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Churchill Advent Pageant

There was a buzz in the air as locals came together in West Place Plaza recently to prepare for a unique Christmas celebration. Grade 1 and 2 students from Churchill North Primary had been busy getting dressed

up as angels and shepherds and wise men to participate in an advent pageant to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season.

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Relocation of Skate Park



Churchill's Skate Park is to be relocated to make way for the building of the new Churchill Intergenerational Hub. Users of the Skate Park have met with Latrobe City Council and representatives of the CFA and CDCA to discuss the move.

The move presents an opportunity to upgrade the

park, with the youngsters opting for concrete ramps to replace the existing metal ones.

Several options for are being looked at and a further meeting will be held shortly.

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Christmas Colouring Competition
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Editorial

Welcome to the last edition for this year. All of us at the Churchill and District News would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

I would like to say a personal thank you to all those who have worked tirelessly all year to produce the paper. I would also like to thank our supporters, sponsors, contributors and advertisers who have made this such a great community paper. We have had some wonderful contributions this year and some amusing ones.

One community group may have had a touch of indigestion after 'A BBQ was eaten in the park...' and I wonder at the local school that named a photo of parents at a maths night 'parents at a meths' night!

The Junior Fishing Competition was a huge success and I would like to thank everyone involved.

Considering that there was a combination of children, fish hooks and water all went well with no accidents! We look forward to next year's competition.

We are well underway for plans for 2008. The Churchill Festival is on again on 15th March at Gaskin Park. It promises to be bigger and better than ever and

will be at an ideal all weather venue.

There will be lots of entertainment, sports clinics, children's activities including a jumping castle and a free barbecue. We are still looking for volunteers to help before and on the day - if you are interested please contact us on the number below.

Our bi-annual photographic competition will be running early next year with a new category - 'Photos from the Attic'.

We are all quite excited about it and madly looking through old shoe boxes for old family photos! Through the photos we hope to show the local, Australian and international heritage of residents in the district.

Just a reminder there will no paper in January. The next edition will on February 8th 2008.

The Australia Day Celebrations have had a change of venue next year and will be at Gaskin Park - we hope to see you all there!

Best wishes for the festive season
Ed.

The Churchill and District News was established in 1966 to service the new town of Churchill. Although it has changed over the years it remains a community newspaper staffed entirely by volunteers. It is a not-for-profit, non commercial paper with an independent local voice.

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Advent Pageant

The pageant was organised by Fusion Australia, with the support of Churchill North primary school, local Christian churches and the Churchill District Community Association. Fusion Australia is a not for profit youth and community organization, and has been running Advent Pageants nationally for the last 30 years.

"It was great to see volunteers from many different areas from the community come together to celebrate with the children as they retold the story of Christmas," said Liz Sulley, Kurnai College Chaplain. "The children's parade through the shopping centre to look for a place for Mary and Joseph to have their baby Jesus was a lot of fun, and brought some Christmas spirit to the centre. It

was great to have the ladies from the Post Office and Lifeline store dress up as inn keepers and tell the children there was 'no room in the inn!'"

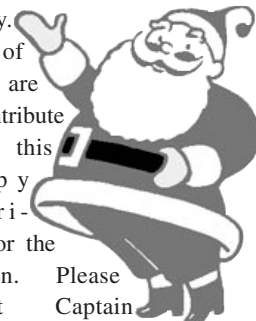
After the parade, students performed two Christmas carols and participated in a small festival and a barbeque lunch - enjoying getting their faces painted and playing with hula hoops amongst other activities.

Fusion thanks all those who helped with preparations before the day and were there see it all happened on the day. We say a special thank you to the class teacher and the children for their mighty efforts with dressing up and participating in the celebrations of the day.

Help Fill Santa's Sack

Santa will be making his usual trip around Churchill Streets on Christmas Eve. The cost of the lollies thrown to the children, amounts to a considerable sum

of money. Residents of Churchill are invited to contribute



to this happy experience for the children. Please contact Captain Steve Barling if you would like to contribute, on 51223857 and leave a message, or call at the fire station on Monday nights or Sunday mornings.



Arc Yinnar Current Exhibitions

Dana Ashlakoff Tuesday the 27th.
'Cultural Crossovers' Exhibition dates: 2nd November - 16th December.

Affordable Art Show will be running concurrently with Dana's exhibition. Small works suitable as gifts are on display in the foyer and cabinets.

The Great Vic Bike Ride saw many people visiting the township and staying overnight at the recreation reserve on

Many hands were on deck to deal with the visitors throughout the day and for the evening's performance by the Brody Young Band. We hope some of those happy customers return with friends in the near future.

Please note: Christmas Closure at arc: from Monday Dec 17th. Office opens again Monday January 14th.



Literate Allsorts

Neighbourhood Centre Book Launch

The Neighbourhood Centre Creative Writing Group held their annual book launch towards the end on November. "Literature Allsorts" was a culmination of their year's work. This is their sixth production and a credit to their creative and imaginative minds. It contains all sorts- history, romance, poetry.

The group was pleased to have Keith Hamilton, former Minister for Agriculture and Aboriginal Affairs, to accept their invitation to launch the book. Kath, his wife came too. Daniel Barkley, one of the group

members, presented Keith with a thank you card, and a bunch of flowers for Kath.

Cora Pal has been the leader of this group for many years. Cora's skills and motivation are well respected by the group's participants. This year she had to have time off due to illness. Kevin Jackson and Sandra James helped run the class in her absence, for which Cora was very grateful.

The book was collated by Sandra, and prepared for publication. Gloria Jan Rabe did the illustrations. Cora and Olivia Jackson did the proof-reading. Henry

Parniak assisted Cora and Sandra to format the book. Anne Hogg produced the final anthology.

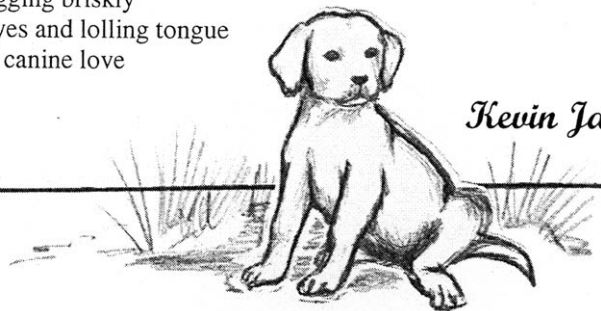
There is an average of 12 writers each week throughout the year. Cora was pleased to report that two new members joined the group this year. New members are always welcome. Enquiries can be made at the Neighbourhood Centre (NHC) when term 1 commences in 2008.

Copies of the book, which is a treat to read, are available at the NHC.

Below is an example of the haiku poetry

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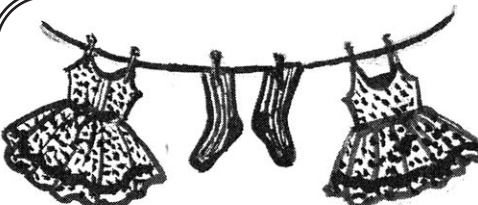
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Kevin Jackson

Haiku

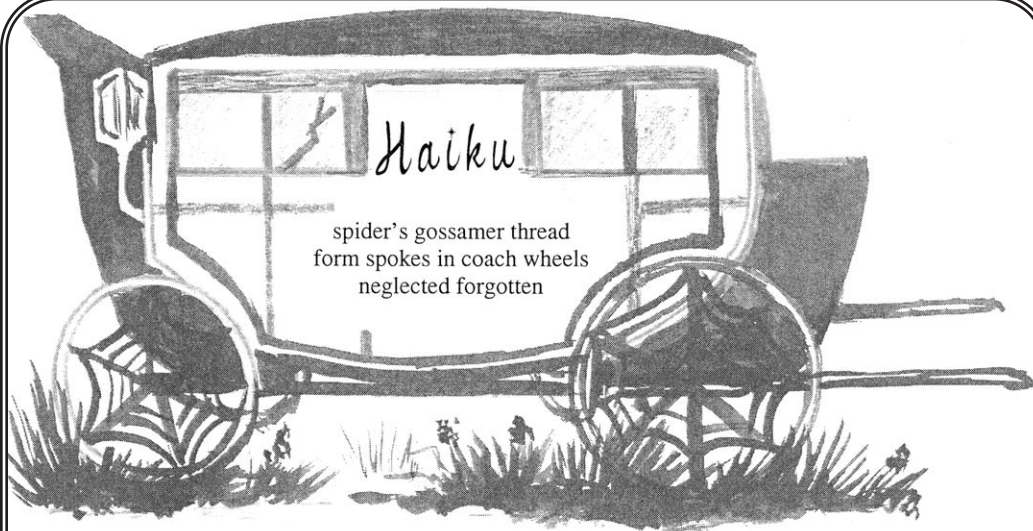
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Rosie Williams

Haiku

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Farewell to West Place

By Margaret Guthrie, President

The last annual Churchill community Christmas celebration to be held at West Place courtyard was on Saturday 1st December. The West Place Shopping Centre is to be substantially redeveloped, now that planning approval has been granted at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT), and the courtyard will no longer exist.

