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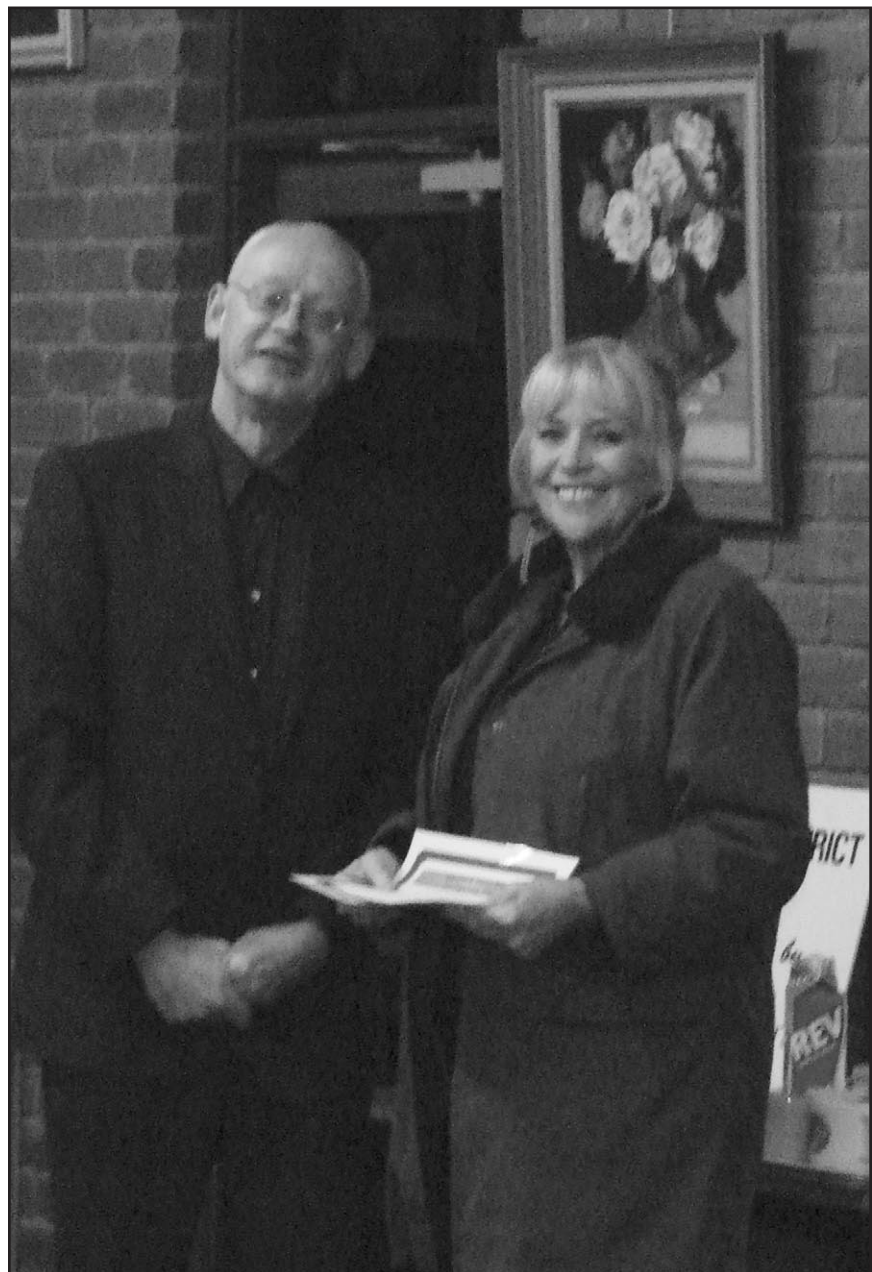
Latrobe City Council Officer Simon Clark inspects the damage

Vandalism Disappointing

Vandals have struck at Glendonald Park with graffiti being sprayed on the recently completed park entrance wall and the toilet block. The construction of the main entrance was co-ordinated by local residents and Latrobe City utilising funds from the Department of Human Services.

Latrobe City Recreation Development Officer, Simon Clark said that "local residents and Council had

worked extremely hard over the last 2 years to further improve the park with projects to stop vehicle access and construct the main entrance". Simon went on to say that "the vandalism was very disappointing and would require an expensive make over for the entrance wall", however he did praise the local community for keeping a close eye on the park and stated that this was the first vandalism in the park for a very long time.



Judith Viti receives her prize from Rodney Forbes of Monash University

Art Competition a Winner

Over 200 entries in the Churchill and District News 2007 Art Competition made a stunning display at the Co-operating Church for the prize winners presentation ceremony.

The Churchill News would like to congratulate all the winners and thank all those who entered.

First place in the Adult category was Judith Viti for her painting of Port Albert.

Roy Whatmough took first place in the 15 - 18 year old drawing category with Stephanie Tanian taking first place in both the drawing and painting categories in the

12 - 14 year old category.

Tyi Johnstone and Emma Gunn won first prize in the 8 - 11 year old drawing and painting category respectively. Blake Ewald was the first place winner in the under 7 drawing and Kelsey Mayer in the under 7 painting.

We would also like to thank our sponsors: Monash University Faculty of Art and Design, Bunnings, Morwell art and Framing and Churchill Maintenance and Fabrication

A full list of winners is on page 17.



Lion President Steve Duggan presents a cheque for \$1,000 to help with the bus project

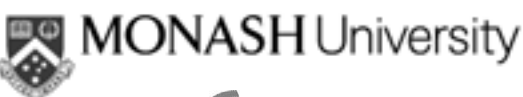
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hydraulic loading facilities for wheel-chairs. To date \$38,000 has been raised.

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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

- Children's 7 and Under Short story/poem or picture story
- Children's (8 - 12 yrs) Short Story (illustrations welcome)
- Children's (8 - 12yrs) Poetry (illustrations welcome)
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- 13 - 18yrs Poetry
- Adult Short Story
- Adult Poetry.
- 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.)
- 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
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- *Each entry must include a title
- *Multiple entries will be accepted
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- *Writers will be credited whenever their writing is reproduced
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 - *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
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- *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
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Joe Kus LCHS Volunteer Of the Year

Joe Kus has won the Latrobe Community Health Service Volunteer of the Year award for 2007. Joe has been volunteering at the Wattle Club for many years and is regarded as a "fantastic helper". Joe was all smiles when he received his certificate and plaque to mark the occasion.

To mark Volunteers Week, Kerri and Kelly did a role reversal and served morning tea to the volunteers. They confess they are nowhere near as efficient as the wonderful volunteers. Kelly says the volunteer's jobs are secure. They will not be taking over. Kelly and Kerri appreciate the work of the volunteers who make their job so much

easier.

The happy bunch of clients at Wattle Club have been enjoying lots of interesting and pleasurable times. The Morwell CWA entertained the Morwell and Churchill Planned Activity Groups (PAG) at the Morwell venue. A special afternoon tea followed the performance.

Mother's Day was remembered, with all the Mothers of the group receiving flowers.

A mystery outing saw the group arrive at Thorpdale at the picnic spot in the main street, where they enthusiastically partook of a barbecue. Despite the chilly weather, they rugged up and had a great time.

Ten Pin Bowling was on the agenda for one week. The clients loved it. There was lots of fun and laughter. All were very competitive with many strikes being made, as each one gave it their best shot. They dined at Red Rooster for lunch before the big challenge.

The Chatalier Family are gospel singers. Last Friday they entertained all three PAG groups from Moe, Morwell, and Churchill at the Morwell venue. Their performance was appreciated.

These are just some of the many and varied activities provided by this program, to ensure a happy stimulating time.

Community Kitchens are coming to the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Latrobe Community Health Service in conjunction with Latrobe Neighbourhood Renewal and Churchill Neighbourhood Centre are currently looking for participants who would like to join our Community Kitchens project.

Community Kitchens consist of a group of people (6-8) with a common interest who meet on a regular basis to cook nutritious meals. Participants can cook meals to eat at the venue or take home for their families.

Community Kitchen members get together to plan recipes, budget, and cook together. Community Kitchens can help you increase your shopping and cooking skills and also give you the opportunity to meet new people and make new friendships.

If you are interested in learning more about community kitchens or would like to be involved please phone Henry on 5122 2955.

Northe's Natter



Over the past month, I have been invited to attend both the CDCA and Boolarra Community Development Group (BCDG)

meetings. I encourage people with a strong interest in their community to attend these meetings and have some input into the future of their town.

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to Churchill Neighbourhood Centre during Neighbourhood House Week.

Such centres provide a wonderful opportunity to further your skills in many areas of interest and interact with other members in a friendly and engaging environment.

I look forward to joining Henry and the lovely ladies in the centre for another cuppa and chat soon.

During May I visited the Education Precinct in Churchill,

guided by Mr Anthony Rodaughan, to discuss the benefits to students of having a secondary college campus so intrinsically linked to a tertiary education facility.

I was also happy to hear the Federal Government announce they would contribute funding for student accommodation at Monash Gippsland.

This facility deserves improved Federal and State Government support to secure the future of our young people and our region.

As I write this, the rain is falling. Let's hope the coming months bring more rain to fill our dams and tanks and ease the immediate pressure on our farmers and local industry.



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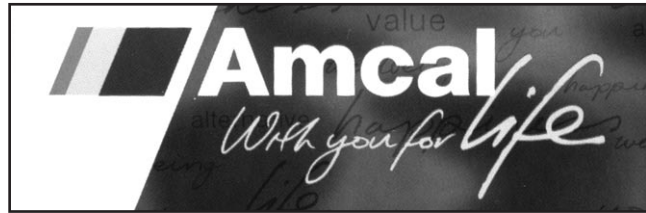
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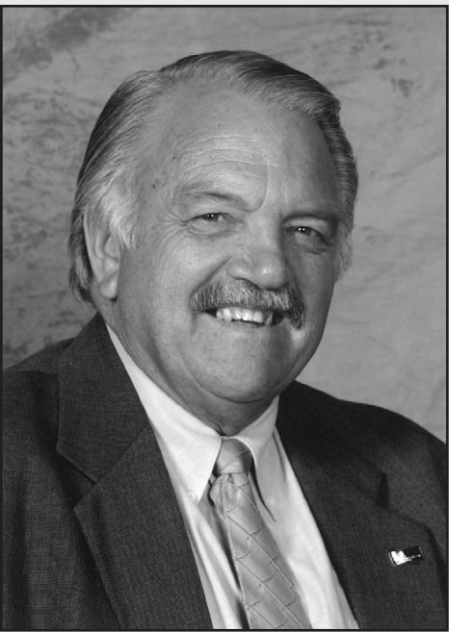
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The "Latrobe City Trust"

By Cr Darrell White

The Latrobe City Trust, an independent fully registered charitable Trust, was established in 1998 with the dual aim of attracting donations and bequests to distribute funds in accordance with the wishes of persons who made such donations and bequests. The Trust maintains separate financial records and independent bank accounts.

Any person, family, organisation, club or association can make a donation or a bequest

towards an existing Fund, or can ask to establish their own Fund for their own special purpose. Many families, individuals and organisations have obtained great satisfaction from knowing that their donations and bequests are truly being utilised to better our community in a variety of ways.

Through the generosity of numerous individuals, families, businesses and organisations, the Latrobe City Trust currently manages eight (8) separate Funds, as follows:

Gambling Impact Fund - with donations from gambling organisations and the Latrobe City Council, funds are distributed to families impacted by problem gambling within the Latrobe Valley. The impacts of problem gambling are wide reaching

and this Fund hopes to assist those battling the problem as well as help families of those afflicted.

Athlete Assistance Fund - with donations from the Latrobe City Council funds are distributed to Latrobe Valley athletes under the age of 23 to compete in local, state, national and international sports.

MSE Williams Fund - with a kind bequest from the late Mrs Margaret Sarah Elizabeth Williams, the Fund was established to be utilised for children and youth welfare programs in the Latrobe Valley.

Independent Scholarship Fund - with the interest derived from the MSE Williams Fund, and further contributions from Latrobe City Council, the Fund provides Scholarships and educational opportunities to young people of the Latrobe Valley.

Jean Galbraith Scholarship Fund - the Fund, sponsored by Rotary, was established to commemorate the life and work of the Botanist and Writer, Jean Galbraith, who lived in Tyers most of her life until her death in 1999. Applicants will have completed, with good results, at least one first year of a Victorian University science-orientated Course, including first year Biology, and must be able to establish a link to the Latrobe Valley. The intention of the Fund is to support local students to study interests broadly related to the scientific interests of the late

Jean Galbraith.

Bert Thompson Memorial Fund - with a kind donation from the family of the late WA (Bert) Thompson, a Perpetual Fund was established to annually distribute funds to certain Brass sections of the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod and to ensure the future of the W. A. Thompson Cup. The late Bert Thompson made a significant contribution during his life to the Latrobe Community and now, thanks to his two daughters and the Latrobe City Trust, Bert's passion for that Big Band sound will live on.

Edwin James Austin Fund - with a generous bequest from the late Mr Edwin (Ted) James Austin, the funds provide Scholarships rewarding academic achievement for the benefit of the male and female Dux of Year 6 at Commercial Road Primary School, Morwell. His kind bequest also provides for the maintenance and upkeep of the Morwell Rose Garden and Airlie Bank Homestead.

Mathison Park Development Fund - with a recent grant from the Andrews Foundation, and with ongoing work of the Mathison Park Development Committee, the fund was established for the purpose of constructing walking Pathways and a Boardwalk within the Park.

Making a donation or starting a Fund:

The Trust Fund Deed has established that funds can be distributed to individuals, trusts, corporations, funds, organisations and associations within the municipality.

Those people involved in any of the following activities can benefit from a Fund established under the umbrella of the Latrobe City Trust:

- * sport and recreation;
- * educational scholarships both inside and outside the municipality;
- * special education facilities;
- * arts and culture;
- * relief of the aged, the infirm and disabled;
- * provision of health, welfare and community services;
- * facilities for children and families;
- * young people;
- * migrants;
- * the disadvantaged;
- * the environment.

Further Information regarding applications and bequests:

Residents are encouraged to contact Caroline Flake, Manager Governance, to obtain further information:

141 Commercial Road, Morwell
PO Box 264, Morwell. 3840
Tel: (03) 5128 5657

The Latrobe City Trust promotes and encourages a variety of activities within the Latrobe Valley, including but not limited to the promotion of sport and recreation, educational or musical scholarships, promotion of the arts, aged services, the environment, health and welfare of the community.

The "Trustees"

The Trust is managed by five Trustees, made up of three community representatives appointed by Council for a period of 5 years (Gloria Auchterlonie, Diane Wilkinson and Anthony Mayer were appointed on 19th September, 2005), along with the current Latrobe City Council Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of the day.

Why the "Latrobe City Trust"?



By Margaret Guthrie, President

At the end of May, the working group considering the 'East-West Link' Project for Churchill met to consider concept plans put forward by Beca consultants, who have been engaged by Latrobe City Council to work on this proposal.

The project has arisen out of the Churchill Structure Plan being devised by Council. It specifically pays attention to developments within the central activity district and the 'connectivity' between the University/Education Precinct, the business area and the major residential section of Churchill on the western side of Monash Way.

Some exciting new ideas were proposed in the concept plans. These included the extension of Georgina Place across Monash Way into Walker Parade (at the existing traffic lights), a re-routing of Georgina Place to link it to Balfour Way, a wide terraced pedestrian thoroughfare from Phillip Parade up to the existing carpark and shopping centre and a new pathway from Phillip Parade past the Leisure Centre to the Education Precinct (instead of the present track that goes through the middle of the University's western student residences).

A final concept plan will be prepared by Beca, based on the working group's discussions, and will be presented to Council for consideration.

Latrobe City Council has already allocated \$250,000 in next year's budget to fund some of the developments that will arise from this project, although no final decisions have yet been made.

Beca have also consulted with Minster Constructions over plans for the redevelop-

ment of West Place and it seems probable that Council will have some revised plans to consider in the near future for this part of the Churchill shopping centre.

Re-siting the Skate Park is also being considered and the preferred site seems to be next to the CFA. Council has approached CDCA to be involved in the community consultation regarding this project and we have recommended that skate park users be included in discussions. The re-siting of the skate park provides an opportunity to upgrade and improve the current facility, which was only intended as a temporary measure.

The Churchill Intergenerational Community Hub working group has also been meeting recently to consider design drawings for the Hub, which is to be constructed on the land currently occupied by the skate park. These sketches specifically address the final siting and broad layout aspects of the Hub, including the location of the main entrance and the children's outdoor playground, service/delivery access and areas for future extensions.

Of concern was the news that the original costings were unrealistic. Revised costings mean that there is a reduction in the total floor space that can be built for the current budget of \$3.4 million.

It seems likely that the Hub will now be built as a staged project. Stage 1 will include the new Neighbourhood Learning Centre, a smaller library area, a minimum of 60 childcare places (75 was the previous figure) and 1 (not 2) Maternal and Child Health consulting suite in the Children's Services area.

Some works will be done to the Churchill Town Hall as part of Stage 1,

Churchill Projects

but further renovations will form Stage 2 of the Hub project. Stage 2 will also include extensions to the new building to recover the 'lost' floor space and facilities, when additional funding is found for these works.

Council and Prior Cheney Ltd, the design architects for this project, have advised that final design specifications will be completed by July '07 and construction will commence around November.

Another project for Churchill now being talked about is a Lawn Bowls Club. Approx 100 residents have joined the newly formed Churchill Lawn Bowls Association which aims to see the development and construction of a Lawn Bowls facility within the town. Representatives from the club attended our May meeting to inform us of the growing interest in this proposal.

Local MP, Russell Northe, was also in attendance at our May meeting. Of particular interest was the information he provided about on-going negotiations regarding the Gippsland Water Factory project. It is to be hoped that his concerns about a steep rise in water rates and usage costs for Gippsland Water customers do not become a reality.

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.



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Hazelwood North United Sunday School

By ZELMA MILDEN-HALL

The Hazelwood North church building was destroyed by fire on 14 February, 1944.

