lots of tracks and there's one that leads to the bridge. There are lots of toadstools. You are not likely to see yabbies. You can also camp there. There are lots of trees because it is a rain forest. There is a weird type of fox, it looks like it doesn't have any eyes. The managers are very nice. It is a very good park.



Churchill North Primary School

Successful Reading Recovery
 Jessica Morrison-Walker and Mum Mandy



Tarra-Bulga Trip

On March 19th our school went to Tarra-Bulga Park for the day. Ranger Craig accompanied each group on their walk around the Fern Gully with their teachers. Suitable environmental activities were enjoyed by students and the fine weather made the picnic lunch on the lawns a real treat.

Students walking around the Fern Gully



Boolarra Primary School



Year 6 practising hard for the Boolarra Folk Festival



Daina at the Equestrian Championships

other important areas. If we don't assist to fill these gaps our students will not have the breadth and depth of knowledge required to undertake maths to a higher level. At Boolarra Primary School we are trialing a P-6 maths program with students working in mixed age groupings, depending on their needs. We will also continue to seek ways to challenge our most talented mathematicians. Helpful hints for parents on what they can do at home to support their children's mathematical knowledge

will also be provided in the weekly school newsletter.

Breakfast At School Program

Volunteers from local church groups and our Junior School Council will continue to provide free breakfasts for our students once a month throughout the year. We are very grateful to our R.E. Coordinator Liz Black for assisting us with the coordination of this program.

Boolarra Community Borrowing Library

Don't forget that we have some excellent



Jason Enjoys Breakfast at School



Josh Dances at the Folk Festival.

Folk Festival

Our prep to grade 6 students practised hard with Steve Shulz to develop the drumming routines which we performed at the recent Boolarra Folk Festival. All our students' concentration and hard work paid off as the performance on the day was superb! We are very grateful to the Folk Festival Committee for the magnificent work they do in organizing the Folk Festival. The Festival Committee also obtained funding to help meet the cost of employing Steve, who does a brilliant job coordinating the school's drumming. Our students gain so much from working with Steve that we hope to extend his involvement at our school later this year.

Sports Day

Recently we had a superb whole school athletic sports day. The weather was perfect! According to staff, the students' behaviour was also as close to perfect as we could ask! Congratulations to Morrow (red) House who managed to take out both the House Spirit and Champions' trophies, a feat not achieved before. Our P.E. Coordinator Ms Tina Larrad, did a magnificent job coordinating the day but is quick to share the credit with our senior students, who assisted to set up and pack up all the equipment. We are also very grateful to the many parents and other family members who supported the day.

Now we look forward to the Yinnar & District Athletic sports in term 2 when we compete together as Boolarra Primary School.

Equestrian Team

We again had riders representing us in the recent state wide primary schools' equestrian championships. Unfortunately, one of our key riders, grade 6 student Ash broke her arm a while back and could not compete.

However, intrepid grade 1 students Daina and Airtrea still rode brilliantly as did our grade 4 competitor, Madelyn.

We are very grateful to one of our parents, Sherie Howard for coordinating our involvement in this event. Sherie is optimistic that we will have a larger contingent representing our school at the November championships.

Numeracy Day

Our staff used our first curriculum day to examine the results our students obtained on numeracy testing and then shared ideas on how to maximise their maths learning. Maths assessment has progressed - prep students for example are tested far beyond the point that they used to be and often surprise us with what they can do. Teachers have more resources to identify exactly what students know and what they are currently struggling with. Many of our students do really well in some areas of maths (often the number aspect, counting and formal processes) but have gaps in their understanding in



Gareth demonstrates shotput

books for adults (kindly donated by Boolarra folk) now available for anyone to borrow. Feel free to come along to our school during school hours and have a browse. Sign the visitor's book at the office and we will help you from there - some of our students would enjoy being your guide. A visit to our school community library would provide a great opportunity for you to see for yourself how well behaved, hardworking and impressive our students are (if you see anything other, please let me - Leanne Emond know!). For further information contact Karen Tingay at the school on 5169 6471

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

**Monday 16th April:
 Term 2 Commences**

**Wednesday 18th April:
 Grade P-4 Cape Paterson Excursion**

**Thursday 19th April:
 11:15 am Junior School Council meeting**

**Wednesday 25th April:
 ANZAC Day Public Holiday**

**Friday 27th April:
 Yinnar & District Athletic Sports,
 Yinnar Recreation Reserve**

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The History of Hazelwood South Hall

By M. Ellis Lynx Trefoil Guild

The present Hazelwood South Hall in Tramway road Churchill (previously Hazelwood) is third in a line of Hazelwood South Halls. The first Hall was at the Hazelwood South Primary School. That Hall was burnt down in 1939. The second Hall was also burnt down in the 1944 fires.

A committee of the following people; H.M.Thompson, J.Bolding, R.Porter, D.J.White, D.G.Williams, A. Northway, W.Mackay, W.Medew, J.Silcock, and J.W. Medew, was formed to organise the plans and property to build the present Hall. The plans for the present Hazelwood South Hall were drawn up in July 1954. They were not approved until 1st August 1956 by the Shire of Morwell. The present Hazelwood South Hall was opened on the 14th June 1957. It also included Tennis Courts. To raise money, for several years there was a big day, which was held on Caulfield Cup Day, where there was horse racing, wood chopping, stalls, and they even had a Miss Hazelwood South. It was a fun day for everyone.

In October 1956 a meeting was called for a planning session. The Hall was opened 14th June 1957 by The Country Party Leader Sir Herbert Hyland. The Hall which cost over 5,000 pounds covers an area of 300 square feet. At the Hall there were euchre nights and dances held fortnightly. As this was one of two public halls in the area, the Hall was frequently hired out to the community.

In 1958 the Girl Guides were given permission to have their weekly meeting at the Hall.

The Roll of Honour was placed in the Hall in 1967.

The present Honour Roll was taken from the old one which was hanging in the Hazelwood South Primary School. It was only of W.W.1 so as the school did not want it. At that time the new one was refurbished and updated and the old one is attached to the back of the present Honour Roll.

In 1985-86 the committee handed over the Hall Management to the Support Group for the Guides due to the fact at this time the girl guides were the only users of the Hall as there were more halls and club rooms for various sports clubs, now hiring out their halls.

In 1991 the Guides built the extension consisting of indoor toilets and a room to store their camping gear. The Girl Guides raised \$17,000. The Hall was hired for various functions such as birthday parties, wedding receptions, soccer club, scouts, meetings, and at one time for fetes and markets.

In 2005 white ants were found in the Hall and if it had not been for Mr. David Ellis, who gave a loan of \$1800 to the Support Group so that they could have the hall sprayed and the floorboards replaced, the Hall would have just been eaten away by the white ants.

In 2006 a market was started again and roughly every three months it is an ongoing

HAZELWOOD SOUTH HALL

PLANS are in hand to officially open the new Hazelwood South Hall with a grand ball on Friday, June 14, 1957.

This function marks the culmination of years of effort in fund raising in the district, and is most satisfying to the splendid band of workers, particularly the Ladies' Social Club, which raised £700 in the last twelve months.

At a recent street stall £57 19' was netted and the competition winners were: Cushion (made and donated by Mrs. Jack Medew), Mr. Meredith, G. & F. gasification works; set of tumblers (donated by Howes and Medew), Mrs. Jack Mills; bag of potatoes, Mr. Joe Higgins.

The club desires to express its appreciation to all concerned for their help in achieving such a satisfactory result.

concern.

The Guides met at the Hall every Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. A music gig night of various bands is on Thursdays and Sundays.

Today the Hall is managed by the Lynx Trefoil Guild.

My thanks go to the following people who have helped me in this journey; David Ellis my poor husband who let me sound ideas and kept me from going insane.

Kelly Carroll who kept my laughter going and helped me use equipment that I did not know how to use.

Rob de Souza-Daw who was always pointing me in the right direction and also for all the information that he has given me.

Zelma Mildenhall for helping me obtain Girl Guides information.

The Hazelwood/Churchill Guides District Unit Leader Sue Connor and to all the other people I have spoken to being Tom Lawless, John Holtmann, Mavis Thompson, Eric Rowley, Ruth Place, Tracy Burr, Val Prokopiv and D.S& E.

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NEW HALL'S IN THE NEWS



Making A Spectacle For Himself

By RUTH PLACE

Peter Ayres has been in the business of spectacle making for the past 21 years.

Peter was born in Traralgon in 1970, and has lived there all his life. He attended St. Michael's Primary School, followed by Lavalla Secondary College.

He left school at the end of 1985, and began an apprenticeship with Michael McCabe, Optometrist, who commenced practicing in 1975. To complete the apprenticeship, Peter had to attend RMIT part time and do on the job training over a four-year period. He gained his Optical Dispensing and Fitting apprenticeship, and continued working with Michael over the next eleven years.

Peter purchased one of the McCabe's two practices in 1997 and formed Latrobe Eye Care, as we know it today in George Street, Morwell.

Peter said the down turn in the Valley, seen in the area over the last ten years, has seen tough times for locals in small business. But he expresses warmly, his thanks to all the loyal patients who continued with the business which has allowed the business to grow. Latrobe Eye Care has now provided the community with thirty years of optometry and spectacle making services.

Peter is the youngest of eleven children. He is married with three children, Patrick, Charlotte, and Benjamin, all at primary level.

Among his diverse interests are working on his small farm at Flynn, on the Flynn's Creek. He is a breeder of Poll Hereford Cattle. He also enjoys horse riding and stock work with horses.

Peter has pleasure in singing and playing his acoustic guitar. He is also a collector and preserver of old memorabilia from Vintage trucks and cars to smaller things. This collecting is all part of his love of history.

Peter is a local who knows and loves the local people and area. His business employs local people and prides itself on providing a genuine old fashioned, style service to all his patients.

Peter and the business are heavily involved in supporting many local clubs and organizations, and Peter sees this as a way to give back to those who support his business.

Morwell services a huge out-of-town area such as Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar and surrounding districts.

The business is appreciative of the support of those communities and is glad to find ways to help the communities in return.

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Planning for Future Developments in Churchill

By Margaret Guthrie, President
 Future development within the centre of Churchill remains a topic of much interest to both the local community and Latrobe City Council.

As reported last month, Latrobe City Council has already developed a draft structure plan for future land use in Churchill. A consultancy team from Beca Planning has been engaged to complete this study.

Beca has identified a need for stronger east-west linkages to better connect the township, the Town Centre and Monash University.

As a result of both a recent Council resolution (see page 3) and the draft structure plan, a further project has commenced - the "Churchill Town Centre and East West Link Concept Project".

The aim of this project is "to test the feasibility of the east-west connection by analysing the optimal retail provision in Churchill Town Centre and developing design options from engineering, planning and urban design perspectives, which can then be costed."

A workshop, convened by Council officers, was held in late March at Green Inc to address this project. It was facilitated by a team of specialist town planners from Beca Planning. All property owners within the project precinct, along with representatives from other key stakeholder organisations, were invited to attend.

along with Ward Councillor, Darrell White, made it clear that it would be desirable to develop realistic options that "meet with stakeholder agreement and are financially viable from Council's perspective."

The workshop included a walk around Churchill town centre, from the Leisure Centre up to the Binishell, through the University and Education Precinct and along the path through the underpass at Northways Road and the western student residences. The group of some 25 people then walked across Eel Hole Creek between the skate park and the site for the proposed Community Hub, over Phillip Pde and followed Georgina Place up to Monash Way, crossing over to White Parade.

After this 'site visit', the group returned to Green Inc to discuss possible improvements to pedestrian, bicycle and road links along the 'east-west axis' of Churchill.

