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Asbestos Home Removal Kit Launched

Cougars Season in full swing



Vicki Hamilton, Secretary of GARDS and Matt Viney, MLC for Easter Victoria launch the Asbestos Kit

Anyone in the Latrobe City community planning to remove a small amount of dangerous asbestos material as part of a home renovation, can now do so in relative safety following the launch of the 'Asbestos in the Home Removal Kit'.

Asbestos was used in the Australian building industry between the 1930's and late 1980's, and in the brakes, clutches and gaskets of many cars. The most commonly found household building materials that contain asbestos are asbestos-cement products (also called 'fibro' and AC sheeting).

Other places where asbestos can commonly be found include cladding, textured walls and imitation brick, around hot water pipes, gaskets around ovens and stoves, under lino and as backing in tiled areas such as in bathrooms and toilets. The use of asbestos was

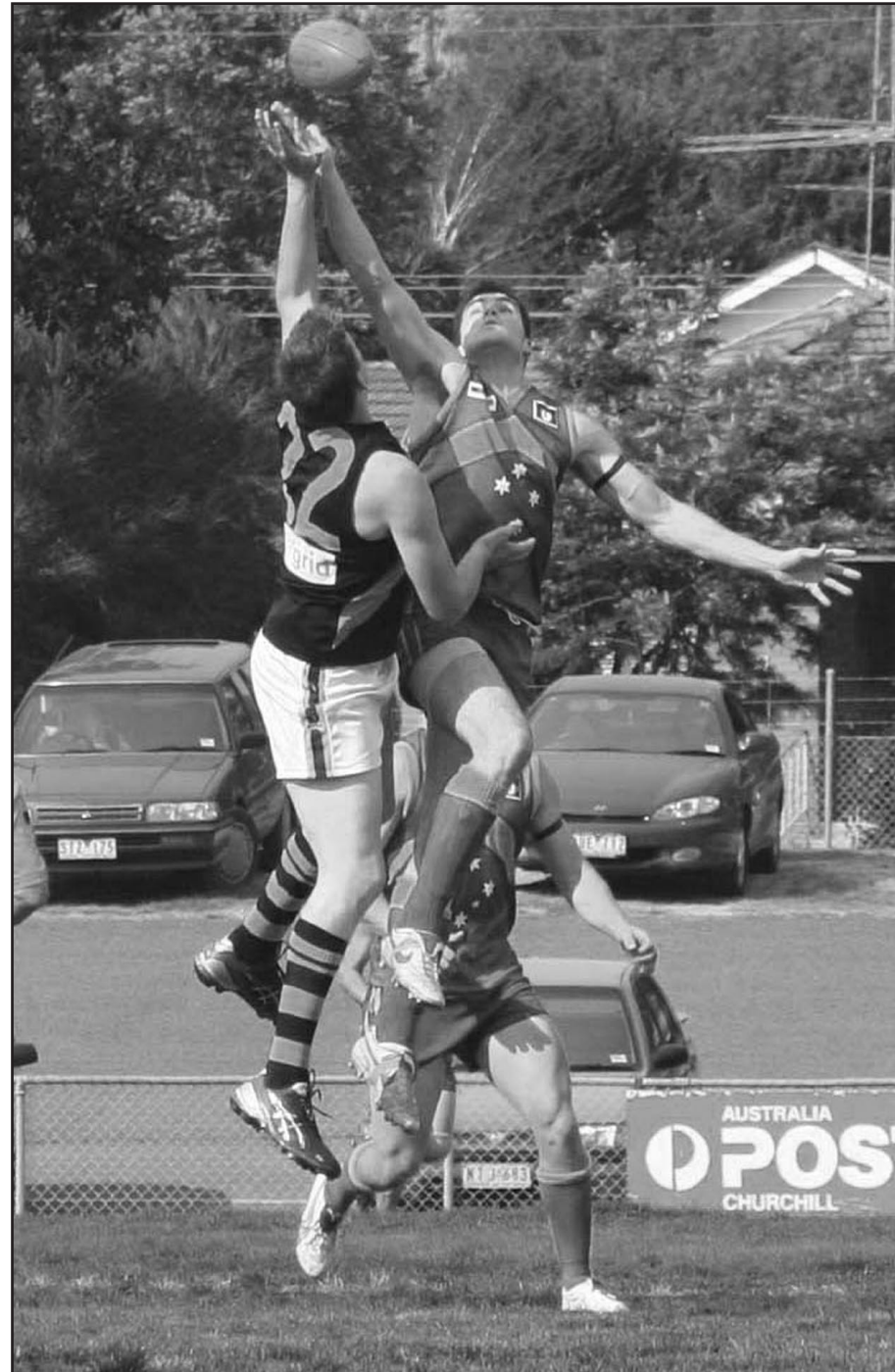
quite common in the building of many houses in Churchill.

Many people exposed to asbestos fibres have developed asbestos-related lung disease, such as asbestosis, lung cancer or mesothelioma after inhaling microscopic asbestos fibres.

Gippsland Asbestos Related Diseases Support Inc (GARDS) Secretary, Vicki Hamilton, said the 'Asbestos in the Home Removal Kit' was believed to be an Australian first.

"I have been informed through reliable sources that there has been nothing like this available in the whole of Australia."

The kit provides the necessary equipment and knowledge to safely handle asbestos during the removal, packaging, transport and disposal operations for a small domestic job by the householder.



Chris Burke rucks the opening bounce for 2007

The Cougars, Churchill's Football and Netball Club season is now well underway. For a full round up turn to page 23.

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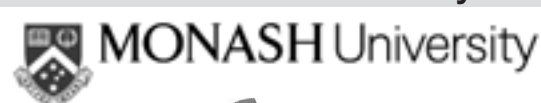
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EDITORIAL

Thank you to all those who entered our art competition. The entries are currently being catalogued and will shortly be sent for judging.

The 2007 Short Story and Poetry competition is now open. This has been our most successful competi-

tion and we look forward to receiving your entries once again. The competition is open to people of all ages. The details are on page 15.

The recently launched Asbestos Kit (front page) is an Australian first. Many houses in Churchill contain asbestos so I urge anyone

considering home renovations to find out more. Asbestos is a killer - even the smallest amount can be deadly if inhaled.

The kit is available to everyone - so use it!

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Asbestos Kit Launch cont...

It includes a professionally produced 11 minute DVD, demonstrating how to properly use the personal protective equipment and how to safely remove and package asbestos.

The kit has been developed by the Latrobe Asbestos Management Committee, with funding from the Department of Human Services and Latrobe City Council. The committee includes representatives from EPA Victoria, Gippsland Asbestos Related Disease Support Group (GARDS), Gippsland Trades and Labour Council, WorkSafe Victoria and the Victorian Waste Management Association.

The kit was launched on March 22nd at the Moe Town Hall by MLC for Eastern Victoria, Mr Matt Viney, representing the Minister for Health, the Hon. Bronwyn Pike.

Also at launch, the State Coroner, Mr Graeme Johnstone, said that since 2004, when his office began investigating asbestos related deaths, 34

deaths were attributed in some way to exposure to asbestos from home renovations.

He said the kit was an excellent example of how the community, local and state government can work together to try and prevent further deaths from home renovations involving asbestos. "The development of the kit is important beyond what we can imagine", Mr Johnstone said.

The 'Asbestos in the Home Removal Kit' can be purchased from the Latrobe City Council service centre in Morwell for \$20. The cost also covers the disposal fee at the Latrobe City landfill and a free asbestos awareness and education session is provided with each kit.

Any Latrobe City resident planning a home renovation involving the removal of asbestos material should first contact Latrobe City Council Waste Education Officer Peter Collins on 1300 367 700 to arrange an appointment.

**Plants in my Garden
Banksia spinulosa**

By Mike Beamish
Family: Proteaceae
Derivation: Banksia:

Memorates Sir Joseph Banks (1743-1820), who collected the first specimens of the genus during Cook's voyage in 1770.

spinulosa: From the Latin spinulosus, derived from spinosus with the diminutive ul, in turn derived from spina, meaning thorn, and -osus, meaning abounding in, referring to the many small teeth on the leaves.

Common Name: Hairpin Banksia (referring to the dark-coloured, hooked styles on some forms) or Golden Candlesticks (referring to the yellow-styled forms).

Distribution: Grows right down the east coast of Australia, from North Queensland through NSW to the eastern side of Melbourne in Victoria. I thought I had read of selected forms originating from plants on the north coast of Tasmania and the Bass Strait islands, but this is not confirmed in my references. It grows in a variety of habitats and soil types, generally in open forest.

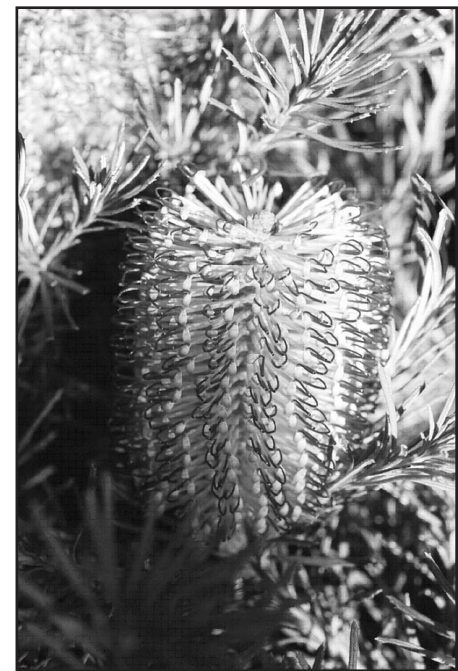
Description: There are many varieties and forms of this species and some which have been selected and cultivated for the nursery trade. As a general rule, it is a compact, rounded shrub up to 2 metres tall with a lignotuber, but some forms don't have a lignotuber and grow into a small tree up to 6 metres tall. Leaves are dark green above, pale below, up to 12cm long and 8mm wide, usually narrower with the margins rolled under, with different degrees of serration between forms. Flowering

occurs from April onwards, with the flower spikes being cylindrical up to 20cm long. Flower colour also varies from golden yellow to orange, with some local forms around Boolarra and Mirboo North being almost green.

The styles can be the same colour as the flowers, but some of the most visually spectacular forms have contrasting style colours from orange to maroon to dark red to black.

Opinion: I have two forms of this species in the garden. One is the selected cultivar 'Birthday Candles', which, after a decade on the raised bed at the north-western corner of the house, is still only 50cm tall and a metre around, but puts on a terrific display most years, 2006 excepted. This one has pale yellow flowers with vivid maroon styles. I've heard comments that others have had trouble maintaining it in the garden, but mine is still coping with the Boolarra climate and soils, and I have little trouble propagating it from cuttings (the plant has never set seed, although perhaps I prune the dead heads off before it has a chance!).

The other form was meant to be the black-styled form, but obviously the nursery man lied, because it has proven to be orange in colour all the way through. It is much more vigorous than 'Birthday Candles' and is currently about 2 metres tall and 3 metres wide, even with some pretty savage treatment in the past. It lives next to the compost bins in the north-east corner of the backyard and is constantly being hacked off to allow continued



access to the bins. A few years ago I chopped it back to a stump, along with the nearby bottlebrushes, but just like the bottlebrushes it promptly sprouted back just as hard. The local honeyeaters love it as it flowers for months, starting about now, but I have to keep an eye on the local cats that like to crouch underneath and take flying leaps at unsuspecting arrivals. Usually the birds cope ok, but every now and then I find a pile of feathers, which doesn't bode well for the future feline population.

Sources: Wrigley and Fagg - Banksias, Waratahs and Grevilleas, etc.

Costermans- Native Trees and Shrubs of SE Australia.

Sharr- Plant Names and their Meanings.

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Lions Club Of Churchill & District - Exciting times...

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity

Lion Tom Quinn launched the Lions Club's Camp Quality escarpade project at Powerworks on May 1st. Powerworks is the major sponsor for this project.

Another club sponsored child had a memorable experience at Lions Licola Village during April.

Catering performed during the month included:

*Relay for Life which raised \$300 and was donated to that charity.

*Worlds Biggest BBQ at Bunnings for Lions Cord Blood Research, which raised \$480

*A bushfire property cleanup at Cowwarr and Toongabbie

*A computer Expo at Traralgon and a children's cricket clinic at Morwell through Gippsport

*The catering van made available for the Good Friday Appeal at the Saloon Bar.

Charter member and recently retired Lion Norm Hall resigned from the club after 30 years. He intends to pursue new interests in his retirement. Thanks for your service - we wish you well.

Another CADD Infusion Pump is being purchased for the Cancer Care Centre. Lions and Lioness Clubs have used \$1500 from the Lions Christmas Cake Allocation fund for a new \$3000 infusion pump. This is the third CADD Pump our club has been involved in.

Our club is involved in the Monash University International Fellowship Group with Lion Bob Lowick and Lioness Sue Lowick volunteering transport for various

outing.

Lion Geoff Brick has taken over as the Club's catering coordinator.

Four of our members were involved in the recent Incoming Officers Information Day, which gives newly elected officers information to perform their duties better. The Lioness club performed the catering.

The Lions Birthday Club, sponsored and run through the Churchill & District News by our Lions Club, is a great hit. Alanah Shankland and Keene Griffiths were each the happy Birthday Club recipients of a \$15 voucher in April. 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.

Pictured above are Latrobe Shire, Powerworks and Camp Quality representatives with Lion Tom Quinn. Pictured below: new members David Cranwell and Tony Banks with President Steve Duggan (centre).



Alopecia Support Group

The next meeting of this newly formed group will be held on Saturday 26 May, from 1.00 - 3.00 pm at Latrobe Community Health Service, Moe Centre, 42 Fowler Street, Moe.

By forming a local group those affected by alopecia are finding they are more able to support each other, share useful information, work out coping strategies, help others understand what living with this condition

is really like and of course have some fun too.

Anyone interested in any type of alopecia is welcome to come along.

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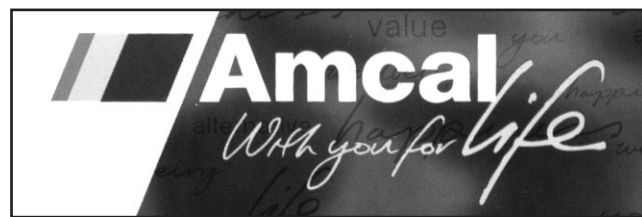
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Glenda and Ian Combridge
Tel: 5166 1819
Sunday Service: 9.30am.
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Lumen Christi Catholic Church

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

Churchill Christian Fellowship

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

Church Snippets

Jill and Ken set our month off by using a different arrangement to present a lively re-enactment of Palm Sunday and Easter events.

The children were dressed up and involved with the procession, waving 'palm' branches, as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. They were also involved while other symbols of Easter were explored as the Easter story was told.

These symbols were added one by one to a ladder of display. They included the bread and wine of the Last Supper, which Jesus used to give Christians a way of remembering him, the basin and towel which Jesus used to show his disciples that his kingdom was about serving others not being served, the praying hands of Jesus as he prayed to God his Father for strength to carry our God's plan, the whip which was used to beat Jesus, and the cross on which he died, an innocent man, but the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

The empty cross was emphasized demonstrating that Jesus had risen and conquered death, never to die again, just as we can have eternal life if we believe that Jesus is our Saviour.

The Friendship Group shared an afternoon journey to Mongolia, through a slide and talk presentation.

Many questions were asked, making it a lively and interesting time.

A delicious and very varied afternoon tea was then enjoyed as many subjects were discussed including telephone services like 101. Joy had thoughtfully picked a bunch of Easter daisies for each person, which was most appreciated.

Tenebrae, the service of shadows, was celebrated this year with our Catholic friends, at the Co-Operating Church. This very moving and thought-provoking service is short, but intense.

It explores the desertion and trauma experienced by Jesus on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, when even his best friends deserted and denied knowledge of him. We left in silence, experiencing the utter loneliness of our Saviour.

Good Friday was celebrated with Rev. Peter Robson. After a short service at the Co-Operating Churches, attended again by our Catholic friends, we were led around Churchill, visiting various locations including Lumen Christi Church Centre, telling the story of Good Friday.

A large wooden cross was carried and left at the round-about near the Switchback Rd and Monash Way corner.

After the walk in cool weather,

appetites were sharpened, and the warm hot cross buns served with tea or coffee at the church, on our return, were welcome. The walk and morning tea was a time of reflection, but also of fellowship and like purpose.

A morning coffee was held on Thursday 19 April. It was attended by 25 members of the congregation, (men and women) and voted a great success in the fellowship stakes. More are planned as a way to get to know each other better and to have a time of relaxation and refreshment without rush.