Local band 'House Rules' played a selection of well-known covers of classic rock songs, interspersed with familiar Christmas carols. This was the first time the band had played at an 'outdoor' event, generally appearing at licensed indoor venues. They were a hit with both kids and adults alike and can be booked for community events by contacting Liz on 0402 136 757

Volunteers cooked sausages, handed out soft drink cans and icy poles and distributed wrapped confectionery to all-comers. Many thanks to those who helped out on the day. CDCA held a small fund-raising raffle, which was won by Dorothy Whelan. Proceeds go towards the community fund-raising efforts for the Churchill Hub.

The West Place redevelopment means there will be some more changes in the Churchill CBD. Many will know that the Churchill Chinese restaurant, which was formerly on the south side of West Place, is now located at the

Hazelwood Village shopping complex, whilst Morrison Veterinary Services has moved to the Mid-Valley Veterinary Clinic.

It is my understanding that the Lifeline Opportunity Shop will be the next business to move - to the currently vacant shop near Hazelwood Health.

Early earth works and the start of construction for the West Place redevelopment are expected to begin very soon - signs of the work to come (piles of gravel and fill) are already appearing. Construction will take place in stages.

The redeveloped shopping centre is to include a new supermarket and enhanced car-parking, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, along with a re-routing of Georgina Place to link it directly to Balfour Place.

Meantime, Ritchies IGA have commenced trading at what was the FoodWorks store at Hazelwood Village. Planning approval has been given for significant extensions to this supermarket.

Construction on the new Churchill Community Hub is still expected to commence early in 2008. Tender advertisements were placed in newspapers and on-line during November.



Latrobe City reports there has been a 'significant level of interest'.

The most recent cost estimate has been received which indicates a build cost of approximately \$3.8 million and an overall project cost of about \$4.2m. Tenders closed on December 12th and it is hoped that a very competitive tender that comes in below this estimate was received.

The next critical stage of the project will be the assessment of potential cost, based on tender prices, and short-listing of tenders for evaluation. At this stage, a report will be presented to Council in either late December or the first week of February.

The Working Group overseeing the development of the Hub project has been working on a Terms of Reference document for the proposed

establishment of a Section 86 Committee of Council to manage the Hub in the future. This is a formal arrangement of governance, accountable to the Council, which allows for community representation and clearly sets out the powers, duties and functions of the Committee.

The Group is not scheduled to meet again until late February, by which time it is hoped that the construction tender will have been finalised and approved.

Likewise, CDCA will also be taking a break over the Christmas - New Year period. Our next meeting will be held in February, but in the meantime we can be contacted at P O Box 191, Churchill, or call the Secretary, Rob Whelan, on 5122 3602 or email wc-bs@net-tech.com.au

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Northe's Natter

Once again this district has set a shining example of the success that can be achieved when a community works together. On the heels of Boolarra's significant accolades, Yinnar hosted a successful stopover for participants of the Great Victorian Bike Ride. Walking through the town on the day it was pleasing to see residents out in force preparing for the visitors. The township looked an absolute treat, a tribute to all those who worked hard in the lead up to the event.

The turnout for the Junior Fishing Comp was also fantastic - a credit to the CD&N team and also to the residents that support their local independent paper. I must say that the Churchill & District News is often thumbed by visitors to my office and they are always impressed

by the standard of the publication. Val and Ruth, you do a fantastic job and I'm sure the local community echoes my sentiments of appreciation for your efforts in putting together the paper each month.

Thank you to the staff and students at Lumen Christi for inviting me to their school over the last month as they undertook their civics and citizenship unit of study. All local schools should soon be in receipt of a new resource book on the Victorian Parliament. I encourage any staff with questions about this publication to contact my office.

And finally, my warmest greetings of the Season to you all. I wish you a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I urge you to please take care on the roads over the holidays - let's make sure all our loved ones get from A to B safely.

Looking forward to serving you throughout 2008 and working together to improve our region and ensure we in the Latrobe Valley receive our fair share.

Merry Christmas

Russell

Community Kitchens at Churchill Neighbourhood House

Latrobe Community Health Service has been working on developing Community Kitchens in the Latrobe Valley. Two Community Kitchens have been successfully established at Neighbourhood Houses in Traralgon and Moe.

A new Community Kitchen will begin at the Churchill Neighbourhood House in February. A morning tea will be held on the 14th December at 10am at the Neighbourhood House for anyone interested in joining the Community Kitchen to discuss what it involves and how the kitchen will run.

Ms Rachel Dooley, Health Promotions Officer with Latrobe Community Health Service said, "Community Kitchens consist of groups of 6 - 8 people, who meet regularly at a designated venue to cook healthy budgeted meals."

"Community Kitchens are unique in their structure, they are not soup kitchens and they certainly offer par-

ticipants much more than a cooking class", Ms Dooley added.

Community Kitchens are coordinated by a leader; however they are owned and driven by the participants who together decide when to meet and what to cook. Participants pay for the cost of their meal; they can then share the meals together or take extra serves home to share with their families (at an additional cost).

"The benefits of Community Kitchens include; increased access to food, improved nutrition and basic life skills such as cooking, shopping and budgeting

Community Kitchens are also recognised for improving social skills and for improving confidence and self esteem," Ms Dooley added.

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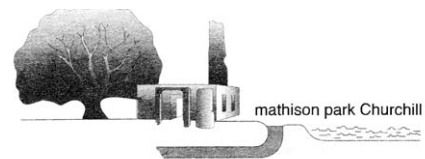
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Whistling Duck in Mathison Park

Ken Harris

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The bird was swimming up and down quite close to the shore and I was able to get several photographs of it.

The Plumed Whistling Duck, also known as the Grass Whistling Duck is mostly a bird of Northern Australia. According to the Atlas of Australian Birds (1984), the species was unknown breeding south of 30°S (which is North of Sydney) before 1950. During floods



of 1955-56, they moved south and established breeding populations along the Murray, but even so, the Atlas (1977-81) shows records from North and Western Victoria, but none from Gippsland.

It was therefore very special to see this bird in the Park.

It is called a whistling duck and as it swam up and down it showed us why as every now and then it gave short clear whistling call (perhaps calling in vain for another of its kind).

It's Christmas Time ...

The Lifeline Churchill will be relocating next to the Medical Centre in the Hazelwood Village shopping centre Churchill in the next few weeks.

We will be closing for the Christmas break from 12 noon on Wednesday 19th December and will reopen on Monday 14th January.

During January the shop will be open between 10am and 2.30pm - normal trading hours will resume in February.

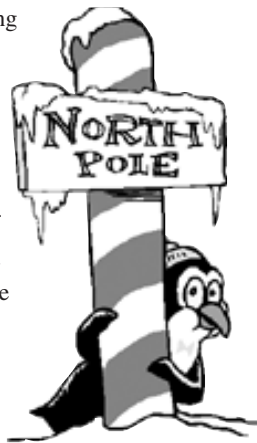
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Reflection

2007 is quickly passing away. Christians of various denominations are now celebrating the Season of Advent, a period of four weeks in which we prepare spiritually for this joyous festival of Christmas. There are other preparations to make: Christmas cards to be sent, family get-togethers to be arranged, special food to be prepared and presents to be bought.

Christmas also calls many to remember people who virtually have nothing. It touches their chords of compassion; they could not enjoy a hearty dinner troubled by thoughts of the have-nots. The spirit of the season releases the springs of generosity; the unclasp of handbags, the unfolding of wallets, the completion of credit card donations for this mission or that cause; the urge to send cheer where little exists.

Some people's compassion goes beyond their family in reaching out to include people in their local community who are alone, isolated or separated from their families in their Christmas celebrations. But such invitations need to be sensitive to their particular circumstances. For example, including a father or mother who is separated from their children in a present-giving moment with your own children can be a very negative experience for the guest you have invited. Think of ways of involving your guest so that they feel they are appreciated for who they are and what they may contribute to your Christmas day celebration.

I will now return to the very important question that preoccupies everyone at Christmas. Why do we give presents at Christmas? Some see it as a way of showing love for family members and friends. Others would relate the custom back to the wise men who presented gifts to the infant Jesus. If pressed further, we might say it is a way of passing on the love of God that was released into the world in and through Jesus Christ.

A well-thought-out gift reflects a double purpose. It reveals the capacity and affections of the person giving it and it suits the personality and needs of the recipient. Both purposes were fully realised in the first and greatest Christmas gift: the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. In this gift, God revealed his own nature and he gave the world the gift it needed most.

Jesus was not a spectacular gift by the world's standards, either in first century Palestine or the present time. He came from a poor family, grew up in a despised neighbourhood, never married, and accumulated no property or other measures of wealth. Indeed, he was not the gift the leaders of Israel expected or wanted. Nevertheless, he gave hope to countless forgotten and oppressed people. Also, he revealed in his life and death the compassionate, saving love of God for all people.

Christians believe that the gift of Jesus is still present with us in 2007, meeting the needs God believes we need most. Firstly, he offers us the resources of faith, hope and love to

give purpose to our living. Second, when we falter and fail in our relationships, or give into temptation and fear, he forgives us and enables us to begin life again.

During this time of the year children live for the presents they will open on Christmas morning. In many ways, we are all like children -- not only on account of the excitement we experience as we open our presents, but because there are so many presents to be opened; today, tomorrow, next year. So often it is our looking forward to the present's life gives that keeps us going: the present of an unexpected friendship, the birth of a child, a visit from a friend from by-gone days, etc. In a sense, every day is a present to be opened, just as today was and tomorrow will be.