A new church was built and the official opening was held on Saturday 16 February, 1946. A combined service was held on the Sunday evening, 17 February.

Sunday School was held in the home of Mr and Mrs Charlie Jones until the new church building was completed.

The Rev Poxon, Methodist minister, asked Mr Ron Rae to become Sunday School superintendent in August 1946.

Mr Rae commenced classes on Sunday 1 September of that year, and served as superintendent for thirty-three years. The first anniversary services were

held on Sunday 19 December 1948.

This year the Sunday School in celebrating sixty years of meeting in the present church building, St Andrew's, Church Road, Hazelwood North, with a special service and lunch on Sunday 18 November.

To assist with the writing of the history of the Sunday School, anyone with information re teachers at Hazelwood North - we have a complete roll of scholars - special visitors, events or occasions, photographs or other relevant material please contact me on 5166 1264.



Lioness President Sue Lowick presents a cheque for \$2000 to help with the bus project

Hitting the Road

By JOHN BARKER

Publicity Officer, Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc.

The residents and staff at Hazelwood House Hostel will soon be hitting the road big time in their NEW BUS. Their goal was to raise \$42,000 to purchase their new bus and a further \$15,000 to have it fitted out with hydraulic loading facilities for wheel-chairs. With a lot of hard work and a few generous donations along the way, they have raised the fantastic amount of \$38,000.

The following is a report from Beth Price who is the Divisional Therapist at Hazelwood House and also the President of the Bus Fund Committee -

"On behalf of the staff and residents at Hazelwood House I would like to thank the Churchill Lioness Club for their generous donation of \$2,000, also the Churchill Lions Club for their donation of \$1,000. This will assist us in reaching our goal of \$42,000 for the bus and approx. \$15,000 for the hydraulic lift.

As requested I am enclosing some information in regards to our fund raising efforts starting Feb 2006. Our residents along with the staff formed a Bus Fund Committee and put together a plan to raise funds for a new twelve-seater bus.

Some of the residents started knitting dolls clothes for dolls that were collected from op shops, cleaned up and dressed in the new knitted out fits then sold on a craft table that was set up in the front foyer.

A trivia night was held in the hostel which was lots of fun and raised \$1,300. In house auctions were held every six months, families and residents have donated money to the fund.

A Cadbury's chocolate fund raiser is now happening at the hostel which will raise \$1,020 when all the chocolates are sold. On the 5th of May we held a major auction at the Churchill football club rooms which raised \$5,500. We plan on having another trivia night in July. We have sent letters to other organisations but

haven't had a great response.

You can see by our activities that we have been very busy and as our total mounts up everyone at Hazelwood House is getting very excited about the prospects of owning our own bus.

A new bus will assist us in providing a better service for the residents such as day trips, shopping, going on holidays, and social events with other hostels in the valley.

Again thank you so much for your donation which will now bring our total to \$38,000."

With a little more help from Clubs and Organisations and continuing fundraising by the Committee and residents, the dream may become a reality, hopefully by the end of 2007. What a fantastic New Year present that would be to our Hazelwood House Hostel residents.

Queries can be directed to Beth Price at Hazelwood House Hostel on 5122 3000. She can provide details on the fundraising total and would be very pleased to advise you on how you can help with donations.

Powers of Attorney Information Session in Churchill

What are powers of attorney?

Powers of attorney are legal documents that let you choose someone who can make decisions for you. Powers of attorney give you choice and control. They allow you to choose who you trust to make decisions for you if you become unable to make decisions for yourself. There are four different powers; three enduring powers and one general power. These are described below.

Why would I need a power of attorney?

If you want to choose someone to make decisions for you in the event that you lose capacity to make your own decisions, you need to make one or more enduring powers of attorney. Enduring powers are an option all people should consider because anyone can experience an accident or illness that affects their ability to make decisions.

If you want someone to make financial and legal decisions for you for a limited time, you need to make a

general power of attorney. For example, if you are travelling overseas and need someone to take care of your property and finances while you are away you would have to give your chosen decision maker power of attorney. This means banks and other authorities would follow their instructions. A general power of attorney becomes invalid if you become unable to make your own decisions.

What kinds of decisions can I give other people the power to make?

In Victoria, there are four different powers of attorney. There is one general power and three enduring powers. All of the enduring powers give your decision maker the authority to act when you cannot make your own choices. The powers of attorney cover different areas of decision making:

*Enduring Power of Attorney (financial) allows you to choose someone to make financial and legal decisions for you.

*Enduring Power of Attorney (medical treatment) lets you choose

someone to make decisions about your medical treatment.

*Enduring Power of Guardianship lets you choose someone who can make lifestyle decisions for you.

*General Power of Attorney allows you to choose someone who will make specified financial and legal decisions for you. This power ceases if you lose the capacity to make your own decisions.

What is Latrobe Valley Rights Centre?

Latrobe Valley Rights Centre is an Anglicare Victoria program, funded by Department of Justice, operating out of the Anglicare office at 162 Commercial Road Morwell.

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2nd and 4th Sundays: Boolarra:
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5th Sunday: Lumen Christi:
Mass: 11am

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Church Snippets



Latrobe and Francis Orchestras

The Combridge / Puurunen Lay Worship team started our services for the month.

Their theme was one of inclusiveness.

God loves everyone and no one should be excluded.

Later that day we were treated to a wonderful concert of music from the Latrobe and Francis Orchestras. There are many talented young people who played that day and it is a pleasure to see and hear them.

This concert was arranged by the Ladies Fellowship who also supplied a scrumptious Devonshire Tea after the concert.

Three of the Death, Dying and Grief seminars have been held.

These have been well received, with people having their knowledge and understanding extended and feeling free to ask questions.

We thank our speakers for their time and sharing their expertise.

The time after the seminar, to chat and share over supper, has been beneficial.

Thank you to those who have provided the delicious food, served the hot drinks and cleaned up afterwards.

The final seminar is to be held on 26th June at 7:30pm at the Co-Operating Churches.

It is free. The subject will be Palliative Care.

During the weekend of 18, 19 May, the Anglican Synod was held at Gippsland grammar in Sale.

The churches representatives and Rev Bob Brown attended.

It was with sadness that we received the news of Myrtle Henshaw's sudden death.

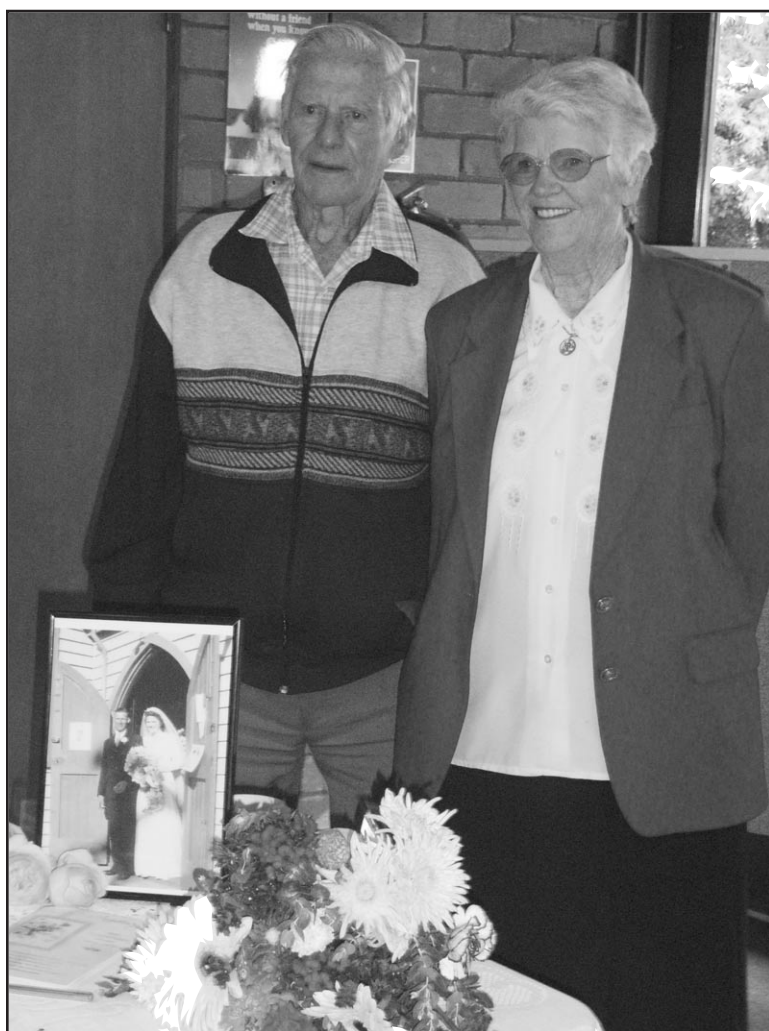
Although Myrtle had been attending the Baptist Church in Traralgon, she had been a former parishioner, and well known to many of us.

Our sympathy goes out to the family who will

miss her very much.

Dot and Eric Rowley celebrated their 60th Wedding anniversary this month.

At church we acknowledged that special achievement with a morning tea. On the table was a photo of



*Dot and Eric Rowley
celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary*

them on their wedding day.

A bunch of flowers was presented to the happy couple.

We are very blessed to have them as members of our congregation.

Our Saturday Breakfast was very well attended, as Keith and Heather Enders shared memories and slides of their trip to Russia 37 years ago.

Chaplaincy Contemplations

By Lyn Porritt,
Chaplain

Hello everyone,

It's been a couple of months since we've had a conversation.

It is good to connect with you all again.

June is the time for end of semester assignments to be due in and then for exams and so students find themselves worrying about the challenge of this and how they are going.

Hence, there are many requests for relaxation techniques and supportive conversations.

University study is hard and challenging and at the same time interesting and valuable.

For many students it is the demands of balancing study and work which adds pressure.

One of the wonderful things about our University and Churchill community is that we have people from many nations and cultures living among us and studying here; both at Undergraduate and Post Graduate levels.

Our Friendship program which offers students experiences with local people is designed to give support to these students and is working well.

If you are interested in being part of the Friendship Program in the future, please contact Health, Wellbeing and Development on 5122 6425 and put your name down to receive application forms.

From a spiritual perspective it is important to offer friendship and hospitality to others.

Christianity sees the Grace of God through the Holy Spirit sent by Jesus after he ascended back into God for all humankind at Pentecost (which we

have just celebrated) operating in helping us reach out and love another in all our diversity and difference.

It is an important part of the river of life. In Revelation 22: 1-5 St John the Divine describes a vision for the future.

"Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever."

The more all of humanity acknowledges the tree of life and the river of the water of life flowing from God into the Universe (and our little planet) through the Lamb (Jesus Christ; the Son of Man).

Bringing love, understanding, compassion and healing to all, the more chance we have of ultimately realising this vision of all nations healed and no longer distrustful and destructive.

Let us work towards such a time and pray for the Grace of God through the Holy Spirit to help us go forward with a real sense of purpose in valuing the tree of life.

Amen

Blessing on you all,

Monash University, Gippsland Campus

Exploring An Important Matter In Our Life

On 26th August, the Parish Council of the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill has arranged a special seminar and discussion on "How to Share Your Faith".

This seminar will be held at the Co-Operating Churches on the corner of Williams Avenue and McDonald Way.

Starting at 11am to 1pm and will be led by the Rev. Dr. Mark Lawrence, Associate Director of Discipleship and

Education at the Uniting Church's Centre for Theology and Ministry in Melbourne.

Mark is an excellent speaker and discussion leader.

The community is welcome to come and be part of this seminar.

A free soup and sandwich lunch will follow the seminar.

To register, please contact Robyn on 51661306 by August 19th.

Uniting Church Of Australia 30th Anniversary Celebration

On Wednesday 22nd June 1977, the inaugural service of the Uniting Church of Australia (UCA) was held in Sydney Town Hall.

The upcoming 30th anniversary of this historic occasion offers an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the journey of co-operation of Christians within parishes of Churchill and Boolarra/Yinnar/ Yinnar South and between the two parishes.

To celebrate this anniversary a joint parish service will be held at Yinnar Uniting Church on Sunday 24th June at 10:00am.

(Since both parishes will be com-

binning on that day there will be no service at Churchill).

Dr Jill Tabart, 7th President of the UCA Assembly, will be guest speaker.

Following the service there will be a luncheon at the Yinnar Pub commencing at 12 noon.

This will be a two course meal (\$18) and bookings with a \$5 deposit will need to be made with either Joy Blair (ph. 51691522) or Val Hornibrook (ph. 51631216) by 18th June.

The community are invited to attend, and participate in this special occasion.

Church News

Saturday Breakfast

Russian Retrospect

By KEITH ENDERS

The last Breakfast was held on 26 May and my wife Heather and I were the guest speakers. The title of our talk was Russian Retrospect. It covered our trip through the USSR in 1968 in our Bedford mini bus which we had bought in England.

We had sailed to England on the 45,000 ton 'Oriana' in September 1967, travelling via Fremantle, Capetown, the Canary Islands, Lisbon and on to Southampton. We both obtained jobs in Yorkshire, lived in Doncaster and travelled extensively throughout England, Scotland and Wales while living there.

We then travelled to Europe after leaving our jobs, and had decided we would go to the USSR. After delays and bureaucratic bungling by the Russian diplomatic service we finally got our visas and passports back the day before we were due to drive to Dover to catch a ferry. It was all part of the Cold War, we told by the English travel people.

We travelled through Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway up to the Arctic Circle and then across to Finland and Helsinki. By that time we had heard on our short wave radio via the BBC that the Russians had invaded Czechoslovakia for which we had visas after visiting the USSR. We were not sure whether we should enter the USSR since the British ambassador had advised us not to go. We then met up with two South Africans and several other people who were going to the USSR, so we decided to go.

During the entry in to the USSR, after crossing a large barren area of 'no mans land', we came to the border post and customs where the vehicle was carefully checked over, inside and outside and all our luggage pulled out and checked. The same happened when we left Russia and Hungary. One of favourite pastimes in England had been reading the Sunday Times newspaper at weekends and we had bought a copy in Helsinki but it was confiscated by the Russians, mainly I think because there was an article on Kruschev in it.

We thought we would be the only Australians in the first camping ground in Vyborg, but came across a bus load of young Aussies who spent most of the night drinking Vodka and orange juice. One unnerving aspect of camping in Russia was that they took our passports off us when we entered and then kept them until we left at a specified time next day.

The route we took was restricted and if we strayed off it we were soon redirected by police or the army and we had to keep to the time schedule. All the bridges we travelled over, big and small, were guarded by soldiers. Our travels took us through Novogorod, Leningrad (now renamed back to St Petersburg), Moscow, Kharkov, Kiev and Uzhgorod.

Leningrad has some wonderful buildings and Moscow had very wide streets with very few cars on them and parking was never a problem. Whenever possible we would visit the National Hotel in Moscow because it had clean toilets and toilet paper!

Most of our time in Moscow was spent trying to change our visas so that we could go out via Hungary to avoid the invasion, although some travellers still did but found it difficult as the Czechs had changed the road signs around to confuse the Russians.

The Australian Ambassador was very helpful and was very tough with Intourist the organisation which handled tourism in Russia. Often people would come up to us wanting to buy our clothes or Bic biros if we had them. The black market was rife but you could not leave the USSR with more money than you took in otherwise it was taken off you.

Food was a problem for us. We had stocked up with plenty of Marks and Spencer tinned food before leaving England but had used most of it by the time we got to Helsinki.

We thought that buying food would not be a problem



in the USSR, but we found that the butchers shops, which also sold milk etc, did not have refrigeration and the smell was sickening.

Buying vegetables was also interesting, paying a clerk for what you wanted, receiving a ticket and taking it to the counter where the potatoes etc were placed in a chute and if you didn't have a bag underneath it they landed on the floor. There was one shop in Moscow where we were able to buy western type foods and goods but required US dollars for payment.

The petrol stations had four octane grades of petrol with the highest for foreigners.

The pumps were controlled from a central office where you paid for the petrol and you had to estimate how much you needed. If you for example you estimated that 25 litres was needed and the actual amount was 23, the surplus petrol would just overflow onto the ground unless you had a can to put it in or someone else had a vehicle close by. The roads were very rough although sealed and vehicle breakdowns were very common especially in the warmer weather. Fortunately our Bedford was reliable and only needed a fan belt change towards the end of the trip. Wherever we went there was great interest in it and we would sometimes find people crawling underneath to have a look, so we had to check underneath whenever we started off.

The camping grounds in the main were very dirty, showers unusable and some had a good supply of rats. The people were very friendly although communication was difficult because of the language. We met a number of people who spoke English or French and were university lecturers.


There were so many statues and pictures of Lenin throughout the country that by the end of our trip we were nearly sick at the sight of them. The houses in the country were very run down and dilapidated and in some villages water was drawn from the village well. One bright spot were the bus stop shelters which were often painted in very bright colours. The country had a musty smell about it and we found the same smell in a Russian bookshop in Vienna.

We left via Hungary which was a much more pleasant country and even had BP service stations. We could not use the normal highway to travel to Austria because of troop movements near the Czech border and each time we tried to get on to it we were turned back by troops or tanks.

The borders of Russia and Hungary were very unpleasant places with very high barbed fences, watch towers and machine guns, very different to the Austrian border where we found the customs officer asleep in the sun outside a little shed in the middle of a green paddock.

He was reluctant to stamp our passports because I think we woke him up from his afternoon nap! The first things we bought in Austria was a block of Cadbury's chocolate and bottles of Fanta to celebrate our return to the 'west'. We were very glad to get back to western Europe.

The details for the next Breakfast have not been finalised but if run it will be on the 23 June at 7.30 am at the Co-Operating Churches. Information can be obtained from Keith Enders on 5122 1148 or at kenders@net-tech.com.au



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

On behalf of The Cancer Council Victoria and the many Victorians who have benefited from our important work, I am writing to congratulate the community of Latrobe Valley for the incredible success of its recent Relay For Life event, which was held at the Churchill football oval on 24-25 March.