We have been fortunate to welcome Rev. Peter Robson, Canon Don Crewe, Archdeacon Clem Watts, and George Telford to take services for us, and we thank them for their efforts.

Saturday Breakfast was to have been an on site guided tour of the International Power Hazelwood Rivers and Roads project.

However, the much appreciated rain prevented that from happening. Instead, Garry Mauger gave a talk about the project and its advantages for the community and Hazelwood Power.

Garry's team was responsible for the fifth Sunday service. The theme was Jesus the Good Shepherd cares for us giving us protection, food and water, comfort, peace, trust, is a teacher and a friend.

Our obligation is to be those things to others whoever we meet or with whom we have interaction. It is a task for all age groups and all people.

The 23rd Psalm was read and bookmarks containing the psalm were distributed during the service. George Telford lead us in a Churches of Christ Holy Communion. Garry delivered a challenging sermon.

Rev Bob has arranged a series of seminars on Death Dying and Grief. These began on 1st May. They continue on 22nd May, 5th and 26th June. For more information on these seminars contact Bob on 51221480 or email rjb46@alphalink.com.au

Pictured right: The Good Friday Walk and left: Palm Sunday at the Co-operating Church.

Saturday Breakfast



By KEITH ENDERS

The April Breakfast was held on 28th with Garry Mauger, Project Controls Manager at International Power Hazelwood the guest speaker. Garry's subject was the realignment of the Morwell River and the highway to allow for the expansion of the coal field for Hazelwood station, owned by International Power. The project involves purchasing a number of private properties, realignment of several creeks and a road closure. Currently the Morwell river runs through very large pipes for part of its journey but these will be removed under the project.

Extensive earth works are required for the highway and river realignments, as well provision will be made for wet lands and wild life preservation including a platypus population that inhabits creeks in the area. Garry also outlined the exten-

sive approval

process that the company went through before the project could commence, including environmental, government and council approvals. The project will allow for nearly another 40 years of coal winning for the power station.

The next Saturday Breakfast will be held on 26 May at 7.30 am at the Co-Operating Churches. The guest speakers will be Keith and Heather Enders and their topic will be titled 'Russian Retrospect' covering their drive through the USSR in 1968 during the cold war.

Those wishing to attend should contact Keith Enders on 5122 1148 on by e-mail at kbenders@net-tech.com.au by Thursday 24 May.

Pictured above: Garry Mauger, Project Controls Manager at International Power Hazelwood.





Churchill Scouts in Anzac Parade

The 1st Churchill Scout group was very proud to once again march in the Anzac Parade in Yinnar this year. It was great to see so many of our Cubs, Scouts and Venturers in attendance with their group leaders on this proud day. After the march, all participants then attended the service held in the Memorial Hall in Yinnar.

If your child would like to attend one of the scouting groups in Churchill, please feel free to contact one of the following people:

Cubs (Ages 7-10½) Wednesday 6.30-8 pm

Leader: Vicky Anderson - 5134 1229

Scouts (Ages 10½ - 14) Tuesday 7-9 pm
Leader: Jeff Kemp - 5122 1293

Venturers (Ages 14-18) Monday 7-9 pm
Leader: Barney Farrell - 5122 1993

Rovers (Ages 18-26) Monday 7:30 pm
Leader: Ken Ewen - 5122 1207

Project management and design tender for Hub awarded

Latrobe City Council has awarded a tender for the design and project management for the Churchill and District Intergenerational Hub and renovation of the Churchill Public Hall to Prior Cheney Pty Ltd.

In announcing the awarding of the tender, Latrobe City's chief executive officer, Paul Buckley, said it was important the community recognised the tender was awarded for design and project management, not the actual construction.

"The project has been broken into two stages. Stage One, for which this tender has now been awarded, is the appointment of a suitably qualified architectural firm to finalise the preliminary concept plans developed via consultation with the Churchill community and various stakeholders, and to provide the necessary services to administer Stage Two, which will be the construction contract - the appointment

of the builder," Mr Buckley explained.

The Churchill Community Hub provides a single point of access to services such as maternal and child health centre, senior citizens centre, internet café, youth centre, library and other community meeting rooms for the town. "It will draw people together of all ages and backgrounds, providing social, educational and recreational opportunities to those in Churchill and its surrounding districts," Mr Buckley said.

Mr Buckley said that when initiating the tender earlier this year, Latrobe City set out in the search for an organisation with strong technical ability and a proven track record of successfully working with rural communities to achieve a desired outcome.

"Thirteen tender responses were received from which six were short-

listed based on a criteria consisting of price, contribution to the local economy, technical capacity, proven community engagement record, project delivery track record and project management ability.

"After interviews and presentations, the project team assessed each organisation based on all the information provided. The selected tender scored highly in all criteria; and more specifically was able to demonstrate a proven track record of projects of complexity and cost, strong architectural capacity and effective community engagement skills," Mr Buckley said.

"Prior Cheney Pty Ltd will be primarily responsible for reshaping the existing concept plan with feedback from the community; finalising the full scale design; and supervising and overseeing the construction phase," Mr Buckley concluded.

Lifeline Churchill Shop News

Winter is just around the corner so now is the time to give some thought to your winter wardrobe - sick and tired of the same old winter clothes, have they shrunk or simply don't fit any more?

Churchill Lifeline Shop can help you out - pop in and see the friendly volunteers; you are bound to find a bargain.

Cold nights by the fire just lend themselves to knitting (an old craft which has recently

been revitalized) - we've got everything you need to get you started. Or if curling up with a good book is more your style we've got that covered too.

The Lifeline Churchill shop is open each weekday from 9.30am until 4pm and is situated in West Place shopping centre along the walkway/drive-way beside the Pizza Shop.

With, hopefully, many rainy days to come also a reminder to people to please not drop

things outside our Lifeline bins.

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Combined Probus Club

The monthly meeting of the Probus Club of Traralgon will be held at the Traralgon Tennis Club, Franklin Street, Traralgon on Monday the 21 May at 10am. The speaker will be Ken Johnson. Ken is a pilot and was very involved with the RAAF, particularly the Sale Base. He is interested in the 50th anniversary displays that are at the base, the

"Dambusters" of WW11 and his memorabilia collection will be of profound interest to all. This is a presentation not to be missed - given by a fascinating person.

All visitors are welcome. The meeting will finish about noon and will be followed by lunch at a local venue, for those who are interested.

What's on Term 2

Professional Development

The staff at Hazelwood North Primary School will be attending a wide range of Professional Development Programs during the course of Term 2. The staff is committed to staying abreast with the current theories and philosophies of teaching. Early in May the school will be closed so the teacher's can learn more about implementing the "You Can Do It" program. Other Professional Development activities include: Blu Earth, Civics & Citizenship, Claymation, Resilience & Social/Emotional Competencies for 5 to 7 year olds, Addressing Bullying in Schools, Developing Your Schools

I.C.T. plan, Continuing Contact Reading Recovery and Literacy Leaders In-service.

Visual Arts Program

Recent P-6 visual arts activities include: textiles (sewn self portrait), woven spider webs & spiders, Antarctic artworks, Tarra Bulga artworks, papier mache, printing, painting, sketching, weaving and learning about the colour wheel.

Physical Education

All classes have been busy practising for the upcoming Yinnar and District school sports, to be held on Friday 27th of April. Students are looking forward to participating in long jump, Sprints, long distance running, shot-put, discus, bean bag throw,

and high jump events at the sports.

Library Program

The Premiers Reading Challenge has begun at Hazelwood North; other recent library activities include a "Charlotte's Web" unit of work which featured art responses to the text, cooking and watching the movie. Grade five/six spent several sessions investigating Children's Picture Story books then wrote and illustrated their own picture story book to appeal to a younger audience. Junior grades have been enjoying listening to a wide variety of texts and participating in book related activities. A highlight was the "Pirate" theme for grades one and two; Pirate books were read to the children, and activities included making Pirate Treasure maps, having a treasure hunt, and making pirate flags and hats.

Around the rooms

Years 4-6: We are studying government and elections in preparation for the grade 5-6 Urban Camp in Melbourne. The children are completing mobiles and dioramas to conclude our work on Antarctica.

Grades four and five children are thoroughly enjoying a new program at H.N.P.S. known as Blu Earth. The program has a holistic approach to physical movement emphasising the connection between mind and body. Activities are structured so that all children can fully participate and experience success.

In conjunction with our Anzac Day studies, we made Anzac biscuits.

Year 3's have completed the study of the Reduce, Re-use and Recycle program. We recently visited

DASMA, Pine-Grow and Power Works with the Latrobe Valley Recycling Education Officer. The children thoroughly enjoyed making paper from old newspapers last week.

We are now going on to Australian Disasters. The student will learn about cyclones, floods and fires by studying significant Australian disasters in recent history.

The Preps are learning about Farm Animals and will move on to learning about Australian Animals. The One's and Two's are learning about Australian Animals. We are currently planning an excursion to Healesville Sanctuary. Last week we had an Auskick Football Clinic. Fun was had by all. The children have returned from the school holidays ready to work hard during our busy Term 2.

What do the Preps like about Hazelwood North Primary School?

I like the playground. By Hudson
 I like to play in the little playground. I like what the teachers give me to do. By Tammy
 I like to do Show and Share. By Emily
 I like going on the monkey bars. By Byron
 I like icy-poles. I like Emily and Bridie. I like when the teachers help me. By Sophie
 I like playing in the playground. I like playing on the monkey bars with Aston. I like playing on the swirly slide and straight slide. I like sliding on the

poles. By Joel
 I like seeing the animals in the paddocks. I like my friends. I like the playground. By Shellbie-Diana
 I like going to school. I like going down the slide. By Patrick
 I like to play Spotto. I like doing my reading. By haynia
 I like running on a Monday. By Alicia
 I like going on excursions. By Xavier
 I like playing with my friend Joel. By Aston
 I liked the swinging bridge. I like going on excursions. By Ben
 I like this school. I like the oval. I like this

playground. By Brenton
 I like my friends at school and my next door neighbours. By Jordan
 I like playing with my friends. I like the sand pits. I like the playground and the basketball courts. By Bridie.



Lumen Christi



Lumen Christi has recently welcomed the installation of two shade sails.

The sails are located over the playground and sandpit. With the recent hot weather the entire school community is enjoying the extra shade for the children to play in.

Students and teachers are pleased with the arrival of 20 new computers to the school. The computers, which are set up in the library, are great for the students to access the internet for class projects. The computers are also used for writing, maths, art and SOSE.

The shade sails and computers were purchased with a \$75000 Investing in our Schools grant. Some of the grant was also used to refurbish the prep room.

Regan's Swimming Success

On the 21st April, Regan Webster of Lumen Christi Primary School competed in the state finals for swimming at the

Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Regan has been swimming at the Morwell Swimming Club for 3 years and due to her competency competed against the grade 6 girls in Lumen Christi's School Carnival. Regan then went on to qualify in 3 more levels before her swim at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. "My time was 48 seconds. I came 18th out of 24. I swam Butterfly, which is the hardest stroke." Lumen Christi school and community are very proud of Regan's achievement.

Yinnar District Athletics Day

On Friday, 27th April our whole school and lots of other schools went to participate in an athletics day at Yinnar.

We were put into age groups. I was in the 10-year-old age group and we started at discus. I wasn't very good at it, but I learned that you hold it with your thumb and four fingers over the top of the disc. Then you rock backwards and forwards a few times before you

throw it. I had a great day participating in the athletics day at Yinnar.

By Emily Molinari (Grade 4/5DP_

On Friday, everyone at our school went to the Yinnar Football Ground for interschool athletics. There were six events; long jump, long distance run, shot put, sprint, discus and high jump.

Everybody tried their hardest from all the schools involved, and we met some new people from other schools too. Most of us had a chat while we were waiting for our go. Sometimes we cheered - like during the long distance run because it was a hard event to participate in. We all got really hungry!

Near the end of the day, each school had to choose some people to complete in the relay sprints. I was in the 10-year-old boys group and we came second. I had a great day at the athletics!

By Jack Bennett (Grade 4/5DP)



Churchill Primary School

Tea 'N' Talking

Tea 'n' Talking is a new joint venture between Churchill Primary School and Anglicare. It is a program to support the school's parent community. The group meets each Thursday for a couple of hours and addresses issues of interest to the parents. Topics covered so far include scrap-booking, parenting skills and stress management and relaxation.

All members of the Churchill Primary School community are welcome to attend. For enquiries please ring the school on 51221343.

Wala The Spirit Of Ghana

The term was started with a visiting show called Wala-The Spirit of Ghana. The show was performed by an exciting and engaging African music group. All students and staff were involved. It gave the students a broader vision of some of the cultures of the world in which we live.

Walking School Bus

The school would like to thank the many community members who assisted the school in Term 1 with the Walking School Bus program.

With winter approaching there will be a break in this service until Term 4 when it will resume.

Anzac Day

As part of the school's recognition of ANZAC Day, they invited John Holtman to speak to the grade 5/6 students. He touched on the subjects of the history of ANZAC, the spirit of ANZAC, and the importance of respect and honour for those who fought for our country.

Up And Coming Events

Sovereign Hill Camp. This will be attended by the grade 5/6s. They will have three days of

history at Sovereign Hill as part of their studies of Australia.

Education Week. A range of activities will be arranged at the school.

Excursion to Powerworks. This will be for the Grade 3s-6s.

Grandparents Day. This is for the Prep -2s District Cross Country Races. These will be held on 14th May, and the school will have representatives involved.

Boolarra Primary School

EGG ROLL: On the last day of term 1 our students enjoyed the traditional egg roll down our steep hill behind the M.P. room. Some of the eggs our students decorated were works of art and some rolled a long way!

CAPE PATERSON EXCURSION A HUGE HIT: It was fabulous to hear glowing accounts from the grade prep to 4 students upon their return from their trip to Cape Paterson early this term. The weather was superb as was the behaviour of all students. Lots of investigation was undertaken on the day and there will be a great deal of follow up work in the classrooms.

Research shows that whilst reading information is a good way to learn, reading and discussing it is stronger, experiencing it 1st hand is stronger still and experiencing it and then teaching it to others is the strongest way of all to embed learning - hence we have visiting shows, excursions and camps. Here is a sample of some of the superb writing generated by our students.

Mia of Grade 1 wrote: Wednesday was a big day. First we went on a double decker bus. I went on top and Mrs. Papa sat next to me. We kept going for a while then we stopped at Inverloch. We had play lunch and a play in the playground. Then we hopped on the bus and Mrs. Papa sat next to me again. We kept going for a while and then we arrived at Cape Paterson. We had a little talk and then we walked down to the beach and looked at the rock pools.

I found a sea snail shell and I saw some green things but I don't know what they were. Will of grade prep wrote: I went to Cape Paterson on Wednesday. I went to Cape Paterson to make sandcastles and to have lunch.

Airtrea of grade 1 wrote: I was at the beach. I found a shell on the beach and a rock shelter. I found a crab on the beach and it was funny. Linc of grade 1 wrote: At Cape Paterson we all had to look at rock pools. Eden caught a very big crab. Mrs. Papa found a sea star. Some of my friends and I got wet. Mrs. Stewart got wet as well.

Emi wrote: At Cape Paterson all the kids were in groups except Jessica because she was away. In my group we found a sea star, shrimp, two dead crabs and two live crabs. I picked up a really big crab when I was not looking.

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

Continuing our numeracy focus this year, the children and staff are counting up to 100 days of school. Students have predicted the actual day they believe we will reach 100 days of learning and these ranged from mid July to September. Thursday April 26 was day 50

and we celebrated in a variety of ways. One activity involved each student bringing along a 50c coin and these were then placed into a money line. Children predicted how much the line could be worth and how long it might be. The \$28 that was raised is going towards a mystery project that we cannot divulge publicly and our students are doing a superb job keeping the secret. We have a numeracy display opposite the staffroom, featuring student's work and ideas for parents. We also have a number of numeracy books in the community library available for borrowing. Speaking of numeracy... why not talk to your own child and ask them to tell, write or draw what they are doing in numeracy and what numeracy means to them. Ask your child to teach you a new maths game. You might be surprised at how much fun you can have together.

YINNAR & DISTRICT SPORTS DAY:

On Friday the 27th Of April we all travelled to the Yinnar Recreation Reserve to compete against 7 other schools from our cluster in our District Athletic Sports. We had a fabulous day. Congratulations to Yinnar Primary School who were the overall champions. We came 2nd for the 4th consecutive year, which was a great effort!