However, as we receive and open these presents, no matter how rich and wondrous they be, we discover that not one of them, or even all of them taken together, is the one of our deepest longings. But the good news of Christmas is that God has given us a gift, the gift of his son. If we accept him he will turn out to be the gift we have been waiting for. This gift will satisfy the emptiness in our lives, heal broken relationships and fill us with joy and peace. This gift is called "Immanuel," which means, God is with us.

Rev. Dr. Bob Brown

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Church Snippets

Open Garden

On Saturday the 10th November we held our Open Garden at 12 Acacia Way. Anne and Con Van Rhine opened their beautiful garden for all comers to enjoy. The weather was perfect, the roses were in full bloom and the whole setting breathed peace and calm.

The ladies of the parish provided delicious slices to have with morning and afternoon teas, while the smell of frying onions from the BBQ tempted many to have sausages or hamburgers any time from 10:30am onwards.

The church Community Life Panel who organized the day, wish to thank the Van Rhines very much for all the time and effort they put into preparing the garden and the resources they provided for the group to make the setting up so easy. If you missed the garden, you missed a treat.

A New Banner



Lyn Johnson made a beautiful banner for the lectern (reading desk at front of church). It has the capacity to be multi-seasonal, with a section which can be removed so another can be added. At present the theme is for Christmas.

Lyn made the banner in celebration of her 40th year since her conversion to being a Christian.

After School Club- now called "Cool Club 4 Kids"

The After School Club went well even though numbers were small. The kids who attended loved it. Parish Council has agreed it can continue next year and will start in first term on Wednesday 7th February at 3:30pm-5pm in the shed at the church. All children in grades 2-6 are welcome to attend.

The cost is \$1 per child. The club is run by people who have a passion for children's ministry and they all have Working With Children Checks.

Morning /Afternoon Coffees

These occasions have been well attended, giving the folk of the parish a chance to get to know each other on a deeper level.

Delicious food has also been shared along with special objects under particular themes. These will continue next year as well.

December 2nd Service

This was a special event which was a combined Boolarra/Yinnar and

Churchill service, at Churchill. The service of Nine Lessons and Carols saw many talented stars shining.

The Yallourn Madrigals provided items including the processional into and out of the church, as well as leading the congregational singing.

Another lot of stars were our own musicians- Bruce, Margaret and John- who gave an instrumental version of the Coventry Carol. The stars who drew the most laughter were the ones in the play "The Startled Shepherds."

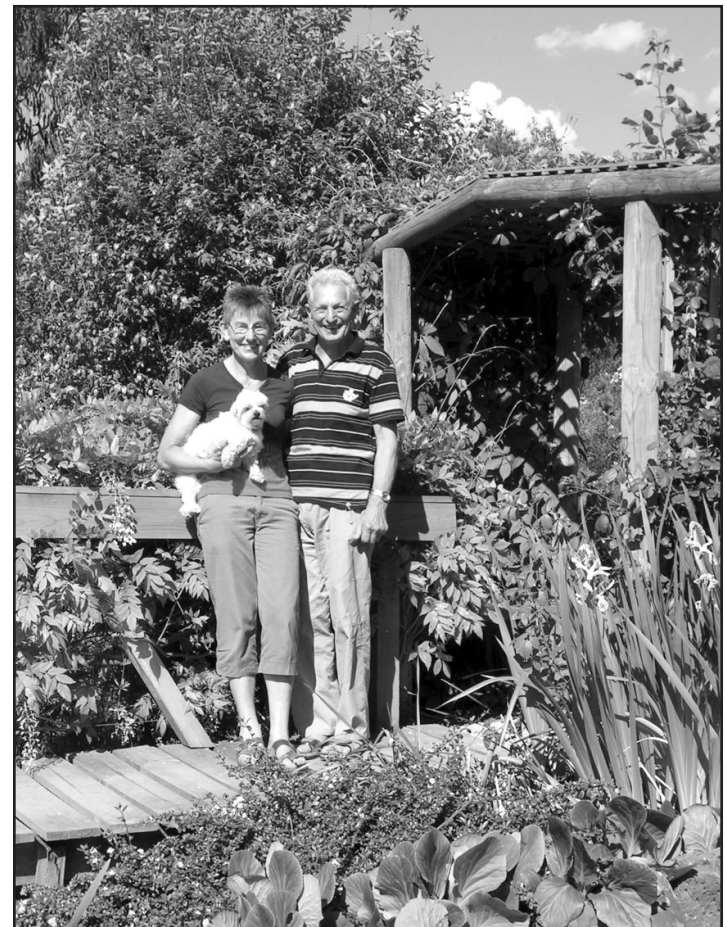
The little kids and the big kids who don't grow up had fun presenting it. The singing was outstanding. Ron Gowland thanked the Madrigals for being with us and we showed our appreciation with a hearty round of applause.

Christmas Club

The members of the congregation who help at Christmas Club, were pleased to welcome 70 children from Churchill Primary School Grades 1/2 and 3/4 for the telling of the Christmas story, followed by craft activities. The children look forward to this club and enjoy participating.

Thank you to all who help in so many ways before, during and after.

Pictured above right: The Yallourn Madrigal Singers: right: Anne and Con Van Rhine.



Church News Chaplaincy Contemplations

The people have chosen the Labor Party to lead the nation at this time. May the focus of this government be on celebrating diversity and encouraging equity and justice for all while leading the way in dealing with climate change. This is a moral issue for future generations with which we need to grapple and change the way we live.

Now, we are heading towards school holidays and Christmas. A wonderful time of year for some and a difficult time for others, with the focus on family, friends and the giving of gifts.

Christmas is about celebration. The Church season leading up to Christmas is called "Advent". Advent means "coming" and so the theme is that of Jesus coming into the world, known as the Incarnation. Jesus is here in our daily life for all eternity. The time after Christmas is known as Epiphany with the message that Jesus came as the saviour of all humanity. A gift of love and sacrifice for the whole world.

The giving of gifts recalls the three wise men coming with gifts to the new born Jesus and the Christmas tree comes from Germany brought to England via Prince Albert, consort to Queen Victoria and to Australia via that English tradition.

The Bible stories have Jesus born in a manger and the Angel telling the Shepherds of the Good News.

Luke 2:1-20

"In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those

whom he favours!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." The Bible NRSV 1989

What a wonderful story!

As we all celebrate at this time of year let us make it a time of reaching out to others with love and a time of reflection about how each of us can contribute to the betterment of this country and show leadership regarding the welfare of all people and this planet.

Warm wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year.

Blessings, Rev'd Lyn Porritt, Chaplain, Monash University, dGippsland Campus

West Field Rivers and Roads Relocation program. Road closures and changes in early 2008



International Power
Hazelwood

International Power Hazelwood (IPRH) is now well advanced in the West Field Rivers and Roads Relocation (RRR) construction program. The construction of a new 7.5 km section of Strzelecki Highway is nearing completion and work continues to construct a new 10 km open channel diversion of the Morwell River.

So in early 2008, IPRH will open the new Highway section and close a local road - Brodribb Rd (west section) - near the Hazelwood Mine. A new section of Yinnar Rd will also be built along the pondage foreshore. (April/May 08)

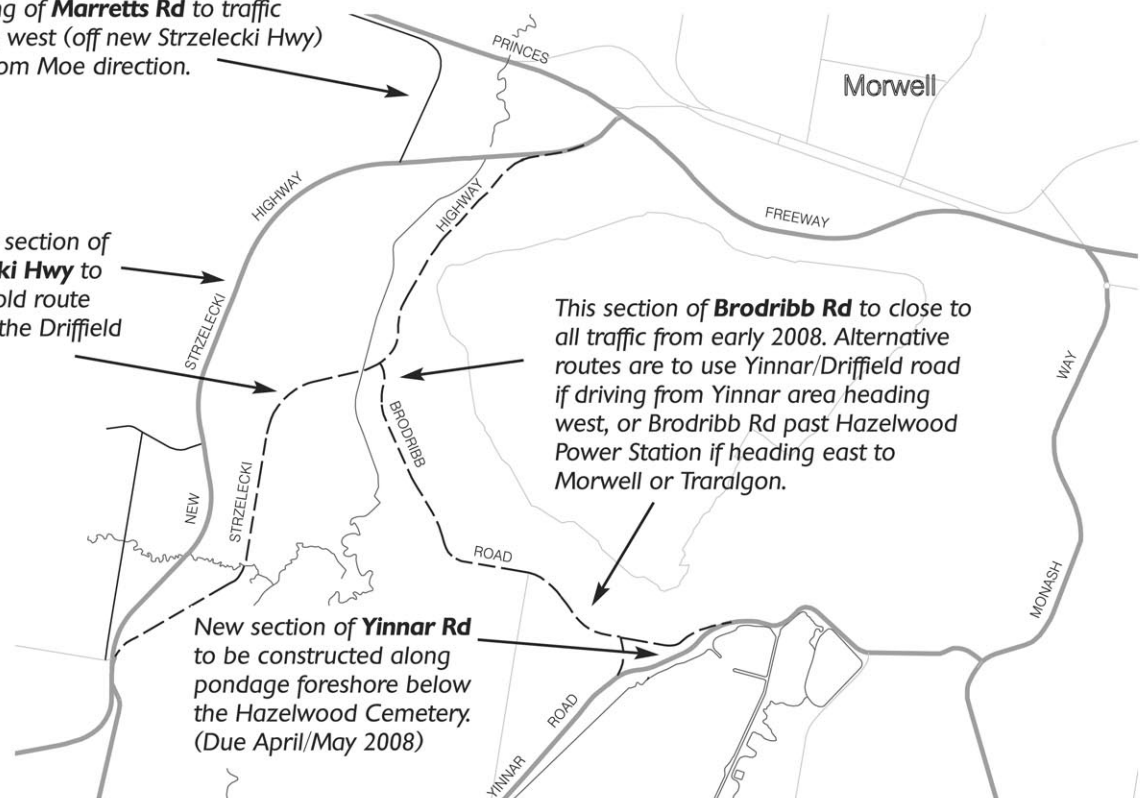
IPRH, together with Latrobe City Council and VicRoads, wish to remind local residents and all road users that you should be aware of the new and alternative routes that will result from these changes. (below)

Reopening of **Marretts Rd** to traffic travelling west (off new Strzelecki Hwy) to and from Moe direction.