Despite some bad weather, 410 people representing 24 teams participated in this wonderful community event, which to date has raised \$48,051. The total is the highest ever raised by the Latrobe Valley and is a great achievement. We greatly appreciate both the individual and team efforts of everyone involved to raise these important funds.

On behalf of The Cancer Council Victoria I would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the dedicated Voluntary Organising Committee. All involved worked extremely hard to produce a highly successful event and should be congratulated on a wonderful effort. The event simply would not have been possible without the commitment and dedication of all involved.

The Survivors and Carers Walk and the Candlelight and Closing ceremonies were all moving aspects of the event. During the Relay, everyone enjoyed a variety of entertainment and was strongly supported by the Churchill Football

Netball Club.

The Cancer Council Victoria gave out dedication awards to Thorpy Blues, Latrobe City, Deidre Carmichael, Verena Kee and Bianca Pezzutto for their long time support of Relay For Life in the Latrobe Valley.

The extraordinary contribution of the participants of Latrobe Valley Relay For Life will help the work of the Cancer Council enormously. Funds will be directed into lifesaving cancer research, community education programs to help prevent cancer through early detection and lifestyle changes, and support services for people facing cancer.

One of the services funded by Relay For Life is the Cancer Council Helpline, a confidential Helpline linking members of the public with expert cancer nurses. This service is accessed by many Latrobe Valley locals each year. Anyone wishing to access this and other services can do so by calling the Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20.

Again, my sincere thanks to everyone who worked so hard to help us continue leading the fight against cancer.

Professor David Hill AM
Director
The Cancer Council Victoria

Broom Removal Day

Yinnar-Yinnar South Landcare Sub Group

By JENNI BOND

On Saturday 26th of May, the Landcare group met at the gates to the Yinnar Transfer Station at 1.30pm. Our mission was to remove the nearby infestation of Flax Leaf Broom mostly on the south side of Whitelaws Track. This is a particularly nasty noxious weed which spreads readily by seed and takes over the native vegetation. It is sometimes hard to see because it is the same colour as much of our native vegetation. It is highly invasive and establishes in disturbed bush land margins and along roadsides and railway lines.

It is spread by slashing, birds,

ants, stock, water and machinery. It regenerates after fire. Even when green it is extremely flammable, as the group found out when they burnt the removed broom! There is no seed on the plants at the moment so it was a good time to remove it by hand. Removal by hand was chosen rather than spraying because there is still quite a bit of native vegetation surviving along the roadside and we did not want to harm it.

The group managed to remove about half the infestation. Another day will be scheduled to finish the job. The site will be monitored for regrowth and seed germination.

The day was well attended and was enjoyed by all who participated. Thank you to Annette and Eric who

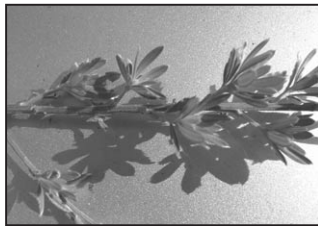
brought the water to quench our thirst after working so hard on what turned out to be a rather warm day for May.

Our next meeting will be held at the Yinnar Memorial Hall 16th July 2007 at 7.00pm. It will be a "Soup Night" so come along and join us for a warm cup of soup on a cold night. No need to bring anything as soup will be provided.

We are very keen to attract new members so anyone from Jumbuk, Jeeralang, Yinnar South and Yinnar areas are very welcome to attend. We are looking for future projects so your input would be appreciated. You don't need to own property to be in Landcare, just be interested in the environment. See you there!

For advice regarding flax leaf broom or any other weeds you can contact Latrobe City Council on 1300 367 700. Enquires regarding the Yinnar-Yinnar South Landcare Sub Group please contact Jenni Bond on 5163 1639.

Below: Flax Leaf Bloom
Left: the team at work



Broom removal before pictured above and after pictured below



Churchill Neighbourhood Watch Winter Blood Challenge

Area LTB 21/22

Crime Stats for May 2007

Theft of a motor vehicle: 1

Theft from a motor vehicle: 2

Property Damage: 3

Theft from a house: 2

Thefts included: photographic equipment, cash and personal property.

Is my blood worth bottling? The blood banks think it is!

Winter Blood Challenge 2007

1st June - 31st August

Winter is always a challenging time for us at the Australian Red Cross Blood Service for two key reasons:

*there is generally a greater demand for blood as it tends to be a peak time for elective surgery - in addition to those who need it for chronic conditions, and

*there is generally a reduced supply of blood as even our more regular donors can be deferred due to seasonal colds and flues.

How can you help?

Attend the local Red Cross Blood Collection Centre: Consulting Suite 5, Latrobe Regional Hospital, Princes Highway, Traralgon. Tel: 13 14 95

Collection Hours:

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - 1.30pm - 8.30pm

Wednesday - 9.30am - 3.30pm

Thursday 1.30pm - 8.30pm

Friday Closed.

When you donate blood fill in the registration form and write down our NSW area (LTB 21/22).

Drug and Alcohol Awareness

Drink Driving

One of the most significant causes of road trauma and death in Australia is drink driving. Research has found that in Victoria:

*In 2005 a total of 63 drivers (including motorcyclists) were killed with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.05 and over

*In 2005 Victoria Police breath tested over 1.4 million drivers/riders with over 5,800 caught with an illegal blood alcohol reading.

*More than 12,000 Victorians lose their licence every year because of drink driving offences. (Stats from www.tacsafety.com.au)

Factors influencing alcohol concentration

Different people metabolise alcohol at different rates. Some of the factors that influence the blood alcohol concentration (BAC) in a person's breath or blood include:

*The amount and type of alcohol consumed

*The time since the last drink, and the rate of drinking

*The amount of alcohol that remains in the stomach

*Other foods or liquids in the stomach

*The amount of alcohol already metabolised by the liver

*The general health and competence of the liver.

*The person's metabolic rate

*The person's emotional state

*Physical factors, including gender, body size, and lean tissue to body fat ratio

*The volume of water in the tissues of the body, which can be affected by such things as medication, illness and the menstrual cycle

*There is a difference between the amount of alcohol in a Standard Drink as opposed to the amount in a glass served at a hotel or in a pre-packaged container.

A taxi ride home, costs less than suspension of licence to exceed .05

Drug Driving

Under laws that came into effect on December 1, 2004, Victoria Police have the power to conduct Random Roadside Saliva Testing (RRST) to detect drivers travelling under the influence of illicit drugs.

Drug driving is a major contributor to road fatalities in Victoria.

In 2003, a total of 31 per cent of drivers killed in Victoria tested positive to drugs other than alcohol.

The saliva tests to be used in Victoria will not detect the presence of prescription drugs or common over the counter medications, such as cold and flu tablets. Saliva tests will only detect THC (the active component in cannabis) and methamphetamines (speed) - substances that are not legally prescribed in Australia.

Many drivers appear unaware of the effects that drugs can have on their alertness, vigilance and ability to react rapidly to unexpected events.

Some drugs can also increase the impairing effects of alcohol and fatigue.

For further information visit www.arrivealive.vic.gov.au

What can we do to reduce drug problems in our community?

There are many things we can do to reduce drug problems in the family and the community. Many problems can be avoided by being prepared!

*Be informed about drug issues

*Find out about the effects of drugs, the laws relating to drugs, responsible drinking levels and what to do if there is a problem. Call the Australian Drug Foundation or Direct Line for information.

*Consider your own alcohol and drug use

Most Australians use drugs without experiencing problems. However, it is important to stop and consider the role alcohol and drugs play in your life. Does drug use cause health, family or personal problems in your life?

*Be a good role model

As parents, workmates or friends, we influence the people around us. Consider how your alcohol and drug use influences others, particularly young people.

*Talk with young people

If you are a parent, teacher or anyone else who spends time with young people, it is important to discuss drug issues with them. Talk about drugs openly and honestly. Prepare yourself for some of the questions they may ask and find out the facts in advance.

*Be prepared

Many problems can be avoided if families, schools, workplaces, sporting clubs and licensed premises develop a plan for dealing with drug issues BEFORE any problems arise.

*Seek assistance if needed

Advice is also available for parents, teachers, employers and other who want drug information and education, or who need help dealing with drug related situations.

Direct Line and the Australian Drug Foundation can provide assistance. Their numbers are listed at the end of this item. Your doctor, community health centre and other local services may also be able to help. See your telephone directory for details.

Some Helpful Contacts:

Drugs are everyone's concern, but there is a great deal you can do to reduce drug problems both in your own family and your local community.



Australian Drug Foundation

The Australian Drug Foundation is a non-government, non-profit organisation committed to reducing the harm caused by alcohol and drug use. The Foundation produces pamphlets, books and videos about drug issues and runs a wide range of programs aimed at preventing alcohol and drug problems in the community.

To get information or advice on addressing drug problems in your local area call the Foundation on 1300 85 85 84

Web address:

www.druginfo.adf.org.au

Email: druginfo@adf.org.au

Direct Line

1800 888 236

Direct Line is a telephone counselling service which operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It provides confidential counselling, information and referral to anyone who has concerns about drug and alcohol use.

Crime Stoppers

Melbourne 1800 333 000

Crime Stoppers is an innovative program to help reduce crime in the community. It relies on co-operation between the police, the media and the general community to provide a flow of information about crime.

Churchill Neighbourhood Watch's next meeting is on Thursday 21st June 2007, at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Our area co-ordinator is Peter Grey. For more information email Peter at ampworks@bigpond.com



Peter McShane, Kay McShane, Margaret Barker and John Barker with "Shanghai Night" organizers Wayne Tan, Byron Chen, Ammie Julai and Jacky Chan

Lions Club of Churchill & District In the Community...

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity
CAMP Quality volunteers Lions John Barker and Bob Lowick, together with Lioness Margaret Barker and Sue Lowick, took part in a Family Camp at Warburton. It was run as a "Mums and Girls" and "Dads and Lads" activity. The ladies were pampered and the blokes did bloke stuff. There were 21 families attended and all had a great time.

Catering performed during the month included:

*Colin Watson which raised \$750 and was donated to the Cancer Care Centre.

*Salvation Army volunteers sausage sizzle.

Lion's member Chris Drinken has resigned from the club. Thanks for your service - we wish you and your family well.

In line with our support of International students at Monash University, Lion John Barker,

Lioness Margaret Barker, Lion Peter McShane and Kay McShane attended a "Shanghai Night" (a trip through Asia) put on by the International Students Association. It was attended by 150 people, including Monash Faculty staff, students, Latrobe City, other organisations and businesses. Our club sponsored this event with a donation of \$300.

Vice District Governor Peter McShane and his team ran a very successful training day for Zone Chairmen.

Six of our members attended the "Finale Dinner" of the Lions Club of Yallourn North. It was a pleasant night of reminiscing, culminating in the official announcement of closure of the club and relinquishing their Charter to Lions District 201V3.

The Lions Club donated \$1000 to assist with the purchase of a bus for residents of Hazelwood House

Hostel.

The Lions Birthday Club, sponsored and run through the Churchill and District News by our Lions Club, is a great hit. Ingrid Morgan and Breanna Kootstra-Denton were each the happy Birthday Club recipients of a \$15 voucher in May. 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.

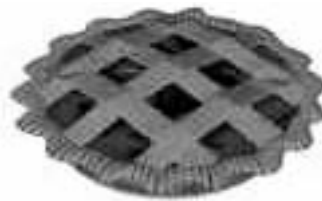
To all the families in our great community of Churchill and surrounding district, we thank you for your support. Need to contact us? Our address is The Secretary, Lions Club of Churchill and District, PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842.

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The Gippsland Education Precinct (GEP) is an integrated, innovative learning centre serving the youth of the region.

The Precinct is unique in its combination of TAFE, University, Apprenticeship, VCE and VCAL based learning, and students have unprecedented access to a wide variety of facilities at Monash University Gippsland Campus.

Art studios, library, café and Student Union Lounge are all utilised by GEP students, helping them feel at ease in the University environment.

There are many study options open to GEP students through Monash Gippsland.

High achieving students can undertake enhancement studies in year 12, giving them a taste of university-style learning while gaining credit towards VCE and their future degree. Students

can undertake enhancement studies in a variety of areas, including Media and Communications, Chemistry and Accounting.

Through the Schools Access Monash (SAM) Program, GEP students have the opportunity to receive comprehensive course information and advice about the university environment, and are offered free-of-charge tutoring by Monash University students. Preselected university students provide tutoring across a wide variety of subjects to GEP year 12 students from Information Technology and Chemistry through to Business Management and English.

The SAM program also awards students for their academic achievements with scholarships and prizes. Each year, one HECS exempt scholarship (worth upwards of \$30,000 depending on the students' selected course) is awarded to the highest achieving Kurnai year 12 student who goes on to study a course at any Monash Campus.

High-achieving students from each

year level are also awarded with annual Schools Access Monash prizes.

However, the benefits of studying at the GEP are not only for the academic elite.

At Gippsland, year 12 students who do not achieve the score required to enter their preferred university course or who require extra learning support in their first year of tertiary study can undertake the Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS) alternate pathway program.

Formerly known as Diploma of Foundation Studies, the DoTS program gives students the chance to study units from their degree of interest, as well as units designed specifically to support their transition to university learning.

Upon completion of the 12 month DoTS program, students receive a Diploma qualification, and, if they continue on to degree studies, are eligible for up to one year of credit toward their chosen degree.

The flexibility of the DoTS program also makes it a great option for

students who are uncertain about future career direction.

Finance is always an issue for University students, and at Monash Gippsland there are many Campus-specific scholarships available to students.

These include academic merit scholarships, accommodation scholarships, faculty scholarships and support bursaries.

Monash Gippsland is also proud to administer the Co-operative Education work placement program. The Program is exclusive to Monash Gippsland and enables select students to undertake paid work placement whilst completing their degree.

Students from Arts, Information Technology, Art and Design, Business, Science and Engineering are eligible for the program.

Co-op Program participants undertake careers skills workshops in conjunction with up to 29 weeks work placement, for which they receive academic credit.

Monash Gippsland also has a rich

student life,

with on-campus accommodation, band nights and balls. Since the addition of the GEP two years ago, Monash Gippsland has grown to be the education hub of Gippsland and the institution of choice for many students.

The rich industry in the region, combined with programs like the Co-operative Education Program have ensured that Monash University Gippsland will continue to deliver work-ready graduates for many years to come.

For further information about Monash University Gippsland, visit the website at www.gippsland.monash.edu.au

For information about course options and pathways into Monash University Gippsland, contact Kate Spencer, Future Students Coordinator, on 5122 6987.



Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



The Barkers of Walker Parade ~ Their Story

By RUTH PLACE

We have some quiet achievers in our town, who do not seek acknowledgement, but just work away in the background, making sure that things happen. One such couple are the Barkers, Margaret and John, of Walker Parade.

Margaret is the third child of John and Dolly (nee Hopkins) Walker (what a coincidence). She was born on her Mum's 21st birthday. Preceding her birth were brothers Allan and Ivan, followed by Bruce (dec.) and Anne.

Dolly's family home was in Moe. John Walker, who came from Ararat, met Dolly through Dolly's brother, who was courting John's cousin. They met, fell in love and married. John Walker worked at the SEC and Dolly was a housewife extraordinaire! They lived in Coalville Road near the Moe Cemetery, about a mile from the centre of Moe, in a house that John had built. Nana Hopkins lived next door and an aunt next door to that, with another aunt on the back block. It was a little Hopkins community, and quite isolated before the Housing Commission houses were built.

Margaret was educated at South Street State School and Moe High School, gaining the Intermediate Certificate. She started work in the office at the Moe Dairying Company, staying for ten years before moving to the SEC at Yallourn, where she was employed as a data processor in the main office.

Malcolm and Dorothy (nee Hodges) Barker (both dec.) were married in Mildura. John, their first child was born in the Mildura Base Hospital. The family moved to the Korumburra/Bena area when John was one year old. Dorothy was originally from Korumburra, and went to school and grew up in Bena. In 1942, Malcolm was in the army and stationed in Darwin, so John believes that she returned to Bena for family support, as Lynette his sister was born in Korumburra. Dorothy lived with one of her sisters while Malcolm was in Darwin and they took up a house in Radovic Street, Korumburra, on his discharge.

After the war, Malcolm worked as a tanker driver for the Korumburra Butter Factory before acquiring a job as a dozer driver at the SEC at Yallourn Open Cut. He lived temporarily at the Eastern Road Camp. In 1948 the Barker family was one which moved into the new Housing Commission houses which were built close to the Walkers/Hopkins.

John went to school first at Korumburra State School, and later to Moe, at Albert Street State School, then Moe High School which had a segregated Tech Students curriculum for the first two years. Two years later, John transferred to the Yallourn Tech School, completing the Junior and Intermediate Technical Certificates.

Having completed year four at Tech School, John went to the SEC as a Trainee Draftsman. At the SEC he continued his studies as a condition of the traineeship, gaining the Certificate of Mechanical Engineering.

During this time Margaret and Lynette went to school together and Margaret got to know John quite well. There must have been some magic at that stage, because Margaret, then working at the Moe Dairying Company, admits that if she timed it right, she could be walking down the road as John was driving off to work at the SEC and she would often manage to score a ride to work. Later, when she transferred to the SEC, she caught a bus with John's Mum. John and Margaret believe that with some help from Dorothy, and Margaret, keeping her eye on John, it was engineered that John and Margaret had the opportunity to become more friendly, finally going out together in 1964. The engagement happened in 1965 and they were married in 1968.

A Grand Final Day Wedding

The marriage was celebrated by the Rev. Ted Gibson, at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Moe on 28 September - Grand Final Day. John was an Essendon supporter and they were in the Grand Final that year, and took the flag as grand final winners. John was neither able to see the game or the replay! It remains a sore memory to this day.

The honeymoon was at the Gold coast as was the custom of those times, in a lodge at Coolangatta. They returned to set up home in Strzelecki Road, Yallourn, where they lived for a year.