BOOLARRA IDOL

Our Junior School Council (JSC) is currently conducting a talent search to identify the most entertaining performance by an individual or group of students, which will be judged "Boolarra Idol". Auditions have commenced and already the JSC judges have been impressed with the talent unearthed. The Grand Final is scheduled for 9:00 am on Friday 11th May, the end of Education Week. We would love to have lots of parents and other family members in our audience as audience response forms part of the judging to identify the overall winner.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

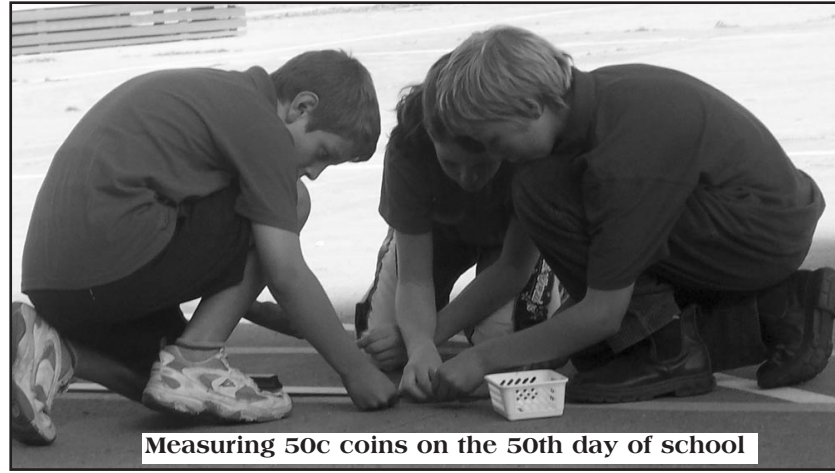
- Mon 7th May - Fri 11th May: Education Week (Every week is at Boolarra PS!)
- Wednesday 9th May: 8:15 am Breakfast at School / Our School Cross Country Run
- Friday 11th May: 9:00 am Boolarra Idol Grand Final
- Monday 14th May : Yinnar & District Cross Country Run
- Tuesday 15th May: School 4 Year Review
- Tues 15th May - Wednesday 23rd May: Somers Camp
- Wednesday 16th May : Grade 5/6s "Big Day Out"
- Friday 18th May: Visiting Artist/ Show "Munch Crunch"
- Thursday 24th May:L.V. Zone Cross Country Run



Relays at Yinnar & District Sports



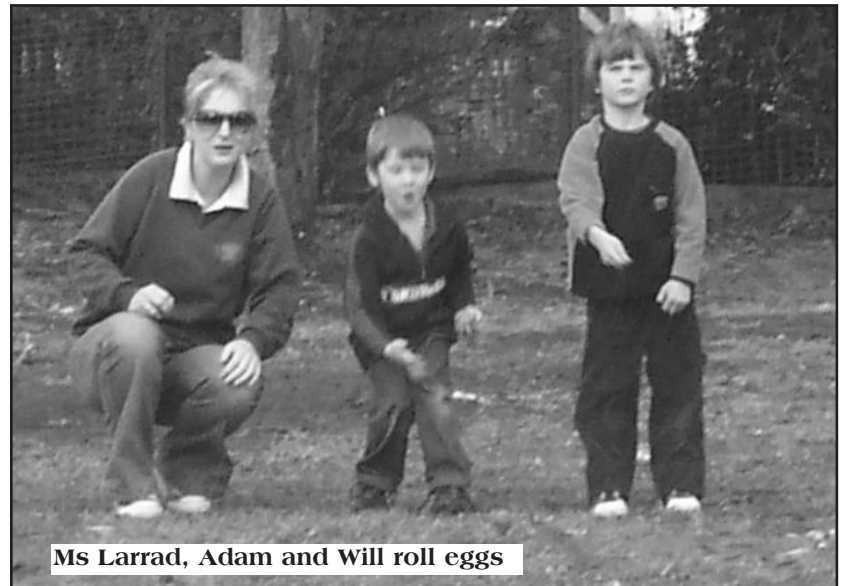
Bry at High Jump



Measuring 50c coins on the 50th day of school



Brendan landing at long jump



Ms Larrad, Adam and Will roll eggs

Kurnai College Churchill



Latrobe City Youth Council Representatives

By RUTH PLACE

It was my very great pleasure to talk with three of the campus students who had won places on the Latrobe City youth council.

Robyn Moore, Vanessa Holcombe and Stephanie Treloar, were all approached to put their names forward as candidates. Each one had older siblings who had been part of the Youth Council and had benefited from the experience and the opportunity to improve their leadership skills. They also decided that it would be opportune for them to have a go.

All were nervous as they awaited the results of their applications and interviews. Would they be chosen? Had they said the right things in their application? If they were chosen, what lay ahead?

The answers to all these questions were soon answered as they received their letters of acceptance, (although Vanessa's letter came one day later than Robyn's and Stephanie's giving her an extra long nervous wait) quickly communicated with each other to share the news. It was a relief to know, and all said they were excited by the prospects of improving their leadership skills, developing their awareness of the community and the world around them, and appreciating the workings of the community. It also embraces the aspect of helping these bright young people with their future decision making and gives ideas for a possible vocation.

The first official function was the induction

at Latrobe City Council Headquarters. Here they were welcomed and called out by name to receive a certificate, and folder of information, have their photos taken and conclude the evening with the lovely supper which was provided.

Then followed their first meeting as a group. This was designed for each of the Junior Councillors to get to know each other. They listened to a motivational speaker who spoke on engaging their audience. Then they participated in games, which resulted in a camaraderie being established between the members.

They were able to share what they did at school and hear what the others did at their schools. There was a nervous tension within as they wondered if they would remember the others names. They found that the others were great kids who were easy to get along with, and work with. It was a time to relax and enjoy the time together.

Their recent meeting was to plan their community project which they will undertake as part of their commitment.

A decision has been made to run an Arts Expo (artwork, music etc) at Lowanna College in Newborough. This Expo will raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital.

Awareness Days

These have been planned for May 8th and 1st June this year. These successful days are a chance for the students and parents of the Grade 5/6s of the feeder schools to spend a day at the campus engaging in a range of special activities designed to begin orientating the students and their parents in the college practices. Parents are welcome to contact the school if they have any questions about these days.

China Visit

Anthony Rodaughan, Geoff Block and Rob Juratowitch went to China on a mission. They

made contact with many schools to develop further links with Kurnai College.

They also visited parents of present students and past students and their families to re-enforce and develop relationships. The families visited were much appreciative of these contacts.

Other promising contacts were made which will continue the development of meaningful relationships with new schools in China.

Athletics Sports

The two junior campuses of Kurnai (Morwell and Churchill) attended the Athletics Sports at the Jo Rarmody track a Newborough. Attendance was at a high level showing the interest and involvement of the students, especially the Year 7s. They performed brilliantly, bringing honour to the school.

Alpine School

"At the Alpine School we spent five weeks working on our leadership skills. We participated in various teamwork activities, including such things as bridge building, raft building, canoeing, bike riding, hiking, expedition, swimming and other beach activities. We now know how to save somebody's life, learning CPR and first aid which would be valuable in years to come. Independence, confidence and responsibility were also very much improved for all attending. We lived with thirty-five other students from all around Victoria. We had limited contact with family and friends as well as no television! All students had a wonderful time and made friendships which will last a life time!

This is a report by Corey Carter, Caitlin Doherty, Katie Duncan, Claire Lawrence and Aaron Osborne, about their time at the Alpine School. Corey, Caitlin, Katie and Aaron are all Churchill students.



Youth Councilors- Stephanie Treloar, Robyn Moore, Vanessa Holcombe



Marg Hanson (Integration Aide)



Marg Monahan (Integration Aide)

Churchill North Primary School

Our wonderful Adventure Playground at Churchill North Primary is almost too great an attraction, at present. The weather canopy has made the area a favorite in all weathers.

Our Grade 6 are making a movie about the school.

Last Friday our school participated in the District Sports Day at Yinnar.



Wonderful opportunities now exist for integrating our First-Aid and Playground Safety program with gymnastics since the installation of our Adventure Playground





Churchill Hub Project Moves to Next Phase

By Margaret Guthrie, President

With the recent appointment of architectural design company Prior Cheney Pty Ltd, the Churchill Intergenerational Community Hub project now moves from 'concept' to the 'nuts and bolts' planning phase.

The team of architects at Prior Cheney have plenty of experience designing community based projects all around Australia. These include Cabramatta Recreation Centre, Caroline Springs Community Facility, Melton Library, a sports high school at Maribyrnong, the Bundaberg Community Pool and various aged care facilities.

The challenge for these architects, along with Council and other stakeholders, is to turn the 'concept plan' for the Churchill Hub into a practical, functional community centre, within budget (and on time), that meets the needs of residents and user groups.

The Hub Working Group met with the architects for the first time in mid-April. A week later individual meetings were held with some of the key stakeholders and user-groups, such as Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Monash University Student Union represen-

tatives (childcare services), Council's Library Services manager and so forth, in order for the new consultants to gain a clear understanding of needs and design considerations.

Last week members of the Working Group visited Beaconsfield Community Complex and Lakeside Children's Centre in Pakenham (both designed by the Prior Cheney team) to view design ideas that may be suitable for our project.

Council hopes that the detailed design plans will be completed by the end of this financial year and that the tender process for construction of the Hub can be commenced in July.

Two internal Project Control Groups have been established by Council - one to oversee the construction of the Hub and the other to consider governance and operational issues. Council has also indicated that it will be providing regular newsletters and media releases to keep the community updated on the Hub's progress and other information impacting the project.

One such matter is the Churchill Structure Plan and 'East-West Link' project. It has been suggested that

the Hub might be better sited directly (rather than diagonally) opposite the Churchill Town Hall (as this is to be upgraded and refurbished as part of the Hub project). The current Skate Park could be relocated to a new site on the other side of the creek, closer to the Leisure Centre.

Likewise, there has been some discussion between various relevant authorities about future works along Eel Hole Creek, between the Leisure Centre and Glendonald Park.

It seems there is to be lots of ongoing discussion between consultants, Council and the community about developments in Churchill! CDCA invites all residents to express their views to us, so that we may represent community interests and concerns at forthcoming meetings with the various current project groups.

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

Onwards and Upwards for Wonthaggi Underground

The StateMine2009 Working Group and the Friends of the State Coal Mine are excited to have received a Heritage Victoria grant of \$138,000. This grant was awarded in the very competitive second round of the Bracks Government's \$2.5 million heritage grants program for 2006-07, under its four-year, \$20.5 million strategy, Victoria's Heritage: Strengthening our communities.

This grant is to assist in the \$260,000 project of restoring and repairing the back heading entrance and air-shaft as well as other underground works. These were identified as priority by a leading geotechnical engineer as part of the process of re-opening the underground tunnels for visitors at the State Coal Mine Eastern Area.

StateMine2009 Working Group

member, Mike Wellings said, "We were concerned that the steel heritage liner would be beyond repair. Once it emerged from the shaft we could see that it was in fact still in very good condition, considering it has been subjected to significant water damage over a number of years. We will restrengthen the walls of the shaft, and replace the liner. It will then be another feature of the tour as well as being an integral part of the ventilation system."

Removing the two tonne ventilation shaft liner was the first task to be completed in the restoration process. This original 1917 liner will be restored and replaced once rehabilitation of the shaft is complete.

Other work underground will include roof bolting to supplement the timber supports. "The bulk of

this work will be undertaken by trained volunteers from the Underground Maintenance team. These modern supports will be virtually unnoticeable to visitors, but will ensure the tunnels are made safe and compliant to current regulations," said Mr Wellings.

StateMine2009 intends to have the State Coal Mine operating as an exciting and successful visitor attraction in time for this milestone and secure its future well beyond that date. (StateMine2009 is a partnership between Parks Victoria, Friends of the State Coal Mine and the community.)

If you require further information regarding this project, or if you would like to contact any members of the Working Group, please call Liz Beale at the State Coal Mine on 5672 3053.

'Open Book' book-buying session at Churchill Library

An 'Open Book' book-buying session will feature as part of Library Week activities at the Churchill Library at 10am on Wednesday 23 May.

Library collections and promotions coordinator, Jeanette Moore, said library members will be given the opportunity to take part in the process of selecting books for purchase by the library; and the event provides an opportunity to find out how library staff make available the

resources for everyday use.

"This is an opportunity to see how the book-buying process is undertaken and to take part in that process, when a book wholesaler representative visits.

Of course anyone can suggest what books our libraries purchase at any time by requesting and completing a 'recommended purchase slip' at any Latrobe City library," Ms Moore explained.

Ms Moore said that this year

Library Week officially starts on Monday 21 May. "Every year libraries across Australia celebrate Library Week to highlight the value that libraries offer in providing resources and support for communities.

Anyone interested in participating in this 'Open Book' book-buying session can contact Jeanette Moore, telephone 5135 8350 for further details.



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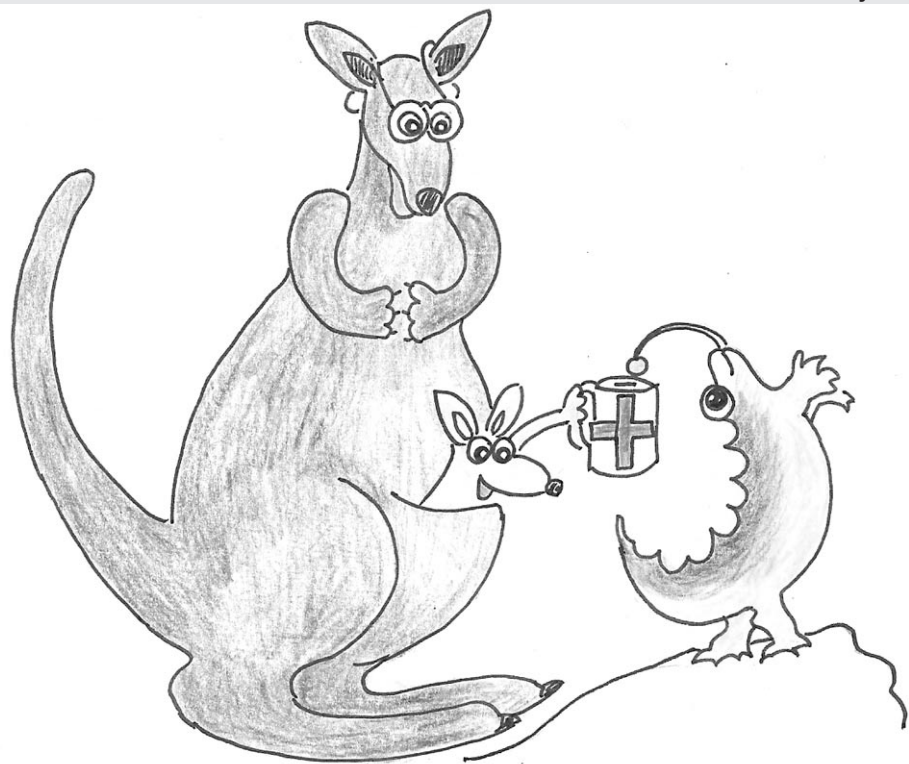
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Red Cross Calling

By Bev Thompson, Area Coordinator
Volunteers in Churchill collected a total of \$1,258.35 during the Red Cross Calling Month of March.

Money donated will go to provide Community Services in Victoria, in particular: Medical Transport Service, Emergency Catering,

First Aid Assistance, Emergency Registration & Emergency Aid for people affected by fire, flood etc.

A big thanks is extended those who made donations and to our volunteers who give so generously of their time and energy to support this worthwhile cause



Good Music!

By Margaret Guthrie

"The music was really good!" That was the feedback from many of the young people attending the live music night held in Churchill last month as part of National Youth Week '07 celebrations.

"All 3 acts were different," explained Owen Guthrie, one of the Kurnai College students who helped plan and run the event. "Taryne Fletcher was on first, singing and playing her acoustic guitar. Then the band 'Under the Covers' played - they were a traditional Rock 'n' Roll band, playing well-known songs. The final act, 'Elsewhere' had more of a hip-hop/reggae type of sound."

"Quite a few people were on the dance floor by the end of the night," said Toni-Maree Bosma. "It was great to see people enjoying themselves like this. Others were sitting on the couches or at the tables just listening."

An estimated 80 youngsters turned up at the Monash Student Union lounge on the last Saturday night of the school holiday break to hear live music, eat pizza and enjoy a safe night out.

"It was great to see them all talking together, having fun and behaving well," said Ms. Christine Little, one of the Latrobe Community Health Services' volunteers who were breath-testing all-comers at the door prior to admission. "I think this is the best run teen event I've been involved in," she added.