The new section of **Strzelecki Hwy** to replace old route through the Driffield area.

This section of **Brodribb Rd** to close to all traffic from early 2008. Alternative routes are to use Yinnar/Driffield road if driving from Yinnar area heading west, or Brodribb Rd past Hazelwood Power Station if heading east to Morwell or Traralgon.

New section of **Yinnar Rd** to be constructed along pondage foreshore below the Hazelwood Cemetery. (Due April/May 2008)



The key works scheduled for early 2008 are:

- The opening of a new 7.5 km section of the Strzelecki Hwy from Thorpdale Rd to the existing Morwell interchange. It will mean the current section of Strzelecki Hwy running from the Wetlands through the Driffield area will close.
- The reopening of Marretts Rd to take traffic west, to and from Moe / Melbourne direction
- The closure of Brodribb Road (west section between Yinnar Rd and old Strzelecki Hwy)
- The opening of a new section of Yinnar Rd along Hazelwood Pondage foreshore (April/May 08)



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Barbecue Safety Recipes for Alcohol Free Drinks

Barbecue Safety

With the summer rapidly approaching barbecues are being used more frequently.

At this time of year the Metropolitan Fire Brigade experiences an increase in the number of fires relating to barbecues. The most common causes of the fires include leaking or loosely fitted gas hoses and poorly maintained barbecues. There have also been a number of fires where the barbecues have been left unattended for a period of time.

What do you need to do to keep your barbecue working efficiently and safely?

- * Check the gas cylinder is not damaged and has been tested within the last ten years.
- * Check gas hoses for damage & leaks.
- * Check connections are tight and not leaking before operation.
- * Clean fat and grease from the barbecue before use.

Recipes for Alcohol Free Drinks

When hosting a party, it is always a good idea to have non-alcoholic alternatives. There are heaps to choose from.

Frozen Mango Daiquiri

- 1 ripe mango peeled and chopped
- ¼ cup pineapple juice, 3 ice cubes
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 2 tablespoons superfine granulated sugar

In blender, combine mango, pineapple juice, lime juice and sugar and blend until smooth. Add ice cubes until smooth and slushy and immediately pour into stemmed glasses and pour.

Fruity Fruit Shake

- 1 cup orange juice, ½ cup apple juice
- 1 ripe peeled banana, 6 strawberries
- 1 carton of fruit yogurt
- 2 teaspoons honey, 5 ice cubes

In blender, combine all the fruit ingredients

with the yogurt and honey. Mix until well combined. Refrigerate until chilled or if you wish to drink it straight away then add the ice cubes when blending.

Coffee Egnog

- 2 eggs, separated, 1/3 cups sugar
- 1/3 cup instant coffee
- Dash salt 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups milk, chilled, 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup whipped shaved unsweetened chocolate

In a small bowl using an electric mixer, beat at high speed, beat egg whites until soft peak forms. In large bowl, beat egg yolks until lemon colored. Gradually beat in coffee, salt, vanilla, milk, and 3/4 cut water. Stir in egg-white mixture and whipped cream; mix well. Serve well chilled, with chocolate sprinkled over each serving. Makes 12 servings.





Churchill Skate Park

Cr Darrell White

ing evening on Tuesday 20 November at the existing Skatepark. It was pleasing to see that most of the students were there for this meeting which also included representation from the Churchill Fire Brigade, Churchill & District Community Association, Churchill News and members of the community.

The majority of the students and other users of the park are of the view that the land next to the Churchill CFA premises represents the best location for a new facility. This proposal will be further explored and discussed with the CFA and also with Monash University who are the owners of the land on this site.

Currently, enquiries are proceeding to obtain prices for the construction of a concrete slab the same size as the existing slab which is 35metres x 20 metres and the provision of concrete ramps from the company BCP aka "The Skateramp Company".

Latrobe City

and the Boolarra community engaged BCP for the Boolarra Skatepark which has become regarded as an excellent facility.

A further meeting with the users of the park who attended the community meeting on the 20 November is planned to be held shortly and will include an invitation to interested local members of Latrobe City's Youth Council.

The intention of this meeting will be to discuss their ideas for a design layout for the Skatepark and it will also provide an opportunity to give an explanation of the realistic timeframes expected for the project to be completed.

It is likely that it could be in the April/May 2008 time period, due to the Christmas and January holidays factor.



Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre will close on Thursday 20th December, and reopen on Tuesday 29th January 2008. If you feel you need a change in life, would like to meet new friends and learn new skills or just drop in and have a cuppa and a chat, come on down, check us out and see what's happening in 2008. Enrol in one or more classes. We are inside the Latrobe Leisure Churchill building.

Bookings are being taken for all classes in term 1 so don't leave it too late or you might miss out.

To all our tutors and students, our volunteers and supporters and the community of Churchill and surrounding areas, the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre staff and Committee of Management wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

New classes - 2008

Light & Bright, Chit & Chat - Friday Mornings

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Invitations to guest speakers on themes of interest as raised in class.

Occasionally cook and share lunch with the bunch

Beginning Writing - Wednesday Afternoon

Having trouble with spelling, reading and writing. These are so much a part of your everyday life, let us get you up to speed

Photoshop - Monday Afternoon

Learn how to turn ordinary photos into professional shots by using Photoshop

Other Classes available

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Patchwork/craft activities

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Room 1	Stitch & Chat Craft Activity Sessions Finish or start new activities, Socialise, have a cuppa or just cut, Plenty of help & advice from many experts	CREATIVE WRITING Join this wonderful, stimulating group & discover your hidden talents by putting pen to paper. Friendly & positive group currently working on a new publication	Room available for meetings	Room available for meetings	Reiki Reiki 1 thru to Master level Sue Kemsley:- Keiki Master Teacher learn this ancient art of hands on healing as well as how to self heal
Room 2	Microsoft Publisher Great program that allows you to create a vast variety of projects using graphics - cards, letterheads, signs, brochures	BASIC COMPUTERS L1 OR L2 For those that know the basics & wish to improve their skills & be the master of their computer	Open Learning - On Line Study areas that suit your needs - Bbay, genealogy, internet for research, learn to draw, study english/maths, road rules	Time for internet/computer use for general public	Leadlighting Class 10.00am - 1.00pm Very popular & creative class. Make your own colourful projects windows, mirrors, lamp shades
Room 3	PATCHWORK (advanced) Learn quilting, material choice, techniques & design	Room booked 29/01 - 18/3	Drawing Intro to drawing for the beginner learn basic techniques, different styles & use of different mediums	Patchwork/Craft Activities Class designed for the beginner & novice art craft worker. Join the class have fun & develop your skills & make new friends	Light & Bright, Chit & Chat Conversations from watching movies or reading a book, talk or just listen, just do something different. Join in & have fun while learning & making new friends, occasionally listening to guest speaker. Cook or share lunch with the bunch.
	Monday 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Tuesday 12.30pm - 3.00pm	Wednesday 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Thursday 1.00pm - 3.00pm	
Room 1	Room Available For Meetings	Room Available For Meetings	Folk Art Learn different brush techniques (round & flat) to achieve decorative paintings on a variety mediums	Room available for meetings	Tuesday night: 6.30pm - 9.00pm Touch for Health Access your body's wisdom and remove interference. Restore muscle balance, pain & emotional stress relief <hr/> Thursday Night 2 sessions from 5pm - 8pm YOGA Integrated form of Yoga - suited for everyone - relaxation, breathing posture Heather - 5194 2397
Room 2	PhotoShop Learn how to turn ordinary photos into professional shots by using PhotoShop	Basic Computers - Level 3 You are in charge and now you learn to refine and develop your skills for use at home or the work place.	Beginning Writing Having trouble with spelling, reading, writing. These basics are part of your everyday life, let us get you up to speed	Time for internet/computer use for general public	
Room 3	PATCHWORK (Advanced) Learn quilting, material choice, techniques & design	Room Available For Meetings Show your support for the centre become a member only \$2	Room available for meetings	Patchwork/Craft Activities Class designed for the beginner & novice art/craft worker, come & develop your skills in a friendly & happy environment.	

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Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Garry and Rhonda Dunn

By Ruth Place

Garry Dunn, an only child was born in 1944, in Kiama, New South Wales. His family moved to Mt. Burr, then Mt. Gambier in South Australia before finally moving to Morwell, Victoria when the Gas and Fuel Corporation opened. There Garry attended Tobruk St. Primary School for Grade 6, before going on to Morwell High School in 1956, for his secondary education.