Margaret worked at the SEC until she became pregnant with Wayne, who was born in 1969 at the Yallourn Hospital. During that twelve months living in Yallourn, they were busy building their house in Churchill in the new area opened up between McDonald Way and Walker Parade. They moved in, Easter 1970, with no fences, no curtains and the blocks around treated as a public thoroughfare. People walked straight through on their way to the shops or school. Things were a little more developed in Churchill by that period, and John and Margaret say that the shopping centre serviced their basic needs very well.

In 1970, Mandy was born at the Traralgon Hospital. Wayne went to the Watson Park kindergarten, while Mandy attended Walkley Park kindergarten. Both attended Churchill Primary School. In between that time the family moved temporarily to Melbourne for 9 months, living in Box Hill.

Wayne went to school there and Mandy continued kinder. John had been seconded to Head Office in Melbourne for 3 months, which turned out to be a 12 month job. After travelling up and down to Churchill every weekend for a while and living in a hotel, the SEC supplied a house for the family to use. On their return to Churchill the children completed their primary school schooling and went to Morwell High. Mandy did VCE at Maryvale.

Australian tour

1980 is a memorable year, as John had finished his job in Melbourne, and it was then that the family purchased a caravan, took the kids from school and went on a three month tour up through central Australia, down the west coast and home across the Nullarbor. The children kept log books/diaries as well as keeping up with their general studies of maths, spelling and reading. They were able to experience some of the Aboriginal culture by meeting and talking to Indigenous Australians, through a story telling episode with an elder, and involvement in a Corroboree. It was a great experience, which has been of continuing benefit.

Stepping back in time for a bit, John gave away drafting in 1965 and went into the Yallourn Open Cut Investigations Group where he was involved in tests and procedures on dredgers and conveyors to optimise coal winning. With the development of the Morwell Open Cut, the opportunity of becoming involved with computers arose.

He had the responsibility of a major task, assisting with the installation and commissioning, and being in charge of the computer programming of the Control and Monitoring System at the Control centre for Morwell Open Cut (affectionately known as the Chocolate Box). This involved frequent trips to Sydney for train-

ing and meetings. From there he held various positions in the SEC in computing, including the LVCC Transmission Control Centre and Hazelwood Power Station Data Logging System.

In 1989, along with a fellow staff member, John applied for the new Voluntary Departure Package (VDP) for staff members, commonly known as "the Golden Handshake". He was the first in his area to take one. The MOA union became involved with concerns about positions disappearing, and the application submitted in May was not activated until December.

Tireless worker for local kindergartens

During the years when the children were growing up, especially those of their primary years, Margaret played competition badminton and Ladies' Day badminton and tennis. She worked tirelessly for the kindergartens helping to run activities, and at Churchill Primary School, where she tested the incoming preps for their fine and gross motor skills, helped with creative writing, was convenor of the school canteen committee, helped in the library with cataloguing and preparing books, and in the Clubs Program doing hand sewing. Added to these tasks was cooking for school camps, hearing reading and being on the Parent's Club. When the children went to High School she did not follow them. She did

not drive and bus travel was difficult.

Instead Margaret had the opportunity to develop her own hobbies of China painting and sewing (she made most of the children's clothes while they were small children, especially dresses for Mandy).

Margaret is also a very keen cross word and other puzzles enthusiast. Her prowess has won her a car through the "That's Life" magazine.

Before they were married, John was associated with the Moe Apex Club in the early 1960s. The ladies in those days were referred to as Henpexians. John remembers that they did lots of debating and public speaking. He was also involved with collecting and repairing toys for Christmas.

Father Christmas

Many times he was Father Christmas at the Club Christmas picnics. The only way he could look at all like the round man himself was to use several pillows to fill out the roomy costume! Christmas picnics were held for members and their families, in Apex Park, Moe or Glen Cromie Park north of Warragul. Two of those years, John spent as secretary. He resigned from the Moe Club when they moved to Churchill in 1970. John was asked to join the Churchill Apex Club, but declined on the grounds of too much to do.

John is a keen sportsman. He too, has played badminton, but also spent 8-9 years running with the Latrobe Valley Umpire's Association for Saturday/ Sunday football. This covered all the local major leagues. He was the central umpire throughout the year, but boundary or goal umpire for finals when Melbourne Umpires would be used. John was also a member of the Moe Rifle Club, competing at 300yds to 1200yds on the ranges at Moe and Leongatha. The rifles were 303's and John remembers the kick they had.

Wayne played basketball, and went to karate where he won his junior black belt at 14 years. From there he went on to do kick boxing at which he did very well.

Wayne joined the Cub Scouts when he was

eight. In those days there was a very long waiting list of those wanting to join Cubs. John decided to become a leader and he would like to think that may have had some influence in Wayne being moved up the waiting list considerably faster than normal! John was a Cub leader in Churchill, Scout leader at Churchill and Yinnar as well as 4-5 years as District Scout Leader. He also took Churchill Scouts to two Australian Jamborees. At the end of that time (25 years) John handed in his warrant to Ray Beebe who was District Leader. Ray wouldn't accept it and spent time visiting John to talk of options. John needless to say has continued in the scouting movement in the Scout Fellowship. This entitles him to wear the uniform and attend official events, organise events, but he is not able to be in charge of youth.

Mandy joined the Guide Movement and went to Brownies, followed by Guides where she became a Packie leader. Instead of continuing in the Guiding movement, Mandy decided to join Venturer Scouts. She said, "I want to climb mountains, not sit and knit." During this time Margaret was a member of the Local Association for Guides. This gave her an opportunity to support Mandy with fundraising efforts and activities involvement.

Both Wayne and Mandy went to Venturers and Rovers together.

All the family was involved in Scout Showtime for more than 10 years, with Margaret and John in charge of personnel and Wayne and Mandy as cast members. John continues his involvement as an examiner in Scouts for hiking, helping with test work instruction and is active in bushwalking, using his organisational skills to prepare hikes and camps, even though he cannot be in charge. He has a hike log of over 2200kms. Next year, John will have clocked up 30 years service to Scouting.

While Wayne and Mandy were growing up, they were friends with the local neighbourhood kids, spending time at each others houses and going places together. Their bond was great, just like real brothers and sisters. It expanded to include their scouting friends as well. This was seen as a great advantage to John and Margaret, as the Barker house was open house and they were proxy Mum and Dad to them all. The young ones moved around as a group even though their ages spanned several years and each looked after the other.

John's hobbies include collecting stamps, reading, fossicking for gemstones, (which Margaret also does), and cutting stones (faceting). Both are members of the Morwell Lapidary Club which hold lots of fossicking outings as well as social activities. John loves the bush - going fishing and 4WDing. Margaret categorically declares she hates the bush, but goes with him.

32 Years Service for SECV

When John took his voluntary departure package in 1989 he had notched up 32 years of service for the SEC. He felt he had earned a little time off. Early in 1990, Margaret strongly encouraged John to be no longer unemployed by demanding he get out and get a job.

So he became a caravan salesman. Then he had the opportunity to join a local company which worked with industry to ascertain which electricity plan would give optimum usage versus cost. Sometimes they could save a company thousands of dollars. This was done though their development of a black box to wire into power meters to say how much power was being used when. This information was fed into a computer to give the result and outcome, followed by a recommendation of the optimum tariff.



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Next, John formed his own consultant company. He used an Australian computer software package called CiTect, an industrial controls systems package, which kept him out of mischief for 7 years. In that time he did contract work for Morwell Open Cut Fire Service, Energy Brix, Murray-Goulburn and several other companies. In time, this type of work became unprofitable, so John took up community voluntary work. He spent time at Churchill Primary School and the Information Centre at Traralgon. These two activities he enjoyed very much.

Lion and Lioness

Churchill Lions Club obtained John's membership in 1989. He is currently a continuing member along with 33 others. In his first year he took on the role of secretary. Since then he has been secretary several times more and held many portfolios. His main involvement in Lions has been with youth and youth projects like Camp Quality fundraising, Licola Village, fishing competition, school awards, the Birthday Club in the Churchill News and letters to Santa through the schools. As well he organises the Lion's Australia Day ceremony in the old shopping centre, with the Junior and Senior Citizen Awards, and takes care of club publicity. John is on the Lions District Board, processing all the 63 club's activity and membership reports. He also produces the monthly District newsletter.

Margaret joined the Lions in 1989 as a Lions Lady (a partner of a Lion). The Lioness Club was chartered in October 1991, and Margaret was a charter member. She is still a member along with 16 others. She continues in the role of Assistant Secretary, and also acts as Publicity Officer. Her portfolios including compiling emergency toiletries packs for the emergency department at Latrobe Regional Hospital, and baby packs for babies in need. This is where Margaret's skills in knitting have been most used, and surely appreciated by those who receive her items which include a jacket, booties and cap, as well as knitted or crocheted rugs. Several other Lionesses assist in knitting. The Lioness Club also crochets rugs for the Father McGuire Open Family which are very well received, to be used by homeless youth.

The other main task taken on by the Lioness Club is the creation and maintenance of the Rose Garden at Hazelwood House Hostel.

John and Margaret joined Camp Quality, a major charity supported by the Churchill Lions and Lioness Clubs, in 1993. They are both companions (volunteers) to Camp Quality. How did this come about? \

Lions had a Camp Quality speaker at a meeting at which both she and John were present. At home later that evening they discussed the role of Camp Quality and the responsibilities of a companion. They put it to their children also to obtain

their support. Everyone needed to be comfortable with the idea.

Camp Quality

After this meeting, John along with Kevin Foote, a fellow Lion, initiated the idea of Churchill Lions being a supporter of this charity. The club obtained a car and members worked on it to prepare it for the Camp Quality Caper. The esCARpade, as it is called now, is a car rally used to raise money for Camp Quality. Churchill Lions has been involved since 1993 with their own vehicle. The club has taken part almost continuously since and has raised approximately \$180,000 for the kids. All money raised in Victoria stays in Victoria and goes directly to the children and their families.

Camp Quality volunteers work with children with, or who have had cancer, and also their families if the family so desires. They are assigned a child on a one to one basis, to take the child to camp and give them a good time. To be involved requires attending training regularly. There is a children's camp each September where the child and maybe a sibling attend with their companion. The program has been extended and now there are also family camps, at a camp site, e.g. a school camp, where the whole family can go to relax for a weekend, knowing that their children are being well looked after and enjoying themselves. There are a limited number of volunteers chosen to help look after the families and run the activities at each camp.

School holiday activities or Fun Days are also run which offer volunteer positions to help the families with their needs, cook the BBQ etc. It is a day for the kids, but the whole family can go. There are outings to such things as Scienceworks, the zoo, swimming, fishing, a boat trip, bowling, go-carts, etc - the list is almost endless.

All these activities are free of charge due to corporate sponsorship and fundraising by co-ordination of fun runs, business promotion pins on Cup Day, concerts and corporate dinners.

Throughout the year, opportunities exist for families to go to donated activities such as football and stage shows.

This year, 2007, John and Margaret ran their very own family camp at Waratah Bay. After more than 50 camps and fun days, they have been recognised by Camp Quality Organisation as having long enough service and experience to interview prospective people wishing to be involved.

This year alone they have been to 4 events and they will also attend the Children's camp in September at the Gold Coast, and several more camps.

There are two age levels of campers - Juniors 5-14 years, and Seniors 14-18 years who do more adventurous activities. Some children who have



enjoyed the program return to be companions at 19 years.

This organisation, and their participation in it, is a passion. It is very close to their hearts, giving them a lot of satisfaction and joy. It is their pleasure to encourage young people with cancer, often by leading by example. This has many times been a challenge to both John and Margaret as they try out things they would otherwise not attempt like go-carting, flying fox, big swing, horse riding. They say their age is not a barrier. The up side of this involvement is seeing the kids coming back year after year, improving and being challenged and given a chance.

One of the very strong positives is that there is no squabbling, or fighting. The kids help and support each other. The older look after the younger ones willingly. There is a common bond.

Wayne and Mandy have each travelled extensively overseas, sometimes meeting up with each other or going it alone.

Wayne was married overseas, to Carla who is Portuguese, in England. John and Margaret missed the wedding, but family and friends were invited to hear them re-say their vows in Holy Trinity church at the Heritage Park in Moe where it now resides, on their return to Australia. They have three boys, Bradley 14, Alexander 7 and Connor 4.

Mandy is married to Rodney. They married in Morwell and have Alister 6 and Rod's two sons

Joshua 13 and Christan 10.

Both Wayne and Mandy with their families, live in Lakes Entrance. John and Margaret proudly say they have 6 grandsons.

What are their future plans? Well the plans on retirement were to travel around Australia. These plans are still in their future. But they are prepared, with the purchase of a caravan and a 4WD.

"There is still so much of Australia we want to see" said Margaret. "We have seen Tasmania and New Zealand, but want to go back. Overseas is not high on the agenda, BUT!!!!"

So how to achieve these plans? They say they must start toning down on some of their activities. So beware out there!

John is officially an Old Age Pensioner, and Margaret will be so in 12 months time. Then the plans go into action! Until then John will continue with Lions, Margaret with Lionesses and Camp Quality. They have no plans to move away from Churchill - they love it and have many good friends here. Wayne and Mandy still refer to Churchill as 'home'.

We in Churchill should be glad to hear that they intend to stay on. Knowing the type of people they are, we are sure to be blessed by their continuing active involvement in our community in the years to come. Thank you for what you have done to make our town and district a better place.

Palliative Care Needs Your Assistance

Palliative Care Services in Latrobe Valley has been in existence for the past 17 years. It has been nearly nine years since Palliative Care Services for patients suffering a life threatening illness in the Latrobe Valley community was restructured and began operating under the auspice of Latrobe Community Health Service.

Ms Jenny Edwards, Director of Primary Care Services, Latrobe Community Health Service said, "Palliative Care is a vital service to this community and over the past nine years we have worked hard to continue to successfully operate and service terminally ill patients within Latrobe Valley".

The Palliative Care Service

although Government funded has always relied heavily on public donations to provide the care and support needed for these families. The government funding is only enough to provide the service from 9.00AM - 5PM.

Ms Edwards said, "Palliative Care is not a service that can be effectively provided during restricted hours. Through the hard work of both the Palliative Care Fundraisers and Volunteers and their overwhelming generosity we have successfully managed to maintain a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week service."

While Latrobe Community Health Service is currently providing 24 hour Palliative Care, the ongoing service delivery of a 24 hour service may be

difficult due to donations to the service slowing down. Funding covers only 75% of the service.

Ms Edwards said, "We are very grateful for the funding we receive and we understand that there are many wonderful charities making a difference to the quality of people's lives, however Palliative Care is something that reaches many people within the local community".

"Living with a life threatening illness at home is difficult for the patient and their loved ones. The Palliative Care Nursing Team provides medical support, emotional support and comfort to these people in a time of need. This may be for a short time or a long time and is not limited to hours between 9am and 5pm, as the reality is

terminal illness does not have a time frame", Ms Edwards said.

On a monthly basis the service requires an additional \$2500 to continue to keep its nurses on the road and servicing the patients. Patient's ages vary from the very young to older age, and each is suffering some type of terminal illness.

The Palliative Care Nursing Team are a special group of people who share the laughter, the tears, the good and bad, but now we need the communities help to keep the service operating 24 hours," Ms Edwards added.

Latrobe Community Health Service together with the Latrobe Valley Palliative Care Fundraisers is appealing to residents and business of Latrobe Valley to dig deep and donate to this worthy cause. There are many

ways in which the service can be sponsored. Donations go directly to the Palliative Care program. Other ways in which the service can be supported is through corporate sponsorship, social club fundraising and community group fundraising. Any groups interested in assisting fundraising can do so by contacting Ann Lovison, President of the Latrobe Valley Palliative Care Fundraisers on 51671537 or Bernadette Carstein, Palliative Care Co-ordinator on 51365433. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

People wanting to donate to the Latrobe Valley Palliative Care Service can do so by contacting Latrobe Community Health Service on 51365400.



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Fire Safety In The Home

Over the next couple of issues we will tell you about children and fires.

Did you know that most burns and scalds occur in the home. This is because many children show an interest in fire at an early age. The local news has reported on one such event recently.

This interest in fire can lead many children into dangerous

Churchill Fire Brigade Fire Safety

situations. 75% of children taken to hospital with burns are under 5. 12% of all fires attended by fire services are caused by children.

BUT 70 % of burns are caused by scalding from cups of tea and coffee spills, hot food, saucepans, hot taps and baths. Burns are also caused by touching flames, and hot objects like heaters, stoves, ovens, barbeques, open fires, matches, lighters and cigarettes.

As a parent you can help prevent such burns by being pro-active, alert to the dangers of burns, scalds and fires. You can show a good example and the children will copy your safety actions e.g. like putting a screen in front of an open fire.

Here are some of the things you can do.

*Never have a hot drink with a child on your lap or nearby.

*Separate children from hot foods and liquids.

*Boil just enough water for your tea or coffee- water can still burn 30 minutes after it is boiled.

*When cooking, keep children out of the kitchen- use a door barrier.

*Use a curly cord with a kettle- a straight cord hangs down and can be grabbed by a child.

*Non-slip place mats are better than tablecloths which can be grabbed from below.

*Talk to a plumber about lowering the temperature of bathroom hot water, and always run the cold water first.

These suggestions are not just for children under 5, but can apply to older ones as well. They are good to note and put into practice. Remember there is a double advantage in showing a good example, as this will save your child from burns and scalds, and also teach them the right thing to do, which they in turn will pass on to others.



Planned Activity Groups - have fun and meet new people

Latrobe Community Health Service is operating Planned Activity Group (PAG) that focus on socialisation and recreation for the Latrobe Valley community as well as respite for carers.

Ms Ann Riley, Planned Activity Group Co-ordinator, said "Planned Activity

Groups are conducted in a welcoming and supportive environment. They cater for a range of people including the elderly, those with disabilities and carers."