Along with LCHS, the free event for Churchill youth was supported by MUGSU, Hazelwood Village Foodworks, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Churchill Guide Unit, and Glendonald Residents Group.

GRG Inc successfully applied for the event funding from the State Government Office of Youth Affairs' National Youth Week '07 Grants

program.

Spokesperson for GRG, Nicole Percy, said, "We wanted to do something special just for Churchill teens - there's not much for them to do in Churchill unless they play sport. Teens like to go out, not just stay home all the time, but parents want to know they're safe. These kids are part of our community too, but their tastes aren't much catered for."

The night was planned and run by students from Kurnai College, with the support of volunteers from Glendonald Residents Group. The planning group met weekly at the Gippsland Education Precinct in the lead-up to the event. At their 'de-briefing' meeting held a few days later, it was obvious that they had been thinking about the successes and shortcomings.

"Too much vegetarian pizza," said James Klein, who helped organize the catering. "Teenagers in Churchill generally aren't vegetarians."

"Start planning earlier and try for more donations and sponsorship to keep costs down," added Luke DePellegrini, who kept an eye on the budget estimates.

"And more lead-up time for media releases and general publicity," added Jarrod Penco.

The group is keen to host a similar event later this year, and intend to meet during May to discuss plans. A suitable date needs to be chosen to fit in with studies, exams and other commitments and some new funding will need to be found.

Other young people in Churchill interested in being involved in a future event should contact Stephen Klein (Yr 10) at the Kurnai College junior campus in Churchill or Toni-Maree Bosma (Yr 11) at the Gippsland Education Precinct or phone Owen Guthrie on 5122 2997

Rotary Bowelscan Month

May is Rotary Bowelscan month. Bowelscan is a not for profit Rotary community service program. Test kits are available during May at your local pharmacy for only \$6 or through Latrobe Community Health Services staff. Completed tests should also be left at your pharmacy.

Bowel cancer strikes one in twenty-four people by age 75. Men are more susceptible. This type of cancer is mostly seen in people over 40 and rates rise sharply after age 50 years. It is the most common internal cancer.

Bowel or colorectal cancer is a growth of cancer cells on the lining of the colon (large intestine) or rectum. In the earliest stages a small rounded mass of growing cells called a polyp may develop. These cells may be benign or cancerous. The cancer cells frequently ulcerate and bleed.

The Bowelscan screen tests for microscopic amounts of blood issuing from cancerous cell in polyps.

Left unchecked, cancerous cells grow rapidly. They can block the bowel and may spread to nearby organs such as the liver or even spread to distant parts of the body.

Treated in the earliest stages, colorectal cancer is one of the most curable cancers with an over 90% chance of five year survival. This compares with only 3% survival at stage IV. Bowel cancer deaths are more than double the road toll.

Because not all polyps and cancers bleed and some do so only intermittently, a significant bowel problem could still exist.

In the early stages bowel cancer has no symptoms. This is why regular screening is so important. Statistics show that the maximum benefit from BOWELSCAN is obtained if the test is done each year. It is strongly recommended that people participate every year.

The BOWELSCAN test requires abstinence from some drugs and a red meat free, high fibre diet for two days prior to testing. A doctor should be consulted before ceasing any prescribed medication. A small sample from different areas of three consecutive bowel motions is



thinly smeared onto the kit panel. The sealed envelope is then returned to your pharmacy.

Everybody should, however, be aware of the symptoms of bowel cancer. Rectal bleeding, anaemia which leads to dizziness, fatigue or tiredness, alteration of bowel habits or cramping lower abdominal pain are frequent symptoms. Other symptoms may include constipation, narrowing of the calibre of the stools or occasionally diarrhoea. A family history of bowel cancer is another important factor. Your local Medical Practitioner should be consulted if you have any concerns.

The exact cause of bowel cancer is unknown. Both inherited and environmental factors, such as smoking, seem important. Diet may be critical, with high fibre and low fat consumption being important.

Completed tests left at your participating pharmacy are forwarded to a pathology laboratory where they are processed under the supervision of a pathologist.

Participants will be informed personally of negative results by mail. It is suggested that you show this letter to your Medical Practitioner so that the result can be noted in your medical history.

The Medical Coordinator of BOWELSCAN will notify participants and their nominated local medical practitioner of positive results.

Strict confidentiality is assured regarding information on registration cards and all test results.

Rotary and LCHS urge everybody over 40 to participate in this not for profit community service project. \$6 could save your life or give you peace of mind.



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Taking Your Next Step With Your Local Neighbourhood House

May is National Neighbourhood House Month

Everyone is welcome to try something different and take their next step in a new direction with members of the Gippsland Regional Neighbourhood Houses Group (GRNHG), during National Neighbourhood House Month celebrated each year in May.

Thousands of local people teach, learn, work, volunteer and contribute to their community in Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres across Victoria every week.

During this year's National Neighbourhood House Month, our Network of the 20 Neighbourhood Houses located in central, south and west Gippsland is offering a full-day Professional Development and Training Forum on Thursday, 17th May where everyone can also celebrate the wonderful work achieved at our member Houses.

The topics are (i) Community Leadership and Diversity and (ii) Becoming Media Savvy, either of which is relevant to anyone who would like to help out at their local Neighbourhood House and wants to learn more about governance/leadership or marketing/promotion for community groups. Both forum streams will be led by facilitators who are very familiar with the needs of rural communities in Victoria: Nigel McGuckian (Principal Consultant with RMCG) and Debbie Bye (Director of Manna Media).

Our Network members, along with the other 340 Neighbourhood Houses around Victoria and their 15 Networks, campaigned successfully to win a '\$27.8 million over four years' funding package from the State Government in mid-2006

for the whole Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre sector. That translated to a 25% increase in the hourly rate for House coordination costs and a 34% increase in the number of funded hours available to Neighbourhood Houses across the State, as well as improved funding for all 16 of their Networks from 1st July 2006.

For our Network, this funding increase means that GRNHG volunteer committee members and the sole part-time employee are now able to provide 1,040 hours of activities and services every year to facilitate the invaluable community strengthening work of our 20 member Houses with their local communities.

While this campaign win was a big step forward for the Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre Sector in Victoria, more is needed. Our state peak body, the Association of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres (ANHLC), is staffed by the equivalent of less than 2.5 full-time employees, for instance, and not one of our member Neighbourhood Houses has the capacity to open five full days a week for their community. The Network itself is able to offer services on only three days each week, which means that these 20 Neighbourhood Houses frequently cannot get access to vital advice and resources when most needed.

Thanks to the Neighbourhood House funding campaign, Members of Parliament for all Gippsland electorates, including the new Eastern Province, are up to date about the indispensable work being done by the Neighbourhood Houses in their area.

Peter Ryan (Leader of the

Victorian Nationals, and Member for Gippsland South) has been very supportive of the campaign, for example, and attended the GRNHG Network's Annual General Meeting at Rosedale Neighbourhood House last October to help us celebrate our Silver Anniversary. He took the opportunity then to congratulate our sector on its remarkable growth over the last three decades, observing that former GRNHG Networker Gina Boyanton, "...is a fabulous example of how Neighbourhood Houses develop people's skills and confidence."

Gippsland MPs are invited regularly to visit our member Houses and Network to see our community development work in action and to discuss just what further improvement in funding would mean to these community owned and operated organisations in their electorate.

"Neighbourhood Houses are the heart of our community, where people can develop friendships, find support, learn new skills and further develop those they already have, exchange ideas, and become involved in their community", said Jenny Poon, ANHLC Board member and GRNHG Network Treasurer. "Come and join us during Neighbourhood House Month 2007, and take a step for yourself along the shared pathway at Neighbourhood Houses, the heart of our community."

For further information about the GRNHG Network Forum on 17th May or details of the Neighbourhood House in your local town, contact Lin Chandler on 5168 1448 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



Henry Pariniak, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre Inc. WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

'At Home in Gippsland' - Women's Story Workshops

Come for a relaxed and informal coffee mornings. You can join in the conversations as you choose and if you are interested, help put together a Women's Storybook.

Make stories from everyday life, from memories or photos, for your own pleasure, for your family, or social history.

Whether you have lived in Gippsland a week or a lifetime, all interested women over 18 are welcome to come to these free story workshops on June 1, 15 and 29 and July 6 and 27 from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Intro to KINESIOLOGY - Helping you find balance in your life. Come along and

Let Samantha Brick introduce you to Kinesiology. Samantha is an accredited occupational therapist who is dedicated to providing a quality service and teaching others how to enhance their wellbeing.

Thursday 17 May 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm
 Cost \$ 10.00

Community Kitchen is a group of 6 - 8 people who meet together on a regular basis (usually fortnightly) to cook healthy meals. Community kitchens are for all ages and interests e.g. general community, youth, young mums, older adults.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is looking for a community kitchen facilitator - someone who can make members feel welcome and comfortable, provide support in the tasks of the kitchen - a few hours once a fortnight is all the time that is needed to be a facilitator.


Intro to DRAWING classes begin at the Centre on Friday 4 May from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

TIFFANY lamp shades - Workshop - Thursday 31st May 10.00 am - 3.00 pm
 \$ 20.00 - lunch included.

Ring Churchill Neighbourhood Centre if you are interested in any of the above on 5122 2955 or Email on churchillnc@bigpond.com



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Churchill & District News Short Story and Poetry Competition 2007

THE Churchill & District News invites you to enter our Short Story and Poetry Competition. There will be some great prizes, with all entrants under 12 receiving a certificate of participation and a small gift. There are lots of categories to enter and no restrictions on subject matter.

CATEGORIES

1. Children's 7 and Under Short story/poem or picture story
2. Children's (8 - 12 yrs) Short Story (illustrations welcome)
3. Children's (8 - 12yrs) Poetry (illustrations welcome)
4. 13 - 18yrs Short Story
5. 13 - 18yrs Poetry
6. Adult Short Story
7. Adult Poetry.
8. Local History - My Story. (This category will be judged on content alone and there are no restrictions on length of story, i.e. they can be under 1000 words.)
9. A Children's Story

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

*All stories must have a completed entry form attached to the manuscript with a paper clip (no pins or staples)
*The author's name must only be on the entry form and not on the manuscript
*Entries must be original, previously unpublished work.
*Each entry must include a title
*Multiple entries will be accepted
*Unless otherwise specified, permission to reproduce entries in the Churchill & District News or for publicity purposes will be assumed. Copyright remains with the author.

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*Entries must be received by 25th August 2006

*All pages should be numbered

Length of stories are to be:

*Adult: 1000 - 2500 words

*Under 18: 500 - 2000 words

*Children: up to 500 words

Poetry, free or rhyming verse to be:

*Adult: min 8 lines and max. 48 lines.

*Under 18: min 8 lines and max. 48 lines.

*Children: up to 20 lines

*Entries will not be returned and participants should keep a copy of their work.

*The Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into

*Signing of the entry form for this competition constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry

Entries to be mailed to:

Churchill & District News Writing Competition, PO Box 234, Churchill 3842

Closing Date: 31 August 2007

Entry Fees:

\$3.00 Per Short Story/Childrens Story - \$2.00 Concession or Student

\$3.00 Per Poem - \$2.00 Concession or Student

Children, Under 7, Under 12 and U18 Categories - 50c.

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CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS SHORT STORY & POETRY COMPETITION 2007 ENTRY FORM

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Title of Story(s): _____ Category _____

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I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them. I certify that this is an original unpublished story or poem, written by myself. This entry form can be completed on behalf of U12's by a parent, guardian or teacher.

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Northe's Natter



Thank you to those residents who have completed and returned their surveys. I have been reading your responses with much interest as they come into my office. I encourage others to contribute their opinions by returning their surveys as soon as possible so the information can be collated. I look forward to sharing the results with you in the coming weeks.

working hard to implement plans for the provision of dental services in Churchill, which I know, will be welcomed by residents.

Health issues have been a re-occurring theme in many of my meetings over the past month and from the responses I have received, I know this matter is important to you also. The lack of mental health services in our region has a number of significant flow-on effects that touch us all. Representatives from the Gippsland Advocates for Mental Health (GAFMH) discussed the service requirements of our area with myself and colleagues Peter Hall and Peter Ryan recently as part of a team effort to address this issue.

increasing needs and demands of the community. We were told by LRH that the emergency department currently provides services for three times the number of presentations it was originally built to cater for and we are clearly very keen to see this problem resolved.

I will be attending development group meetings in Churchill and Boolarra in the coming weeks and hope to see many of you there.

Russell Northe MLA, Member for Morwell

The Great Victorian Bike Ride was the main topic of conversation when I met with Barry Whitehead from the Yinnar and District Community Association recently. The event's planned route, and in particular the overnight stop in Yinnar on November 27, will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase all our region has to offer.

I have also held recent talks with Latrobe Community Health Services. I am confident they are

Following talks with LRH, Peter Hall and I spoke in Parliament during the last sitting week about the need to expand the hospital's emergency department to cope with the



Trivia for the Gippsland Education Precinct!

Almost \$400 was raised for the Gippsland Education Precinct Breakfast Program at the recent Trivia Night hosted by the Churchill and District News.

Held at the Churchill Cricket Club, Queen of Trivia Wendy Brown, challenged many a brain and memory!

"You never know quite what to expect with Wendy," said Val Prokopiv. "There is always a twist at the end! Extra points were awarded to the team who performed the best 'time warp'".


The dubious honor of winning this round went to

Richard from Traralgon who subsequently secured a win for the 'Devils Angels'!

The Angels took away a huge basket of goodies donated by staff at the Gippsland Education Precinct and a great night was had by all.

The Churchill and District News would like to thank all those who took part, the staff of the Gippsland Education Precinct, the Churchill Cricket Club for providing a terrific venue, and to Wendy for all her hard work.





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By COLIN BRICK

Jean Brick's birthday was on Friday, 27 April, and as is her wont, she had a series of celebrations.

These commenced on Saturday 21 April at the Churchill Cricket Club where around 100 friends and relatives joined her to celebrate the occasion. Jean was in sprightly form, correcting the mistakes in my speech, and making the effort to get around and have a chat to all her guests. The family decorated the hall and organised the food, but Jean knew exactly what she wanted and ensured that the arrangements met her stringent standards of hospitality for her big day. It was a very enjoyable, low key celebration, and Jean thoroughly appreciated it, and thanks everyone who was able to help make it a special occasion with her.

It was the first time in my life I had seen a cake with ninety candles, and it required the help of several grand-children and pseudo-grandchildren to blow it out. Jean was especially chuffed

that her son and daughter-in-law, David and Jocelyn, were able to make it down from Atherton, albeit only for two days, for the event.

Unfortunately for health reasons her older sister Agnes, and daughter Margaret, could not attend.

Saturday night was standing room only at the Bricks, with lots of laughter and story telling. Jean kept on going, when we all expected her to have a little shut eye in her chair, soaking in the happiness of the day. The following day was a relaxing recovery breakfast

next door at the Tower's, and a farewell to the family members who had to head back to various parts of the state.

On her actual birthday Jean went out to Chinese in Churchill with a small group of family and relatives, and this was followed on Sunday, 29 April by a lovely presentation at Church (thank you Robyn and Garry Mauger, and anyone else who contributed), followed by a morning tea and another beautiful birthday cake. Only nine candles this time, so she was able to blow them out herself, in a couple of goes.

I think the celebrations have almost finished, so perhaps its an appropriate time to reflect on this remarkable lady's life.

Jean Langdon was born in Northcote, in 1917. She was the fourth of 11 children (10 girls and 1 boy). Her family had moved from Bendigo after the oldest sister, Bella, had burnt the house down. It was a very happy household, full of fun and laughter. They were not well off, but they always

A Churchill icon has just turned 90!

had food on their plates, and there was always room for friends, relatives or guests at the table. A girl visiting next door, and looking in through the dining room windows, asked if the Langdon's were having a party. "No", she was told, "that's just a normal dinner time at the Landon's".

She was full of mischief. Aged four, she painted her Uncle Johnny's brand new motor bike green. Her Mother was devastated. "Oh Jean. What have you done?" she exclaimed. But Uncle Johnny just laughed. Shortly afterwards, she completely nudged her younger sister, Edna. They were playing Indians, and she felt she should be the right colour. Edna got her back several years later though, as after a minor altercation over household jobs, Jean fell in a copper of boiling water. Fortunately, the neighbour, a nurse, was on hand to provide prompt attention, and assist in the months of rehabilitation.