From school, Garry went to the State Electricity Commission (SEC) and took up an apprenticeship in fitting and turning. With the completion of his apprenticeship Garry went to Melbourne and did a course with Australian National Line (ANL), a shipping company. A job at Volkswagon followed, with a shift to Clarke Equipment next.

Rhonda's parents Ron Sibbison and Gloria Carne (dec. 1983) were married in Camberwell at St. John's Anglican on the 30th September 1944.

Ron was a plumber by trade, with his own business. When the family moved to Morwell, Ron continued his own business, which he ran for some time before going to work for a number of plumbing businesses in the area, as well as working at the Australian Paper Mill (APM) and Yallourn Hospital as a maintenance plumber.

At the age of forty, Ron decided to go into school teaching. A two-year course at Footscray Technical College gave him the qualification to teach, which he did at Morwell Technical College as well as various technical schools in the Melbourne suburbs.

Gloria was a stay-at-home Mum while the children were small. Bill was the first born in 1945. (dec. 1961). Then Rhonda arrived in 1948, followed by Jennifer in 1949. All three children were born in Camberwell. Then came to move in the early fifties to live in Keegan Street, Morwell. They moved into a house built by Ron, just in time for Bill to start Primary school at Commercial Road Primary School.

Gloria went to work at Yallourn Hospital in the kitchen. There she learnt much about food (especially vegetable) preparation and presentation, which she passed on to her children. She would take pride in dishing up a meal, which looked appetizing and attractive to the eye.

Gloria worked until Bill died in 1961. Ron had school holidays, and they had plans for a trip to Queensland, so she resigned.

Rhonda went to school at Commercial Road Primary School. She can remember the school Number- 2136- which is still on a plaque on the old red brick building. School for Rhonda was fine. She describes herself as average at her studies. She was one of a class of forty or more. Her teachers, she thinks, taught well considering the large class numbers. One of her favorite teachers was Mr. Honey.

From Commercial Road Primary School Rhonda went to Morwell High School. There she was an average student, but was part of huge classes of 45 plus. Rhonda believes the teachers there also did a good job despite the large numbers of students per grade. Rhonda chose to do a commercial course, which entailed learning typing, shorthand and CPP- Commercial Principles and Practice. One highlight came when she topped the grade in Arithmetic. Rhonda stayed on at school until she obtained her Leaving Certificate.

Home Pride Bakeries

It was while she was still at school that she met Garry at an RSL dance in Morwell. Garry was working at his apprenticeship. Then Garry went to Melbourne. When she finished school, Rhonda worked in Home Pride Bakeries in Catherine Street, Morwell, and when she was put off, spent two weeks working at the Total Service Station, before she also went to Melbourne. The friendship between Garry and Rhonda grew and they were engaged shortly after. Rhonda says they were always very close.

Rhonda went to stay with her grandparents in Camberwell, in their old family home. In Melbourne she obtained a job at St. Paul's Cathedral, in the Office of Christian Education. There she enjoyed being a Jill-of-all-trades doing jobs like typing, filing, letter writing and photocopying on the old Gestetner- a messy machine which required the wearing of an overall when the ink was to be renewed. She caught a tram to work.

Ron, Rhonda's Dad, received a promotion to Swan Hill Technical College, so the whole family, including Rhonda, moved to Swan Hill. There Rhonda obtained a job in the Pathology Department of Swan Hill Hospital. "It was just the best job," enthuses Rhonda. "I was receptionist, typist, everything! There was great variety."

A few months later, Rhonda eagerly returned to Melbourne,

where she and Garry were married on the 23rd of April 1966 at St. John's in Camberwell in a lovely ceremony. Her grandmother organized the wedding in three and a half weeks, as well as making a beautiful dress, with a fascinator hat and veil. Rhonda remembers it well with gratitude and pride, saying her grandmother was just wonderful.



At this time Garry had just become employed with Clarke Equipment, and couldn't take time for a honeymoon. Instead, the happy couple took a weekend break. They started married life in a flat in Camberwell, and then moved back to a portion of the family's Camberwell home, occupying one of the two apartments, into which the house was divided.

Steven was born later that year at St. George's Hospital Kew.

After the job at Clarke Equipment ended, the small family moved back to this area, to Yallourn. Garry had applied to the SEC for a job and a house. The application was successful. Then they put their names down for a house in Churchill. Again they were successful, and moved into White Parade in February 1967. It was an extremely hot day (100 degrees F). Rhonda thinks it was a record high, and still could be.

This was the house they made their home for twenty-eight years. Angela was born in 1969 at Morwell Hospital. She and Steven attended Churchill Primary School. Steven went on to Morwell Tech. and Angela went to Morwell High School, Angela following in her parent's footsteps.

Garry continued at the SEC, first at Yallourn, then Hazelwood, and Loy Yang, as a fitter and turner, but later as the Work Co-ordinator. He took the package in 1992.

Garry had many varied interests throughout his life. Before he was married, he was into Go-Kart racing. Then he tried Hill Climbing. He also restored a 1925 Harley Davidson motorcycle to new and radio-controlled model aeroplanes were built and flown.

Garry became very involved with the Churchill Lions Club, being a Chartered member in 1977. Rhonda joined as a Lions Lady. Rhonda was President for one year, and Garry was President for a year also. He also was the Lion Tamer, the person who collects the fines. Garry derived great enjoyment from making places look neat and tidy, so he was energetic about mowing the lawns around the BBQ area, etc in Churchill. He also enjoyed the port bottling and community BBQ's!

He was a keen Camp Quality Caper participant, and delivered wood to Senior Citizens. He was very involved and very community minded.

They both were members of the Lapidary Club from the late 80s.



River in the Carport

In 1995, Rhonda and Garry, purchased a property in the Haverbrack Estate with a three-year-old house, and moved from White Parade. Although they had made many wonderful friendships in those years, Rhonda says she has had no regrets from their move. But it was tinged with much uncertainty as Garry, the week before the move, had been diagnosed with bowel cancer. They moved on Cup Day, and it was pouring rain. A river was running through their carport, the creek next door was running a banker, water was lapping at the double doors at the back of the house, and there was a lake at the front of the house! "What have we done?" Rhonda asked Garry, as everyone who had come to help, left.

It was not a case of what have we done, but what have we to do, and now! So the next week before Garry was due to go to hospital for an operation, and not knowing what the outcome might be, he worked like a Trojan to put in drains to fix the problem and stop it occurring again. The operation was a success, and after twelve months of Chemo, he came through it all with flying colours!

Before that time, and following that scare, the couple enjoyed extensive travels around Australia, and to Norfolk Island. In the early days it was on a motorbike with sidecar.

The pair then had nine and a half years of enjoyment developing the property, and loving it. Rhonda loves it still. In 2003 Garry resigned from Lions to join Gippsland Model Engineering Society. He was keen to build a miniature model train engine. This he worked on up until his death.

During the time the children were growing up and at Primary school, Rhonda became a pro-active Mum. There was no kindergarten, so she was one of the many Mums on the committee who helped with fund-raising ventures for Watson Park Kinder. There were the Carnivals held in the reserve in White Parade. These proved so successful that the money was raised more quickly than expected, in a brief eighteen-month period. The Council then had to rapidly find the equivalent amount to match the amount raised. The committee was also responsible for designing the building, with guidelines given by the Council. It had to be a building which could be used for other purposes should it no longer be needed as a kindergarten in the future!

The Day the Shops Opened

Rhonda well remembers the day the shops opened, being one of the first customers to go into the supermarket. It was great when the shops opened recalls Rhonda, as it took the pressure off having to go shopping when Garry got home from work, or have Garry stop at the shops on his way home, to pick up things. Rhonda didn't drive then, and bus services were few.

Rhonda says people then, had to be organized, and think ahead. But there were the times when you got to know your neighbours better if you had to go and ask for a cup of sugar or something similar, when stores ran out.

The Health Centre was located in Roy Court and was open on Wednesday afternoons for babies to be weighed etc. It was a place to congregate.

Morning Coffees at 14 McDonald Way were a special way of meeting and making friends. Mrs. Brick is fondly remembered for her care and concern.

Rhonda also joined the Churchill Hockey Club as an original member. Rhonda enthusiastically remembers those days with pleasure. She hadn't played hockey since school days. She was the youngest player at 22 years of age.

An area on the north side of Switchback Road where Churchill North now stands was leveled out, as there was no ground. Husbands mowed the grounds before a game. There was a real family atmosphere and co-operation. Dads looked after the children while the Mums played. Rhonda played for ten years and became a Life Member.

She also helped at school with the canteen, and Mothers' Club raising money with casserole luncheons. A Hobbies Day at the school saw Rhonda and a friend share their interest in stamp collecting. This involvement did not continue on a regular basis, when the children went to High School.

But that did not stop Rhonda becoming involved with other organizations. One was the Council for the Ageing. Another, child minding at the Neighbourhood House led to further, when Nan Butcher invited Rhonda to become a member of the Gardening Group at the Neighbourhood House (NHH). She did the cooking classes at the Neighbourhood House, exchanging recipes with Nan. She accepted membership of the NHH committee.

A Churchill & District History Series



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The Gardening Club started, with 8-10 people. Eventually it broke away from the NHH, and has continued successfully ever since. It now has up to 35 people who attend. Rhonda says the members of this group were very supportive through Garry's illness, and since his death.