"We focus on providing a structured program that helps people who may be socially isolated or who are unable to access other community programs. The groups allow for, and encourage recreation and social interaction with peers and actively facilitate the formation of lasting friendships," Ms Riley added.

Latrobe Community Health Services operates Planned Activity Groups in Moe, Morwell and Churchill. These groups provide an organised program of recreation and socialisation, meaningful activities, an improved quality of life and relief for carers. The program leaders also liaise with other service providers, who may offer other programs, which may enhance the quality

of life for consumers and carers.

The programs are run by qualified staff and are held in a supportive, friendly and safe environment. Lunch and transport is provided for this program. Activities include outings, entertainment, discussions groups, exercises, games, and lots of fun and laughter.

Ms Riley, "On Tuesdays Moe and Morwell have a specific men's program. This program is very popular with all our male members, allowing them the opportunity to be more open with their peers."

Planned Activity Groups are actively supported by dedicated volunteers, who assist as drivers, bus helpers and centre helpers. By volunteering, they are able to have fun and meet new people while also helping others. Latrobe Community Health Services are always seeking to recruit new volunteers especially drivers. It is mandatory that all volunteers must undertake a Police Check.

If you would like further information on Planned Activity Groups or about becoming a LCHS volunteer, please contact Ann Riley at Latrobe Community Health Service on 51365087 or 0400 067 632.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre the heart of our community

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Quilt & Craft Expo - August 2007

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Enquiries - Churchill Neighbourhood Centre - 5122 2955

Email - churchill@bigpond.com

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- *Lead lighting Class - make your own colourful projects - lamp shades windows, mirrors, door inserts etc.
- *Drawing Class - for beginners

*Mixed craft classes - learn a variety of crafts, patchwork, embroidery, tassel making, lamp shades etc.

*Open Learning - online - study areas that suit your needs, EBay, genealogy, interactive maths, use the internet for research, learn to draw, study English - spelling and writing skills.

*Yoga classes

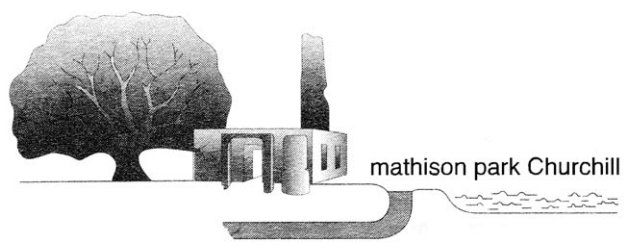
*Patchwork / Craft activities - designed for the beginner / novice, craft / patch worker.

*Discussion group - positive conversations and informative discussions on a variety of topics.

*Kinesiology Class - finding balance in your life and enhancing your wellbeing.

For more information telephone the centre on 5122 2955, email: churchillnc@bigpond.com or call in. The centre is inside the Churchill Leisure Centre.

Pictured Left: Exhibits from Churchill Neighborhood's 2006 Quilt and Craft Expo.



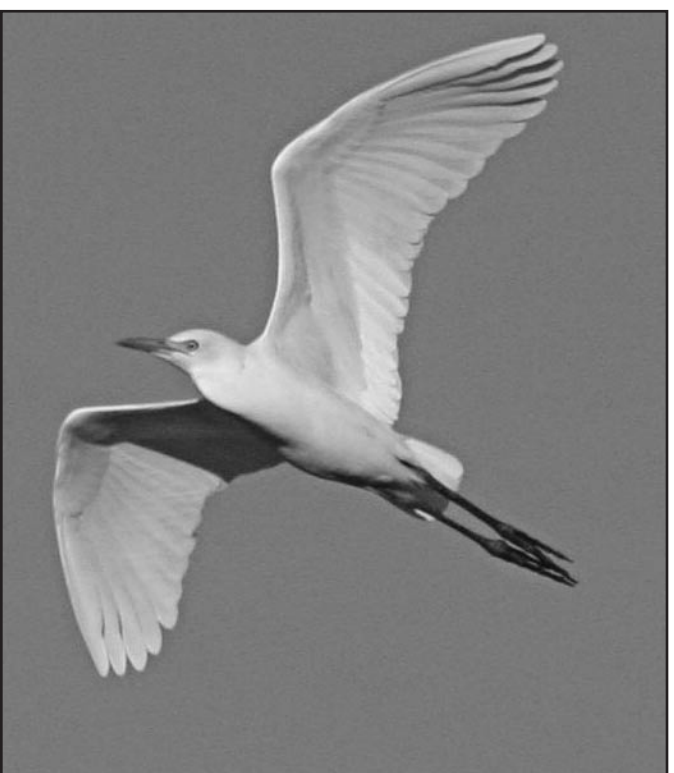
Cattle Egrets

In the first week of May, a small number of Cattle Egrets have been visiting Mathison Park and as their name suggests they have been feeding alongside the cattle on the Eastern side of Lake Hyland.

These are an interesting bird, characterised by their close association with cattle when they are feeding. They are quite spectacular in their breeding plumage with bright yellow-orange plumes on the head and neck, but we only seem to see them around here as winter flocks in the paddocks with the cattle, when they look very much like the other egret species.

Cattle Egrets were not native to Australia There was an attempt to introduce them in 1933, but this does not seem to have succeeded. They were first detected in Australia in the Northern Territory in 1948, and were in quite considerable numbers and it is assumed that they had made their own way here from Asia. Once they had arrived, they spread all around Australia in a very short time, reaching Victoria in 1949. They are now common and are found generally wherever cattle are reared.

Numbers in the Park have varied between 1 and 7 birds, always close to the cattle and feeding by snapping up insects disturbed as the cattle move through the grass.



Cattle Egret

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Boolarra Primary School

School Review

It was great to hear recently the thoughts of our independent school reviewer, Tony Ross.

As a school reviewer Tony visits many different schools across Victoria and assesses the data they collect to determine their performance.

There is no question that the data at Boolarra Primary School is excellent.



**Boolarra Rosie -
Cross Country Champion**

Our students regularly achieve at or above the expected levels in Maths and English and the expected levels are very rigorous!

The teaching programs at our school are clearly paying dividends and we are very effectively doing what we are supposed to do (assist students to learn).

Cross Country Running

We staged our own school cross country, along the Boolarra Rail trail, to determine who would represent us at the Yinnar and District Cross Country in Churchill.

Four of our students, Kadia Lardner, Josh Anderson, Emily Bartlett and Rosie Twomey then qualified to represent the Yinnar and District Schools in the zone cross country, which was a superb effort.

They all did extremely well with Rosie coming 1st in her age group and qualifying to represent our zone in the state cross country run in Melbourne.

This is an amazing achievement!

Visiting Show Reports Provided By Some Grade 2/3h Students

We saw a show about eating healthy foods at home and at school. I liked Sleepy Head and T-bone, the puppets.

T-Bone was a little dog. Sleepy Head had to go to school and his Mum had to go to work.

When Sleepy Head got to school it was question time. When Sleepy Head got asked a question he got the answer wrong because he hadn't had any breakfast.

That taught me a lesson.

By Maddi.

We saw a puppet show called Munch, Crunch and Move. There were seventeen puppets!

Some of the puppets' names were Smelly, Mighty Red, Jimmy, Janice, Food Balance Puppet, Water Drop, C.P. and T-Bone. My favourite puppet was Smelly because his eyes came out!

The show was about eating the right food and getting exercise. C.P. made a video game called "Feed the Dragon".

The dragon was really a lion. C.P. also made two breakfast cereals called Grunt and Fairy Flakes.

The cereals had nothing but sugar in them. At the end of the show C.P. joined Smelly and Big Red at the Super Food and Exercise Department.

By Storm

Transition Program

Our grade 5/6 students recently participated in the Mirboo North Cluster's "Big Day Out".

This saw them mixing with grade 5/6 students from all the other Primary Schools that 'feed' year 7 students to Mirboo North Secondary College.

Breakfast At School

This monthly program continues to be well attended.

Thanks to Mrs Elizabeth Black and our Junior School Council (JSC) for helping to make this fun way to start the school day possible.

Boolarra Idol

During Education Week our Junior School Council did a superb job managing this talent quest, which was a lot of fun.

Our 2007 Idol winner was Lydia Reiske for her fantastic joke routine.

As requested by our students we also introduced an Anti-Idol section this year, which proved very successful and entertaining. Anti-Idol was won by 2 acts that the judges couldn't split - Josh Anderson and Rosie Twomey performing "Am I Not Pretty Enough" and Dana Flahavin, Amy Hoghton and Tessa Anderson's "Leprechaun" act.

Excellent Yard Behaviour

Many students receive tickets in our yard raffle every day as they behave so well in our playground.

Our most recent yard raffle winners enjoyed making pizzas with the Principal.



Boolarra Yard Raffle Winners Enjoy Pizza



Boolarra Zone Cross Country Runners.



Boolarra Anti Idol 2007 Winners



Boolarra Idol 2007 - Lydia

Churchill North Primary School

the "Leaping Loonies" an interstate gymnastic group that held the students and teachers spell-bound during their performance on May 19. Their message of co-operation and working together was well received by all.

Twenty-three Churchill North students, the Art teacher and Kerry Scotson, the District Secretary for Somers School Camp enjoyed a thoroughly absorbing, action packed 9 days at the Camp on the Mornington Peninsular.

Boating, abseiling and rock climbing were among the many activities presented.

The school had a most enjoyable visit from

Our grade 6 students have been trained as Peer Mediators. These children will be performing their role during recess and lunchtime to make our playground an even safer and happier

place for all the children.

Our school photos were taken during May and parents and children are looking forward to receiving their photos within the next couple of days.

Churchill North Primary School would like to cordially invite you to our Open Day on Wednesday 20 June at 9.30am. We would welcome the opportunity to show you our great school. If you are unable to attend on the day,

please ring us on 5122 1976 and arrange a more convenient time.

Up-Coming Events

On the 15 June, between 12:15 and 1pm we will be holding our School Mini-Fete.

We would welcome members of the general public to help fill tables at our Trivia Night which will be held at the Churchill Cricket Club from 7pm onwards June 23.

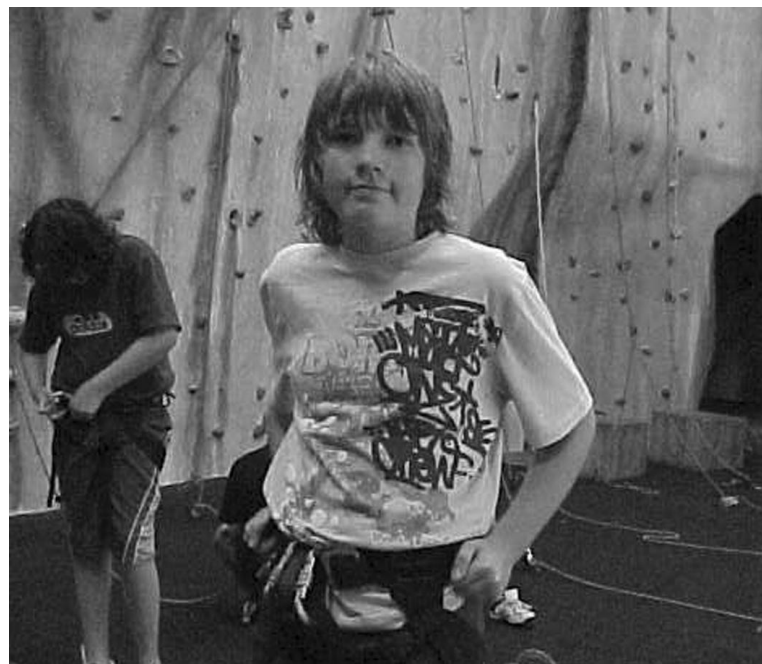
Please ring the school for details 51 221976



Richard on Low Ropes
Ashlee



Leaping Loonies



Boating Group

Kurnai College Churchill

Awareness days

The first of two Awareness Days was held at Churchill Campus on Tuesday 8th May. Grade 5 and 6 students from Churchill, Churchill North and some students from Lumen Christi, joined the Year 7 and 8 students for a day of fun activities which included forensic science, cake making/baking, multi-media and filming news headlines. The day finished with all students participating in team building activities on the oval. The purpose of the day was to give the primary students an idea of what Kurnai College has to offer and to allow them to meet students from other primary schools.

Attending the day with the primary students and their teachers were over twenty parents. They were given a tour of the school by two of the school's Year 7 students. There was opportunity to ask questions of these students, as well as opportunity to speak to the Year 7 Co-Ordinator and Campus Principal Geoff Block. This parental participation was vital for them to achieve an appreciation of what is available for their children at Kurnai College.

"Increasing parental involvement has been an

ongoing goal at Kurnai College", says Principal Geoff Block. "We know that parents are willing to be involved in their child's

Primary education but that direct involvement declines dramatically when children start secondary school. There are many reasons for this: the growing independence of the students, the increasing complexity and specialization of the curriculum, and the financial pressures on families to have both parents working. Whatever the reasons this is unfortunate because studies show that the single most important factor in determining student success at school is the level to which parents play an active role in their child's education. It is more important than the facilities the school can offer, the quality of their teachers or of the number of students in a class."

Mr. Block went on to say that studies also reveal that the involvement of the broader community is also important in helping young people achieve success in their education. It is where the community as a whole values education, and cares how students achieve, which determines greater success across the board.

The second Churchill Campus Awareness Day was on Thursday 7th June.

If you missed these opportunities, please feel

free to contact the school and speak to the Principal.

College School Council

Congratulations to members of the College School Council.

They are:

Anthony Rodaughan- Executive Officer
Michelle Moore, Matt Jobling, Kieren Kenneth, Michelle Reid-Metcalf, - Teacher Representatives.

Irene O'Donnell, Trudi Whitelaw, Danielle Kessner, Margaret Guthrie, Katrina Hall, Leanne Dent- Parent Representatives.

Marianne Robinson, Heather Farley- Co-Opted Community Members.

If you have any issues relating to the school which you would like to discuss, please contact Anthony Rodaughan on 51323822.

Keys Please Program

Students were able to attend a "Keys Please" presentation one Thursday lunchtime. This valuable program was presented by VicRoads personnel and was aimed at giving Learner drivers pointers on being safe drivers.

Year 7 Camp at Coolamatong

This camp site is situated on the Banksia Peninsular south of Bairnsdale. A contingent of over 70 students, the largest to date, spent a wonderful time participating in outdoor activities including canoeing, cycling, bushcraft, orienteering and a motor launch trip on the lake. This is a marvellous opportunity for the students to live and work together and experience new and excit-



Simon Pickett

Hazelwood North Primary School

the other kids play for an hour,
2 netball teams and 1 netta

Open Day

Many people came to visit the Hazelwood North Primary School for its recent Open Day. Parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts and uncles were all welcome to participate in the day's events which included a lunchtime picnic and concert items performed by some of our talented musicians.

Another highlight of the day was a visit by former Paralympian and Mirboo North resident Sharon Slaan. Sharon was invited by prep student Byron. She took the time to speak to all classes about her experiences as a member of the Australian Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team, and as a torch bearer for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. Sharon also gave us an insight into how she is able to participate fully in life, despite being dependent on a wheelchair to get her around.

Sharon was a real inspiration to students, teachers and parents alike and we would like to thank her for her willingness to share her life story with us.

In the afternoon several parents took the opportunity to participate in a Bluearth session with 4/5A. This program encourages active participation in physical activity and focuses on the well being not only of the body, but the mind as well. Great fun was had by all who attended.

Thanks to all members of the school community for making this a memorable day for the students.

Bluearth Session

On Wednesday the 9th of May there was a Bluearth session. The students from 4/5A and some parents did the Bluearth session. We had a new teacher. His name was Paul. He taught us some games. One of the games was pacman. You had a yellow sash and a ball. Half of the people were it and the rest of them had to run around. That was a good game. Another one was everyone had to stand up in a circle and half of the people had to zig zag in and out of the people. It was tiring. The Bluearth session was great.

By Billy Davey.

Bluearth

On Wednesday the 9th of May 4/5A and some parents had a Bluearth session with a coach called Paul at 1.30pm.

Some of the games we played were Pacman and Run and Shout. We also did some one foot balance and a balance called Superman where you're on one foot but you're shaped like a Superman. My favourite activity was Pacman because you use a lot of team work. I also liked Run and Shout.

The hardest one I thought was doing the balancing because I find it challenging. When it was finished I felt very good.

By Frankie-lee

WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

By Jade Howell & Annie Zammit

*There are good teachers.

*There is heaps of shade.

*We have lunch orders every Friday.

*Students are nice and playful to each other.

*Our classrooms are a good size for children to work around.

*It is a country school.

*We have a footy oval, a basket-ball court/netball court and a rebound wall.

*We celebrate things like A.N.Z.A.C day, Remembrance Day and so on.

*We eat our snack in the central area (a shady spot).

*We have very good school camps like camp Rumbug (for grades 3to6) Phillip Island for grades 3to4) and Melbourne (for grades 5to6).

*On Monday mornings we have assembly where we sing the national anthem and say our pledge. Then we have Monday morning running around the oval and the whole school.

*We have Safety Club and Junior School Council.

*There is a great program called You Can Do It!

*We have Bluearth/ P.E.

*We have art, drama, music and library.

*We have a little playground (for the preps to grade 3) and an adventure playground for all the grades.

*On Monday we have a tennis teacher come while

team.

*We do clubs on Friday where you do different activities.

*There are integration aides.

*We do cross country; swimming sports and we have school sports.

*We have good excursions.

*Every term we do a different subject that we have to do a poster or a book on.

*We get raffle tickets for students who are good.

*We have a veggie garden so students can plant veggies.

*We have cool computer activities for you to learn from.

*We have heaps of sport equipment.

*There is a bottle of sun screen in the office for students when ever.

*We have H.P.V.

*We have football clinics.

*We have a fun run every year to raise money for our world vision child.

CLUBS

At Hazelwood North we have a program called clubs. We get to do an activity. I'm in grade 5 and I did cooking. We made tacos. Half the group cooked the mince and the other half chopped up vegetables and grated cheese. We ate them and they were delicious! After stuffing ourselves we wrote down the recipe in our cook books. I really enjoyed cooking and I can't wait till we do it again!