Jean was her Dad's favourite, although I suspect he would have been surprised to know his trouble seeking angel would clock up ninety years. Whenever possible, Jean would accompany him on their dairy run, sitting up on the cart pulled by their horse Kate. On a Saturday morning, at the end of the round, Jean would run the day's takings through Victoria Market to the office. Even in the middle of the depression, she was perfectly safe, because everyone knew her.

The children did schooling to the equivalent of year 8. They would then stay at home, helping to look after their younger siblings. On Jean's fourteenth birthday, an older sister came home and told she had a job, starting the next day at Foy's Dept. store, in town. A number of the Langdon girls worked there, and they obviously had a good reputation.

Importantly for this story, Mary Brick also worked there and became friends with the Langdon girls. Brother Tom met young Jean, and the rest as they say is history.

Jean and Tom married in March 1939. Tom was in the Militia, and joined up when war came. Geoff was born in 1942, and shortly after, Jean followed Tom across to WA where he'd been posted. Jean spent the war in Perth and Geraldton. Jean was an innovative Mum, and family history relates that once on a tram, when Geoff would not stop crying, she found a dummy

dipped in Crème De Menthe to be a very effective soother.

She had plenty of opportunity to hone her parenting skills, as by 1957 she had six children ranging from new born to 15. By now they were in Georgetown, Tasmania with Tom working at Bell Bay. They returned to Victoria in the early 1960's, to be closer to family. After a stint as safety officer with the CRB, in 1965 Tom commenced a job with the Gas and Fuel in Morwell, and the family moved down to the new town of Churchill.

Churchill had only a couple of hundred people at the time. It was a town of young families, and Mum, at 48 was one of the "oldies". Because of their age Jean and Tom had to pay off their Housing Commission house in half the time most families had. The difference between \$20 and \$40 per month may seem laughable now, but at the time it was a significant burden, and was probably one of the driving forces in Jean taking on the job of Post Mistress.

Initially the PO operated from Jean's present house in Fraser Crescent. Because we had the PO, we also had the only phone in the street, and people used to come to the door to ask if they could use our phone. After a few months the official PO opened in West Place. Jean served as Post Mistress until 1980, and it is a time she looks back on very fondly. The town expanded greatly during this time, but Jean knew everyone, and made many good friends.

Jean was also closely involved in the establishment of the Co-Operating Church, School Committees, setting up of the Community Health Centre, and the Ladies Fellowship, as well as many other community issues. In recognition of her efforts she has been made a Life Member of the Community Health Centre and the Ladies Fellowship.

Since 1980 she has been "retired", but she has continued on with her works and interests in many spheres, and taking any available opportunity to travel. I am sure that it is this continued vital interest and activity that makes her the young 90 she is today.



By Margaret Guthrie,
Secretary

Our children's holiday activity over the Easter break was held at the Churchill Leisure Centre. GRG Inc provided free pool entry for local children, their parents and volunteers - plenty of splashing and laughter for all ages.

Swimming makes for healthy appetites, so the morning exercise was followed by lunch at the Neighbourhood Centre. Steamed dim sims, hot chips, cheese and crackers - all disappeared very quickly!

Many thanks to the staff at the Leisure Centre (particularly the pool attendant) and the Neighbourhood Centre for hosting our school holiday fun, to PJs Fish 'n' Chips and to the group of GRG volunteers who lent a hand on the day.

This month we're holding another Friday night community social activity at Churchill Town Hall. This will be a 'Games Night' hosted by Anglicare Victoria and featuring 'The Wheel of MisFortune', amongst a range of other activities and board games.

Our last social night was lots of fun and laughter and this activity promises more of the same.

Anyone from the Churchill community is most welcome to attend and bring friends or family - it's an opportunity to have a 'no-cost' night

out (without having to travel far), chat to other locals and share some laughter in company with friends. The activities are suitable for younger and older adults, there is a variety of snacks and supper fare to suit different tastes and you might just go home with a prize (including Big W shopping vouchers).

Contact Churchill Neighbourhood Centre (5122 2955) to reserve your seat, or phone Barbara on 5122 1407, or Margaret on 5122 2997. Childcare is also available at no cost, but MUST be pre-booked.

Next month, we intend to conduct an activity (in the Glendonald neighbourhood) to coincide with World Environment Day. This is an annual Day each June, which aims to raise awareness of environmental issues and host activities to address local environmental concerns.

GRG has focussed on hard waste disposal. Last year we collected white goods and computer parts for recycling. This year we intend to collect unwanted furniture items, such as old mattresses and lounge chairs, for disposal at

the local transfer station, in a bid to reduce the inappropriate dumping of such items on land around Churchill.

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

on 5122 2997. Our next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 26 April in the Glendonald Pre-school in Churinga Drive. Tea, coffee and childcare are provided. All Glendonald residents are welcome to attend, raise issues and participate in



Pool Fun, Games and More



Smoke Detectors and Fire Blankets

Smoke Detector Checks

Members of the Churchill Fire Brigade have been visiting the homes of our senior citizens to carry out smoke detector checks. Free of charge, as a community outreach, the members will change the battery and check that the smoke detectors are in working order. If you have not been contacted and would like to take advantage of this service, please ring Ruth on 51221961 to arrange a visit.

the kitchen is when dealing with very hot oil. If not monitored it can reach such high temperatures as to catch alight in an instant.

When this happens instant panic will set in as you try to find a quick solution while under stress and trauma.

Most people would dampen a towel under the tap and throw the soaking material over the flames. Smothering the fire does work because it starves the flames of the oxygen they need. But using a small towel to do it causes more danger.

Many people who have tried this method have the burn scars to prove it. The problem is that you feel you have to get very close to the fire to douse the flames. If you miss you may not get a second chance so you get as close as you can. This is where the severe burning takes place.

It may not be the actual flames that cause the skin damage, it could be the intense heat. Other people have been burned because they may have missed the target and try to retrieve the cloth to try again. This time you may have a partly burning cloth to contend with as well as a fire that is on the verge of getting out of control.

Fire blankets are recommended by all the emergency services and people involved in health and safety. They immediately know the safety benefits that fire blankets can bring when used correctly. They should

be made easily accessible near an exit doorway.

Never hide them away in drawers or cupboards and expect to find them easily when a fire takes hold. Placing them near to an exit ensures that you have a way out should the fire blanket not be enough, or if things go wrong.

Fire blankets are also ideal for covering someone who has actually caught fire, and can also be worn over the heads if you need to pass an area that is on fire, or where extreme temperatures are causing difficulty. Protecting the vital organs is the most important factor when you are confronted with fire.

Fire blankets can be purchased in many DIY stores and hardware shops and the cost varies with the type and size you need.

Many of the fire blankets can be re-usable after washing, though you will need to check the supporting documents for confirmation of this.

Every home should have a fire blanket located in the kitchen or where cooking takes place. When you consider the minimal cost to purchase one against the protection they provide for your home, your personal effects and of course your loved ones, they will be one of the best investments you can ever make.

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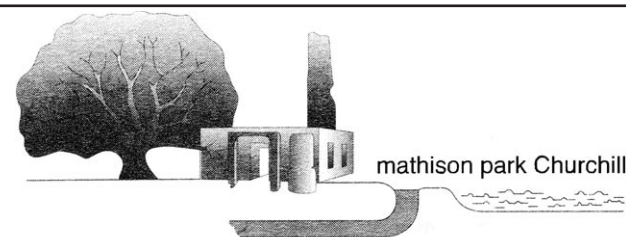
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New Boardwalk

Exciting times for the Mathison Park Advisory Group! A start has been made on the new boardwalk. This will be linked with the new pathway which is to complete a circuit of the Lake.

Many plants have been purchased to add some colourful patches to the park.

Our bird with comments by Ken

Harris, for this month, is the Pink Galah

Galas are pretty pink and grey cockatoos. They are quite common in the area and they often feed on the ground in grassy areas such as road sides. They feed on roots and bulbs, including the bulbs of the onion weed. They are often seen in the Park. This one was feeding on the ground near the ruins.



Death, Dying and Grief Seminars

Three of these seminars remain. All are welcome to attend. They are FREE and supper will be served to allow folks time to share their concerns or situations. Please feel free to come and participate in learning more about this common experience we all share. We are not alone in experiencing these life events.

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.

Some aspects of the talk that Paul will cover follow

1. Role of funeral director
2. Arranging the funeral
3. Legal documentation required
4. Options within funerals
5. Pre-planning and pre-arranging funerals
6. Benefits which may be available toward funeral costs.

Paul will cover many points regarding funerals and will answer any questions that may be asked on the night.

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.

The Content of Don's lecture on Grief and Loss:

What it is, and its dependent factors.

Phases, [stages], and explanation.

Symptoms of grief.

How to help a person suffering from grief and loss:

Needs.

How to help.

Dos and Don'ts.

Helping Children.

Depression, its symptoms and what to do about it

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

Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod 2007 Schedules Now Available

The Schedules for the 2007 Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod are now available.

Performers who entered in 2006 should have received a copy recently.

Any persons who would like to have a copy sent, is asked to contact the office and leave a name and address to which it can be sent.

The office will be open most Wednesdays from 9.00am until 12.00pm, but can be open at other times by prior arrangement.

All messages left on the answering machine or email

will be responded to. The next general meeting of the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod will be held on Tuesday 15 May at 7.30pm at the Kath Teychenne Centre and new people with an interest will be made most welcome.

The Eisteddfod Office can be contacted on 51742335 or by email on eist@lve.org.au .



A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Mike and Marian Answerth

By Ruth Place

Mike and Marion Answerth moved to Churchill in September 1966. Since that time they have worked hard at raising a family and contributing to their community in many different ways, including their church.

Marion is a product of the East Gippsland area near Bruthen, called Mossiface. Her grandparents were from there as well as her parents, Nell and Charlie Kilmartin.

Charlie went to Mossiface School and was able to achieve his Merit Certificate- Grade 8! He spoke of this with great pride. Nell also attended the school and that was how they met!

Their families picked beans, peas and maize on the flats at Mossiface. Tennis was also keenly played. They would think nothing of working all day, going home to change, then heading out for a ball. They loved dancing into the early hours of the morning.

Before they married, Charlie bought a racing bike. It was his pride and joy. He rode regularly from Mossiface to Bairnsdale. Charlie yearned to be a motor mechanic, so he went to Bairnsdale Tech, uphill most of the way, to school each day, until he qualified. Then it was work in Bairnsdale which kept him riding.

Nell, when she finished school, went to work as a waitress at the Bruthen Hotel which is still there today!

The couple was married at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Bairnsdale, in April 1941. Soon after they moved to Yallourn and shared a house with friends.

Marion was born in 1942, at the old Yallourn Hospital. In 1943 they moved into a home in Papyrus Street in Morwell. That was the year of the dreadful fires. In 1947 Elaine arrived, and in 1953, Gary completed the family. Charlie worked in the Yallourn Workshops, and later at Kelly Bros. Motors. Charlie worked for fifty years in Morwell before retiring.

The family was not well off, but they were bought up with sharing of the parents Christian faith, and the support and care of lots of friends. They had lots of fun for very little money. Regular events were sharing afternoon tea, and/or playing cards.

Marion attended school firstly at Sacred Heart Morwell, for primary education, then Presentation College in Moe, for her secondary education.

In 1958, Marion started work at the SEC Wallace Street Administrative Offices Morwell Headquarters, in the Workshops. Her job was in the typing pool, for which she became Supervisor in 1963. This was not an easy task being in charge of 25 female typists!

Mike's parents were Eileen and Greg Answerth. Eileen was born at Jindivick, north of Warragul, and was raised around Gippsland. Greg was from Hawthorn in Melbourne. Eileen ended up going to Melbourne to work in domestic duties at a big home in Toorak. Eileen told her children that the folks were very rich, but they looked after her very well. As was the case in many situations in those days, the couple met at a dance. Eileen had a date with Greg's brother but he couldn't go so Greg went in his place, the result being they were married in the 1939, Mike thinks.

The War was on and Greg was called up, and sent to Townsville for training and then on to New Guinea. While Greg was away serving his country, Eileen moved to Warragul where her Mother was still living, and set up home. There she could have the support of family.

Greg was a printer by trade. When he returned from the war he obtained a job at both the

Warragul Guardian and the Warragul Gazette which is still going today. These newspapers were founded by the Gannon Family, who also had newspapers at Leongatha, Koo-Wee-Rup and Colac.

Eileen and Greg were the proud parents of ten children- 6 boys and 4 girls. One is deceased but the rest live all over Australia from west to east, as well as locally.

To help support this growing family, Greg did many other jobs. He was well known as the gatekeeper at the footy, trots, and greyhounds. He also worked at the drive-in theatre. Greg encouraged all the kids, and they all had part time jobs too.

The family was very poor. They had no hot water, and slept on the verandah. A bath was taken at weekends, in water boiled in the copper. They had few worldly possessions, but they were taught proper behaviour, justice, honesty and a good work ethic. The money they obtained from their part time jobs was always given to Mum, who gave them back some for pocket money. Mike is proud to say that all the children ended up with good jobs.

Greg was a great identity in Warragul, well known in sporting circles. The Western Park Pavillion is named in his honour. He has a life membership. He was a member of the Warragul Industrial Football Club, fondly known as the Dusties.

Mike is the first boy, and the second child. He was named Michael Gregory after his father.

Mike began school at St. Joseph's Marist brothers in Warragul, and then went at thirteen, as a boarder to Marist Brothers Champagnat College, in Wangaratta. This college was named after the founder of the order of the Marist Brothers order which originated in France. This was a quantum leap for this young lad who was very much part of the family scene. He tells that he cried his eyes out for a long time before settling. Mike finished his education there in 1959, gaining his Matriculation (Year 12).

His first job was as a Stock and Station Agency in Warragul, working at the Calf Sale Yards. This was a very responsible job, as he had to account for all the calves on the lot. Monday was calf sales day.

In 1961 Mike obtained a job in Morwell at the SEC Administrative Offices, beginning as a Junior Clerk in Personnel. Guess what happened? Mike met Marion! They worked together for three years but it took a little time before they started going out in 1962. In 1963 they became engaged. During that time Mike moved from Personnel to Property, making a connection with the Housing Commission in Morwell. In 1964, Mike was transferred to Melbourne with a promotion, so they decided to marry and go to Melbourne together. The marriage took place at Sacred Heart Church in the old red brick building which has been replaced by today's model. Father Noel Daly officiated. Father Daly also baptized five of the Answerth's children.

Mike and Marion set off to Melbourne, first living with Mike's sister in Kew, then moving into a small flat. Marion had to resign when she married, as was the normal practice in country areas in those days. However, when she moved to Melbourne she had an interview and began work in the typing pool, as a relief typist. But she became pregnant, and had to leave to have their first child Debbie, who was born at St. Vincent's Private Hospital in 1965. The regulations regarding the flat prevented children, so they had to



find

a place to which to move before the birth. But where? A notice was put in the Catholic paper The Advocate, asking for a house to share. They had three replies. Two were most unsuitable, being dingy, dirty and with coin-in-the-slot heating. The third was a wonderful single lady who lived at Moonee Ponds. She had a large family home which she had inherited. During the day she worked with the Taxation Department and as a home job did podiatry. When she saw Marion, obviously pregnant, she welcomed them in and adopted them as her own family. She loved Debbie when she arrived, and told them to go out and have a break so she could mind Debbie. The Answerth's had the use of one bedroom, the lounge and shared the bathroom and kitchen. There was another boarder- a single school teacher- who had the other bedroom. This lady was strong in her faith, and lived it out.

However, Marion was lonely at home each day, while Mike was at work. She became homesick, and couldn't wait to come back to her family. Neither Mike nor Marion like the city life. Fortunately, another promotion saw Mike back at the SEC in Morwell. Marion's parents were delighted to have the family within easy traveling distance, and to be able to see their grandchild regularly. Marion too had that extra support, and family closeness, for which she had yearned.

They moved into Heesom Crescent in Churchill in September 1966. Sue arrived in 1968, Paul in 1969, Shaun in 1971 and finally Simon.

Life in those early days was not easy, but there was a wonderful spirit in Heesom Crescent, to which Mike and Marion's childhood experience contributed. They would have parish friends and neighbours in to share meals (each family would bring a different course) and they would have lots of fellowship and fun. Marion didn't have a driver's licence, but they had only one car which Mike used for work, anyway.

Well they remember the cricket matches, played out of the driveway, which had a trellis to act as a natural barrier to stop cricket balls going astray! It was the time when Kerry Packer had introduced the day/night games. Mike rigged up flood light so they could play on. Later when the park was more established, they went up there and played with a real cricket ball.