Rhonda has also continued to be involved in both the Lapidary Club and Gippsland Model Engineering Society and enjoys her involvement in both clubs, and the company of their members

Steven is married to Heather, the girl next door. They have three children, Rebecca 16, Nicole 14 and Graham 12. They now live in Morwell and the children have all attended Commercial Road like their Gran.

Angela is married to Michael Bolding of Boldings Road and lives in Yinnar. Michael is the youngest son of Graeme and Betty. They also have three children, Dylan 13, Curtis 10 and Maddison 8.

Steven has played a lot of sport during his life with membership of soccer, Little Aths, and pushbike riding. He joined Scouts and went through to Venturers, becoming a Queen's Scout.

Steven works at Loy Yang. He too, has become a member of the Gippsland Model Engineers, and is in the process of completing his father's model train.

Angela also has been involved with sport playing basketball, badminton, indoor cricket and doing ballet and Little Aths too. Angela joined the Guides as a Brownie, progressing through Guides to Venturers. At present she is very involved with her community at Yinnar, and with the children's school activities.

60th Birthday Celebration

In December 2004, Garry celebrated his 60th birthday. Sadly in February of the following year, he was diagnosed with mesothelioma, and died on 29th July, 2005.

Rhonda expressed gratitude for Dr. Buras' suggestion that they become familiar with Palliative Care services, before Garry needed them. Rhonda is very grateful for the services provided by the caring nurses of this wonderful organization. Rhonda is extremely proud of her two children Steven and Angela, who took it in turns in the last week of Garry's life, to sit with their father through the night and help care for him in his final days. This relieved Rhonda to sleep and be ready to take over the day shift. Rhonda is also very thankful for the support of a retired nursing friend, Heather Camm, who was there for Rhonda. Rhonda says she felt supported and cared for in that dreadful time.

Friends and neighbours were part of that support and care. Rhonda remembers that with great fondness and gratitude.

Through Palliative Care, Garry got his wish of being at home and having everything done to his wishes. He passed away peacefully, for which Rhonda is very glad, as she had a dread that Garry would suffer pain.

Garry was a quiet achiever who got on with things without making a fuss about it. This poem by Mrs. Parry of the Gardening Club sums up what many think is a true record of Garry's personality.

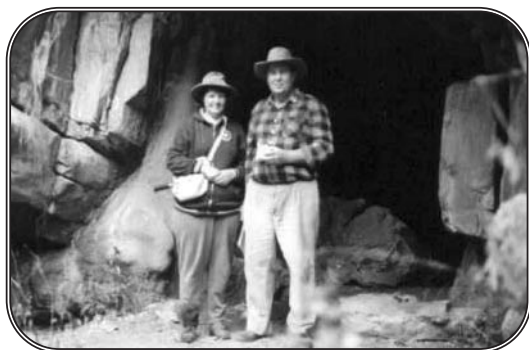
Garry leaves behind a proud wife in Rhonda, his two children Steven and Angela, and their families. He saw them grow up and marry and have children of their own. He saw Rhonda gain in confidence from the quiet girl he married to the woman who contributed actively to her community's growth, and is now responsible, in part, for the running of the Gardening Club. Rhonda is continuing her community work by taking an active role in organizations such as Gippsland Asbestos Related Diseases Support Inc. (GARDS) and Comfort Cushions for Cancer Support.

Thank you Garry and Rhonda for your contribution to our great community of Churchill.

REQUIEM FOR GARRY by Mrs. Parry

The time has come and he must go,
With memories left
Of a job well done.
A pleasure to meet
A pleasure to know
A friend to all, a mate to one.

A quiet, big and gentle man
With less to say, and more to do.
As part of life's eternal plan
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JANUARY 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 <small>New Years Day</small>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26 <small>Australia Day</small>	27
28 <small>Australia Day Holiday</small>	29	30	31			

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MARCH 2008


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10 <small>Labour Day</small>	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 <small>Good Friday</small>	22 <small>Easter Saturday</small>	23
24 <small>Easter Monday</small>	25	26	27	28	29	30

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS


CALENDAR 2008



JULY 2008

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AUGUST 2008

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SEPTEMBER 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 <small>Fathers Day</small>	
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APRIL 2008

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OCTOBER 2008

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MAY 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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NOVEMBER 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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3	4 Melbourne Cup Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14	15	16
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JUNE 2008

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DECEMBER 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
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22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28
29	30	31				

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Friday 7th	Esquires
Saturday 8th	I.C.Rock
Friday 14th	Big Al
Saturday 15th	Misty
*Sunday 16th	Old Time Dance Featuring: 'Bill Rowley the Country Rocker'
Wednesday 19th	"Under the Spotlight" Featuring 'GAYE LYNN'
Friday 21st	Unknown Quantity
Saturday 22nd	Hound Dogs Fancy Dress
Friday 28th	Coolchange
Saturday 29th	I.C.Rock
*Mon 31st	<u>NEW YEARS EVE'</u> Featuring Unknown Quantity

By popular demand there will be another Fancy Dress Night on 22nd December.
Prizes for best dressed Female and Male

*New Years Eve - 8.30pm - 1am Light nibbles supplied
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Lioness Club of Churchill & District

Margaret Dawson
Media Officer

In November it was the turn of the push bikers on the Great Victorian Bike Ride at their overnight stop at Yinnar, estimated at 4,000, to be fed by Lions and Lionesses for lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and then a very early bacon and egg breakfast the next morning, prior to their next leg to Rawson.

Donations this month included:

* \$150 towards enabling disabled athletes to participate in the Beijing Paralympics.

* \$500 over 2 years to Fusion to assist them with their work with local youth.

Our work with Hazelwood

House is ongoing and the Rose Garden has been looking spectacular thanks to the gardening members of our Club.

It is good to report that our ten pin bowling team acquitted themselves very well in their annual contest with Trafalgar and Mandy Ellis reported that the trophy has returned to Churchill and a great night was had by all.

The Lionesses send their very good wishes for a speedy recovery to member, Jill Wall, who has recently returned home from a spell in hospital.

The Club congratulates John Barker, Churchill & District Lions Club who received the International

President's Award for community service. John is a tireless worker for the community and this is a well deserved recognition.

The Lionesses are very pleased to have had another successful fund raising year and wish friends, supporters and community a safe and Happy Festive Season.

The Lioness Club of Churchill & District meets every month at the Gallery Café in Churchill and invites like minded members of the community who are interested in our work to contact us.

President Sue Lowick on 51222502

Secretary Vicki Burgess on 51221614



Hazelwood House Rose Garden

Koala Kinder Enrolments 2008

Koala Kinder in Churchill are currently taking enrolments for 3 year old kindergarten in 2008.

Koala Kinder is a formal pre-kinder centre for children aged 3 years from the commencement of the kinder year.

The centre provides a warm and inviting environment and a qualified

teacher and assistant run weekly sessions each Tuesday from 9:00am - 11:30am.

Enrolments close on 11th December 2007. For more details call the kinder on 5122 1931.





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Saturday December 15th, 9am - 5pm
 Sunday December 16th, Closed
 Saturday December 22nd, 9am - 5pm
 Sunday December 23rd, 9am - late
 Monday December 24th, 8.30am - 6.00pm
 Tuesday December 25th, Closed
 Wednesday December 26th, Closed
 Thursday December 27th, 8.30am - 6.00pm
 Friday December 28th, 8.30am - 6pm.
 Saturday December 29th, 9am - late
 Sunday December 30th, 10am - late
 Monday December 31st, 8.30am - 6pm
 Tuesday December 1st, closed
 Wednesday December 2nd, 8.30am - 6.00
 Normal Trading Hours.

Café Le Mac

Saturday December 22nd, Normal Trading Hours
 Sunday December 23rd, Closed
 Monday December 24th, Closing at 3pm.
 Tuesday December 25th, Closed.
 Wednesday December 26th, Closed.
 Thursday December 27th, Normal Trading Hours
 Friday December 28th, Normal Trading Hours
 Saturday December 29th, Normal Trading Hours
 Sunday December 30th, Closed
 Monday December 31st, Closing at 3.00pm
 Tuesday January 1st, Closed
 Wednesday January 2nd, Normal Trading Hours.

Merry Christmas

Christmas Opening Hours Churchill Shopping Centre 2007/8



Churchill Chinese

Tuesday December 25th, Closed.
 Wednesday December 26th, Opening at 5pm
 Closed Sunday January 20th - Reopening
 Friday February 15th.

Churchill Chiropractic

Friday December 21st - Reopening Thursday
 January 3rd.

Churchill Hardware

Closed from December Friday 21st - Reopening
 January Wednesday 2nd. Normal Trading
 Hours.

Churchill Hot Bread Shop

Tuesday December 25th, Closed
 Wednesday December 26th, Closed
 Tuesday January 1st, Closed

Churchill Kats

Tuesday December 18th, 9am - 6pm
 Wednesday December 19th, 9am - 6pm
 Thursday December 20th, 9am - 8pm
 Friday December 21st, 9am - 7pm
 Saturday December 22nd, 9am - 2pm
 Monday December 24th, 9am - 5.30pm
 Tuesday December 25th - Closed
 Wednesday December 26th - Closed
 Thursday December 27th, 9am - 5.30pm
 Friday December 28th, 9am - 5.30pm
 Saturday December 29th, 9am - 1.00pm
 Monday December 31st, 9am- 5:30pm
 Tuesday January 1st, - Closed

Wednesday January 2nd, -Closed
 Thursday January 3rd, 9am - 5:30pm
 Friday January 4th, 9am - 5:30pm
 Saturday January 5th, 9am - 1.00pm

Churchill Motors

Closed from December Friday 21st - Reopening
 January Monday 7th.