Unfortunately, a key member of the consultancy team had suffered an injury the previous day and was unable to attend, so the 'other business' of retail business opportunities and the siting of a Hotel was not fully discussed.

Beca Planning will now develop some planning options based on the ideas raised at the workshop, including the siting of future retail developments, after considering economic and urban design factors.

Cr White, supported by CDCA, put a strong argument forward that

the group should reconvene to further consider the planning options that Beca develop, before a final report is submitted to Council. It was agreed that the group will meet again as soon as Beca has their draft plans available.

Meantime, VCAT (Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal) upheld Council's decision to refuse a planning permit for the construction of a Safeway supermarket and specialty retail shops on the site of the former Churchill Hotel.

VCAT ruled, "its construction (at the extreme end of the commercial core) would exacerbate the existing poor functionality of the centre and, in the absence of any significant population growth, condemn the Churchill Town Centre to remain a fragmented and dysfunctional centre."

Any resident wishing to raise concerns over planning proposals for Churchill is most welcome to contact CDCA. With the development of a structure plan for both the retail centre and the whole township, this is a critical time for the community to have their say on how Churchill is shaped for the future.

CDCA can be contacted at P O Box 191, Churchill, or call the Secretary, Rob Whelan, on 5122 3602. Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm and for the time being will be held at the Churchill Football & Netball Club. All Churchill and district residents are welcome.



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Lumen Christi Playgroup

The Easter Bunny came early to the Lumen Christi Playgroup, with the children enjoying an Easter Egg hunt and Easter making activities to end the term! We welcome all the new mums and children who have joined playgroup this year, and welcome back everyone else.



We have had a great first term, with the children enjoying playing with other young children and all



the great toys. Term 2 commences on Thursday 19th April at 9:30am - 11:30am, at the Eco-Centre at Lumen Christi Primary School. We meet every second Thursday. Come along and have some fun.

Community Kitchens

Latrobe Community Health Service and the Latrobe Valley Neighbourhood Renewal Project are currently looking for participants who would like to be involved in the Community kitchens project.

Community kitchens consist of a group of people (6-8) with a common interest who meet on a regular

basis to cook nutritious meals.

Participants can cook meals to eat at the venue or take home for their families at a cost of approximately \$2 per serve. Community kitchen members get together to plan recipes, budgets and cook together. Community kitchens can help you increase your shopping

and cooking skills and also give you the opportunity to meet new people and make new friendships.

To register your interest please call Annette Thomas at Latrobe Community Health Service on 5136 5430 on Tuesdays or Thursdays.



New Arrival!

Baby boy, Elliott Charles, was born to Emma (nee Combridge) and Mark Russell at Bunderburg Qld Hospital on 22 March 2007 3.5Kg All are doing well. Elliot is a Grandson to Glenda and Ian Combridge

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years including: willow and weed removal, tree plantings etc. This will be followed by an afternoon tea at the Billys Creek weir. For those interested, an evening meal will also be held, meeting at the Yinnar Pub at 6:00 to 6:30pm. For more information contact 51740782.

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Lions Club of Churchill & District Camp Quality

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity

Camp Quality volunteers Lions John Barker Lioness Margaret Barker took part in a Family Camp at Phillip Island Resort. There were 11 families in attendance and all had a great time at the camp.

Each year our club supports local children by sponsoring them to an Adventure Camp at Lions Village Licola. Another child is going this month.

Catering continued during March at Bunnings with proceeds going to Camp Quality. Lions Norm Hall and John Barker took part in the Lions Ride for Sight again this year. Nearly \$50000 will be raised this year from this event for eye research in Australia.

Lion Peter McShane gave a report on the flood damage at Licola. This was a double catastrophe following the fires in December and January. The Lions Village was virtually unscathed, however.

Our club was to be a caterer at the Celebration of Roses, which was can-

celled on the day. We catered for the Churchill Cop Shop project in March.

The Lions Birthday Club, sponsored and run through the Churchill & District News by our Lions Club, is a great hit. Jay Barry and Cameron Bianconi were each the happy Birthday Club recipients of a \$15 voucher in March.

All children in Churchill and surrounding areas under 12 years of age are eligible to join. IS YOUR CHILD A MEMBER? IF NOT, WHY NOT? Make sure your child is registered – just follow the instructions in the Lions Birthday Club list published each month in the Churchill News. WE NEED MORE MEMBERS.

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

Free Entertainment Night for Local Youth



By Margaret Guthrie

This Saturday (14 April), a free music and entertainment night for young people is being held at the Student Union Lounge at Monash University.

The event starts at 7pm with singer Taryne Fletcher on stage, performing a selection of popular covers. Taryne is one member of popular Moe based duo, 'Flake'.

"We saw Taryne perform recently at Yarragon Hotel," said Toni-Maree Bosma, one of the group of local Kurnai College students organizing the event. "She played songs by Green Day, AC/DC and other bands we like. We were impressed and booked her on the spot!"

Two live bands are also to perform on the night. 'Under the Covers' are from Newborough and are students at GippsTafe music school, while 'Elsewhere' are a popular band from Drouin.

"We watched 'Under the Covers' rehearse," said Owen Guthrie, another of the event organizers. "They were pretty good, even though it was a bit cramped in their garage!"

'Elsewhere' sent us a demo tape and they sound really professional. They're used to performing live and have already played at the Uni. We thought 'great', let's book them too; their music's really good!"

"Everything is free," stated Luke De Pellegrini, also a member of the organizing team. "We have a tight budget, but we'll be providing soft drinks, bottled water, snack foods,

even door prizes and free transport from Boolarra, Yinnar and Morwell."

"We've been seeking donations and sponsorship from local businesses willing to support our event," added Jarrod Penco, "so that we can put on a really enjoyable night with lots of freebies."

"Monash University Gippsland Student Union (MUGSU) have been really helpful," said Owen. "The lounge is a great venue and they're giving us technical assistance so that we can play music DVDs and videos during the breaks between the live acts."

"Yes, and we'll be having pizza delivered during the breaks too," said James Klein, who's organizing the catering. "There'll also be plenty of chips, Doritos, lollies, all the good stuff!"

The event is part of National Youth Week 2007 celebrations and has been funded by the Office of Youth Affairs. Local not-for-profit community group, Glendonald Residents Group Inc, applied for the funding in response to suggestions by local teens that more Churchill based events for young people are needed.

Stephen Klein, another Kurnai student helping with the planning said, "We were approached by members of Glendonald Residents Group to see if we wanted to be involved. We've been meeting at the GEP (Gippsland Education Precinct) each Tuesday morning to plan what needs to be done, and each of us has taken

on different tasks. For instance, Toni-Maree has designed the posters and flyers, while I've been in charge of distributing them to students at Kurnai."

"The event is smoke, alcohol and drug-free," reported Nicole Percy, one of the supervising adults. "We want to provide a safe venue that parents will be comfortable letting their teenagers attend. Volunteers from Latrobe Community Health Services will be breath-testing the youngsters at the door and there won't be any pass-outs."

"However, there is a contained verandah area outside the lounge if anyone wants to go outside for awhile," she continued. "We've also liaised with MUGSU and have paid for the hire of security guards for the event, in addition to the Uni's own grounds and security staff."

Local community groups, including Churchill Guide Unit, are providing volunteers on the night to help with bag checks, first aid requirements, clean up duties, etc, while Yinnar and District Community Association has hired out their community bus to enable teens from Yinnar and Boolarra to attend. Another bus is being arranged to pick up teens from Morwell.

Admission is strictly limited to the first 200 entries, but guaranteed entry, along with bus seat reservations, can be booked by contacting Nicole on 0423 470 588 or Margaret on 5122 2997.

U3A Activities

Congratulations to the Craft Group on the two single-bed sized rugs which have been completed. These rugs have now been presented to Latrobe Regional Hospital. One is to be hung on the wall of the dialysis unit where everyone can see it and the other is to be used for the comfort of individual patients. The Craft Group meets every Tuesday from 10am to 3pm. However, participants are welcome to attend for just part of that time.

The U3A radio program is broadcast every Tuesday on Gippsland FM 104.7. To hear interviews with well known U3A personalities and to keep up-to-date with U3A information, tune in between 11am and 12 noon.

The Italian Group has started and will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

The Scrabble Group meets each Monday from 9.45am in the annexe. Everyone is welcome to come along.

The Gourmet Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month. The next luncheon will be a Malaysian meal. If you would like to attend, please put your name

on the list on the notice board in Room 9 of the iGain building. More information will also be displayed on the notice board.

The Garden Group meets on the first Friday of each month, from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome. At the next meeting on May 4th, there will be an opportunity to ask Mrs Parry for her help and advice, so please bring along your gardening questions and problems and any interesting garden bits and pieces to show and share.

Coffee mornings are held at the Waratah Restaurant on the second Tuesday of each month from 10am until 11am. The next get-together will be on Friday, May 12. This is a good chance to find out about other U3A groups, to catch up with friends and to meet other members of U3A. Members and anyone interested in finding out more about U3A before joining are all invited to attend.

If you would like more information please leave a message on the U3A phone on 5133 0671.



Northe's Natter

ing from the Campus Academic Plan to changes to student union fees and services to the exciting \$5 million redevelopment of the Binishell. With works due to commence shortly, I am sure the new facility will be an asset not only to Monash Uni but to the people of Churchill.

I have been in regular contact with a number of local community groups including the Churchill District Community Association, the Boolarra Community Development Group, and Hazelwood Rotary. These groups work tirelessly to achieve the best they can for their towns and their hard work should be commended.

The CDCA have a number of innovative projects on the go including the Intergenerational Community Hub. The BCDG did a wonderful job with the Boolarra

Folk Festival and it was great to see everyone getting behind the event with such enthusiasm. Hazelwood Rotary advised me of the substantial funds they were able to raise through catering at the Australian Power Boat Association event at the Hazelwood Pondage. May I add that the efforts of the Rotary group in supporting and assisting those in our region following the bushfires have not gone unnoticed.

I welcome further contact from these and other such groups in the future.

I will be in Yinnar in the coming week and look forward to meeting with members of the community. I would also like to encourage everyone to fill out and return the survey attached to a community newsletter I am distributing, which will be appearing in your mailboxes soon.

Hello and welcome to my column, Northe's Natter. I hope to use this column to discuss my movements around the Churchill district and matters relating specifically to your area.

Over the last month, I have had a number of opportunities to meet with people in and around Churchill.

My discussions with Monash University leaders have been most informative, discussing topics rang-



Yinnar Scout Group

Scouting in Yinnar is alive and well! 1st Yinnar Scout Group is the oldest continuously running group in the Strzelecki District, having first been formed in 1927. The aim of Scouting is to encourage the physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual development of our youth members, but most importantly, its fun!!

Cubs, Scouts and Rovers have represented the group at many community events this year including Australia Day in Yinnar and Churchill, Boolarra Folk Festival, Clean-Up Australia Day and Red Cross Calling, and will again participate in the Anzac Day March at Yinnar.

The Scouts run an exciting and active program, planning their own activities incorporating teamwork and leadership. Term 2 will include

activities in navigation, bike safety, fishing, first aid, knots and lashings, swimming and fire and fuel. Some of the older Scouts will be planning and running a weekend bike hike, overnight standing camp and a 15 km overnight hike. In addition, we have just completed an overnight 20 km hike at Wilsons Promontory. New members are always welcome.

The Cubs will be kicking off in Term 2 with an enthusiastic new Cub Leader, and we are currently seeking new members (age 7-10) as well as adults willing to volunteer as Assistant Cub Leaders. Both Cubs and Scouts meet on Monday nights during school term at the Yinnar Scout Hall at 7pm. Both boys and girls are welcome to come along for four nights prior to committing to join. Parents can contact Colin Richards on 5166 1897, Sylvia

Sauppe on 5169 6321, or Leanne Millsom on 5122 3099.