Other fond memories include the billy cart derbies, where the kids had races down Heesom Crescent. The bigger children waited down the bottom of the hill to stop any of the littler ones from entering upon Switchback Road. There was bonfire night for Guy Fawkes. They had the bonfire but there was never enough money to buy

any crackers. The Answerths had a three foot swimming pool in the backyard. This was an attraction for local children who somehow wangled an invitation to join the fun. Halloween Trick or Treating was something the children indulged in, but about which their parents were not especially happy.

Marion remembers going next door shortly after moving in, to ask for an ingredient which she needed for a birthday cake (remember there were no shops in Churchill) and who should answer the door but Bev. Marion knew Bev. She was a next door neighbour in Morwell and she worked in Williams the Shoeman. What a surprise!

It was Bev who introduced the Answerth Boys to Baseball. The Cranes used to take Shaun and Paul to baseball carnivals. Paul and John Crane went to the USA with the Junior Baseball Squad.

Christmas mornings were special, because that was when the Answerth children could visit The Cranes and show Bev and Ken the presents they had received.

Services were few but Marion and Mike remember John Koedijke delivering the milk, with his milkcart; Bev delivering bread and Mr Barret from Boolarra, delivering fresh eggs. Bev loved the Answerth girls and delighted in making dolls clothes for their dolls.

Then of course there was the dust to contend with as earthworks on the north side of Switchback Road got under way, and as all residents will relate to, the cracking of the bricks as the earth moved, with dry and wet periods.

Mike became involved with community activities. There were no shops, no school, no kinder, no corner store. The Post Office was located in Rev. Peter Arch's house. But importantly for the Answerths there was no Parish church. They had to go to Morwell to Sacred Heart till Mass was later said above the shopping centre. John Koedijke stored the fold up altar in his shop, setting it up each Sunday morning.

There was so much to achieve! There was a great need to have some decent facilities.

So it was that Rev Arch began the Churchill Citizens Association in which Mike held a position. As a member, he was elected representative on the Morwell Water Trust, a position he held for nine years, until Neville Smith took over.

One good thing about their position was their close proximity to Watson Park Kinder. All the children except Sue who had to go to Yinnar Kinder, attended Watson Park, a hop step and jump away!

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A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Bev and Ken Crane were their neighbours.

The Parish Development Committee was set up to begin planning for the new Catholic Parish in Churchill, in the early 1970s. Meetings were held in the Answerth's home.

Their children were growing up and there were no sporting facilities in town. So Mike along with Brian Pavey, Jim Richards and John Grieve, started the Junior Football League. There were lots of kids, so they were able to field four teams. In those teams were Paul and Lawrie Dear. In approximately 1975, they took the teams to Colac to play in the Junior Football Carnival. They slept in a hall there in their sleeping bags and had great fun.

Mike was working at the SEC., and became aware of a big hut at Hazelwood, which had been used in the construction phase. This was now not needed. Mike spoke to Jack Vinal and Ruth Dean, both local councilors. After much negotiation, the SEC said they could have the building, but they would have to remove it themselves. It meant pulling off the sheeting off the walls, unbolting the girders and transporting it in pieces. It was a massive project! Willatons helped with their trucks and Simon Carves helped with the use of their cranes. Barry Daws helped by pouring concrete pillars for the building to rest on. It seemed to go on for ages. Then the Morwell River Prison Farm men were engaged to work. For a few pies and a weekend out of prison, these big strong guys did a wonderful job, weekend after weekend.

Mike's next job with the SEC was as Public Relations Education Officer for the Loy Yang Project. His job entailed calling on the farmers to tell them their land would be acquired for the new mine. He also was involved with the Yallourn Re-settlement where he had to tell the folks they would have to move from their homes. Through this time Mike worked closely with George Bates, a man Mike says he grew to admire. Mike wrote many of George's speeches.

It was at this time that Mike decided to do some more study to be more familiar with the ways to approach this demanding job. He began studying at Yallourn Tech. and then transferred to the G.I.A.E. to complete his Diploma of Arts and Social Sciences. He graduated in 1980.

Meanwhile Marion was a stay-at-home Mum, being very busy caring for the family and keeping house. However, she did become President of the Ladies group who met with Sr. Maureen to choose the uniform colours of green and gold which remain today.

Prior to 1977, the Parish Development Committee was hard at work. Although they parishioners were still part of Morwell's Sacred Heart parish, they were given a free reign to pursue plans with the architects, and work out the details of furniture and furnishings. In 1977, the Lumen Christi school was founded, opening for grades 3-6 The school was used for Masses, until the church was built a couple of years later. Father Coffey, now Bishop Coffey, was the first priest. Sister Maureen O'Kelly was the first Principal. With her to form the Taskforce to set up the school, was Sister Madeleine and Sister Bernadene. Sister Audrey was the Pastoral Worker.

Daughter Sue was one of the first children to be enrolled at the school. Paul had started at Churchill Primary School and was then able to transfer to Lumen Christ

The late 70s was the time when Mike joined the Morwell J.C.s. He then decided to start Churchill's own branch. He became their first President. Some of their achievements included

building a park in Manning Drive, and installing a concrete steam train for the kids to play on in the green belt, below Kelleher Street. As with Apex, when you turn forty you are required to leave. However the J.C.s folded.

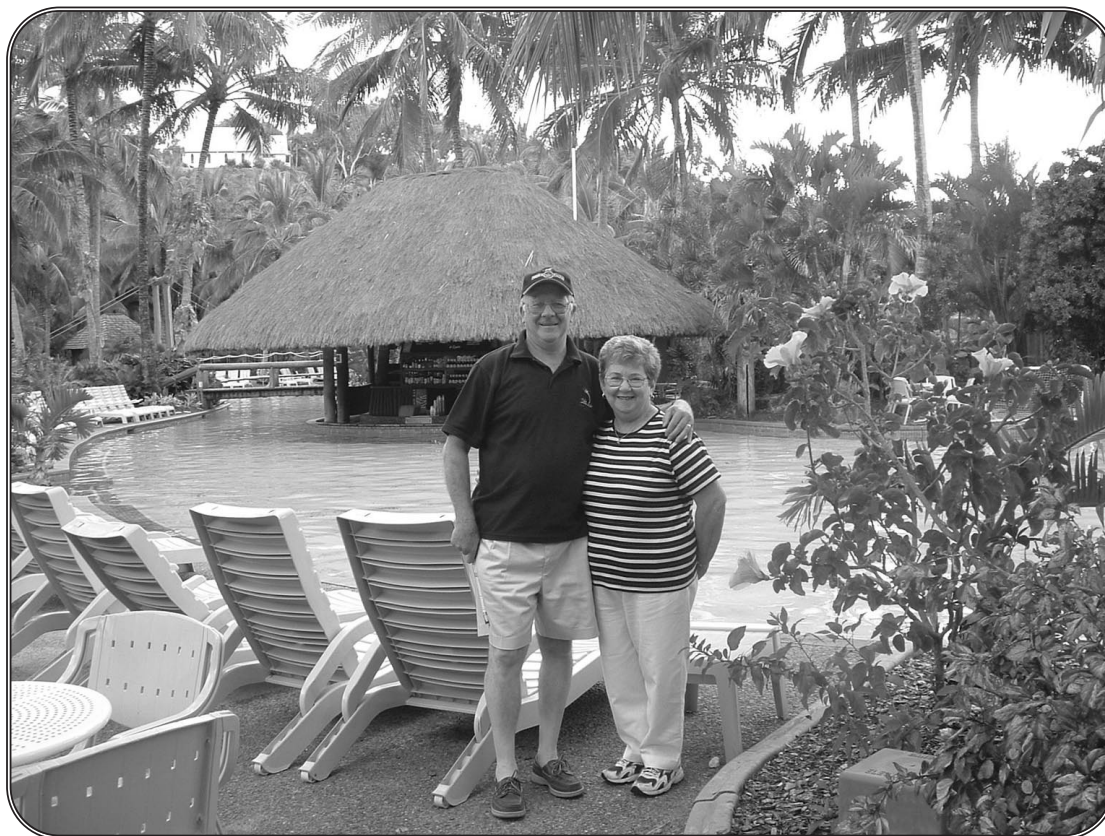
So in 1978, Rotary started.

In 1980, Mike following in his Father's footsteps, took on another paid job- that of Latrobe Valley Football League (LVFL) Publicity Officer. This job required Mike to write an article for the Express twice a week, and as part of the radio coverage, be interviewed by Kevin Hogan, Clem Pitt, Graeme Eddy and Richard Zachariah.

The Saturday routine went like this. 1. Attend the games. 2. Compile the results. 3. Go home and wait for the final scores to be rung through. Then 4. After Marion had cooked and served tea, she would type all the appropriate details (percentages, ladders etc) with a typewriter, ready so Clem wats could drive from Warragul to pick them up, so he would have them for his program on Sunday morning. Talk about pressure!!! Marion confessed she hated Saturdays, but the work gave them some extra money which helped put the kids through school. Eventually this was all computerized, and a girl employed to do the work. LVFL was one of the first clubs to be computerized!

Many of you will remember the Lumen Christi Reviews. They were so popular that they ran annually for eleven years, from 1983. Mike, along with Paul Devlin, a gifted musician, and Paul Mash, a brilliant actor, and his wife Marguerite, were the main organizers. Mike was the MC. It involved many of the parishioners, but also included other young people in the town. As well as being a good social event, it was a good money raiser!

A change of employment occurred for Mike in 1987. He took a package and left the SEC to join the Bi-Centennial Exhibition for 1988. At Traralgon, under the leadership of Traralgon City Council, people from all over Gippsland came to



support the event. They set the largest attendance record for all of country Victoria and the third largest for the whole of Australia. They hosted over 20,000 school children, and up to 40,000 people a day, over the three days.

That task successfully completed, Mike joined the Traralgon Hospital as their Public Relations/ Fundraising person. This role continued when both Traralgon and Moe hospitals combined at Latrobe Regional Hospital.

A Rotarian invited Mike to join Rotary in

1989. He has served as President in 1994 and 1999. He is part of the Centennial House Committee of Management

On of life's highlights occurred in 1993 when Debbie, who was working as a travel agent, rang to say they had the opportunity to take an overseas holiday which gave travel agents and their parents a return trip to London for \$960. They would be leaving in six weeks! At first Mike said he didn't have time to go, but Debbie convinced him, as daughters do, and so they had the most wonderful tour of England, Ireland and Europe, flawlessly planned by Debbie. Two places which stand out in the memory are Devon and Cornwall.

What a huge year 1993 turned out to be! In February, Sue and Ken were married at Lumen Christi. Then came the trip, to be followed by a second wedding, that of Paul and Chris, at St. Vincent's in October.

Marion joined Mary Kay cosmetics as Sue's recruitment. They worked as a Mother and Daughter team. Marion continues this work still. This was a special opportunity for Marion as she was able to attend seminars and conferences, which greatly increased her self-esteem and confidence. It was an opportunity also, to meet a variety of people, and it broadened her horizons.

Marion became a Religious Education teacher in the State School system and continued this work in her special way for over ten years.

From 1994 on, Mike was employed in a succession of jobs. First there was Public Relations/Fundraising for Gippsland Grammar (the Opposition). He had the opportunity to attend State and Interstate conferences. Next, in 1995, was PR person for Wellington Shire. A trip to China as a council delegate is a happy memory. 1999 was the year that Mike joined Country Racing, which was exciting as he was the first

became a member of the Formation Group at Lumen Christi. This group's aim was to understand the concept of cell groups and to prepare leaders for the task. This would then lead to setting up cell groups, to which all parishioners could belong. These groups would be a support mechanism for pastoral concerns, as well as a study group. The parish priest selected Mike, Margaret McQuillan and Jonathan Dyson, to represent the parish at an International Conference called Cells of Evangelism, in Milan for the enthusing of people about cell groups. Mike firmly states that it was a life changing experience. Lumen Christi now has several successful cells groups, including one for young people, run by Jonathan.

2004 saw Mike retire from full time work.

That was the time to go for a well earned holiday or two to places like Hamilton Island, Cairns and Port Stephens.

Marion's Christian principles lead her to become the parish member of the Roman Catholic Ecumenical Council. They meet three monthly, with the blessing of the Bishop. Their task is to work together with other churches, but here in Churchill, with the Co-Operating Churches, and the Churchill Christian Fellowship, to organise such events as World Day of Prayer, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and the Good Friday Witness Walk. Marion has enjoyed working with Rev Bob and others.

Marion is also a member on the Bishop's Family Foundation Board.

But for Mike, he has decided that retirement is not fully for him, so he has taken a job with Latrobe City Council for 21/2 days a week with the NEIP (Neighbourhood Environment Improvement) scheme as applied to the Morwell River catchment area. Mike will work with other involved authorities, and a local committee, to see the necessary improvement to our water catchment.

So for Mike and Marion, life is busy with church, work, home and family. They are the worthy parents of six children, their spouses/intended, and twelve grandchildren. All their children are successful in their chosen fields, for which their parents are very proud They remain a close knit family with regular visits and phone calls between families, part of life.

Debbie married Darren Fletcher and they have Danielle and Matthew.

Mark married Annie Beechey, and they have Annelise and Serina

Sue married Ken Hutchinson and their children are Liam, Jessie and Tim.

Paul married Chris Sheehan and have Ellie and Ben.

Shaun is married to Kerrie Smith and their offspring are Chloe and Kayley.

Simon is engaged to Casey Murtagh and at present they are off seeing the world.

We in Churchill, can be very thankful that Mike and Marion Answerth chose this town for their home, because they, like so many others of our original residents, have made, and still continue to make, a considerable contribution to the well being our community.

Pictured: Marian and Mike Answerth

marketing person to be appointed. His job was to change the perspective and focus of racing to one of entertainment for a family, as well as address the profit side to keep the racing game afloat. This job opened up a lot of opportunities to attend Darby and gala occasions at Crown Casino, and to travel to race venues around Victoria, attending food and wine events as at Avoca, Warrnambool, and Stoney Creek, as well as the Jazz festival at Moe. Marion was often Mike's companion at these activities.

But mixed in with these jobs, Mike, in 1998

What goes around comes around

By CHRIS LAMING

For thirty years Victorians have been increasingly aware of the impact or abuse, neglect and bullying on vulnerable children. It is an impact that can be both psychologically devastating and also long lasting. The fragility of new life is easily affected by lack of care or by witnessing violent behaviour. Fragile hearts are easily broken and yet hard to mend. Trust destroyed is not easily - if ever - won back.

For example, if the coach of a local footy team loses the trust of his players, it takes a lot of effort for him to win it back. If players lose confidence in each other and doubt their ability to play together, they will start to act with uncertainty and this can lead to misunderstandings and ill feeling that effect the team's performance.

It is the same in families. Like teams, between family members, there is sometimes tension and poor communication. The real 'winner' in the game of life is the person who learns from their mistakes and changes their behaviours. Conversely, the real 'loser' is the one who refuses to listen and learn and adamantly sticks to his or her point of view, often out of pride. It is amazing how often a really good team, or a relationship, is split by injured pride or by jealousy. And often it leads to conflict and abuse in a relationship, where the physically stronger person usually does the most damage. And yet, how does this happen?

We would not allow another man to walk into our home and abuse our partner and traumatize

our children, so we have to ask the question, 'What makes us, as husbands, partners and fathers, different? Do we have any more right, than the stranger off the street, to violate the safety and well-being of those we love?' Obviously not. So why do we do it? Remember that family violence is the single biggest cause of preventable illness, disease and death for women in Australia between the ages of 18-45. And using the analogy of sport again, where is the sportsmanship in beating, hitting or putting down someone who is no match for you and is, literally, fighting above her (or their) weight? Is this the Anzac Spirit?

Do we have to win no matter what it takes? At the end of the day, or the end of the season, or at the end of life, for that matter, do we want to be remembered as a sledging bully who always 'won', or as a sportsperson who always gave their best? Recently, Dr Angela Williams, AFL advisor on attitudes to women, was featured on the front page of a major daily newspaper, linking sledging on the football field with abusive behaviour towards women in general, "Bad attitudes towards women promote violence against women. They lead to domestic violence, sexual assault and deaths". (The Age 21 April 2007 page 1)

Years ago, 'Bill' was a champion Surf Lifesaver, a proud, dedicated man, captain of the surf boat, a hero of his club, and representing his state at carnivals. He was admired as a strong competitor who did everything he could to win.

He could swim quicker, row stronger, fight harder and drink longer than anyone else. He was a real 'man's man', yet at home, things were not as they appeared. When with his family, he was a brutal, violent, controlling bully who terrorized his wife and four children, until they finally fled for safety.