By Meg Van Rooy

At H N P S we have a clubs program for the grade 3 to the 6s. We can do beading, knitting, scrap booking, wood work, paper craft and dancing. I'm in dancing and we're learning CHA CHA CHA. It is fun and hard. I really really like it.

BY Nelly :

This term I really loved clubs because I had to learn a new routine for dance.

At home every night I had to do an hour's practice with my Mum. I only had 5 days to learn it and show it to the class that were doing dance. Before clubs started Mum took me over 5 minutes early to have 1 more practice. While mum and I were dancing I saw everyone coming over to the hall. I got really nervous Then we had to show the class. In 1 hour we managed to learn the basic step, the forward promenade and the turn at the end of the promenade. I can't wait until this Friday.

The people in my dance group are Sarah, me, Chloe, Caitlin, Sam, Elise, Rebecca.

By Ryan Phelps

On the 11th of May grade 3, 4, 5 and 6s had clubs. The clubs that we are doing are cooking, paper craft, scrap booking, knitting, beading, and lots more.

I am in knitting and I like it a lot. It starts a 2:00 and finishes at 3:15. It is a lot of fun and I like it. When people start they are not very good at it and when people finish they're good at it in the end. After they're done they all go outside.

By Brad Brereton

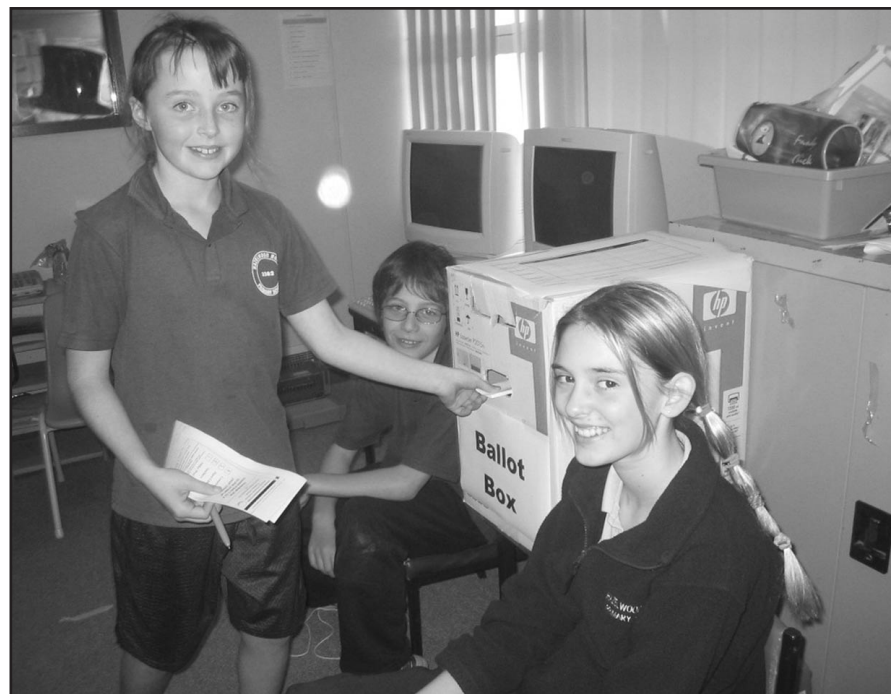
On Friday the Grade 3's to 6's get to do clubs. We did cooking, dancing, scrapbooking, technology, gardening, woodworking and beading. I did technology with Mr O'Brien where we get to use Lego and K-Nex. I made a factory and a tie shop. I had fun at clubs this week.



Bluearth Session



Sharon Slaan with Byron



Chocolate election day for 4/5

On Tuesday in the 4/5 classes we had an election day. We made posters, songs and expositions about our chocolate bars. We had four different types of chocolate bars. They were Snickers, Crunchie, Mars Lite and Milky Way.

We had to register before we voted. We also made "How to vote cards".

We had two polling booths and a ballot box. There were two ballot guards and two polling booth officials.

Then we had to count up the votes. Milky Way won the election. Crunchie came second. Mars Lite came third. Snickers came last. We learnt how to vote and lots more things that people do in parliament. We had great fun.

By Zoey Hibbert, Caitlin Mareska and TahliaTaifer

Churchill Primary School

Education Week

The school celebrated Education Week- 6th-12th May- with some special activities.

Grandparent's day for the Preps-2s was very successful. There was wonderful support from grandparents and family friends who brought along an old fashioned game to share and play. Memories were also shared. Morning tea rounded off a very pleasant and interesting time.

The Year 3-6s had visits to Powerworks where they discovered more about their local community and the industries which support it. Behaviour was reported as extremely good, making the school very proud of its students.

Building Partnerships

One of the school's goals over the next two years is to build partnerships with other local Government schools especially Churchill North Primary School. To that end 40 students from the 3/4 area joined with Churchill North for a performing arts performance. The students enjoyed the interaction and the chance to

share this experience with Churchill North students.

District Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who represented the school at the Cross Country on May 14th. It was wonderful to see the great sportsmanship and behaviour from these students. The school has another reason to be proud of its students.

Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to the students who have qualified for the Zone Cross Country Championships. Claudia Davern, Ellis Hayes-Hill, Tayarra Morris and Tamara Kemp, all tried their best and represented the school very well.

Active After School Community

Churchill Primary School is once again running the no cost Active After School program for students on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. During this term the students will participate in dance workshops, cooperative games and skill development activities.

Worksafe Kids Program

A small but dedicated group of students have teamed up to help us ensure that the school is a safe place.

These students conduct regular safety audits of the school grounds and make recommendations to the school council. The staff and school council appreciate the involvement and support of the students in ensuring a safe environment.

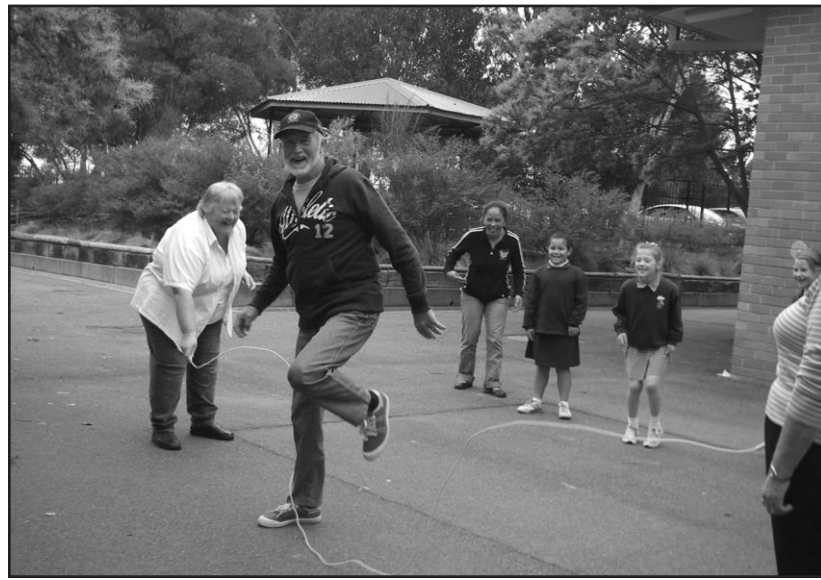
Pre-School Transition Program

The school is now setting in place, programs for our pre-school transition program, giving pre-school children who will become 2008 Preps, an opportunity to participate in orientation visits to the school.

An enrolment week will be held 23-30 July, and during this week, parents are welcome to tour the school.

School visits for all pre-school children will be held early in August. All enquiries for 2008 enrolments should be directed to the Office on 51221343.

Grandparents Day



Lumen Christi Primary School



Grade 3/4 at Lumen Christi Primary School recently enjoyed an overnight camp at Allambee. The children and teachers enjoyed a range of activities in perfect weather.

We had archery with Nicky. Nicky showed us how to pull back the string. I thought it would be easy but it was very difficult. I nearly got a bullsseye but instead I hit the black. The last activity was the flying fox we got harnessed up and then jumped into the seat, wee!

Cameron Ryan

My group's third activity was vertical challenge. You had to go up the ladder, next the rock wall and the wooden logs, then you would come down by a rope.

I was the first to touch the top bar, it was really fun.

Chantelle Fletcher

We did the Giant Swing! I watched Elise go and then it was my turn! I was really scared! I put on my harness and I got clipped on to the rope, and then hoisted to the top. I pulled the green rope and WHOOSH! I started to swing and scream! It was really fun! After that we had dinner. I had a fun day!

Olivia Morgan

Last Monday, Grades 3/4 went to Allambee Camp. When we got there, our first activity was the flying fox. After a little while, we heard the bell ring and it was Greg the cook. He had

made us afternoon tea. The next day we did rock climbing - our whole group made it to the top! I enjoyed camp.

Samantha Elliston

Bronwyn was the first person in our group to do the giant swing. The people who were waiting in line have to pull the rope to get someone to the top of the swing. It was FANTASTIC! I liked having free time at camp. I played volley ball, it was boys onto girls but there was more girls!

Matt Lack

I went to Allambee Camp with the teachers, some helpers and Grade 3/4. I went to experience some new skills and different activities. I had a goodtime at camp.

Matthew Bianconi

For day one, everyone was sorted into activity groups. I was in a group

with Rickie, Duke, Nick, Kaillie, Zoi, Liam Hutchison, Jessie, Jasmine and Miss DP. The first activities we did were the giant swing, archery, low ropes course and vertical climb. After our spaghetti for dinner, everyone went to bed. I think I only had one hour sleep because everyone was snoring their-heads off!

Jack Bennett

Last Monday we went to camp. On the bus I was dizzy! When we got there we did rock climbing, but I was slow and scared and only went a little way up. On my second shot I went higher than the first time and I felt proud. We also did the ropes course. It was fun. I enjoyed it. I thought the billy carts and hut building was awesome. We had pasta for tea and I had cheese on mine - it was good!

Meg Hrvojevic



Churchill & District News Art Competition 2007 ~ Winners

U7 Drawing
1st: Blake Ewald
2nd: Bonnie Kearns
3rd: Blade Dunn

1st: Tyi Johnstone
1st: Brendan Richards
2nd: Jacob Campbell
3rd: Shannon Lovell

U7 Painting
1st: Kelsey Mayer
2nd: Caitlyn Beale

8 - 11 Painting
1st: Emma Gunn

8 - 11 Drawing

12 - 14 Drawing
1st: Stephanie Tanian

2nd: Stacey Lewis
3rd: Tyson Webb

12 - 14 Painting
1st: Stephanie Tanian

15 - 18 Drawing
1st: Roy Whatmough
2nd: Brittany Webb
3rd: Breanna Shiells

Adult Painting
1st: Judith Viti
2nd: Alleyne Hall
Encouragement Award:
Miriam Withers



Opinion

Bullying: a national sport?

CHRIS LAMING

It seems to me that a hopeful person is one who tries to see solutions and create possibilities, even where there don't seem to be any. For example, believing that an abusive domestic bully can change his behaviour. I say 'his' because most domestic abuse, family violence, intimate partner violence, bullying at home is done by men. This is not to say that women are never abusive or violent, it is just that they are responsible for much less of the damage done, though many men feel differently.

When a man attends the SHED (Self-Help Ending Domestic) Project, a men's behaviour change program, at first he generally feels hopeless about himself and life in general. He may also feel hurt, angry, grief at the loss of his family and frustrated at not seeing his children. He usually feels sorry for himself and blames anyone but himself.

Some might say that it is natural for anyone who is abusive or violent, to feel hurt and hopeless, because they have brought fear and hopelessness into the lives of their families, so they deserve to feel the pain too. However, if we are interested in reviving hope in the lives of those children and their mothers, then it is in all our interests to look for ways for men to challenge that part of their behaviour that is violent or abusive and to reinforce that part which is caring considerate and respectful. By doing this, hope is rekindled in the young, that there is

another, less aggressive and violent way of relating.

Recently on a trip to Scotland, talking with a colleague, I heard about their men's behaviour change program that has a module entitled Sexual Respect. In this module, the group participants are encouraged to see their relationships in the light of the idea of equal and respectful intimacy, rather than coercion, abuse, putdowns, or forced sex. The men are challenged to regard and relate to their partners as equals in a relationship journey, rather than as sex objects to be used for their own pleasure and to be jealously guarded as symbols of their manhood and ownership. Jealousy is near the top of the list of reasons men give about why they become abusive or violent with their partner, though it seems to me that it is often irrational and based on a projection of their own lack of faithfulness, low self-esteem or inability to trust. In this regard women often seem to be more generous and forgiving than men, in their relationships.

We know that most often forced sex, sexual abuse and rape are about power and domination rather than about a need for intimacy or sexual relations. It is also evident from sitting with men in groups, that very often men's violence and abuse begins with them feeling very low self-esteem and feeling the need to assert themselves over somebody else. That 'somebody else', often turns out to be a family member; wife, partner, child,

and increasingly, an older person. Paradoxically, the very people who love them the most, and are best able to reflect the truth and support them, are the ones that they abuse most, hence driving them away.

There is more and more evidence from around the world about the use of rape and sexual abuse as instruments of war, weapons used to dominate and subjugate and usually it is the weakest and most vulnerable, who are most victimised, the women, the children and the elderly. And most usually, it is men who do the violence, as well as other men who sell them the arms. Reports from the United Nations, Amnesty International and aid agencies, all point to very high levels of men's violence against women around the world. The United Nations and Amnesty, both have ongoing projects for the elimination of violence against women worldwide.

Whilst men's violence against women is stark, brutal and obvious in war-torn countries, it is also very much part of life for many women in Australia. Statistically, most violence against women and children in Australia occurs in the home, by someone known to the victim. This is a shameful thing for any society, that some men, rather than protecting their families, abuse them and brutalise them psychologically, physically, or sexually. This is not just a shameful thing for the individual perpetrators, but for all males who allow it to happen, turn a blind eye, a deaf ear, or are

indifferent. It reflects on all of us who continue to let it occur, whilst knowing or strongly suspecting that it is going on.

It is said that all males benefit from the abuse by a few, because all females are more likely to be afraid, to defer, or to allow men generally, to have their way, out of fear or anxiety. Not that all men are violent, by any means, but rather, most men's indifference to some men's abuse and violence allows it to continue to happen.

Recently, I was looking at the Federal Government's policy on bullying, and I 'Googled' the following term 'Australian Government bullying', expecting to find links to resources about dealing with the bullying behaviour. Instead, what I found was a number of links, describing the Australian Government's bullying tactics in the Asia-Pacific region, particularly to East Timor and the Solomon Islands, interspersed with web links about how to deal with bullying behaviour in our schools. I found much information that portrays Australia as a bully to smaller neighbouring countries.

So, is bullying behaviour part of our national ethos? If so, it starkly contrasts with our capacity to take the high moral ground in which we are more than ready to condemn the human rights abuses in other countries, whilst our own indigenous people are plagued by horrific health problems and have an average life expectancy at least 15 years less than mainstream Australians and those who

flee to us for safety from other countries are prevented from stepping ashore, in order to deny them the protection of our justice system. This has been condemned by the UN Human Rights Commission as being manifestly 'unjust'.

If we as a nation act in a bullying way to other countries, is it any wonder that our young people learn to emulate such behaviour, to bully in order to get their way? And yet there is hope. No one is born a bully, it is learnt behaviour and can be unlearned. Indeed it is the bullies in the school yard who need as much, if not more, help and support to change, than those they bully. If a child is allowed to bully, at school, at home, or whilst playing, they learn that it 'works' as a way to get what they want. If that child is not challenged by an adult, and supported to act fairly, then they are likely to grow up using that behaviour in relationships, at work, or wherever they think they can get away with it.

The man who continues to get away with bullying, abuse and violence at home is really a domestic terrorist. Such domestic terrorists are costing our economy about \$8.3 billion per year. Let's learn to challenge that behaviour and create a better world for our children and grandchildren, a world in which they grow up with equal and respectful relationships as the norm for both sexes.

Biochemical Warfare

By JESSICA TRIPPIT
Trafalgar High School

Biochemical warfare is a heading for both chemical and biological warfare. The use of biochemical weapons is a serious issue. They have been designed to make the greatest impact possible by causing collateral damage to humans and their very existence.

Biochemical warfare is not new, but the general knowledge of the research being done by both governments and perhaps terrorists is creating concern. The threat is increasing and yet nothing has been done about it. Before I started researching the subject of biochemical warfare I had no idea what it even was. We are still very ignorant of the full impact of these weapons, and if the situation should arise we would have no idea of how to deal with the consequences.

Many countries have acknowledged the use of biochemical weapons in war. The most memorable was during the Vietnam War. Everyone has seen and heard the story of the little girl whose picture was captured running down the road with her flesh falling from her body.

Biochemical warfare not only affects the civilians but the government as well but for very different reasons. Governments concede that we need biochemical weapons to defend our countries and to be seen as a power to be reckoned with. Terrorists see the use of biochemicals in another way. They use the thought of them to instill fear in people. Biochemical weapons, whether used for 'good' or bad will leave a destructive impression, and a big one at that.

The problem will never be completely solved but there should be a restriction on

the testing and the manufacture of such chemicals. It would also be in the world's best interest to have countries sign a treaty that forbids the use of biochemicals on civilians at anytime, even during war. This can only happen if people voice their displeasure at what is happening, and ask why they aren't being fully informed or at least notified about the possibilities that could occur from these weapons being used. Ignorance is bliss but knowledge is power.

There are many things that you can do. It takes just one person to stand up and start a revolution for change. You could write a newspaper article like me, or arrange protests and meetings to discuss the issues. Talk to your local politicians and get them on board, organise a petition, create a website or brochure and you can even get the media involved (radio and TV).

The reason it is so important to halt the manufacture of biochemicals is that you want a life of freedom and not fear. Biochemical weapons create a subsistence of fear, with all powers feeling that they need to create bigger and better weapons than the other. They feel that they will not be able to keep their people safer than their enemies but all they are really doing is adding to the scare factor and so it goes on. What governments really need to be doing is spending more money on hospitals and education and giving better tax cuts.