Rovers is open to young adults aged 18-25 and usually meet at 7.30 on Friday nights at the Yinnar Scout Hall. Activities include camping, hiking, and building, driving and repairing 'Marty' the off-road buggy. New members are always welcome and can contact the Crew Leader, Daniel Cook on 0423 495 977 for further information.

Our Venturer Unit is currently in recess, but teenagers from 14 to 17 are invited to express their interest as we are keen to get this up and running again. Venturers plan and run their own activities independently, but with the assistance of adult leaders. We are also keen to hear from adults interested in undertaking training for this role.

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National Seniors Association

By JANET SWASH

The National Seniors Association is a non-profit organisation, which caters for the needs of people over the age of 50 in our community.

We aim to deal with community issues, hold monthly meetings and participate in social events.

The Gippsland Branch meeting for

this months meeting is an evening one, to be held on Wednesday 18th April at the Masonic Lodge, Lodge Drive, Traralgon, commencing at 7.00p.m. for a 7.30 p.m. start.

Our speaker will be Stuart Penny talking on computer terminology. Come along and join us at our more spacious venue.

A monthly \$3 fee is charged to help cover costs. Afternoon tea will be provided. We hope to see you all there.

For those travelling from the direction of Morwell, go past Traralgon Golf Club and Latrobe Valley Funeral Services, Lodge Drive is the dirt road just after the Motel entrance and BP

Service Station. For those travelling from/through Traralgon a u-turn will be necessary at the Golf Club.

The next social event of our group is Dinner at Grand Junction Hotel at 6.30 p.m. on Friday May 11th, RSVP to a committee member by Wednesday May 9th. All are welcome - please phone one of your executive for book-

ings.

A booking has been made at "Silks" Restaurant, Moe RSL for a "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" dinner on Friday 13th July. \$5 deposit to be made, with bookings, at the April meeting. The total cost \$20.

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- All artwork must have a completed entry form attached
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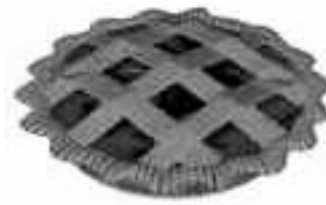
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Our tutor, Isabel Temple has had many years of experience working in adult education and literacy programs with both the Access Department of TAFE and i-Gain and piloted the On-line Learning class two years ago at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

The Centre's classes have been very successful with a variety of people of different backgrounds attending.

The concept of using the computer to learn/study is now one of the major areas of learning in the Universities and at TAFE. People are now able to study accredited courses on-line from home.

The classes at the Centre are non-accredited which means there are no deadlines and outcomes to meet.

The study classes are developed to suit basic beginners to more advanced learners and participants are directed to the study area that most suits their needs. Courses include English, which includes learning to spell, writing

skills which uses Microsoft Word, project work that includes using the Internet for research, interactive maths, genealogy (doing your own family tree), learning to draw and getting around the Internet and E-bay.

Working with computers for learning purposes does not require good computer skills. Your understanding of computer use is developed as you work your way through the learning packages that Isabel uses.

You will find that everyone in the class will be doing their own project and your privacy is guaranteed should you be doing one of the more basic subjects.

All participants work at their own level and pace in their chosen study area.

Classes operate Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9.30am to 12 noon during school terms.

The classes are on going and have open enrolment which means you can join at any time throughout the year. You do not have to wait for the beginning of a new school term or year. Child minding is available at these times.

Wattle Club – Thank You

On Wednesday 14th March, a special morning tea was served at Wattle Club to say "Thank You" to the many people who helped in the re-location of Wattle Club from the Lower Town Hall site to the Community Room at the Latrobe Community Health Service Churchill Clinic.

The function was attended by CEO Ben Leigh, Leonie Coleman, Director of Corporate Services, and Ann Riley who is now Co-Ordinator of the Planned Activity Groups (PAG).

Thanks were expressed to Ann, Kerri and Kelly who were responsible for packing up the Lower Town Hall site, and Kerri and Kelly for settling

the clients into their new surrounds.

Many volunteers help with the running of the Wattle Club, and some of them gave hours to transferring the packed boxes from the old to the new sites. They were all thanked for their contribution.

Sandy Lewis and Gary Cain were thanked for their work in designing, re-furbishing and completing the alterations necessary for the new venue.

There are a few minor changes (re-location of an office and a storage facility) which will be addressed in the near future, but on the whole, the clients and Program Leaders- Kerri and Kelly are satisfied with the effect.

No alterations can be achieved without inconvenience, and thanks were expressed for the patience of those who work at the Health Centre for putting up with the noise, and dust etc. The delicious morning tea was provided by Elizabeth Black, and was appreciated by all those who sampled her cooking.

Meanwhile, the usual activities of the clients continue with cards, word searches, joke time and outings.

Recently the group enjoyed a beautiful two course Italian meal at Da Nunzio's Restaurant in Moe. The Brandy Snap basket dessert was notable!



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Room 1	Stitch & Chat craft activity sessions Finish or start new activities, socialise, have a cuppa, or just chat, plenty of help and 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	Level 2 first Aid - over 2 days \$140.00 per person, full fee Wed 9th & 23rd May 9.00am - 3.00pm Lunch, Morning & Afternoon Tea included
Room 2	Basic Computers - level 2 Learn to make the computer your friend, & do what you want to do.	9.30 - 12.00 OPEN LEARNING - ON LINE Tues & Wed Study areas that suit your needs - E bay, genealogy, interactive maths, use internet for research, learn to draw, study English - spelling / writing skills		Time for internet/computer use for general public	Tiffany lamp shades - workshop Thur 31st May 10.00am - 3.00pm \$20.00 Lunch included
Room 3	PATCHWORK (advanced) Learn quilting, material choice, techniques and design	Room available for meetings	PATCHWORK/Craft Activities Class designed for the beginner & novice patchworker. Alternate weeks - begin 7/02/07 weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11	PATCHWORK/Craft Activities Class designed for the beginner & novice patch worker alternate weeks - begin 1/02/07 weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10	Into into DRAWING classes 1st class - come and meet the Tutor Friday 27th April - 1.00pm discuss what's required & what you want from this class
	Monday 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Tuesday 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Wednesday 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Thursday 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Show your support for the Centre become a member - only \$2.00
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.	
Room 2	Basic Computers - level 2 Learn to make the computer your friend, & do what you want to do.	Basic Computers - level 1 For the beginner, becoming familiar with your computer & learn basic skills	Adult Literacy Open Learning Online increase your reading, writing and spelling skills	Microsoft Office Learn to use word/ excel/eccess	
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If interested in the following classes ring the centre for more information: beading, **basic sewing**, quilting machine, **painting on silk**, or any other classes you would be interested in

YOGA
Thursday evening
5pm - 6.15pm -
6.30pm - 7.45pm
Heather 5194 2397



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Yinnar Primary School

Head Teachers Recollections

A History of Yinnar Primary School Part 3

Gordon Graeme 1976-1980

"Not long after gaining my appointment as Principal of Yinnar primary school I paid a visit to the school to see it in operation.

My first impression was pretty much as I had imagined, a solid old style building with quite a few ornate architectural features, a most satisfying roadside impression. Closer examination revealed the need for rather extensive internal and external renovations and I was not surprised when my predecessor, Mr. Max Brown, informed me that a new school was to be built in the near future.

Well, my five years passed and all I could pass on to the new Principal, Mr. Ross Thomson, was the same "news", a new school is to be built, and in some ways it is fortunate, that such a delay has occurred, and enabled the centenary celebrations to be held in the near "authentic" buildings.

I don't want my impressions to revolve around the buildings, for I believe the buildings only house the school. I must confess, however, to having some frustrating and worrying occasions resulting from their inadequacies. These ranged from flooded passageways, regular bucket brigades to a falling sheet of ceiling plaster. The drabness of the buildings made it hard for teachers to continually create an interesting and stimulating learning environment.

To me, Yinnar School is people: pupils, parents, teachers, committees and visitors, all with a common concern for learning- and it is the learning or gaining of the basics that is the main role and forte of Yinnar School- a school steeped in history - a school that should be proud of its achievements over the past one hundred years- a school that I am fully confident will continue to amply service its community and meet its educational goals.

The establishment of a comprehensive school policy based on existing aims was commenced in 1976, and received much input from the involved parents and teachers. This resulted in the setting down of basic aims and objectives and the establishment of curriculum guidelines in most subject areas. No doubt these will be altered and bettered as more input is gained over the years ahead, for change and progress is inevitable.

With the establishment of such policy came the need for increased learning aids and resources- perhaps the most outstanding of these was the appointment of a "human" resource- a teacher librarian, on a part time basis. Mrs. Dot Deppler was appointed to this position during 1976 and with the help of an enthusiastic parents club and many private donations and Education Department grants an extensive reference and reading library was established.

The work of Mrs. Jo Evans in the language areas, and Mr. Chris Long in the mathematics field gave the school comprehensive curriculum guidelines in the basic subject areas.

Another feature of the five years have been the school's extensive camping program. This additive to the curriculum ranges from school sleep-ins through attendance at established camps to actually camping under canvas in local bush settings. This program broadened pupil's experiences and provided a motivational stimulus which becomes evident in the weeks preceding and following such events.

To conclude, I revert to the mundane area of facilities, for these seem to be the items most covered by history records. Increased enrolments resulted in the arrival of a portable class-

room (1977) and extensions to the school grounds- firstly the block of land between the school and the sale yards and more recently (1980) an extension along the eastern boundary.

Plans to improve the playground have been drawn up for some time and the enthusiastic school council (something Yinnar School seems to have always been fortunate to have) is currently involved in the development of newly



acquired areas.

But that is just one of the roles of a school council, whose powers have been greatly increased in recent years, and despite the achievements of the past there is always a challenge ahead".

Ross Thomson

Thoughts on Yinnar Primary School 1981/2

My family and I moved from the Mallee to the Latrobe Valley in 1975 and after six satisfying years teaching at Churchill Primary School I was fortunate enough to be the successful applicant for the Head Teacher's position at the Yinnar Primary School, and I commenced duty there in January of 1981. Circumstances determined that my stay at Yinnar would be for just two years, but a great deal was sandwiched into those two short years.

Yinnar was a happy school and I was blessed to find a fine staff awaiting me. These people were enthusiastic and interested teachers who went out of their way to make me feel particularly welcome. In my mind's eye, I can still picture Chris Long (what a fine support he was), Liz Whitney, Barbara Horton and Dot Deppler laughing, chatting and enjoying each others company. This wasn't just a congenial group of people with a commitment only to their own classes however, as they willingly embraced my desire to review existing programs and within a few short months we had written, established and begun implementing many new ones.

This was also a time when Joan Kirner was beginning to make a name for herself in the education community as President of the Victorian Federation of State Schools Parents' Clubs, and as a direct result of her vision and her energy parliamentary 'white' and 'green' papers appeared. These documents would change the role of the 'old' School Committee for ever, with parents no longer providing a purely supportive role (working bees, fund raising and the like) but one where they would have a greater involvement in the decision making process and the day to day operation of the school. While School Councils of today are certainly much more sophisticated in their operation than the structure we adopted in those early days of 1981 and 1982, I can't imag-

ine there would have been many schools better prepared or more enthusiastic about facing those new challenges than Yinnar. Names like Chris Fraser, Michael Mullins, Geoff Coleman, Rasa Bennett quickly come to mind; all fine, caring and interested people who wanted to make a contribution to their children's school and to their community in general - my apologies to those whose faces I can see in my mind's eye but

whose names remain just out of reach. These people comprised a wide cross section of the community - farmers, an ex-teacher, a solicitor, engineers etc. and comfortably adopted a sub-committee structure where parents held leadership roles. My memory is just a little hazy after all these years but I believe we established three sub-committees (Curriculum, Finance and Buildings and Grounds) where members met between Committee meetings and prepared reports that were presented at the following monthly Committee meeting. It would be another eight years before I had the pleasure of working with another School Council that even came close to Yinnar in terms of enthusiasm and a preparedness to embrace new responsibilities. My admiration of these people has never waned.