As time passed 'Bill' became a very lonely and unhappy old man, living and dying with the knowledge of his violence, alongside his memories of sporting triumphs. His children scorned him and his mates abandoned him. But how many of his mates in the early years knew what he was like and did not challenge him about his abuse and violence? Were they afraid of him? Could they have prevented him, back then, from ending his life alone and unhappy? Could they have challenged him to change his behaviour and become more honest at home. Or is it that our mates are rarely the ones to challenge us? Rather they collude with our denying responsibility and agree with our excuses that it was the alcohol or the anger, and not our fault? 'Mates' sometimes collude; true friends challenge.

Are we, as men, prepared to challenge those men in our own community, those of our mates, who behave abusively towards their families, whilst they are playing the part of sporting heroes to the outside world? The only way to stop a bully, whether in the school yard, the workplace, or in the home is to 'out' them and challenge and support them to change their behaviour. They can choose to be different.

'What goes around, comes around' is a particularly apt saying in this regard, so that if a person is violent or abusive to others, it is likely that this will come back to bite him on the bum, so to speak, in later life. For example, 'Bill' the champion Surf Lifesaver, who was fit and healthy on the beach and never lacked drinking mates, found himself lonely and pathetic in later life because of his cowardly abuse of his wife, witnessed by his children, those who knew him best (and loved him).

We can all choose to change behaviours that are not good and live in such a way, that in fifty years time we will be remembered as a kind, just and honourable people who looked after the fragile of heart. It is a choice I can make now, today, and a choice I can challenge my mates to make too.

At the end of my 'day', when I look back over my life, what do I want to see - that I colluded in another man's family violence, or took a stand and made a difference?

Links:

Elder Abuse Prevention Australia:
abuse@eapa.asn.au

Lifeline Gippsland:
<http://www.lifeline.org.au/gippsland>
No To Violence

http://www.ntv.net.au/ntv_two.htm
(Men's Referral Service: 1800 065 973)



Wattle Club trip to Glengarry (above) and Easter Parade (Below)



Wattle Club

Easter Parade and a Trip to Glengarry

By RUTH PLACE

A hive of activity and a buzz of happy participation greeted me as I entered the Wattle Club community room last week.

The PAG (Planned Activity Group) from Moe had come to share the day. All the Churchill crowd, as well as the visitors enjoyed the social interaction. A game of Bingo with cards, was managed to keep some control with this lively group of young at hearters! But, game won the enthusiastic chatter started again. Then followed a game of Naughts and Crosses.

It was voted a successful and memorable day's entertainment, with sighs of sadness when the bus came to take the folks home.

Easter Parade Day was spent socializing with the Morwell PAG, where Lucy and Les entertained the group with singing. They enjoyed Easter activities like word finds and trivia. Of course, hot

cross buns were delicious for morning tea. The afternoon was spent playing cards, Rummy and Scrabble.

A Movie Day, saw the clients choose the movie "Fifty First Dates". I'm told the gents thought it was all right. The ladies were not so sure!

Friday the 13th has its connotations, but they did not apply to this happy group who spent their day playing games including tennis cricket, Chinese Checkers, cards and Rummy. It was a day of much laughter and good clean fun.

For their outing and picnic, the folks decided to go to Cowarr Weir. On arrival they discovered it was closed, so they returned as far as Glengarry and found the park. There they cooked hot dogs in a boiler on a hot plate they can carry and served them with cheese and onions. The meal ended with custard and fruit. It was agreed it was a great day out with the weather being very kind.

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Globalisation - The Phenomenon Won't go Away

By JULIA BURAS, Trafalgar High School

Globalisation - it's happening all the time and it can't and won't be stopped. But what exactly is globalisation? There are many definitions of globalisation, but there is not a precise definition. Globalisation can be described as:

- Where products and ideas are available everywhere at the same time around the world.
- Global networking has brought together isolated countries and united everyone as 'one world'.
- The process by which the experience of everyday life, marked by the diffusion of commodities and ideas can foster a standardization of cultural expressions around the world.

Three 'forces' cause globalisation:

1. Technological globalisation (includes wireless/satellite/electronic connections/access to the Internet) Access
2. Political globalisation (helped by access to international media) Decision making
3. Economic globalisation (instantaneous electronic business transactions) Trade

Some examples of globalisation include:

- Food (Some food now eaten all over the world include curries, McDonalds KFC, Pizza)
- Clothes (Types of clothes worn all over the world include: men's business suits, women's suits, jeans)
- CNN (CNN is a US news broadcaster, which broadcasts live coverage of many events happening on opposite sides of the world, e.g. Gulf War 1994, September 11th)
- Internet Business

So why is globalisation so significant? Globalisation is a significant issue because:

- There is no way of stopping the phenomenon, especially with satellite technology. If a country resisted globalisation, the society wouldn't be able to function and the economy would break down. Try living without most books, CDs, clothes, shoes, foods, electronics, the car etc.
- Everyone is affected by globalisation whether they agree with it or not. Some political decisions are influenced by globalisation.
- Trade makes an economy strong and stable and help people

make money. However, the people making the money aren't always the working class people but the people in power.

- Trade has brought people out of poverty.
- Globalisation can destroy regional traditions.
- Damage to the environment can be caused by globalisation.
- If countries don't trade with each other, they get left in the past.
- Globalisation can be known as a spread of American culture throughout the world, which is not necessarily a good thing.

Some major groups related to globalisation include:

Globalist groups:

- United Nations (UN)
- World Trade Organisation (WTO)
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- World Bank
- McDonald's and other major world businesses
- G8 (The countries involved are: UK, USA, Japan, Russia, Italy, Germany, Canada and France)
- International Labour Organisation (ILO)

There are more Globalist groups, though the ones listed are the main ones. Globalist groups support globalisation.

Anti-globalist groups:

- Friends of the Earth and Greenpeace
- Oxfam and World Vision International, The South Centre and Group of 77, and Third World Network
- Protesters against the G8 countries
- Trade Unions

There are also other anti-globalist groups, though I have listed the main ones. Anti-globalist groups don't agree with globalisation.

Some possible outcomes in the future include:

Short-term outcomes

- Burst of economic growth
- A need to grasp opportunity when it happens as another company/country may benefit instead

Long-term outcomes

- Increased trade between countries and accessible technology for most nations as globalisation helps the world develop, since

there will be fewer barriers for emerging products or technology

• Cultural variations become lost, especially in poorer countries. European countries are already showing signs of becoming homogenized as they integrate into the European Union e.g. a toy for a five year old made in China can be bought in Poland slightly cheaper than the same toy in Australia. Smaller companies cannot compete economically and eventually large companies will monopolise the world marketplace.

• The Earth's resources could get used up without much thought for thought for future generations.

• There will be accessible technology for most nations as it develops.

However, there is a danger that there will be no one who will have any real control over the phenomenon of globalisation. Interest groups may have some lobbying influence, otherwise the heads of global monopolies will decide for the marketplace.

It is possible that interest groups will help keep a balance on the development of globalisation but problems will start to happen if interest groups are one sided.

Most future outcomes need time to develop, so most of the globalisation outcomes are long-term.

So what happens when you buy a product from overseas?

There are many different products, which can be made in different countries, for different costs. An example of this is biscuits.

There are a number of biscuits being imported from overseas, and there are a number of biscuits made in Australia, using Australian products e.g. Dick Smith biscuits. If people bought imported biscuits on a regular basis, then people making the Australian biscuits would lose jobs and the Australian economy wouldn't do very well. Yet, if people were educated about national jobs, and made an informed decision about which biscuits to buy, then it could mean jobs being saved in Australia.

However, it is still all right to buy imported biscuits occasionally.

However, the question to ask yourself is: do you want jobs to stay in Australia, or be transferred overseas to someone else? The choice is up to you.

Pedal Power and Churchill Teenagers in Tasmania

Nine former students of Churchill Primary School's Human Powered Vehicle Program competed in a HPV race around the Salamankar market area in Hobart at the end of April. The groups competed in two vehicles and have named themselves 'Churchill Power'.

The students were accompanied by former Churchill Primary School Principal and HPV Guru Rob Higgins. Each student was accompanied by a parent.

The trip was a great opportunity for the group to do a variety of other activities including ice skating, sightseeing around Hobart and a bike ride down Mt Wellington.

Chief organiser and well known chocolate lover, Jenny Webb organised a visit to the

Cadbury factory for the group.

For some, the flight over was their first experience on a plane. The two vehicles traveled on the Spirit of Tasmania with chief mechanics Roger Brighton and Murray Hutchinson.

The team consisted of Brittany and Tyson Webb, Whitney Mathieson, Nicole Brighton, Melissa Jonas, Katrina Hutchinson, Mylah Lewis, James Curwood and Nikita and Kayla Jongerius. Darcie Jonerius was the team 'gopher'.

The 'Churchill Power' HPV Team is thankful for the support from Latrobe City, Australian Paper, International Power - Hazelwood, Loy Yang Power, Hutchinson Row Electricians and Rotary International - Hazelwood.



Tyson Webb trains in one of the HPV's



Repairs are made to a machine

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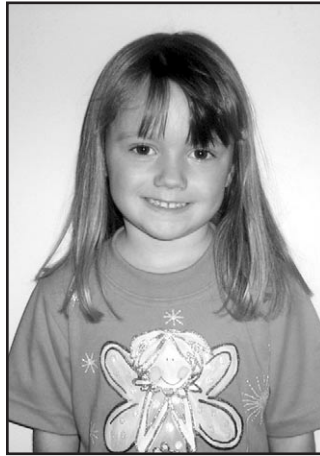
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Riley AKERS	9 years
Hayden ANDERS	3 years
Emily DAL PAZZO	9 years
Hayden DENT	2 years
Guy GRIFFITHS	6 years
Shyenne GRIFFITHS	7 years
Tamara KEMP	12 years
Chelsea KOOSTRA	7 years
Breanna KOOTSTRA-DENTON	8 years
Ebony KOOTSTRA-DENTON	12 years
Ingrid MORGAN	12 years

The randomly chosen "BIRTHDAYITES" this month are
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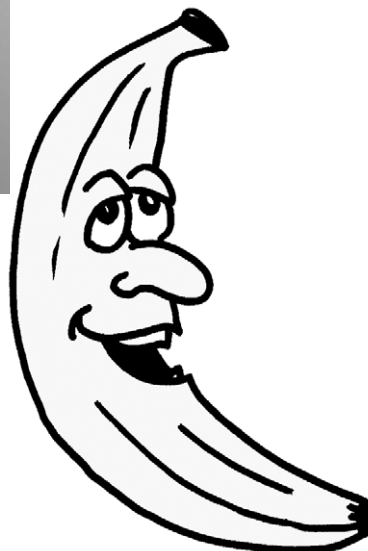
Right: Alanah Shankland,
4 years on 7th April



Left: Keene Griffiths,
8 years on 3rd April

The May "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 April list. This could have been you - make sure you join so you also have the chance to be a lucky "Birthdayite".

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WORD PUZZLE

Can you find the hidden words? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.

This month the word puzzle is on Health & Fitness see how many of the words you can find!

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Lest we forget Anzac Day

By JADE STEVENSON and TAHLIA TAIFER, Hazelwood North Primary School
In class we learnt about Anzac Day by reading stories about some soldiers.

We learnt about the life of the diggers in the war, how big they dug the trenches, what they ate and what it was like to be in the war. The mud, water and fighting would have made this a terrifying experience.

We also learnt that Anzac biscuits were once called Soldier biscuits. The name changed in honour of the fighting at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli. We made Anzac biscuits also. It was lots of fun.

It was very interesting to learn more about our history and heritage.

Thank You!!

By ZOEY HIBBERT, GRADE 4, Hazelwood North Primary School

Remember when we saw the ones at war and then they weren't in our reach anymore.

We see them in our dreams and in our memories but never in person

We see them in photos but never in themselves.

We see them in Australia and in the coat of arms.

We should thank them by wearing an ANZAC badge on ANZAC day.

So now we see them as more than just people who fought at war.

We see them as our saviours and in making Australia our country.

So thank you for risking your lives for us!!

Dexter McDwyer

A Poem by KENN NESBITT

I'm Dexter McDwyer, an excellent liar.

I never say anything true.

Which means I'm implying I'm probably lying,
so I don't believe me. Do you?



Scams Target you Protect Yourself

Scams cost everyone and anyone can be a target - you may already have been scammed.

That surprise lottery win in the mail, the email claiming to be from your bank, the 'free' holiday, the 'guaranteed income', the 'amazing' share offer over the phone - all these can be fronts for SCAMS.

Some are very easy to spot while others are so sneaky you may not know they are scams.

You can protect yourself. Most scams need you to do something before they can work, like:

*Sending money based on promises that turn out to be false.

*Giving out your personal details to people who turn out to be scammers

*Agreeing to deals without getting advice or buying a product without checking it out properly.

Protect yourself

You can protect yourself by following the steps below.

*Remember the golden rule: if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

*Protect your Money: never respond to an email asking you for your PINS or password.

*Never send money to someone you don't know or trust.

*Only invest with licensed financial services providers.

*Phone: be suspicious of unexpected calls and text messages.

*Hang up. Or text 'STOP' to unwanted messages.

*Don't give out your number to just anyone.

*Computer: keep your protection software up today.

*Don't respond in any way to unsolicited emails.

*If in doubt, delete.

*Identity: never give out your personal information to someone you don't know or trust.

*Don't just bin it - destroy it (old bills, records or expired cards).

Check your credit report at least once a year.

Remember the golden rule:

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To find out more about scams and to report scams visit www.scamwatch.gov.au or call 1300 795 995 For TTY service call 1300 303 609.

National Seniors Association May Meeting

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

The Gippsland Branch meeting for this month is an afternoon one, to be held on Wednesday 16th May at the Masonic Lodge, Lodge Drive, Traralgon. Commencing at 1.00 p.m., our speaker will be from CENTRELINK.

A monthly \$3 fee is charged to help cover costs and 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 will be dinner at Grand Junction Hotel on Friday 11th May, 2007. All welcome bookings to Chris Shaughnessy on 5148 2091. Bookings and deposits of \$5 are now being taken for our Christmas in July dinner to be held on Friday 13th July 2007 at Silks Restaurant, Moe.

HAZELWOOD HOUSE HAPPENINGS



Peter Martin and Vin Walker attended the midday service on Anzac Day in Morwell. Pictured above, Peter and Vin enjoy a drink before the lunch was served at the R.S.L Club. Thank you to all the wonderful staff who looked after everyone so well on the day.



Elaine Wilden (pictured left) celebrated her 60th birthday at the Hostel. Friends and relatives, along with staff and residents enjoyed the afternoon. Max Van Heurck and young friend Krystal, entertained everyone with country and western songs. A great time was had by all.

Our cook, Cheryl (Pictured below) won first prize in the Easter raffle. Judging by the look on her face you would have thought she'd won the major prize in Tattsлото!



Youth suicide- it's time to talk

A great deal of media attention has been focused on the apparent suicide pact made between two 16 year old girls in Victoria this week.

In response to this tragedy Lifeline Gippsland feels it is important to remind people where they can get help if they are feeling suicidal, or how they can help someone, they are concerned about.

Lifeline Gippsland understands that one of the most important factors in suicide prevention is the ability to communicate openly about the emotional pain the person is experiencing.

By asking a friend or family member "You have been mentioning death/suicide a lot lately, have you been thinking about killing yourself?" you will open up the lines of communication.

By asking these sorts of questions, you are not encouraging self-harm but rather demonstrating to the person at risk of suicide or self-harm that you are willing to discuss the issue and listen to their pain.

Once you have ascertained that the person is thinking of suicide, help is needed to keep them safe. It can be frightening finding out that someone you know or care about is thinking about suicide. But, it is important to obtain as much information as possible. If you can, find out if the person has a plan to end their life. How prepared are they? When is it planned to happen?

The more information you have the better able you will be to help keep the person safe by removing access to the means of harm, and help them to get additional help.

Talking about and helping someone at risk of suicide is often stressful, so arrange to have some additional support - you can ring Lifeline and speak to a counsellor about what you can do next.

Other people to talk to could be the

person's doctor, mental health worker, school or community counsellor, or emergency services. Help and encourage the person at risk to decide who to talk to and discuss what they will say.

If the person is in immediate danger of harming themselves, you will need to contact emergency services, or take them to a hospital.

Their personal safety (and that of others) is of paramount importance. This is why it is important to never keep suicidal thoughts or plans a secret.