Churchill Pizza Shop

Monday December 24th, Closed
 Tuesday December 25th, Closed
 Wednesday December 26th, Closed
 Thursday December 27th, Open
 Monday December 31st, Closed
 Tuesday January 1st, Closed
 Wednesday January 2nd, Closed
 Thursday January 3rd, Closed
 Friday January 4th, Closed.

Churchill Post Office

Tuesday December 25th, Closed
 Wednesday December 26th, Closed
 Tuesday January 1st, Closed

Cutting Corner

Saturday December 22nd, 8.30am - 1pm
 Closed December 27th to January 3rd..

Dainbridge Services Pty

Friday December 21st Closed - Reopening
 Monday January 21st.

Future Flicks

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 Tuesday December 25th, 4pm - 10pm

Laundromat

Monday December 24th, 10am - 2pm
 Tuesday December 25th, Closed
 Wednesday December 26th, Closed
 Thursday December 27th, 8am to 6pm
 Friday December 28th, 8am to 6pm
 Saturday December 29th, 9am - 4pm
 Monday December 31st, 10am - 2 pm
 Tuesday January 1st, Closed.

Lifeline Churchill

Wednesday December 19th closing 12.00 noon
 Reopening Monday January 14th.

Morwell Art & Framing

Closed from December Friday 21st - Reopening
 January Tuesday 8th.

SP & JFish & Chips

Tuesday December 25th, Closed - Reopening
 Wednesday January 9th.

Yinnar Scout Group Extremely Successful Term!

At the District Awards Evening during September, Scott Marriott and Caitlin Hall were announced as winner and runner up respectively of the Strzelecki Scout District/Hazelwood Rotary Club 'Scout of the Year'.

This award is presented for achievements in scouting, leadership and contribution to the community amongst other things. We are very proud of both Scott and Caitlin's achievements.

Our three patrols each went in a different direction and camped on separate properties around Boolarra as a Patrol Activity, developing independence and teamwork.

They undertook various activities including cooking, construction and leatherwork.

During October the Scouts entered two Patrols in Cohen Shield at Bermingham Park in Glengarry, which is a full-day competition based on activities such as first-aid, environment, construction, cooking, etc.

We were all very pleased when Kangaroo Patrol, led by Scott Marriott, was announced as the winner, followed by Koala Patrol led by Caitlin Hall.

We had a very successful work-
ing bee this term with the best turn-
out we've had in several years.

We re-roofed a section of the hall and our storage shed, got some more painting done, cleaned gutters, tidied the grounds, grouted in the

toilets, and continued with numerous improvements inside the hall, followed by a barbecue lunch. It was great to see everybody chipping in!

Our efforts were rewarded by a silver award in the annual Dennis Robertson Award for good house-keeping, so well done to everybody who has been involved over the past few years.

Many will remember the heavy rains and wind during the first weekend of November. Seven of our Scouts were out hiking along Upper Middle Creek Road!

Whilst the activity was a total wash-out and the Scouts did not complete their intended 30km hike, they stayed calm, modified their plan to stay out of danger and got out on Sunday safe and well. Thanks to Matt Hall for fording the creek (it was up to the door handles!) and driving in to pick up their gear.

On the following weekend we had four Scouts entered in 'Scouthike' which is a state wide competition hike with activity-based checkpoints. Against 56 other patrols our Scouts came in the top eight, earning themselves a gold pennant for our wall! Congratulations to Caitlin and Gareth Hall, and Max & Angus Sauppe.

The Scout Group ran a stall in Yinnar when the Great Victorian Bike Ride came through. Funds raised will be used to replace the main roof of our Scout Hall.

Our only Venturer, Craig

Millsom is involved in a project with the Boolarra Cemetery Trust developing a Remembrance garden as part of his Queens Scout award requirements.

Our cubs have just participated in a sleep over with the theme - 'Ooey Gooey Slightly Gross' as a lead up to Cuboree in 2008. They have also welcomed some new members into the Cub pack.

Leaders have been attending training venues throughout the state over several weekends. Funding for these courses was provided by the Yinnar Hotel Co-operative.

Our final activity for the year will be our group barbecue. The group will then dismiss for a short break until January when we head off as a group camping under canvas at Bermingham Park.

Scouting is available in Yinnar for boys and girls from 7½ years upwards. For more details contact:

Colin Richards (Group Leader): 5169 1541

Leanne Millsom (Treasurer): 5122 3099

Sylvia Sauppe (Scout Leader): 5169 6321

Katrina Hall (Cub Leader): 5169 1663

Pictured right above: Yinnar Scouts of year 2007, right: Yinnar Scouts Group



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Address _____

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

The lucky "Birthdayites" last month were
LAUREN AKERS and HAYDEN MAY.

BIRTHDAYITES FOR DECEMBER

William BONNICI	3 years
Emma GUNN	2 years
Megan KEARNS	11 years
Tyler MISSINGHAM	7 years
Dylan ROWLEY	12 years
Oliver THAIN	12 years
Jake WARDELL	9 years
Benjamin WILSON	8 years

The randomly chosen "BIRTHDAYITES" this month are
JAKE WARDELL and BENJAMIN WILSON.

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

John Barker Publicity

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY



Hayden May
12 Years Old
30th November 2007



Lauren Akers
7 Years Old
3rd November 2007

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

They were chosen at random from the October 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.



Wattle Club Interesting and Varied Program

An interesting and varied program has kept the Wattle Club members enthusiastic.

In October during Senior Citizens Week, the group went to a concert with Darrell Cotton in Kernot Hall. They partook of a picnic lunch prior to the concert which they enjoyed. Also during Senior's Week they visited the Morwell PAG group and experienced a multicultural morning tea. There was a lovely variety of food from many cultures, to taste. The afternoon was spent back at Churchill playing cards and other games.

One of two outings for lunch for the month was to Inverloch where the group had a fish and chip lunch, after a beautiful drive on an

absolutely nice day. The other outing was to Walhalla, where the members observed with interest, the re-growth of the forests after the fires, and other sights. A BBQ lunch was eaten in the park.

On the 31st October the three PAG groups- Churchill, Morwell and Moe all competed in the same games to see if they could set some records for the Guinness Book of Records. They also had a Cup Sweep for \$1 per person.

Continuing the theme of Cup Day, the participants made fascinators and enjoyed a delicious lunch of chicken and 'champagne'.

Both physical and mental effort was required for Bingo, Carpet Bowls, Celebrity Heads, a Treasure

Hunt, Volley Ball, Shuffles and ball games, disc bowls, and balloon tennis, all of which ensured plenty of up and down activity.

The first outing for November was to the Gallery for lunch. The group was happy to support the new local eating place and thought the food was really good. The second was to the Warragul Country Club which is a favourite.

Exploring the theme "You are what you eat!" saw the group pouring through magazines for pictures of food to classify into the four food groups, which led to discussions on which food to eat most and least. Chocolate won as the food you should eat the most.

Lions Club Of Churchill & District - Seasons Greetings

John Barker, Publicity
Lions Village Licola

January Children's Camps will NOT be going ahead due to more damage to the access bridge and the main oval area from the recent floods. Camps have been transferred to March/April school holiday period when our Club will sponsor 4 children.

Camp Quality

The Camp Quality esCARpade 2007 raised a record amount this year, as did our entry. There will be a full report in the Latrobe Valley Express soon.

Family Weekend

Lions John Barker Lionesses Margaret Barker assisted at a Family Weekend at Shepparton recently where 14 families enjoyed an introduction to farming life, laser shooting, bowling and the popular Kids Town. A fantastic time out for these very deserving families.

Game Dinner

Several members attended a special "Game Dinner" at Mt Erica Lions Club where many "game" menu items were investigated by the attendees.

Lions Stuff

Trafalgar Lions were once again beaten by the better team in the Annual Bowling Competition

Our club will again organise - Christmas Trees with proceeds going to helping needy families Australia Day 2008, with Junior and Senior Citizenship Awards and Community Breakfast

School Awards at 4 Primary Schools and Kurnai Churchill

Letters to Santa through 4 Primary Schools

Representatives of our Club and the Churchill Lioness Club attended the Cancer Care Centre at LRH recently to present the third CADD Chemotherapy Infusion Pump for use at the centre. More are needed so think about this when next making a local donation. You can do it through our Club.

Catering performed during the month -

Bunnings

Junior Fishing Competition

Great Victorian Bike Ride (Yinnar and Traralgon)

Free movies Gaskin Park

The Lions Birthday Club, sponsored and run through the Churchill & District News by our Lions Club, is a great hit. D'Artagnan Simpson and Tori Lee Upton were each the happy Birthday Club recipients of a \$15 voucher in October and Lauren Akers and Hayden May were the recipients in November.