As if this wasn't enough to keep us all occupied, later on in the year considerable planning took place for Yinnar to celebrate its centenary. While always neat and tidy the school was given a particular sprucing up, school memorabilia was displayed and a small room was set up to exhibit bits and pieces from the past that had been loaned to us for this special occasion.

I recall a very old traditional wooden desk for four pupils that contained four inkwells and a backless form or stool for the children to sit on, a blackboard and easel, wall maps, old text books and reading primers, a wooden compass and protractor for use on the blackboard, a kerosene lantern, numerous ceramic pots, old glass bottles as well as other bits and pieces that had an educational flavour. There was great excitement on the day of celebration with students and teachers dressed in period costume and a number of dignitaries invited to address a happy, enthusiastic crowd of several hundred people.

At possibly my first School Committee meeting after taking up my position as Head Teacher, I was advised that Yinnar had been promised a new school for some years but little more than procrastination had ever come of it. It is marvellous what an election can do however, as some months later, out of the blue, I received a telephone call from (if memory serves me correctly) an aspiring Country Party politician to say that approval had gone through and we were to get our new school within the next twelve months.

On this occasion, however the promise became reality and Yinnar had its long awaited 'new' school up and running by the second half of the 1982 school year.

One interesting twist however was that, because of some obscure accounting process, which was never clearly explained, use had to be made of the Yallourn Primary School. (That school had fairly recently been closed because of the expansion of the coal mining operation.) At the time I recall speaking to a couple of locals who confided that when they saw several old buildings on removal trucks parked out in the main street they honestly thought it was part of our old school about to be carted away.

Although there were one or two sceptics about, the Public Works architect assigned to this development did a marvellous job of combining the framework of the Yallourn buildings with the newer section of our existing building to create an attractive and very functional school.

Upon its completion the opening of the school provided further reason for celebration and an official opening ceremony took place with Mr. Len Falk, who was the Regional Director of Education, and Ron Ikin, who was our Inspector of Schools, as official guests who joined a large gathering of very interested and very happy locals for the occasion.

For me the downside of 1982 was learning that a restructure of the school's operation was imminent and all Head of School positions were to be thrown open. As things transpired, I wasn't nearly senior enough to retain my job at Yinnar and Dick Cugley, a respected colleague who had been Head Teacher of a school in Morwell, was the successful applicant. And so, after two very short but very eventful, very satisfying and very enjoyable years at Yinnar, it was time to leave the Valley that my wife and I had grown so fond of. For several years we spoke about moving back to that beautiful part of the world but circumstances conspired against that happening and we are now happily settled into a small town on the edge of Bendigo.

It is hard to believe that twenty-five years can have passed since my first year at Yinnar when my family and I joined so many others at the school to celebrate one hundred years of service to the community. I do trust that each and everyone who attended the 125th celebrations enjoyed themselves immensely-and may Yinnar go on serving its community for many more decades to come.

Garry Robbins 1986-1987

I was honoured to be selected as Principal of Yinnar Primary School in the first round of locally selected Primary School Principals and commenced duty in that appointment on 1st January 1986.

On taking up the Principal position I was impressed with the social climate of the school, which seemed to be one of welcome, warmth and mutual respect. Teachers and students obviously cared about each other and enjoyed what they were doing. We had a mix of experienced and new in the role of teachers who provided a stimulating and interesting learning environment, students who wanted to learn and a strong feeling of community. One of my lasting memories is that I spent much more time praising students for the good things they had done than admonishing them for inappropriate behaviour. Our secretary's efforts to make Yinnar an efficient and welcoming school were appreciated by all.



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Parents had a real and effective place in the life of the school. This was a time when School Councils were accepting greater responsibility in providing leadership and direction to all school activities. Positive community involvement in all aspects of the school was encouraged with the belief that "when people share, people care", even though the collaborative decision making process may sometimes have been slower.

All at Yinnar were blessed with a physical environment, which included pleasant gardens, trees, oval, netball courts and use of the Yinnar Stadium during school hours.

I have not mentioned the names of any individuals in case I forget somebody (more common now that I'm a retired pensioner!) but I would like all involved at Yinnar at that time to realise that I have many pleasant memories of their collaborative efforts. It was with mixed feelings that I left Yinnar in July 1987 to take up a position as Principal at Stockdale Road Primary School in Traralgon, where I was living.

Jim Connan 1995-2002

I was appointed from Darnum to Yinnar in July of 1995 and took over the reins from Rob Higgins who had been the Acting Principal for some time. Rob had done an excellent job during a fairly difficult period and was offered the position of Acting Principal at Hazelwood North as a result. I was extremely excited by the prospect of my first real Principal position having previously had Head Teacher experiences at a number of schools. The challenge of re-establishing the schools reputation for excellence during a period of enormous change during the Kennett Government's overdue restructure of education was one that was a great challenge for not only Yinnar, but all schools in Victoria. I was extremely fortunate in this endeavour as my teaching and support staffs were not only friendly, committed and professional but had a depth of skill, experience and knowledge that I had never seen before in the one school. In Cath Fernbach and Ann Hogan I had two outstanding Leading Teachers while Christine Ballis, Wendy Brown, Julie Franklin, Robyn Irvine, Jenny Smethurst and Linda Zwielerlein made up a wonderful team. I was fortunate to have a School Council who was very supportive of our endeavours and greatly interested in developing the school's educational program. We had many lengthy, challenging and fascinating discussions about creating the school we all wanted for our kids.

It is difficult to believe that those few short years ago saw the introduction of computer based administrative systems which Phyllis Bugeja, our much loved Secretary, operated so efficiently.

My first task was to oversee the completion of a significant building program which remodelled the school to its current configuration, to provide modern and user friendly facilities. Our next major task was the introduction of multi-media

computers for the students. State of the art at the time, our network was the model for many schools in the area and with Jenny's passionate involvement we used this as a vehicle to engage our kids in the curriculum. Our school gained a name as one of the most innovative and professional across many fields and our teachers were involved in leadership of local networks, of State programs, as teacher educators and as innovators.

By the end of 1996 we were able to confidently say that our students were making the most of their opportunities at a very highly regarded school and were achieving excellent results.

Some occasions of particular note stand out from my almost seven years at Yinnar. The first of these was when the power supply failed to Mrs. Franklin's classroom chicken and duck incubators. Some sense of stupidity and loyalty saw me agree to have the incubators in my newly completed office. The smell of hatched eggs and young chicks and ducklings along with the cheeping and quacking was something visitors to my office found very amusing. The smell eventually faded!

On another memorable occasion I used a fair amount of fly spray to knock off the blowies that habitually filled the open area skylight prior to a meeting. Mrs Hogan who was teaching Prep, was at a loss to understand where her very rare silkworm caterpillars had gone until they were discovered dead beneath the potted lemon trees. That took a bit of living down.

For a long time the annual Egg Drop was a feature with an intrepid Dad climbing to the top of the Stadium to drop carefully protected eggs to the bitumen below. Unfortunately such delights are no longer possible because of the dangers involved.

The Human Powered Vehicle also stands out as a highlight of community involvement, effort and fun. I'm glad to see the tradition still continues and that parents, teachers and kids are still enjoying the program together.

Yinnar was a fantastic experience for me and I will always cherish the memories of fantastic children, supportive parents and a great community.

Current Principal George Telford

It has been both my fortune and privilege to be the Principal of Yinnar Primary School over the past four years. The staff are of outstanding quality and just so professional and hard working. The parent community have been tremendously supportive and helpful. And the children? Well, the children have been like something out of Harry Potter's Hogwarts school- simply magic!!

I was lucky to follow Mr. Jim Connan as the next Principal. Jim had the school running wonderfully well and so it was not difficult to settle into my new surroundings. What immediately

struck me was the fantastic level of parent involvement at the school. I watched 12 or 15 parents come to reading circles. Then I saw 10 parents volunteer to attend the Rumbug Camp, just a few months after my arrival. This, at Yinnar, was considered normal. I had never seen anything like it in twenty years of teaching. Yinnar parents support the school in so many different ways.

But so does the entire community. We work hand in hand with the Yinnar and District Community Association to host "Christmas in Yinnar" each year. The Lion's Club have supported the school every year I've been here. They assist the children in many ways, not the least being the presentation of Citizenship Awards each year at our grade six graduation. Our own Community Hotel has also assisted the school over the years. The list really is endless and it is not the intention of this short piece to list every single contributor but your contribution to the school has been appreciated.

Our School Council is a talented group of people who have the very best interests of the school at heart. They have been a pleasure to work with and the school is indeed in very safe hands. All of this collective support allows our staff to get on with what they do best- teach children. And I'm not being biased when I tell you that they do that very well. Yinnar Primary School has a proud record of academic excellence but it doesn't happen by chance. Our teachers work hard to make it happen and I congratulate them and thank them most sincerely. I'm sure many of the fabulous programs we have at Yinnar will continue into the future- our Human Powered Vehicle team, the fabulous Drama performances delivered by the senior children and Mr. Mayer, our Reading Circles, the Camping Program, the best Transition program I've ever seen, our Blue Earth Physical Education Program.

I suspect that our children don't really know how lucky they are. They've never known anything else and so all these things are, to them, normal school life. I suspect that in future years, however, they will look back and reflect on their good fortune at attending Yinnar Primary School and enjoying a happy and supported start to their school life. I suspect it will be the same for me. I've already stated that I'm aware of my good fortune in spending part of my career here but I know I will be even more aware of that after I've left and had time to truly reflect. Somewhere out there is a teacher who is blissfully unaware that, one day, they are going to have the pleasure of being the next Principal of Yinnar Primary School. One of the lucky ones. Just like me.

Latest Innovations

The School Crossing was an initiative of the School Council. It has taken some years of serious lobbying to achieve, but the City Council

installed the crossing for the start of 2006.

The Active After School Program was instigated this year, and runs for three evenings after school. This is a program which has helped parents who were juggling their commitments with collection of their children after school, but has also been a program which has promoted a healthy after school activity in which the children participate in fun games and sports, and snack on healthy food items such as fruit.

Conclusion

Yinnar State, and now Primary School, has served this community well over the last 125 years. Many pupils have gained a good education and gone on to make a decent life for themselves and their subsequent families. No great names stand out, but an array of good solid citizens who have continued the fine traditions of the school and the community, are a product of this institution. The school and community have always worked together forming an integral part of what is Yinnar.

There are several families who can boast 3 and 4 generations of pupils attending

Yinnar primary school. Some I have been able to verify with help. There may be others which have been missed. Please do not take offence.

The Williams family- Evan, his daughter Jennifer (Mrs Harris) and her children Kelly and Christopher Harris.

Hopkins family- Eric, his daughter Thelma Rendell, her son Colin Rendell, and his son Jason.

Bond family- Cyril, his daughter Annette Brister, her daughter Tammy and Tammy's daughter.

Bennet family- Barry, his daughter Sandra Yates and her son Jason Yates.