Lifeline Gippsland responds to people at risk of suicide as well as those bereaved by suicide on a regular basis. By calling 13 11 14 you can speak to a trained counsellor about your concerns for your own or someone else's safety, or talk about the impact suicide has had in your life.

Lifeline Gippsland also provides a Suicide Crisis Support Program for people at risk of suicide. The program involves the person at risk having one-on-one telephone counselling with a specially trained Lifeline counsellor, for up to eight weeks. The program aims to assist people to stay safe, develop coping strategies and reconnect with their community.

Lifeline Gippsland has information and support packs for people at risk of suicide and those who are supporting someone at risk, or who are bereaved by suicide. To have a support pack mailed to you or to find out more about Lifeline Gippsland's Suicide Crisis Support Program, please call the office on 5134 8278.

If you or someone you know are having thoughts of suicide you can speak to a counsellor by calling 13 11 14.

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Club Reunion

The Glengarry Football Netball Club is celebrating 40 years of netball on Saturday 7 of July at the Glengarry Recreation Reserve. The club is celebrating its current era, which began with the reforming of the club in 1967.

The celebrations will begin at 11am with the current Glengarry Netball teams playing their North Gippsland Football Netball League games. This will be followed at 4pm with an afternoon tea and

the dedication of the Pearl Martin memorial seat. At 7pm there will be a light supper in the Glengarry Recreation Reserve Hall with a showing of 40 years of Glengarry netball memorabilia.

The cost is \$10 for supper and a special souvenir mug. Drinks will be available at bar prices. For more information, contact Gwenda King (nee Lang) on 0417164781 or Dawn Martin on 0428358336.

Early Arthritis Seminar in Traralgon

Traralgon bone and joint specialist, Dr Anthony Boers, is encouraging local residents recently diagnosed with inflammatory arthritis to be proactive in managing their condition and attend an important new seminar next month.

The Arthritis Victoria Early Arthritis Network Seminar, the first outside Melbourne, is aimed at anyone who has been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis or another inflammatory arthritis in the past two years.

Rheumatologist Dr Anthony Boers says, "Early treatment is critical for these types of arthritis. It can prevent damage to joints and save people from pain and disability.

"This seminar will provide the tools to change how people experience living with inflammatory arthritis, to maximise their quality of life and minimise their loss of independence and ability to work."

A rheumatologist, physiotherapist,

counsellor and person with arthritis will all speak at this event, providing accurate, relevant information on self management and support services, pain management, medication and exercise.

Liz Bongetti from Arthritis Victoria says, "Arthritis is the biggest cause of pain and disability in Australia, and there are almost half a million Australians with rheumatoid arthritis alone.

"By being informed and active in their health care, people with arthritis can really approve their health. A diagnosis of inflammatory arthritis has a number of physical and psychological challenges, not just for the person affected but also their partner and family, and these need not be faced alone."

Early Arthritis Network Seminar
Thursday, 17 May 5.45pm-8.30pm
Traralgon Community Health Centre
\$10.00, partners welcome free

For more information or to register call Sandra on (03) 8531 8008.

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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. We welcome Paula Auger

who has joined our team providing great meals at a great price. In future we will be running a blackboard menu and the club website menu on Wednesday evening will no longer be available. The table format is round, seating up to 10, rectangular seating up to 6 people, and square seating up to 4 people. If you wish to book a table call 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 till 7.00 pm the members bar is open with happy hour from 5 to 6pm and a chook raffle conducted weekly.

Keep fit - play tennis!

By Elaine Andrijczak, Secretary
Churchill Tennis Club
Senior Competition

With the completion of another Summer Competition, the Club is pleased to congratulate the Section 6 team, which won the Grand Final. This team comprised Leanne Emond, Molly Emond, Carol Scott, Ned Bloomfield, Tim Bellerby and Tony Bogan. Dean Poulson played in this team until the Christmas break and then Tim took his place.

The team finished 2nd on the ladder and lost the first semi-final to Moe (top team) 5sets to 4 sets. The Churchill team then won the preliminary final against Morwell East 6-0 with the remaining sets not played. Churchill then won the Grand Final against Moe 5sets to 4sets. It was 3 sets all going into the final 3 mixed sets. Churchill won the first 2 sets giving them victory.

It was a great result for this enthusiastic team!

**Junior Competition
Results 2006/07 Season**

The Churchill tennis Club entered 7 teams (Pennant, 2xSection 2, Section 4, B Grade, B Reserve and C Grade) in the 2006-07 junior tennis competitions, with five of these making semi-finals. The Pennant and B-Reserve teams made it through to the grand finals, narrowly going down in a tough battle. Thank you to all players and parents for a great season and we will see you in September to sign up for the next season, which starts in October.

Players

Tristan Salerno, Matt Cogan, Johanna Stevens, Nicola Brighton, Emma Gatt, Rebecca Van Dyke, Molly Emond, Richard Verheyen, Tom Verheyen, Ned Bloomfield, Ryan O'Donnell, Lachlan Getzendorfer, Bryce Getzendorfer, Max Wang, Venus Brammell, Adam Quinn, Jacinta Bogan, Whitney Vitale, Ryan Pither, Michael

Xuereb, Rachele Xuereb, Hadden Stratford, Matthew Bradford, Monica Bradford, Adam Gargen, Matt Bianconi, Elizabeth Richardson, Darci Jongerius.

Amalgamation of Yinnar & District and Loy Yang Tennis Associations

This past Summer Competition has seen the amalgamation of all grades of these two Associations with 6 sections being created. Overall, most players seem to have enjoyed the expanded competition although there have been some issues including the submission of score sheets on time and having a section for "beginners only".

Social Tennis

Social tennis takes place on Mondays at 1pm - contact Carol Scott 51221464 for further information. On Wednesday nights at 6.45pm (weather permitting) play 3 sets for \$4

Churchill & Monash Golf Club Results

**Saturday Mens Comp:
Stroke Monthly Medal.
31/03/07 CCR: 70.**

Scratch R Scurlock. A-Grade: M Fletcher 66, Medal Winner. B-Grade: D McCafferty 67. C-Grade: E Winters 73. DTL: C Flanigan, W Judkins, D Taylor, J Ambrosini, L Stein, V Monument. NTP: 3rd B Murphy, 5th J Dickson, 14th A Auld. Eagle: A Casey 9th. Putts: M Fletcher.

**Sunday Mens Comp:
Stableford. 01/04/07**

Winner: T Sterrick (14) 36 pts. DTL: G Blizzard (24) 35 pts. NTP: 5th G Down, 3rd T Sterrick, 12th G Blizzard.

**Sunday Ladies Comp:
Stableford 01/04/07**

Winner: M McConville (21) 40 pts.

**Tuesday Ladies Comp:
Stroke Monthly Medal
03/04/07. CCR: 73.**

Scratch Barb Beebe (30) 98 c/b. Div 1: 0-29 C Ellis (29) 73. Div 2: 30-45 B Beebe (30) 68 (Medal Winner). DTL: J O'Rielly 70, D Thomas 74, L Ollquist 74. NTP: 5/14 E D'Alterio, 33-45 5/14 E Baker. Putts: J Blizzard 29. 1st Round Silver Spoon B Beebe.

**Saturday Mens Comp:
Stableford 08/04/07.**

Winner: A Percy (28) 44pts.

**Sunday Ladies Comp:
Stableford 08/04/07. CCR: 70**

Winner: H Croft (34) 44 pts.

**Tuesday Ladies Comp:
Cancer Day Stableford
10/04/07. CCR: 70**

Winner: S Jeffery (29) 42 pts. DTL: D Thomas 40 pts, K Raber 37 pts, L Casey 37 pts. c/b NTP: 12th S Cook, 5/14th 33-45 L Casey.

**Saturday Mens Comp: 4
BBB Par. 14/04/07. CCR: 67**

Winners: G Blizzard, C Barnes +13, Runners Up: J McCafferty, S McCafferty +12. DTL: P Kearns, C Skinner +11, A Auld, T Collins +11, W Judkins, C Flanigan +9, B Murphy, W Peter +9. NTP: 3rd W Judkins, 5th K Ellis, 12th G Beyer, 14th J Jeffery.

**Sunday Mens Comp:
Stableford. 15/04/07**

Winner: J Ambrosini (21) 42 pts.

**Sunday Ladies Comp:
Stableford 15/04/07 CCR: 70**

Winner: M Mitchell (39) 31 pts.

**Tuesday Ladies Comp:
Stableford Multiplication.
17/04/07**

DTL: Sandra Cooke (37), Denise Bennett (31) 73. NTP: 3rd C Ellis, 12th L Ollquist. 5/14 0-32 J



Leslie, 32-45 S Cooke.

**Saturday Mens Comp:
Stroke. 21/04/07. CCR: 67**

A-Grade: M Brereton (12) 67. B-Grade: M Fletcher (18) 64. C-Grade: P Jordan (29) 61. DTL: W Judkins 65, K Ellis 66, B Kilday 66, D Taylor 68, R Sheahey 69, D Cluderay 70. NTP: 3rd J Ambrosini, 5th W Bartram, 12th W Peter, 14th S Wotton. Birdies: J Ambrosini 3rd, M Fletcher 3rd.

**Sunday Mens Comp:
Stableford. 22/04/07**

Winner: B Murphy (28) 39 points. DTL: D Taylor (21) 37 pts. NTP: 3rd D Taylor.

**Sunday Ladies
Comp.22/04/07**

Winner: H Croft (31) 28 points.

**Tuesday Ladies Comp:
Stableford 24/04/07. CCR:70.**

Winner: A Hibbert (42) 35 pts. DTL: S Jeffery (27) 34 pts, D Judkins (35) 33 pts, B Beebe (28) 32 pts. c/b. NTP: 3rd D Judkins, 12th V Verheyen, 5/14h, 5/14h 33-45 A Hibbert. Birdies: C Gardam 3rd.

"the Cougars"

Churchill Football / Netball Club Season Progressing Well

From the President
Rob Jenkins

With three home games in row since the start of the season there was a sigh of relief from those members in the hospitality role when we travelled to Traralgon for the Round 4 games with Traralgon/Tyers united. Everyone concerned is to be congratulated on a wonderful job done to date.

In football, the season is going well, especially for the Seniors and the Reserves. The Thirds are showing great progress and are working solidly at coming together as a team. It is anticipated there is a way to go before they become consistently competitive, so keep up the good work boys. The rewards will come over time with a sustained effort. The netball teams are coming together and as the weeks go by, they show they are on their way to being competitive units and getting the results their hard work deserves.

The canteen project is progressing well and it is anticipated it will be up and running relatively soon. It is a complicated deal with the various trades concerned having to fit it into their schedule, so be patient everyone.

The BBQ deck and grounds improvement project is also progressing well. It is a 'work for the dole' project on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The program is over a six-month period and is now into its tenth week. This will be a vast improvement to the current amenities at Gaskin Park when it is completed and is looked forward to with great anticipation.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with time keeping and scoring at home and away games. Those club members who regularly attend home and away games might consider getting involved in this aspect of the game. If we could get a number of people to take on these roles it is possible the load could be spread so that any one person is only involved with one of the three games on a day. We urge our members to give this some serious consideration, as it would be of great value to the club. If you are interested, please contact me either in person or by phone on 51222003.

If you are interested in Australian Rules football the match of the round in seniors and reserves grades is on at Churchill between Heyfield and Churchill on Saturday the 12th of May, this coming Saturday. Both grades are on top of the ladder with three wins each and separated by percentage only. All four teams have plenty to lose so both matches should be very exciting. The reserves match starts at 12.00 noon and the seniors at 2.00pm.

Around the Club

You know you are with a great club when the system gets the wobbles and volunteers come from everywhere to prop it up. John Wyatt of the training department extends a great vote of thanks to all the club members who pitched in on the 28th to help the temporarily depleted training staff. Thanks to Terry Larkin, Paul Darby, Dale Foster, Kobie Notting, Tammy Armstrong and several others who when they saw the need, filled in the gaps.

The club is looking for some volunteers to assist on match days with timekeeping. This requires someone to time keep for the matches at home and at away games. Primarily, we are looking for someone to cover the reserves matches to give our timekeeping stalwart, Jeff McDonald, a break so he can socialize a bit and get some food into him prior to the senior's game. The time you would be required to be on duty is from 11.45 am to 2.00 pm. Eventually we hope to have enough people to share the load and no one will have to cover all three games on a day. Ample expert tuition will be available to ensure your success in this most enjoyable role. The club is also looking for volunteers to assist with operating the scoreboard at home and away games on the same basis as the time-keeping role. If you are interested in getting involved in this aspect of Australian rules footy, give Rob a call on 5122 2003.

From the Football Department - Tony Martin

After three rounds the seniors are in a good position having three wins and standing at top of the ladder on percentage although Heyfield is right on their tail also with three wins. The boys have shown great promise up to now and would have to be a certainty for finals action.

After three rounds, the reserves are in exactly the same position as the seniors. After three wins they are on top of the ladder on percentage, again with Heyfield also on three wins just behind them. This should make the game with Heyfield at Churchill a real thriller on Saturday, so come on down and give your team a boost. The reserves game starts at 12.00 noon. It is great to see Rob Jellis on top of the goal kicking in the reserves competition with 22.

The Under 18s are having a shaky start to the season after three losses and being in ninth position on the ladder. Coach Neil Thompson says he is pleased with the way they are developing and

have shown a vast improvement so far but still have a way to go to becoming a competitive unit consistently.

The match of the round is on Saturday the 12th May with the Cougars Seniors and reserves taking on Heyfield. Both clubs Seniors and Reserves are top of the ladder, separated by percentage only and have lots to lose. Reserves start at 12.00 noon and Seniors at 2.00pm. It should be a beauty!

Around the courts with Amanda Barling

The season is now in full swing and all teams are settling in nicely. A few little kinks still need to be ironed out, but all in all it is looking like the year will progress nicely.

A grade has had a few close matches - to date they have 1 win, 1 loss and 1 draw. With the girls having limited court time together prior to the season commencing, they will no doubt realize their full potential and string some good wins together in the coming weeks.

B grade have started the season off well. Unfortunately they have not been able to get the 3 points yet, BUT a win is very close! The team has had a few changes in the last week however, the girls look to have settled in well together and played a fantastic defensive game on the 28th against Sale City.

C grade are working well together and if they can string together 4 good quarters a win is not far away. Minimal numbers in the past two weeks, have gone against the girls, however with a full side they will no doubt be in the winner's circle.

D grade is showing great signs for the future of the club with a number of the players demonstrating good on court leadership and skills that will only develop with experience and age. They are yet to have a win, however watch this space - they are on the rise!

Junior Football, the future of the game

By Cheryl Mason

Churchill Junior Football Club played their first Lightning Premiership in the Traralgon and District League.

They all performed really well for the start of the season with many first time players in all ages.

The Under 10's played three games, won one game and lost two. The Under 12's also played three games, won one and lost 2. The Under 14's played two games in which they were narrowly beaten on both occasions.

The normal competition season will commence on the Saturday 12 May.

Under 10's and Under 12's train on Tuesday and Thursday at 4.30pm to 5.30pm and Under 14's train Tuesday and Thursday 5pm-6pm. New members are always welcome. For any information, please phone Cheryl 51661797.

From the Social Committee

There will be a "hat and cocktail" night on Saturday the 12th of May. Details are available from Bobby McCartney, Gary Welsh or Woody. This should be a fun one and follows the big game with Heyfield. Further details from the club.

The quiet one at the bar

Did you see what happened on the bench on the April 28th? Dale Foster, last years senior's coach was helping the training section for the senior's game. Replete in white top and dark shorts (not appropriate) and with a rescue package strapped around his waist he really looked the part. Therefore he was slightly miffed when someone was injured and after returning to the bench his teammates were calling out for the trainers whilst Dale was standing next to them. A lack of confidence? Perhaps.

Its good to see the clubs "be nice to umpires" policy going so well although the training section is getting concerned about the



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Cougars Café

We invite you to enjoy a Friday night meal at our new restaurant. Come along and enjoy our menu on Friday nights from 6.00pm at the clubrooms at Gaskin Park, Manning Drive, Churchill. Fridays menu can be viewed from Wednesday evening at cfnc.vcfl.com.au



Cougars Netball Teams are up and running for 2007

number of requests for tape coming from the area in front of the booth, but maybe that's only coincidence. Might have to ask Bubbles and Jimmy about this.

Did you see what happened with the umpires on the 28th? At a scrimmage in front of Sale City bench the supporters decided that their guy had a free kick and advised him so. Player grabs the ball and starts preparation. Umpire blows whistle - "My ball, I'm the umpire here, not them. Thankyou." *Continued on Page 22*



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