At this stage it is inevitable that biochemicals will be used in the future, and no one wants this to look forward to. As one we have a voice and as a united front we have the chance to change the history of the world.

Anglicare Hosts
Community Social Night

By Margaret Guthrie, Secretary

Last month we held a 'Games Night' community social at Churchill Town Hall. Staff from Anglicare were the guest hosts for the evening and supplied games and an assortment of fun activities.

Each table was given a game to play and these were rotated at intervals. 'Pictionary' proved to be especially funny, while the other games, including 'Celebrity Heads', were quite challenging. Scores from each game were added together and participants at the winning table were able to choose from a selection of Gift Vouchers.

'Spot prizes' were awarded for special demonstrations that added to the hilarity - Best Ballet Dancer and Best Rendition of Waltzing Matilda were among the categories awarded.

Another game played, which was devised by Anglicare, was called 'What are the Odds?' and revealed some interesting statistics....

Did you know that you are far more likely to die from a bee sting, lightning strike or by choking (in decreasing order) than you are of winning Tattsлото? The odds of winning Tattsлото are 1 in 12.3 million, while the odds of winning Powerball are even slimmer - 1 in 54 million.

One young wag present on the night summed up the information this way: you have a much greater chance of dying in a car accident whilst on your way to buy a lotto ticket than you have of actually winning!

At the end of the evening a special presentation was made by the President of our Group, Barbara James, to Peter Steller, who has recently departed the Community Development team at Latrobe City Council to pursue his tertiary studies on a full-time basis. Peter has been very supportive of our Group's endeavours over the last 12 months and we will miss

his cheerful assistance.

Many thanks to Bianca Pezzutto and her team from Anglicare for hosting such an enjoyable night and to the volunteers from GRG who organised the evening and provided the yummy supper.

We will be holding further community socials throughout the year, along with various other activities and events.

Anyone from the Churchill area is most welcome to attend our social events or volunteer with our Group. We conduct children's activities during school holidays and on various dates after school during term.

Our next children's activity will be a 'Soccer Skills' session at Glendonald Park, conducted in partnership with Churchill Soccer Club representatives and is likely to be held at 4pm on Friday 15 June (to be confirmed). This will be followed by a barbecue at 5pm. Parents are most welcome to attend with their youngsters.

For more information about this, or any of our other activities, please telephone the Secretary on 5122 2997. GRG can also be contacted at PO Box 245, Churchill 3842 or by emailing g_r_g_inc@hotmail.com.

Our meetings are always held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Glendonald Pre-school in Churinga Drive. Tea, coffee and childcare are provided. Last month's guest speaker was Tammy McGhee, the Employment and Learning Coordinator from Berry Street Services. Next meeting will be on Tuesday 27 June and another guest speaker is planned.

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The Thrill of the New

Following on from the recent successful exhibitions at the newly named Art on Track Gallery in Traralgon, long time and well known local artist identity, Valda Cooper is opening her first one-person exhibition for quite some time.

The title of the showing is 'The Thrill of the New' and very appropriately it displays Mrs Cooper's artistic excursion into the world of mixed media and contemporary design.

However, before the long term admirers of Mrs Cooper's floral designs become upset, she

is at pains to point out that the very subject matter is still floral and environmental. What has been expanded is the way media is used, the treatment of the subjects which tends toward a slightly more abstract approach and the degree of risk taking that the artist is prepared to undertake.

The use of the media is fresh and adventurous, particularly in her very creative and astute use of collage.

Really a very worthwhile artistic journey!

The Thrill of the New

The recent works of VALDA COOPER

Presented at the Art on Track Gallery Old Railway Station, Traralgon

Fusion Gippsland 28 years and still growing!

After 28 years in the valley and an eight year partnership with Kurnai college, Fusion is continuing to expand its work with young people.

Fusion was started in the Latrobe Valley in the late 1970's by a local team of people who wanted to make a difference for Gippsland teenagers.

State Director of Fusion, Matt Garvin, says "We are very proud of what the Gippsland Fusion team has achieved over the years, and in particular what the partnership with Kurnai has meant for the young people of the Valley".

The partnership with Kurnai college started in 1999 as Fusion provided a chaplain for the Churchill and Morwell campuses. The current chaplain, Liz Sulley, is a qualified social worker and is working with the Fusion team to provide a range of services for the college, including the recent addition of a mentoring program, as well as breakfast clubs, lunchtimes

with a difference and the annual pilgrimage to Uluru.

In addition to the work in Kurnai college Fusion also runs a youth radio program, "the Captain Midnight show", accredited training (Fusion is a Registered Training Organisation) and supports regional groups around Gippsland who want to make a difference in their communities.

While Fusion is a national organisation and the different programs are supported by that national infrastructure, in Gippsland the work of Fusion is overseen by a local executive and administered in the Aherin St office.

Local Fusion youth worker, Geraldine McClure says "We are exploring how we expand our current youth and community work, and our local executive are particularly pleased with the new "Talk and Tucker" youth mentoring program which has received some funding for its establishment in Morwell".

Crime Fighting has a Family Focus

Crime-fighting has a family focus under a recent Victoria Police strategy aimed to reduce violence in the home.

The Family Violence Code of Practice aims to give increased protection to women and children and also offers increased understanding of issues relating to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, Indigenous and Gay and Lesbian communities to enable appropriate support.

Under the code, police will work with state and regional agencies to facilitate early intervention and long term harm minimisation programs and provide support assistance, including the use of interpreters or appropriate cultural services. Children will have their needs assessed separately from their parents.

Information regarding the code has been translated into 10 community languages including Arabic, Turkish, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese-Mandarin, Somali, Amharic, Urdu, Dari and Farsi.

Ten full-time Family Violence Advisors have been appointed at police stations at Melbourne, Werribee, Ballarat, Mill Park, Broadmeadows, Shepparton, Nunawading, Wangaratta, Narre Warren and Morwell.

Chief Commissioner Christine Nixon said the code of practice

Criminology's National Homicide Program showed 40 % of homicides were related to family violence. Sixty percent of those were between intimate partners and mainly involve men killing women.

Last financial year there were more than 28,000 incidents of family violence reported to police and more than 24,000 Intervention Orders taken out in Magistrate's Courts across the state, she said.

"It has been a personal goal of mine to improve the way we investigate family violence reports. The seriousness and widespread impact of family violence cannot be underestimated," Ms Nixon said.

"Sadly, the figures we have are a mere glimpse of how widespread family violence remains with an estimated 80 per cent of cases going unreported," Ms Nixon said.

"Family violence is a complex issue and one that must be tackled by the whole community. This code has a strong partnership component so people can feel more confident they will get the help they need.

"It is a significant step towards reducing violence by giving women and children safe alternatives. It also aims to better address the needs of a diverse society."

The code of practice has been developed as part of the Victorian Government's move to an integrated response to family violence and complements the Women's Safety Strategy.

Assistant Commissioner Region 2 (West) Leigh Gassner, who heads the Violence Against Women Strategy for Victoria Police, said the code was a way forward in the way police deal with family violence.

"We now have a more efficient, intelligent and culturally appropriate system in place to adequately investigate family violence incidents."

was about police taking a "social leadership" role when it came to stamping out family violence.

She said family violence was a complex issue, which had a widespread impact on communities with links to drugs, anti-social behaviour, bullying, homelessness and women's health.

Ms Nixon said family violence was never acceptable and said in some cases it sadly led to people being killed or seriously injured.

Statistics from the Australian Institute of

FEEDING A FAMILY ON A BUDGET An Important Study Needs Your Input

At least one in five Australian families has to struggle to pay the bills and feed the family. How do you feed your family and stay within the budget? What are the difficulties you face shopping and preparing meals for your family and managing financially?

Deakin University is currently conducting an important study to explore the experiences that people have when making decisions about food purchase, preparation and managing on restricted financial resources.

This study aims to understand how families access and prepare food, the meaning of food and the role food plays in their lives. We are currently looking for people who would be interested in participating in the study, which will involve a one hour interview. Participants

will receive a \$20 shopping voucher for their time.

If you are:

- *a single parent family
- *on wages or a pension
- *have an after tax weekly income of less than \$500
- *have children up to the age of 15 living at home;

.....then your contribution to this study is vital.

For further details of the study and to arrange an interview please contact Sarah Hawkey at Latrobe Community Health Service on 5127 9159 or at sarah.hawkey@lchs.com.au.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

BIRTHDAYITES!!

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

The lucky "Birthdayites" last month were
Breanna Kootstra-Denton and Ingrid Morgan.

BIRTHDAYITES FOR JUNE

Rachael CUSICK	7 years
Reilay FLANAGAN	9 years
Teegan MARRIOTT	11 years
Ryan MARRIOTT	11 years
Kieran MARRIOTT	11 years
Tenielle MAY	9 years
Rebecca McCORD	7 years
Jay WAIN	11 years

The randomly chosen "BIRTHDAYITES" this month are
RACHAEL CUSICK and JAY WAIN.

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

John Barker

Publicity

Breanna Kootstra-Denton
8 years
26th May 2007



Ingrid Morgan
12 years
21st May 2007

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

IN THE EVENT OF NOT BEING ABLE TO CONTACT YOUR CHILD, ANOTHER WILL BE SELECTED IN THEIR PLACE.

WORD SEARCH

Can you find the hidden words?

They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.

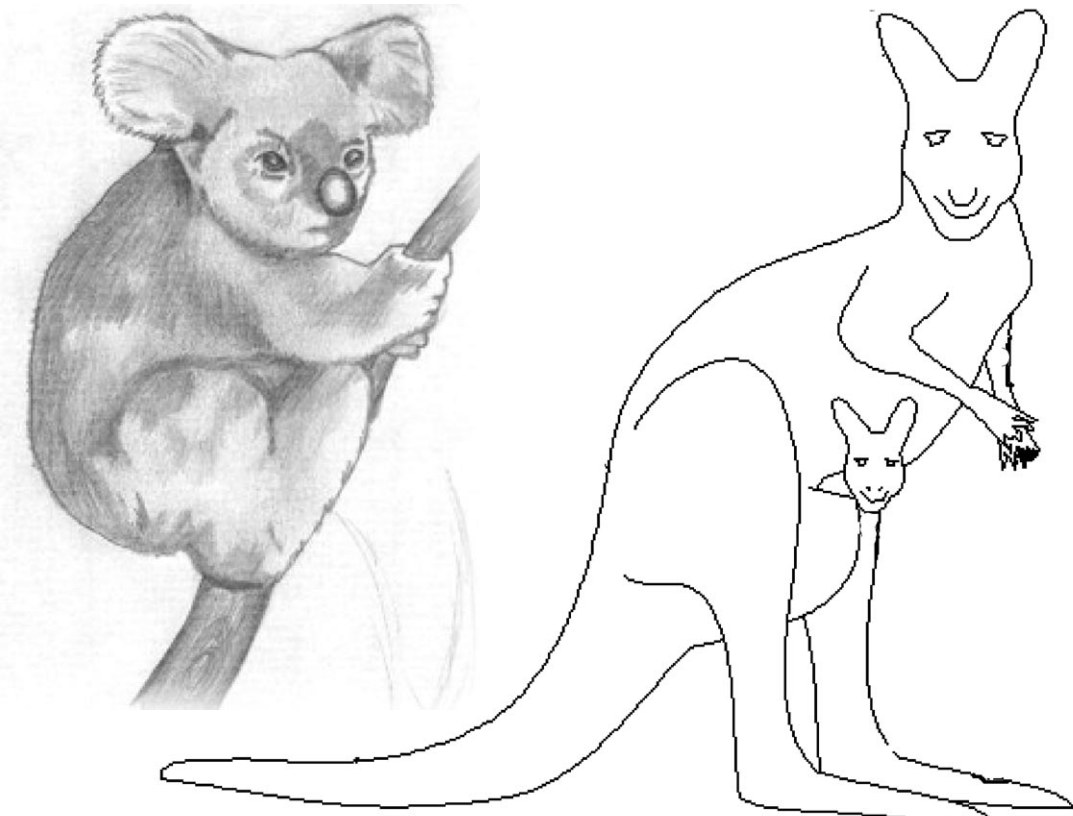
This month the word search is about Australia.



Adelaide,
Australia,
Ayers Rock,
Blue Mountains,
Bondi Beach,
Boomerang,
Brisbane,
Cairns,
Canberra,
Darling,
Darwin,
Didgeridoo,
Great Barrier Reef,
Hobart,
Kangaroo,
Koala Bear,

Melbourne
Murray,
New South Wales,
Northern Territory,
Perth,
Platpus,
Queensland,
South Australia,
Sydney,
Tasmania,
Uluru,
Victoria,
Wallaby,
Yarra,
Western Australia

Hi Girls and Boys. Keeping in the Australian theme, here is a Kangaroo for you to colour in and a Koala that has been hand drawn.



~ Hazelwood House Happenings ~



Jack and Barry in full swing at the auction



RSL Ladies Auxillary presenting a cheque to Jenny Monington (Care Manager) and Beth Price (Diversional Therapist) on behalf of all the residents.



On May 5th of May we held a grand auction at the Churchill Football Club Rooms.

Thanks must go to the Football Club for donating the venue and opening the bar on the night.

Also thanks to Jack and Barry Richards for auctioneering and making the night so successful and so much fun.

To all the people who donated items and assisted on the night, THANK YOU. We raised \$5,500 for the Bus

This month our Cultural Day was Holland. The photo to the left shows Adrian Kemna talking about his life growing up in Holland. Highlights on the afternoon were songs sung by our Dutch visitors and afternoon tea supplied by Lucy, our Hostel Hairdresser who also grew up in Holland.

The ladies auxillary of the R.S.L. Club in Morwell very generously donated \$5,000 towards our bus fund.



Adrian Kemna talking about his life growing up in Holland



Jean M, Joyce and Jean D. Enjoy making rocky road for the residents afternoon tea.

Lakes Oil ~ A progress report

by BOB THOMPSON,
Lakes Oil liaison officer.

As nearby residents and towns people would be aware the drilling program by Lakes Oil N.L. off Nadenbouschs Road Hazelwood commenced on 24 March 2007 and having reached a depth of 2,081 metres concluded on 30 April 2007.

Following upon a comprehensive data logging program the analysis of this data will provide Lakes Oil with valuable information as to the structures encountered during drilling and which will be most useful in the Company's forward drilling program throughout the Gippsland basin.

It is reported that at a depth of 1820 metres, an organic rich shale with interbedded black coals measuring 260 metres thickness was encountered. A three metre core was cut in this organic shale and samples are being analysed.

Much interest in the drilling program was shown by local residents, particularly from Churchill and Yinnar and from neighboring towns, including students from Lavalla Catholic College, Newborough Campus.

Visits were arranged by Mr. Peter Schneider, a senior teacher and resident of Churchill. Operations manager for Lakes Oil, Mr. Tim O'Brien, supervised all visits to the rig, with particular emphasis on safety measures and technical/geological information.

The Company has emphasized its appreciation for the cooperation by nearby residents and the interest shown by many persons in their drilling program at Hazelwood. As part of the Lakes Oil forward plan the rig has been transferred to Boola Boola 2 site, off Glengarry West Road, Tyers. Drilling will commence early June to a depth of 1,500 metres in search of oil and tight gas.

Lakes Oil is particularly pleased with its partnership arrangement with Churchill Football and Netball Club. The prospects of success in premiership acclaim appear strong at this stage in both football and netball. Lakes Oil Chairman, Mr. Rob Annells has commented both in private and public as to the high standard of personal qualities of team members.

He was particularly complimentary regarding the younger members who are the future of the Club. It is known the Club is held in high regard by Lakes executives who visit matches on a regular basis and provide personal support as well as sponsorship.

The club is well managed and community minded and obviously well supported by its members, past players and supporters. The future looks bright for both Churchill Football/Netball Club and Lakes Oil.

CALL TO ARMS - LATROBE FOOTBALLERS CALLED ON TO TACKLE CANCER

Following last year's success of the inaugural 'Clash for Cancer' AFL football match hosted by Essendon Football Club and The Cancer Council Victoria, footballers of all levels, around the state now have the chance to don yellow armbands and support the one in three men affected by cancer.

Cancer Council Fundraising Director Deb Stringer said the new campaign, Call to Arms, was an opportunity for local football communities to unite as one, on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 June, and significantly impact the cancer fight.

"Cancer knows no boundaries" she said. "We're inviting players and supporters from all clubs across the state to celebrate with cancer survivors, support those currently facing the cancer fight and remember loved ones lost, by wearing a yellow armband during their games over the 'Call to Arms' weekend.

Ms Stringer said the new campaign was designed to raise awareness among males of varying ages, a group which the Cancer Council believes can often be more difficult to reach than females.

"Our data shows that men have a lower five year survival rate than women," Ms Stringer said.

"Our aim is to highlight what they can do to reduce their risk of cancer as well and let them know where they can turn for information and support."

Call to Arms participants will be able to make a donation to the Cancer Council for their armbands. All money raised enables world-class cancer research, many programs which educate Victorians on cancer risks and ways of preventing cancer, and support services for those affected by cancer.

Call to Arms Patron and Essendon Premiership Player Adam Ramanaukas said he hoped football Clubs across the state would get on board.

"We have all been touched by cancer in one way or another and Call to Arms is a fantastic way to raise funds and awareness. Together we can make a significant contribution to the cancer fight," Mr Ramanaukas said.

Essendon Managing Director Peter Jackson said the Club placed great value on its relationship with the Cancer Council and the work it does in combating the disease.

"This is a very important partnership and we hope Call to Arms will develop into a very significant fundraising event annually," Mr Jackson said.

"Essendon has played a role in getting this campaign off the ground because of this relationship and the experiences of Adam Ramanaukas."

"You don't need to be an Essendon supporter to get involved. Cancer does not discriminate this is about raising funds and awareness for the benefit of everyone." Mr Jackson said.