Coleman family- Andy, his son Geoff and Geoff's son Stephen.

Bond family- Arthur, his wife Irene Hirst, their daughter Una Rendell, her son Barry and his son Gary.

Congratulations on your 125 milestone Yinnar primary school - here's to the next 75 years to make it a double century.

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Across Three Centuries



Owl & Pussycat Playgroup Inc.

Owl & Pussycat Playgroup Inc. has so much to offer. Your children can take delight in participating in the many activities we do each week in a safe environment, indoors and outdoors (undercover areas if wet), while you enjoy the company of other parents, as well as a cuppa!

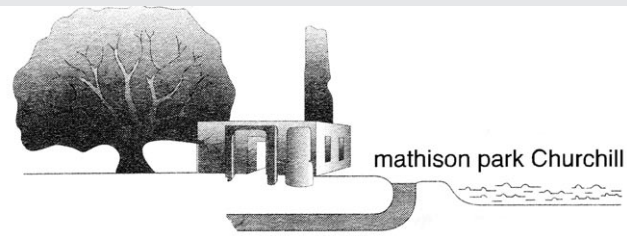
Owl & Pussycat Playgroup Inc. meets every Thursday of the school term from 9:30am til 12:00pm. We would love to see some new mums/dads/grandparents and children. So come join in and have some fun! Your 1st visit is free!

Walkley Park Children's Centre
17 Mulcare Crescent
P O Box 228
CHURCHILL VIC 3842

For further information please call

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Welcome Swallow *Hirundo neoxena*



Our bird for this month is the Welcome swallow. The photo and text are provided by Ken Harris. The Welcome Swallow is a familiar sight in the park, flying low over the lake and adjacent paddocks, catching insects. It is not known whether any nest in the park, but they certainly bring their young to the lake and feed them there. In November and December, young swallows are

perched all around the lake on any convenient twig or rail, and a few moments watching them will show the adults delivering insects to their young. Swallows are migratory and most fly north at the end of the summer. Not all of them go however, and on a sunny winter's day there are still likely to be a few swallows flying over the lake.

Dealing With Death, Dying and Grief

The Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, Church Council, encourages support for programs for the community, which will make a positive difference. Our modern lifestyle, and our separation from family and the wisdom and emotional support that can bring, leaves many people struggling with the deep issues of life unaided and alone.

It is with this in mind, that the minister of the church, Rev. Dr. Bob Brown, has arranged a series of information nights on death, dying and grief, which is one of those struggles, which affects all of us at one time or another.

The evenings will draw on the skills of community people who will share their experiences, and pass on their knowledge. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and/or share personal experiences, if wanted, over supper.

The community is warmly invited to join us in attending these evenings, which we hope will help people through any past, present and future sad times.

Please see the information below for dates, and times.

Four public seminars will be offered on Tuesday evenings at Churchill Co-operating Church during May and June 2007.

1st May 7.30 -10.00 pm
Looking Both Ways - Pastor Ann Scull

Ann is a UCA Lay Pastor currently working in the Mitchell River Uniting Parish (0.7) and as the Presbytery Resource Person (0.3). Ann's presentation will include the screening and discussion of a video.

22nd May 7.30-9.00 pm
Arranging a Funeral – Paul McInnis

Paul is the owner of Latrobe Valley Funeral Services and has thirty years experience as a funeral director.

5th June 7.30-9.00 pm
Coping with Loss: Grieving and Bereavement – Rev. Canon Don Crewe

Don has a nursing background stretching back 30 years and has been an Anglican Priest of the Gippsland Diocese for the last fourteen years. So he can speak from the perspectives of a health professional and a priest who has had to deal with people coping with loss.

26th June 7.30-9.00 pm
Palliative Care Services: Home Nursing and Home Support – Bernadette Carstein

Bernadette is from Latrobe Valley Hospital Palliative Care Services.

Further information can be obtained from Bob Brown on 51221480 or email rjb46@alphalink.com.au

Hazelwood House Happenings

Grand Auction - May 5

The ladies from the Churchill Lionesses very generously donated \$2,000 to the residents of Hazelwood House for the bus fund. This had increased our funds to \$25,000. On May 5th we are holding a grand auction at the Churchill Football Club Rooms Starting at 7pm sharp. Some of the items collected so far include fire wood, a china cabinet, a Peter Brock signed print, week end accomodatin and lots more.

The tickets are \$10 per person and a light supper is provided. Tickets are available at the Hostel and at the door on the night. For further enquiries please ring Beth on 5122 3000.



Once a month the Hostel have a special cultural day. A guest speaker is invited to talk about the country chosen. This month it was Japan. Volunteer, Hike, spoke about the Japanese exchange students she has hosted over the past few years. Heike talked about the students lifestyle and the various items given to her by the students were displayed.



Resident Elva Smith with her daughter and great grandchildren help to celebrate her 90th birthday at the hostel.



Resident Peg and her daughter Sue planned on making the most of the fine weather by going for a walk around the rose garden.



Staff member, Lyn, dressed up for St. Patrick's Day. The residents enjoyed Irish stew followed by green jelly and for morning tea it was green scones.



Raesowna Park Wedding

Fiona Cranwell of Hazelwood North was married to Mick Hooper of Traralgon on 17th February at Raesowna Park, Hazelwood North.

The bride wore a champagne, fish tail style gown with lace embellishment. The bridesmaids and flower girls were dressed in fuchsia coloured gowns.

Following their reception, which was held at the Premier Function Centre in Traralgon, the couple honeymooned in Mauritius.



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A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

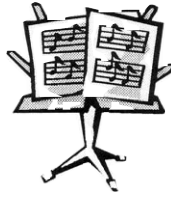
Featuring the Latrobe & Francis Orchestras

The Ladies Fellowship, together with the Latrobe & Francis Orchestras, present a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at the Co-Operating Church, Williams Ave, Churchill.

A light afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion of the concert. Come along and enjoy an afternoon of exceptional music.

2.00pm, Sunday 6 May 2007.

**Cost: \$10.00 Family
 \$5.00 Single
 \$3 Concession & Child.**



Everyone welcome.

Contact: Ron Wall 5134 4260

Domestic Terrorists/ Things that go bump in the night

By CHRIS LAMING

Recently in the news, we saw a coach of the Ukrainian swimming team assault a young woman. She was his daughter. It was a shocking sight. Yet what we saw did not look much different to scenes commonly shown in popular soapie's and was less violent than many scenes in films and DVDs. So what's the big deal? Why was it shocking?

It was shocking because we saw an older male hitting a younger female when he thought no one could see him. He did not know that he was on camera. And yes, according to his daughter, she did hit him first, but clearly she was fighting above her weight and in the end she escaped. Victoria Police issued an Intervention Order against the man, for her protection. They were also considering whether to lay assault charges against him.

The Law of our land states that everyone has a right to live in safety and well-being, whether they be old or young, female or male, rich or poor. When we see someone from another culture come to Australia and behave in an abusive way, it offends us and we create a moral outcry. We're very quick to condemn and to judge the abuser and his country's culture. And yet if we stop a moment and look at our own community (and culture) are we much different?

The physical assault that we have seen in the media, the assault of a man caught on camera when he thought it was a private, family, matter, is probably not that different from the abusive incidents between family members

that occur in thousands of Australian homes every night. Homes that are in our own communities, homes where someone gets yelled at, intimidated, belittled, hit, beaten and assaulted, homes where the abuser is usually male and the victim usually female.

And no, this is not another example of male bashing, to make us males feel even worse about ourselves than we already do, it is an attempt to say that it does not have to be this way.

According to a VicHealth report in 2004 "...women are more vulnerable to intimate partner violence than to violence in any other context...and are overwhelmingly more likely than men to be the victims of this form of abuse" This statement is based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics (2003) and other research. Put more simply, it means that Australian women are more unsafe in their own homes than outside. They are more at risk from those they live with and love, than from strangers, by a long shot.

As an Australian male I am very ashamed of this and believe strongly that it has to change and it will only change when all males stand up and speak out against such abuse. By staying silent in the face of abusive bullying that we know about, next door, or in our extended family and friends, can be likened to harbouring a domestic terrorist, whom we know about, but refuse to challenge, despite the evidence of what the terrorizing causes. Colluding with the excuses is the same as being an accessory.

If we choose not to challenge abusive behaviour, then the price is horri-

ic. The VicHealth Report of 2004 states that intimate partner violence, or family violence 'is responsible for more ill-health and pre-mature death in Victorian women under the age of 45 than any other of the well-known risk factors, including high blood pressure, obesity and smoking.' and it goes on to state that it also has 'long term effects on children'. The stakes could not be higher.

Men who use violence and abuse in their homes, have to change, and they can. Men are not born violent or abusive. It is learnt behaviour and can be unlearned. Programs like the SHED (Self-Help Ending Domestic) Project at the Latrobe Community Health Service (51279100) offer an opportunity for confidential assessment and counselling, as well as group programs that give men strategies to change.

There is hope of change and men do not have to feel locked into behaviour that is controlling, aggressive, abusive and hurtful. As the local country singer Archie Roach puts it, 'How can we do what we do and sleep at night? The crazy things we put her through, it isn't right. So, my brothers, don't hurt her any more, she's got her law and you've got yours, and she's sick and tired of walking into doors.' A strong image and one that is very apt.

We are all responsible for what we do and are and for the sake of our families, if we are abusive and controlling we have to stop and admit it and seek assistance to change and that takes courage.

We know that children are present

in about 48% of police attendances for family violence incidents in Victoria. We also know that the harmful effects on our children from exposure to family violence, are such things as depression, withdrawal, low self-esteem, poor performance at school, truancy, aggression, tantrums and anxiety.

We also know that children's exposure to family violence is a predictor of the perpetration of future violence by them. In other words, our kids are more likely get into trouble later on, if men don't do something about being abusive now.

In my experience dads usually love their children dearly. So, if a dad knows that his behaviour is having the above devastating effects on those he loves, then he will choose to do something about it immediately, taking responsibility for his behaviour.

So what can we do about such a situation, the situation in which the women and children, and sometimes the old people in our lives are at risk of abuse and violence?

We can challenge the attitudes and beliefs that support such abuse and bullying and we can consistently support the victims in not excusing the abuser and blaming themselves, as well as consistently challenging those who bully or use violence and hurtful language to intimidate and control.

Whilst it's true to say that not all violence is perpetrated by men against women, children and old people, it is also true to say, on the basis of evidence, both nationally and internationally, that men do the vast majority of violence. At the same time, it is not all

men who are abusive or violent, but it is the responsibility of all men to challenge those who are. This is not a private matter. It is not the case of 'what happens behind closed doors is the family business'. It is everybody's business to protect the safety and well-being of all members of our community. What goes bump in the night effects us all.

Here is a simple checklist to help you test whether you are a domestic bully and family terrorist:

Do you use intimidation and coercion to get what you want?

Do you use threats to control your relationship?

Do you use 'put-downs' and demeaning language to attack your partner or children?

Is your family afraid or terrified of you, even sometimes?

Do you use the look on your face to instill fear?

Do you yell, shout, scream?

Do you slam doors, punch walls or throw and break things?

Do you insist on driving the family car or controlling the TV/DVD remote?

Do you pressure your partner into having sex?

Do you use alcohol or anger as an excuse for the abuse you use?

If you have answered 'yes' to any of the above, and you want to make a change, then ring your nearest community health service. (51279100)

(Dr Chris Laming founded the SHED Project in Moe in 1994, and now teaches at Monash Gippsland.

Community Exercise Groups

Boolarra and Yinnar a Great Success

By KATHLEEN MILLETT

In April 2004 it was shown that an exercise program for health was needed in our smaller more isolated communities. A survey was conducted and the response from Boolarra and Yinnar residents enabled these classes to become established. In Yinnar the RSL stepped into provide a venue but as the numbers increased it became clear that a larger venue would be needed, hence the class was shifted to the Yinnar Memorial Hall to accommodate the amount of people wishing to attend.

We would like to say a very big thank you to the Morwell RSL for donating the funds for the change of venue and subsidizing all RSL members, and to Latrobe City Council for a \$500 grant for equipment which has been spent on weights and mats.

During this last three years classes have commenced and proven much enjoyed and well attended by local residents, providing many of the much needed health and well being information for seniors in these towns.

Classes target the most effective functional movements which increase mobility, prevent falls. They also provide information on many and varied health issues.

The aims for the classes are to encourage

quality movement without worrying about the speed.

The improvement in the fitness and balance of all the clients has been outstanding. Many laughs and fun is had by all.

Guest speakers from different areas of the community also come to speak and run discussions on any health issues and concerns.

The Boolarra Exercise Class

Bright and early every Monday morning,
 Instead of lying in bed and yawning,
 I take myself off to the exercise class,
 I never let this opportunity pass.

Our instructor Kathleen puts us through our paces,
 And everyone wears smiles on their faces,
 She has a special assistant called Sue,
 If we're in doubt, she'll show us what to do.

Our routines vary from week to week,
 We concentrate so hard, we hardly speak,
 To fabulous music we step to and fro,
 From Farnham, BeeGees, Beatles and the big O.

Every week I'm feeling fitter and healthy,
 It clears my head and rids me of 'bats in the belfry'.
 All ages are welcome from 30 to 80,
 It doesn't matter if you're skinny or weighty.

Everyone's most welcome to attend,
 If you're fit, or can hardly bend.
 I look forward to the exercise class each wee,
 It's an appointment I'll always intend to keep.

Louis Thornton

All classes are open to anyone in the community who need to exercise and needs the motivation and company. These classes are based in the community and the friendliness and social interaction between all the participants makes coming to class very enjoyable and lets locals get to know one another.

Caring for yourself and maintaining health and independence are the key issues.

Thanks also goes to the clients who every week support and attend. Running these classes is a total pleasure. It just shows what a community can do if they get together and support programs in their local area.

Classes run at Boolarra Memorial Hall on Mondays at 9.30am and Yinnar Memorial Hall on Fridays at 10.30am. If you have any questions or enquires please ring Kathleen Millett on 5122 2591.

"Go Club" (Golden oldies) Churchill

By BETTY WYATT, (Co-ordinator).

On the 8th March the Club celebrated its 2nd birthday. The day was a great success with a crowded room of members and visitors enjoying the lovely music and program from the "Hill n dale" singers.

During the festivities we had 13 lucky number tokens, a raffle of two beautiful hand made rugs won by Jessie Baker and Barbara White. Small gift tokens were presented to each member of the singing group as a birthday gift from us to them. During the afternoon, Mr Eddie Gilchrist "Go Club" member, in appreciation for the use of the venue each Thursday, made a presentation to Mr Robert Jenkins, president of the Football/Netball Club.

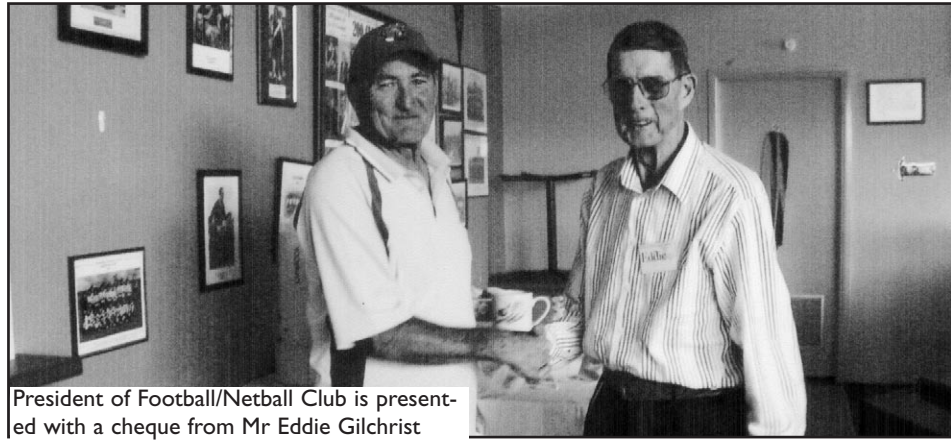
Afternoon tea was catered for by the Chef at

the Football/Netball Club, Mr Con Speekenbrink, and was a sight to behold and certainly enjoyed by all.

Our appreciation as always goes to the Football/Netball Club for the use of their venue. Anyone who is interested in a relaxing afternoon, meeting new friends, enjoying a "cuppa" and "chat" is very welcome to join us on a Thursday at 1pm. For information contact Betty Wyatt on 5122 1692 or Joan Gardner 5169 1623.

Congratulations Rudi and Annie Sauppe who celebrated their 60th wedding Anniversary on March 11th. Rudi and Annie have been Boolarra/Churchill residents for 58 years of their marriage and a well known couple in the area.

Congratulations from all your friends at "Go Club".



President of Football/Netball Club is presented with a cheque from Mr Eddie Gilchrist



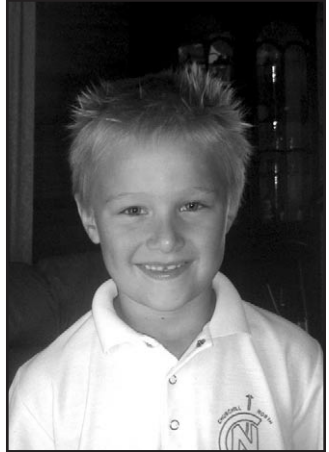
Rudi and Annie

CHILDREN'S CORNER

BIRTHDAYITES!!



Cameron Bianconi
 7 years
 27th March 2007



Jay Barry
 7 years
 11th March 2007

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

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

WE NEED MORE MEMBERS - COME ON AND GIVE IT A GO!

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with your NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, BIRTHDATE, and whether BOY or GIRL.

The lucky "Birthdayites" for March were
Jay BARRY and Cameron BIANCONI

BIRTHDAYITES FOR APRIL

Liam ANTONELLI	8 years
Michael CUSICK	11 years
Keene GRIFFITHS	8 years
Olivia MORGAN	10 years
Shubrat RAFIA	6 years
Hayden ROW	7 years
Alanah SHANKLAND	4 years
Teresa SIMPSON	7 years
Amy SMART	11 years

The randomly chosen "BIRTHDAYITES" for April are
KEENE GRIFFITHS and ALANAH SHANKLAND

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

John Barker Publicity

Cassini At Saturn's Moons: Titan And Enceladus

By JEFF SING

Tonight, around 8 pm Saturn can be seen in the northern sky about 35 degrees above the horizon (just slightly less than two hand-spans widths at arms length, one hand vertically extended on top of the other).

Saturn can be found about 11 degrees (a fist width at arms length) north-west (towards the left and slightly below) of the bright star Regulus. Regulus is the brightest star in the constellation of Leo, the Lion. Saturn (at magnitude 0.3) is about 2.7 times brighter than Regulus (at magnitude 1.4) if you compare the two in mathematical terms [(2.512) raised to the power of (1.1)]

Saturn will remain in the evening sky until August when it comes too close to the Sun for observation.

Saturn is the second largest planet in the solar system, after Jupiter. It is the least dense planet (density = 0.69, compared to water = 1.0) in the solar system and the only one lighter than water.

Saturn's volume is 764 times that of the Earth, but only 95 times more massive. Jupiter on the other hand, is 318 times more massive, with a volume of 1,300 times that of the Earth. Saturn's average distance from the Sun is about 1.43 billion kilometres or approximately 10 times the average distance from Earth to the Sun.

A day on Saturn lasts 10 hours and 39.4 minutes. Saturn's poles are tilted 29 degrees to the plane of its orbit around the Sun. Every 15 years Saturn's rings are seen edge-on. Most of the time the rings viewed from Earth is either above or below the plane of the Earth's orbit.

At the moment the rings are closing, tilted at an angle of about 11 degrees. By the end of 2007, the rings will be tilted by only 6 degrees to our line of sight. On September 4, 2009 the rings will be seen exactly edge-on, and they will be invisible in all but the largest telescopes.

Saturn is the most oblate planet in the solar system. Its equatorial diameter is 120,536 km but the polar diameter of the planet is only 108,728 km.

TITAN

Saturn has about 56 moons from recent counts, second only to Jupiter's 63 known satellites. The moons of Saturn are diverse - ranging from planet-like Titan to tiny, irregular objects only tens of kilometres in diameter. All bodies are believed to hold water ice (except perhaps Phoebe) but also methane, ammonia and carbon dioxide.

However, dusty veneers were discovered to cover nine of Saturn's largest moons. The one exception is Titan, the only moon to hold an atmosphere.

Titan is the largest of Saturn's moons and is larger than the planets Mercury and Pluto, but second only to Jupiter's Ganymede as the largest

moon in the solar system.

Ganymede is only about 23% smaller than Mars. A spacecraft carrying the Huygens probe, called Cassini, was sent on a four year mission to explore Saturn, arriving there in 2004. Before the Cassini/Huygens spacecraft was launched in 1997 there were only 18 known moons around Saturn. By the time Cassini arrived at Saturn on June 30, 2004 after a seven year journey to the ringed world another 13 moons had been discovered.

Since then another 25 orbiting moons of Saturn have been found by Cassini's scientists and also by researchers using ground-based telescopes and the Hubble Space Telescope.

Besides the giant moon, Titan, the satellites Rhea, Iapetus and Tethys are more than 1,000 kilometres in diameter; but they are smaller than Jupiter's four giant "Galilean" satellites of Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto. The one exception is Titan.

The Galilean satellites were named after Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) who was the first to discover the moons in 1610 with a small, but crude refracting telescope of his own design. In January 14, 2005 Cassini deployed the Huygens scientific space probe to successfully land on Titan. Titan is the only moon in the solar system to possess a dense atmosphere (1.5 times denser than the Earth's atmosphere).

Within our solar system only Earth and Titan have atmospheres rich in nitrogen. Hydrocarbons such as methane present on Titan may have been abundant on a young Earth. Clouds of methane and ethane have been observed by Cassini's onboard cameras, and perhaps indicating that, on a seasonal basis, methane rains down to replenish and fill Titan's newly discovered liquid methane "seas".

SATURN'S SATELLITES AS SEEN THROUGH A SMALL TELESCOPE

Titan and Rhea are the brightest of Saturn's moons and should be visible in most small telescopes. Brighter Titan takes about 16 days to orbit Saturn whereas Rhea takes 4.5 days to complete a revolution around the planet. The moons Mimas, Enceladus, Tethys, Dione and Iapetus may also be seen in some of the "larger" small telescopes.

The best time to view the moons is when they are at greatest elongation, that is, when either farthest east or west of the planet.

ENCELADUS

The second-most exciting satellite of Saturn is the dusty, icy water-world of Enceladus. The moon is an enigma, yet an exciting place for scientists to study.

During Cassini flyby on July 14, 2005 the Cassini orbiter's onboard imaging cameras pro-

vided unambiguous evidence that Enceladus is geologically active and supplies icy material to Saturn's E ring.

Enceladus, which is only 500 km in diameter, was thought to be too small and too cold to have an interior hot enough for geysers to form.

The puzzle is only now being pieced together using some of Cassini's 18 onboard experimental instruments. Jets or plumes up to 500 kilometres long, originating from cracked vents on the surface of the south pole of Enceladus, dubbed "tiger stripes", were found spewing water vapour and fine water-ice particles into Enceladus' atmosphere.