"Given the amount of support we received from supporters at opposition clubs after we were fined for wearing Yellow Armbands during the Clash for Cancer last year, I am sure Call to Arms will be a great success."

Call to Arms takes place on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 June, the weekend prior to Clash for Cancer - a special AFL Call to Arms game between Essendon and Melbourne at the Dome, on Friday 29 June.

Clubs wishing to register for Call to Arms can visit www.calltoarms.com.au or call 1300 65 65 85 for information. Or For more information or to arrange an interview contact: Anna Jones, PR Coordinator, 03 9635 5670, or 0412 704 608, or ann.jones@cancervic.org.au.

"the Cougars"

Churchill Football / Netball Club The season to date



Football

Some good news, some not so good, is how it stands as of round seven. The Seniors football team have started to click and are getting the results due their efforts. To date, they have played seven games, lost the first two and have won the last five. They are standing in fifth place on the ladder on percentage. Gormandale are in 3rd place on 152.88%, Heyfield in 4th on 136.07% and the Cougars in 5th on 117.52%. They are well placed at this stage of the season and the next round results should be very interesting. Coach Dale Foster said at the start of the season it would take a while for the boys to come together and start to succeed and he must be pleased with the results to date.

The reserves have played seven games, winning three, drawing one and losing three. They are currently in fifth place on the ladder. Coach Eric Duve was happy with the last two wins and feels the team can only get better as long as they continue with their application and endeavour.

The under 18s' are having a bad run, having played seven games and lost seven. They are currently tenth on the ladder. Coach Rob Jellis says the team is very young, five players under sixteen, and it will take some time to develop into a competitive unit. As long as they are prepared to participate and learn they will become successful. So stick with it fellas and enjoy the challenge.

Netball

The "A" grade are going great after seven games, having won five and lost two. They are currently in fourth place on the ladder. Sale City and the Cougars are both on five wins and two losses. Sale City are 12 percentage points ahead, which should make next weeks results interesting.

"B" grade have two wins and five losses out of seven games and sit in eighth place on the ladder. They are just behind Cowwarr, also on two wins and five losses. Cowwarr lead by 16 percentage points.

"C" grade have played seven games, have won one and lost six and are in ninth place.

"D" grade are also going very well and have five wins on the board and two losses and are in fifth position. There are four teams on five wins and two losses and separated by percentage points. Heyfield are on 139.29, Cowwarr on 138.92, Glengarry on 118.41 and Cougars on 102.83. Once again, the next round results should be very interesting in this grade.

Matches coming up are as follows:

*Round 9, 17/6/06 Heyfield @ Heyfield

*Round 10, 24/6/06 Rosedale @ Rosedale

*Round 11, 1/7/06 Sale City @ home

*Round 12, 8/7/06 Boisdale/ Briagalong away

Social Calendar

Saturday 24th June, Annual Ball.

It's time to start rounding up your super special, go out and knock everyone's eyes out, saved for special occasions, gear. This should be a great night, further details from Sharon Stait on 0411310197, John (Woody) Woodbridge on 0412512801 or Bobby McCartney on 0409554355

Saturday 15th July 2006

Comedy/Cocktail Night. Further details will be on the Club's website at cfnc.vcfl.com.au when available.

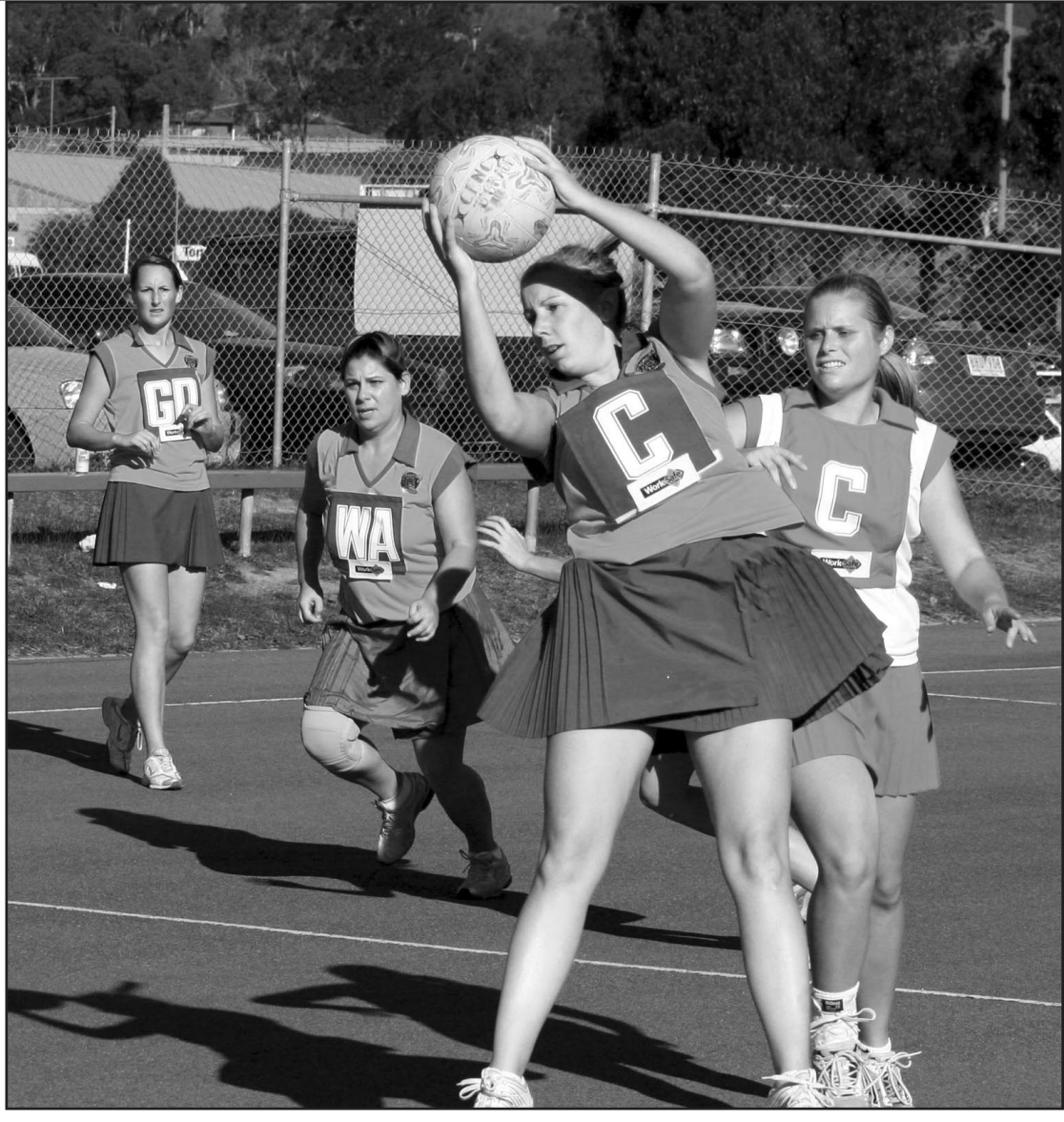
From Tony Martin

You know you're starting to bump into your used by date when someone points out you've been plugging the Cougar's Catering Friday Night Bistro for a month after it suspended operations due to lack of support. They tell me that if demand came back and they can talk some unsuspecting people into driving it, it will start up again.

If you enjoy football, a very pleasant way to spend a Saturday afternoon is to wander down to Gaskin Park when the Cougars are playing at home. You will be impressed with the standard of country league football and netball. They play an interesting and exciting game. The friendly crowd atmosphere generated by the supporters of both teams makes for an enjoyable time for all members of the family. After the game, why not drop in to the club rooms and enjoy a bit of camaraderie. The bar is open, food is available, there are meat tray raffles and the members draw which jackpots if not taken off. All in all a very pleasant way to finish off a day at the footy. Kids are welcome. See you there.

Profile

Nolene McDougall, netballer and latest "200



Stacy Sanders, WA Brooke Esler, C Roxy Shields making a play in the match against Stratford

Games" club member

On Saturday the 13th of May, Nolene (Nolesy) McDougall (nee Woods) became only the second ever netballer in the CFNC to play 200 "A" Grade games, her good friend and long term teammate Megan Marks being the first.

The 200 Club was instigated in 2003 and the basic concept is to acknowledge the elite players in our club, those players who have been able to play 200 senior games of footy or 200 "A" Grade games of netball. There were fourteen players inducted into the 200 Club in the inaugural year and since then five new members have been inducted. Nolene will be the newest member and the second netballer to join this group. Her induction will take place at a formal function later in the season. She will also be made a life member of the club as a result of her achievement.

Nolene began her career with CFNC in 1994 whilst Churchill was a part of the LVFL netball competition. In 1995, she crossed over with the Cougars to the NGFNL. She has played in a remarkable ten consecutive "A" grade final campaigns, winning premierships in 1996, 1998 & 2004 & being runner up on five occasions. She took last year off to have a baby and has returned to the A Grade team this year.

Nolene has represented the NGNFL as well as playing at Latrobe Valley Regional level in 1995. She won the NGNFL A Grade Netball Best and Fairest and has won our clubs best & fairest on two occasions. She was also a part of the Regional Team that won the 2004 State Championships.

She is a very versatile player and can play anywhere on the court. Her favorite position is goal attack or goal shooter. She always gives 100% and is a great team player, always encouraging and willing to pass on her experience to others. Congratulations from everyone Nolesy.

Profile

Joshua Cahill, Reserves/seniors footy player.

Nineteen year old Joshua Cahill, or Yoshi as he is known, was born in Traralgon and lives in Churchill with his family. He works as a second year apprentice boilermaker and his

hobby is football. At the moment he doesn't have a girlfriend but anticipates this will change as his notoriety spreads!

He has been playing football for three years, one with Yinnar and two with the Cougars. He currently plays in the forward line and enjoys it, but would also like to have a go on the wing.

He enjoys his participation with the club, primarily through feeling he is a part of a great club. His best memory is of running out for his first senior game and kicking a goal with his first kick. His biggest moment was kicking the winning goal in a game against Boisdale/Briagalong whilst playing for the thirds.

Profile

David Hutchinson, Thirds Football player.

Eighteen year old David Hutchinson, Hutchy, was born in Morwell and has lived in the Churchill area since. Currently at Hazelwood North, he lives at home with Mum, Dad and sisters Emily and Katrina. His hobby is football which he plays with the thirds and has done for three years. He plays on the wing or on the ball but would like to play ruck rover because he reckons he would do it well. He works as an apprentice electrician and is employed by his family's electrical firm. He likes his job as he knows when he is finished his training and is qualified he has the opportunity to be self employed, doing what he likes doing and being independent. He currently is attached to Charlee, and has been for six months. She enjoys his participation in the club through the social aspect where they meet great people.

In football his current ambition is to play senior's football next year. He says the mateship he enjoys is what benefits him most through his association with the club. His best moment in the game was making the inter league side in 2005. His worst moment was injuring his knee in the first practice match this year and his funniest was Dale Ewing cleaning somebody up who was twice Dale's size. (You get the impression Dale was more surprised than anyone else was.) Asked his pet hate in the game he said he didn't have one, he loves it all. Asked to suggest an improvement for the club his reply was simply, a win.



Under 14s celebrating their win over City-Police and singing the Cougars song

Continued on next page

Sports News



Reserves Steve Leeson, Chips McCafferty, and Nick Johnson go for the ball on the way to a win

Profile

Rachel Paterson, B grade netball player/club vice president.

Twenty seven year old Rachael Paterson, alias Rach plays for B grade netball in wing attack, defence attack and goal keeper positions. She is also the vice president of the Cougars club, Netball co-ordinator, netball umpire and A grade coach. She is married to Senior's footy player Dale and has a daughter named Halee. She works as a customer service advisor and for some reason has no time for a hobby. Rach has been playing netball for ten years at Churchill and her ambition is to continue to play competitive netball and win games along the way. She says social interaction and fitness are what she primarily gets out of her association with the Cougars club. A highlight of her career was playing in the 1999 A-grade premiership side. Her best memories relate to having had many awesome (her words) trips away, too many to mention in detail. Currently somewhere in her life there is a horse and a greyhound, just in case she starts to get bored, but we'll have to ask Dale about that.

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 the current jackpot, (bingo on 55 numbers or less) on the last game standing at \$1000. The bar is open during breaks and drinks and

eats are available. There are various competitions included. All in all it's a great night, so round up your friends who like a punt and come along. The boys who run it, Brian, Fred, Robbie and Jeff, say "the more who play, the more we pay."

Flashback

Churchill football/netball club is the direct descendant of the Hazelwood football club, a club that started way back in the late eighteen hundreds. Up to around about 1985 the club played in the Mid Gippsland league. The following is an article in the Morwell Advertiser newspaper in late 1951.

"Mid Gippsland Football league has completed it's season without having a premiership team. League delegates last night declared the final series null and void and the series abandoned because Hazelwood, which won the final last Saturday, had included an ineligible player in the final games. The player was Jack Scott, formerly of Richmond. League officials said that records show that Scott only played in two of the three home and away games necessary to be eligible for the finals. Thorpdale, defeated by Hazelwood in the semi final and grand final, and Hazelwood are considering an appeal to the Country Football League."

The end result of this was after three months Hazelwood was awarded the premiership.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club Results

Men's Comp: Stroke Monthly Medal 28/04/07 CCR: 70

Scratch: R Scurlock. A-Grade: C Johnson (10) 71 c/b. B-Grade: G Harvey (23) 70. DTL: R Scurlock 71, B Murphy 73, J Sterrick 73, S Wotton 74. NTP: 3rd C Johnson, 12th B Kilday, 14th R Scurlock. Putts: R Scurlock 26.

Mens Comp: Stableford 29/04/07 Winner: L Stein (12) 38 pts.

Ladies Comp 29/04/07

Winner: E D'Alterio (20) 35 pts.

Ladies Comp: Monthly Medal 1st Round Championships 01/05/07. CCR: 73.

Scratch: D Scurlock (16) 94. A-Grade: D Thomas (25) 74 - Monthly Medal Winner. B-Grade: L Welsh (36) 80. DTL: J Blizzard (22) 77, D Scurlock (16) 78, M McConville (20) 80 c/b, J Leslie (21) 80. NTP: 5/14th M McDonald 33-45. Putts: J Leslie 27.

Men's Comp: Stroke 1st Round Club Championships 05/05/07

Scratch: R Scurlock (8) 68. B-Grade: J McCafferty (20) 67 c/b. C-Grade: T Collins (28) 66. DTL: G Hornsby 67, B Murphy 67, B Bartram 68, A Casey 69, G Miller 70, G Beyer

71. NTP: 3rd J Sterrick, 5th G Hornsby, 12th G Hornsby, 14th R Scurlock. Birdies: G Hornsby 5th.

Ladies Comp 08/05/07 CCR: 73

Scratch: D Scurlock (17) 91. Div.

1: Y Wotton (25) 73. Div. 2: D Judkins (35) 72. DTL: D Scurlock 74. Jo Leslie 74, J Blizzard 75 c/b. NTP: 12th S Jeffery, 5/14th L Casey 33-45. Birdies: S Jeffery 3rd.

Men's Comp: 2nd Round

Championships 12/05/07 CCR: 69

Scratch: R Scurlock 77. Handicap:

C Flanigan 65. A-Grade: G Beyer (12) 67. B-Grade: C Flanigan (19) 65. C-Grade: B Murphy (28) 69 c/b. DTL: K Ellis 68, S Wotton 69, T Collins 69, S Dickson 69, W Peter 69. NTP: 3rd C Lesiw, 5th P Ludlow, 12th J Dickson, 14th R Scurlock.

Men's Comp 13/05/07

Winner: B Murphy (28) 38 pts.

Ladies Comp: Stroke 3rd Round

Championships 15/05/07 CCR: 73

Scratch: D Scurlock (17) 92. Div.

1: K Raber (27) 73 c/b. B-Grade: Div. 2: V Verheyen (32) 68. DTL: J Beck (32) 73, B Beebe (28) 73, M McConville (21) 74 c/b. NTP: 0-32 5/14 D Thomas, 33-45 5/14 L Casey.

Champion Scratch: D Scurlock (16)

277. Runner Up: J Blizzard (22) 292.

Handicap Champ: J Blizzard (22) 226.

Runner Up: D Judkins (35) 229 c/b.

Men's Comp: Stroke 3rd Round

Championships 19/05/07 CCR: 70

Scratch: R Scurlock. A-Grade: T

Sterrick (14) 68. B-Grade: B Kilday

(24) 65. C-Grade: B Bartram (25) 70.

DTL: R Scurlock 69, C Flanigan 70, G

Beyer 71, D Cluderay 72. NTP: 3rd R

Hodgson, 5th B Kilday, 14th D Taylor.

Birdies: D Taylor. Championship

Scratch: R Scurlock 230.

Championship Handicap: R Scurlock

206. B-Grade Champion: C Flanigan

206. C-Grade Champion: B Murphy

212.

Men's Comp: Stableford 20/05/07

Winner: D Taylor (20) 37. DTL: A

Auld (22) 32. NTP: 3rd T Sterrick,

14th D Taylor.

Ladies Comp: Stableford 20/05/07

Winner: K Moroney (20) 31 pts.

Ladies Comp: 4BBB 22/05/07

Winners: D Scurlock (17) 38 c/b.

Jan Blizzard (22). DTL: J Beck (32) 38

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The Churchill Lawn Bowling Club held its inaugural meeting at the Churchill Football Club Social Rooms on 1st May 2007.

A committee was formed, with the aim of establishing a lawn bowling club and facility in the township of Churchill.

Over the next few months, the committee will be aiming to finalise the legalities and other details that will be required to bring the Club into a position where we can start to officially begin working through the myriad of tasks necessary to bring the project to fruition.

If anyone is interested in helping out in any capacity, please ring: G Powell on 5122 2071, W Brown on 5122 1860, V Hargreaves on 5122 1304 or D Whelan on 5122 1750.

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