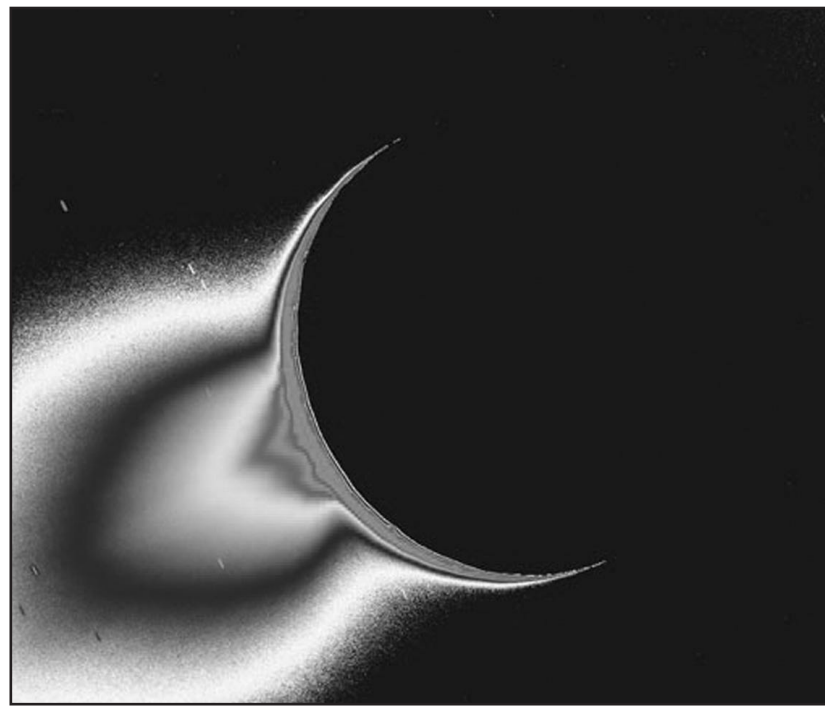
These geysers were thought to originate from "hot spots" found in parts of Enceladus' South Polar Region. Researchers believe that Enceladus had rolled over by as much as 30 degrees - caused by the effects of a low-density blob at the South Pole. Scientists also propose that the orientation of the moon was driven by this low-density material rising to the surface. The re-distribution of Enceladus' mass probably caused the moon to roll over. A similar process may have occurred on Uranus' moon, Miranda.

It is thought that tidal forces due to Enceladus' eccentric orbit around Saturn may be responsible for Enceladus' internal heating. In the Equatorial Region on the moon temperatures reach a frigid 80 degrees Kelvin (minus 193 degrees centigrade) while the south polar average temperature is 85 degrees Kelvin (minus 188 degrees centigrade) which is much warmer than scientists expected.

Small areas of the pole, including the "tiger stripes" fractures are even warmer, well under 110 degrees Kelvin (minus 163 degrees centigrade).

"This is as astonishing as if we'd flown past Earth and found that Antarctica is warmer than the Sahara" said one of Cassini's researchers, Dr John Spencer team member of the composite infrared spectrometer, Southwest Research Institute, Boulder, Colorado.

Last month it was reported in a David and Goliath story of Saturnian proportions, the little



moon Enceladus is weighing down Saturn's magnetic field so much that the field is rotating slower than the planet.

This phenomenon makes it nearly impossible to measure the length of the Saturn day using techniques that work at the other giant planets.

The magnetic field lines, invisible lines originating from the interior of a magnetised planet, are forced to slip relative to the rotation of the planet by weight of electrically charged particles originating from geysers spewing water vapour and ice from Enceladus.

These results are based on joint observations by two Cassini instruments - the radio and plasma wave instrument and the magnetometer.

Cassini will complete three more flybys of Enceladus on September 30, 2007; March 12, 2008; and June 30, 2008.

There will be another nineteen flybys of Titan from now until the Cassini mission ends on June 30, 2008. Numerous flybys of thirteen of Saturn's other moons will be completed during the same period as many more exciting discoveries await Cassini's team of planetary scientists. However plans are under-way to extend the mission into Saturn's spring of 2009.

THE LATROBE VALLEY ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

The Latrobe Valley Astronomical Society, where Jeff is a member, meets every second Tuesday of each month, February to November, at the Wirilda Environment Park conference centre near Tyers starting at 7.30 pm. For further enquires contact Gavan Dinsdale on 51746453.

Pictured above: Saturn's moon Enceladus being backlit by the Sun; with geyser plumes spraying fine, icy material into Enceladus' atmosphere, Courtesy NASA/JPL/Space Science Institute.



Josiah Oakley, Gordon Oakley and Tom Lawless

80th Birthday Celebration for Gordon Oakley

Gordon Oakley celebrated his 80th birthday with family and many friends at the Yinnar Pub on the 31st March.

Gordon responded to everyone's good wishes, by saying he was privileged to have so many friends and family to be with him on this occasion, and he warmly thanked them for coming. Family members entertained those present, with musical items.

Gordon said it was a privilege to have Tom Lawless present, and, as it was his birthday a few days earlier, invited Tom, and his grandson Josiah, whose birthday was a few days later, to join him in the cake cutting.

Gordon Oakley was born 28th March 1927, the eldest child of Gilbert Oakley and Vida Slee, at Kadina, South Australia.

His parents were wheat farmers on his grandfather's property nearby.

When his grandfather died in 1936, the property was sold and Gordon's parents

purchased a dairy farm near Gumeracha, which is in the Adelaide Hills. The family moved there in early 1938.

Gordon completed his schooling at the Birdwood High school 1944 and began doing farm work for his father and neighbours. He also worked in a gold mine nearby.

Gordon was a member of the Air Training Corps for 2 years, then enlisted in RAAF for aircrew. However, the war in Europe ended he was not accepted.

He then worked for a farmer-stonemason for several years.

Gordon married Freda Stott in April 1949 and they have two daughters, Marian Robson and Dianne Schafer, and a son, Lindsay Oakley. They now have 9 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

In July 1966, they moved to Whyalla, South Australia where Gordon was employed by the BHP Brickworks.

In 1970 the family moved to Albury in

New South Wales where Gordon worked for various contractors until 1978 when he went into business as a bricklayer contractor, moving his home to Finley in the Riverina.

After suffering severe spinal problems, he obtained employment in 1984, with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Wangaratta.

Gordon retired in March 1992 aged 65 and purchased a home in Churchill, moving here in April 1992.

Gordon has lived in some very different climatical areas over the years but loves this area.

He and Freda have made many good friends in this area. It is a period of their lives never to be forgotten through their affiliation with the Garden Club and also the pleasure they have gained from being involved with entertaining the residents of Hazelwood House since its inception about 8 years ago.

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“the Cougars”

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Last year this day proved to be one of the most popular activities put on by the Club. For tickets, ring Woody on 51221077.

Coming up in July there will be a big comedy night with Bizarre Gazzard and his stage hypnotism show. He invites folk to come along and witness the power of the mind, which seems to be an oxymoron when dealing with a footy club. On the same night stand up comedian Adam “Chicken” Palmer will strut his stuff. Should be a great nights entertainment. Further details will be available down the track.

The quiet one at the bar

Reporter querying two F1 drivers at the Grand Prix as to their attitude to global warming, their sports polluting aspects, and what they were doing to reduce their carbon imprint on the globe. One, I’ve forgotten his name, told how at home he drove a hybrid car. The other, our own Mark Webber, said, “Oh, I dunno, eat less baked beans I suppose.”

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 for that end of the week eating out experience for all the family.

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

The table format is round, seating up to 10 people, rectangular seating up to 6 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

Thursday Night Chook Raffle

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 until 7.00 pm the members bar is open with happy hour from 5 to 6pm and a chook raffle conducted weekly.

Double congratulations to the Ladies 1st team on winning the 2nd Division Flag and to the Mens Second Team on winning the 5th Division Flag!

The Yinnar Bowls Club would like to thank the people of Yinnar and Churchill for the fantastic effort for Palliative Care, raising just under \$2,500.

We would like to thank our sponsors, International Power Hazelwood, R and H Anstey, Bendigo Bank, Keith Williams, Monacellers, Massaro Motors and Gippsland Funeral services, without whom a small club like ours would be hard to keep going.

Somebody at the Club thought it would be a good idea if the bowlers had a few first aid lessons.

“What would you do,” asked the instructor, “if one of the fellows blacked out on the green?”

“I’d bring him to,” said Noel.

“And if he was still groggy and staggering about a bit?”

“I’d bring him two more,” said Noel with a grin.

Good Bowling
Geoff Marshall

Bowling Club Update

A Report from the Lawn Bowling Club Interim Committee

By Tony Martin.

After much deliberation the Churchill Football/Netball Club has advised that it is not in a position to be able to incorporate a bowling facility into its existing structure at this time. There are several reasons for this decision. Firstly, since the footy club initiated public meeting re lawn bowls in August last year the clubs off field activities have expanded considerably due to the club becoming involved with hosting several community organizations looking for a new home as a result of the pub and the Grub Shack closing.

This, along with several other initiatives has resulted in their volunteer resources being severely stretched and with the advent of the football/netball season, the situation is dire. Also, and probably more importantly, following investigations into bowling green playing surfaces it appears the land under the control of the footy club is not suitable for installing a synthetic green without the relocation of the netball court at an exorbitant cost and great disruption to the clubs current structure. The interim committee takes this opportunity to thank the “Cougars” for their efforts to date to achieve their objective.

At a meeting of the interim committee on the 28th of March 2007 it was decided the only effective way to move forward was for the committee to initiate action to enable a bowling club to be created in Churchill. To do this we have to form an association that complies with the legal requirements that ensures our approaches in future dealings are taken seriously, i.e. we have to form a not for profit association incorporated under the rules of Consumer Affairs Victoria. Incorporation allows the club to continue in its own right regardless of changes to membership, accept gifts and bequests, buy and sell property, enter into enforceable contracts, sue or be sued and invest and borrow money. It also provides protection for members against personal responsibility for any debts or liabilities incurred by the association and limits personal liability to the outstanding fees of the member. It is a good thing and is the only way that anyone is going to take us seriously when we apply for funding.

The steps required to do this have been investigated and are as follows: -

The Interim committee will call a meeting of all interested persons.

At that meeting the attendance will indicate whether there is a need for this facility in Churchill at all. If

the numbers present warrant proceeding further the interim committee will be disbanded and a new committee elected comprising a President, Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer and Public Officer. The meeting will decide how to process members and what fees/subs will be required to operate the club over the next twelve months. A constitution and a purpose statement will have to be adopted. Once this is sorted out the meeting would then move to have the club become an incorporated association.

The committee would then take the necessary steps and the Churchill Bowling Club Inc. would then exist. You will not be able to bowl at it but maybe you will in about four or five year’s time.

Estimated costs of incorporation and then running a monthly newsletter to advise members of progress for 12 months and catering for 100 members is approx. \$1000. Not having a monthly newsletter and holding a monthly meeting to advise members of progress will cost approx. \$400.

To this end a meeting of interested persons has been scheduled for the 1st of May 2007 at the Churchill Football/Netball Club social rooms commencing at 7.30 pm.

Glendonald Residents Group Fun For All Ages

By Margaret Guthrie

A free social night for local residents was held in March at the public hall in Churchill.

The Trivia Night was lots of fun for those attending, and supper was provided by some volunteer ‘bakers’...mmm... scones with jam and cream, chocolate cake and fruit cake. Churchill Primary School principal, Brad Moyle, ably assisted by Sue Davis (also CPS Assistant Principal) conducted the quiz and provided a number of challenging questions to test general knowledge.

The table of ‘Young Ones’ (with a couple of ‘young-at-heart’ adults) were the eventual winners and received gift vouchers to spend at Big W.

Guest speakers during the supper break were from Anglicare Victoria.

Don Santiovic and Jo Huggins gave a brief presentation on the range of free services offered at the Anglicare offices in Morwell, including legal advice, no-interest loans (for white goods and medical equipment), supervised family access visits and counselling services.

Don, who works with the Gambling Impact Team, provided some quite startling facts about local gambling habits. Did you know that \$900,000 is put through the ‘pokie’ machines in Latrobe City each day?

GRG successfully applied for funding from the Latrobe City Gambling Impact Trust to provide community social activities in Churchill as an alternative to the ‘pubs and pokies’ scene. It’s certainly a cheaper option to join in our fun! (Not to mention the free food and supervised free childcare)

Many thanks to all the volunteers involved in organising and conducting this event, particularly our MC, Peter Steller, the ‘sound man’, David Ellis, and our childcare workers, Myrna and Pat.

Organised by GRG Inc, all members of the Churchill community are welcome at these Friday night socials. Our next fun Friday evening at Churchill Town Hall – a ‘Games Night’, complete with a ‘Wheel of Misfortune’ - is being planned for late May.

Volunteers from GRG are also busy at the moment assisting with preparations for Churchill’s National Youth Week event – a live music and entertainment night, to be held this Saturday, 7 – 11pm, in the student union lounge at Monash University. Congratulations to the young people involved, who have worked hard to design posters, book bands, organise catering, distribute flyers, and attend to the myriad of tasks that are required for a successful event. A big thankyou also to the volunteers and organisa-

tions that have helped out.

For the younger kids and their parents, GRG held “A Day at the Pool” last Tuesday, providing free admission to the indoor pool at the Churchill Leisure Centre. A lunch was also provided at the Neighbourhood Centre, as part of our ‘traditional’ school holiday activity. GRG has been providing a free school holiday activity for local children every term break for the last two and a half years.

GRG can be contacted at P O Box 245, Churchill 3842 or by telephoning the

Secretary on 5122 2 9 9 7 .

Our next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 26 April in the Glendonald Pre-school in Churinga Drive. Tea, coffee and childcare provided. All Glendonald residents are welcome to attend, raise issues and participate in planning forthcoming activities.



"the Cougars"

Churchill Football / Netball Club Bowling, Umpires and Basketball

From the President Rob Jenkins

Since the last edition, the Club has been extremely busy. The committee has been doing a lot of hard work. The Club is now the home base for Hazelwood Rotary, Churchill Lions Club, Churchill District Community Association, The Golden Oldies Club and a meeting place for several other organizations due to the Churchill Hotel and the Grubb Shack having closed.

In February the club was Haley Giles choice of venue for her wedding and from all reports her family were very pleased with our hospitality. We also hosted the Latrobe Valley Cancer Council 24 hour Relay for Life for 2007. This year \$47,000 was raised overall for the Cancer Council, which was regarded as a fantastic result and the best yet.

With our North Gippsland Football/Netball League season starting on Saturday I can see we are in for an extremely busy year and invite the Churchill Community to climb aboard, fasten their seatbelts and enjoy the endeavors of their football and netball teams. The Committee appreciates all the assistance it can get, so if you have some spare time on your hands come down to the club, introduce yourself, and join in the fun. Membership packages are available now and we encourage all people wishing to use the club facilities on a regular basis to become members.

Bowling Facility Decision

In relation to the bowling facility, the committee, after much deliberation, has decided the club is not in a position to be able to incorporate a bowling facility into its existing structure at this time. There are several reasons for this decision. Firstly, since the Churchill Hotel closed and then the Grub Shack the club has played host to several community organizations such as Rotary, Lions, Churchill & District Citizens Association and has also become a meeting place for several others. Since the time the club decided to initiate action to try to bring about a bowling facility in Churchill, our situation has become far more complex than we anticipated. This has had the effect of really stretching our human resource capability. Also, after discussions with the Lawn Bowls Association's Grounds Committee Chairman in November regarding the pros and cons of surfaces and approximate costing, we came to the conclusion the only way to fit in a facility that would accommodate future expansion would involve relocating the netball court at a cost of forty to fifty thousand dollars and considerable disruption to our existing structure.

This was due to his recommendation that a synthetic surface was the only way to go and they cannot be built on filled land without a very expensive pier system being incorporated. This severely restricts the possibilities of the club being able to achieve a lawn bowling facility in the area under its control. The Bowling Club Interim Committee has been made aware of this and we understand is proceeding to ascertain whether the bowling community wishes to form an incorporated association to pursue this project. We wish them well and will support them in their endeavours. There is an article in this Churchill News edition that explains the initiatives being undertaken by the Interim Committee.

The committee takes this opportunity to wish everyone all the best for season 2007 and "go the Cougars". The first round starts on Saturday the 14th of April at home against Gormandale. Come on down and witness the Cougars resurgence.

About Umpires by Rob Jenkins

With the season starting and all systems in go mode, it is time to talk about umpires and our clubs attitude to them. Without them there would not be games or a competition. If the numbers of umpires go down it will become the clubs responsibility to provide umpires if they want the competition to continue. If you think at times they are biased now, imagine if they were club personnel. Our club values them, warts and all. They are people who umpire because they enjoy it. They are fit, skilled people who put a lot of time and effort into the sport they enjoy, Australian Rules football. They are part of the game along with players, coaches, teams, Clubs, support personnel and supporters.

Now put yourself in their position. You are out there doing what the teams require you to, that is adjudicate the game and ensure to the best of your ability that everyone gets a fair go, the rules are adhered to and players are protected. But human nature ensures that you are not going to get it right all the time, which is life. So sooner or later you stuff up and you hear the e abuse that emanates from some sections of the crowd. You try to ignore it but once again human nature kicks in and you have a subconscious reaction. Maybe a little bias starts to creep into your decision-



making. Maybe the same thing happened last week and your kids who were at that game could not understand why their Dad is copping this abuse. Maybe your girlfriend cannot bring herself to join you at your chosen sport due to the treatment you get for participating in it. Maybe your mates think you are certifiable for putting the effort in to get such a dubious benefit. Maybe you will not bother anymore, the moneys not that good, it just covers costs.

The coaching panel and support staff of our club is absolutely against umpire abuse. They see it as detrimental to our clubs reputation and the game itself. They also see it as not being of any benefit to our efforts on the field and as being detrimental overall. They are aware of the psychological effects of verbal abuse from their training and skills gained as coaches etc. and probably, based on personal experience.

Everyone knows football is an emotional game and people get excited, that is why it is fun. So next time a dubious decision goes against us, the club asks you to express your opinions in a way that the umpires don't hear you. By all means tell your mates what you think of the apparent injustice but keep it amongst yourselves. If you are near someone sounding off at the umpires please be prepared to let them know they are not helping us in any way by their performance.

From the Football Department - Tony Martin

Judging by the determination and enthusiasm of all concerned with the oval ball this just has to be one successful year for the Cougars. There is none of the concern that is displayed by our contingent of Geelong supporters at the onset of business and this bodes well for our club. We have several new players that I am led to believe will make a big impact on the Cougars prospects and with a bit of luck I will be able to get information on them in the coming months. The Jumper presentation night will be on Thursday the 12th of April, yes tonight, at 7.30 pm, further details from Mark Answerth, if you're quick. Meanwhile, quoting from El Presidente, "Go the Cougars!"

From the Netball Department Amanda Barling

Season 2007 is well under way for the Churchill Football Netball Club. There are new coaches in all grades and all teams in each grade have been finalised. All grades played Nyora at Nyora on the 31st March and Morwell East in the week prior to Easter. It was good to get some match play in and blow out the cobwebs before the season starts.

How the various grades are going: -

A Grade - are training well and played against Yarram a few weeks ago with a big win.

B Grade - the team is more settled now that selections are finalised and are looking to have a BIG season, they also played against Yarram and had a win.

C Grade - there is lots of enthusiasm from the players who are looking to have a stellar year under new coach Roxy Shields. D Grade - the team is coming along well and are hoping to improve on finishing 5th in season 2006.

2007 is definitely a season of change for the Cougars netball players, new coaching staff, new players, and new administration. As a club we have high hopes for season 2007, with A and D grade both making finals in 2006, we are looking to improve on that and have all teams involved in September action this year.

This year will see the elusive milestone of 200 A grade club games reached by Amanda Noblett (Kokotow). Amanda has had a long and illustrious career with the CFNC and we hope that this year is no different. A number of players in other grades will reach 100 and 150 club games - a fantastic achievement by those players.

Shock Win in Basketball Amanda Barling

On the Labour Day long weekend, the Credit Collect Cougars headed off very early to play in the 39th Annual Ballarat Basketball tournament. Their first match was at 10am against the Huskers. The girls got the weekend off to a flying start with a good win 36 to 24. Continuing their efforts late in the evening the girls

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played against a Melbourne team winning a thriller in the dying seconds by a point, 33 to 32. On Saturday night the girls set about celebrating their great start to the weekend with a few quiet drinks at The Bended Elbow (a Ballarat institution!) Throughout the course of the evening new friends and supporters were made.

On Sunday morning there were a few sore heads but the girls pushed on and went down in a tight match against Melbourne Uni 46 to 34. After a short break, the girls were back on the court against the undefeated Cruisers. Again they went down by a small margin against a much bigger and more experience side, 48 - 38. Even with the two losses the girls were still in the hunt for a finals berth. All the finals were played on Monday with Credit Collect Cougars playing off for third position against the Pink Ladies. The girls got off to a flyer and went into half time up by 20 points. The 2nd half the girls took the foot off the gas but still cruised to win by 6 points. This resulted in the shock of the weekend, a bunch of netballers coming 3rd in a basketball tournament! Look out Ballarat in 2008! A special thanks from all the players to our major sponsor, Credit Collect. Players on the weekend were: Amanda Barling, Roxy Shields, Rachell Esler, Chandra Mabin, Stacey Sanders, Stacey Spence and Kylie O'Brien.

Junior Football, the Future Cheryl Mason

Churchill Junior Football Club has started their training session off a good number of interested and enthusiastic players.

Over the school holidays there has been only training for the Under 14's. The club is back into the swing of things on 17 April with Jumper Presentation and pie night after training.

There is also a General Meeting at the Junior Clubrooms on 19 April at 6pm.

Under 10's and Under 12's train at 4.30pm-5.30pm on Tuesday and Thursday. Under 14's train 5pm-6pm.

On the Sunday 22nd of April the Lightning Premiership will be held at Traralgon West End Complex starting at approx. 9.am going on all day culminating in The Grand final between the top 2 teams in each age group. It will be very exciting as it is Churchill's first experience in the Traralgon League. The start to the season, Round 1, commences the following week on Saturday 28th April.

For any further information please phone Cheryl on 51661797.

From the Social Committee Tony Martin

Tonight, Thursday the 12th of April, at 7.30 pm is the Jumper Presentation night.

This Saturday, 14th of April is the season opener game at home at Gaskin Park. After the game there will be the usual activities in the club rooms including at this stage a meal followed by live music with local band "Off Limits"

This Sunday, the 15th of April is the Seafood Day. It starts at 12.30 pm and involves paying Woody \$38.50 and the joining in the attack on a mountain of deliciously prepared delicacies from the briny deep. These include several varieties of fish, prawns, oysters, calamari etc. For those averse to marine creatures there will be ample supplies of one of our feathered friends, the chook.

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