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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Wednesday 26th December	CLOSED
Thursday 27th December	8.00am to 5.30pm
Friday 28th December	8.00am to 5.30pm
Saturday 29th December	8.00am to 1.30pm
Sunday 30th December	CLOSED
Monday 31st December	8.00am to 3.00pm
Tuesday 1st January	CLOSED

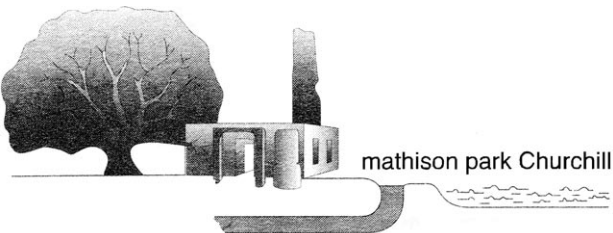
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mathison park Churchill

Cuckoos in Mathison Park

It is with great pleasure that the committee can report that the new pathway is under construction. Our thanks go to Trevor Jennings who came and leveled out the path with his bulldozer. We are very grateful to Trevor for this work.

We would also like to thank those who came to the last working bee, and a huge thank you to Trevor Berryman for bringing his tractor to help with the heavy work.

Our next working bee is on Saturday 15th December, when more of the path edging and rock and sand filling will take place. We need lots of hands on deck, so if you can help please turn up any time between 9:30am and 12:30pm to lend a hand. You will receive a warm welcome.

A Fishing Spider in the Park by Ken Harris



During our October working bee in Mathison Park we were planting trees, shrubs and sedges around the southern side of Lake Hyland. While picking up some rubbish left on the shore, one worker found a large spider in a yoghurt container (with water in it), right on the edge of the lake. I immediately identified it as a Wolf Spider, but I was wrong. It is actually one of the Water Spiders or Fishing Spiders, and was identified for me as *Dolomedes instabilis*. These are very interesting spiders that spend most of their time in water. Fine hairs on their legs trap air and enable them to float and walk on the surface of the water. They can also dive and they carry air down against their book-lungs, enabling them to stay submerged for some time. They feed mainly on aquatic insects and have even been recorded as eating tadpoles and small fish.

Another name for these spiders is Nursery Spiders. The female spider weaves an egg sac. When the young are about to hatch, she constructs a shelter in the vegetation just above the water and she takes good care of her young throughout their early days.

They apparently can be aggressive and can inflict a painful bite, but there is no evidence of the bite being poisonous to us

Cuckoos in the Park by Ken Harris

There are 5 species of cuckoo that are known from this area and of these 3 have been recorded (and photographed) in Mathison Park. All these cuckoos share the habit of laying their eggs in the nests of other birds and leaving the host species to rear their young.



The first one I encountered is far from the commonest in the area. Last summer a Horsefield Bronze-cuckoo was frequently seen (and heard) in the centre of the park. They were always close to the marshy area at the end of the lake and I believe they probably targeted the small birds common in that area, the Superb Fairy-wren, The Reed Warbler and the Golden-headed Cisticola. The much commoner Shining Bronze-cuckoo is often heard in the area, but so far I have been unable to detect one in the Park. Perhaps the commonest cuckoo is the Fan-tailed Cuckoo, with a distinctive descending trill. It is a handsome bird with an apricot chest and blue-grey back. I have seen one a few times in the Park, and perhaps heard them more often.

The last cuckoo in the Park is the largest, the Pallid Cuckoo. It is not very common in the area, but this spring has been heard calling frequently and recently gave me a surprising chance to take its photograph. Its call is ascending series of hoarse whistle and is very distinctive.



Mathison Park Working Bee and New Pathway

Pallid Cuckoo (above)
Fan-Tailed Cuckoo (above left)

Scout 'JOTA' Turns 50

Cohen Shield Co-Holders Gold
Kangaroo Patrol - Yinnar

John Barker
Publicity, Strzelecki District Scouts

"Around the World in 50 Hours" was the motto this year as Scouts worldwide participated in Jamboree on the Air (JOTA).

JOTA is an opportunity to contact Scouts worldwide, to exchange details on the participant's hobbies and sports, badges, activities, and other interests. It also gives the participant the opportunity to set up a contact with a pen pal in another country. This year JOTA was coordinated worldwide to be celebrated on the weekend of 20th and 21st October.

Scouts from Churchill took part in JOTA at Birmingham Park, one of the District Campsites near Glengarry. They camped out for two nights, sleeping in tents and cooking for themselves. Altogether there were 65 Scouting and guiding members from Guides, Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scout Sections joined our Amateur Radio Club members John Morrissey and Bernie Henne with their equipment on VK3-BEZ call sign to talk on the air worldwide.

The Scouts also had lots of fun using hand-held walkie-talkies in the bush environment in a "seek me" activity, talking on the radio, learning Morse code, semaphore and the Q Code for iden-

tification and trying their hand at deciphering coded messages.

Cohen Shield Competition

To add to the excitement, the annual Scout Activities Competition weekend, Cohan Shield, was run as well, incorporating JOTA as one of the activity bases. The other bases were Construction, First Aid, Environment, Cooking and Scouting Skills. Each Patrol of nominally 6 Scouts rotated through the activities where they were assessed on leadership, attitude, hygiene and teamwork.

There were thirty-six Scouts and ten Leaders from Troops within Strzelecki District camping out over the weekend. They came from Churchill, Morwell East, Traralgon, Traralgon West and Glengarry Scout Groups. Saturday night was great starting with a Campfire, then a "wide-game" which involved sneaking through the bush to steal a lantern and finishing rather late with some spooky stories around the campfire.

The presentations were made at the final parade. The Cohen Shield competition was won by Kangaroo Patrol from Yinnar (Co-holders Gold Pennant). This is a twice-in-a-row win for the Yinnar Kangaroo Patrol led by Patrol Leader Scott Marriott of Churchill after taking it out last year as well.



Holiday Break



By Margaret Guthrie, Treasurer
GRG volunteers will be taking a well-earned break over the Christmas-New Year period. But we will be organising a couple of local community events to mark the start and end of the holiday break.

On Tuesday 18th December at 5pm in Glendonald Park we will be conducting a free Christmas BBQ for residents. Our volunteers will be cooking snags and handing out soft drinks, watermelon and other goodies to eat.

We are hoping that Santa might drop by - with transport provided courtesy of Churchill CFA - to say hello to all the kids. This is a busy time of year for our local CFA brigade and we appreciate all their community service efforts. We know that financial donations are always welcome and GRG likes to make a small contribution each December to support the work they do.

A GRG activity for children and families is also being planned for the end of January. The date of this annual event usually coincides with

the end of the school holidays, around the time of the Australia Day long weekend. Glendonald residents will be notified of details by letter-box flyers.

We're thinking of a 'wet' activity, as it's generally hot at this time of the year. Last year's 'apple bob' was lots of fun and BBQs on summer evenings are always pleasant. GRG has a stock of sunscreen and insect repellent on hand, to be used as needed.

We may also be providing a BBQ in December for the volunteers involved with Mathison Park. Details have yet to be confirmed, but at the time of writing, this is planned for lunchtime on Saturday 15th December.

Mathison Park volunteers have been hard at work over past months as they construct the new section of pathway around the eastern side of Lake Hyland. GRG has offered to conduct a community BBQ at the Mathison Park facilities to say 'thank you' to these volunteers for the wonderful community service

they provide through their efforts in maintaining and developing this beautiful Churchill asset.

The walking track along Eel Hole Creek links Glendonald Park (a terrific family park with full facilities) to Mathison Park with its fishing, pathways, facilities, native plants, etc. Churchill is very fortunate to have such beautiful parklands and walking tracks.

Those interested in becoming involved with the Mathison Park group can contact Simon Clarke at Latrobe City Council on 1300 367 700 for further information.

GRG can be contacted at PO Box 245, Churchill 3842, by emailing g_r_g_inc@hotmail.com or by phoning 5122 2997 or (m) 0407 876 443.

Our group doesn't meet during the holiday break, so our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th January 2008 at 7pm in the Glendonald pre-school in Churinga Drive. All Glendonald residents are welcome. Supper is provided and childcare available if pre-booked.

Lumen Christi Primary School Jane Mitchell Concert

On Monday 26th November, Lumen Christi students were privileged to an inaugural concert performance by Jane Mitchell. Jane, a teacher at St. Gabriel's School in Traralgon, is a very talented songwriter, singer and musician. This year she released her first Cd, "Ordinary People" which is a compilation of her religious songs.

During the performance Jane introduced the students to a song she has written especially for Lumen Christi School. As our Latin name means "The Light of

Christ", Jane focussed the lyrics on the Lumen Christi community shining their light on others, and reflecting the Christian valued advocated by Jesus. The song titled "We Shine" was a hit with the children and is one which we will often sing with pride. Anne Doherty, Jane's assistant, made a recording of the song during the concert with the students from Grades 3 to 6, a very exciting event for them to be a part of.

We Shine- for Lumen Christi School

We shine, we shine, we shine
Shine in the light of Christ
We shine, we shine, we shine
Shine in the light of Christ

We are the family ofLumen Christi

We are... learning with faith
We are ...growing in love
Caring... for each other

Finding out how brightly we can shine

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We are...living the good news

As we...journey forth
Peaceful people...making a difference
The future is hopeful because we shine



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Hazelwood House



Trainer Scott and greyhound 'Shiraz by Farr with May Wilson, Peg Morgan, Joy Darragh and Liz Tierney

Hazelwood House Hostel were fortunate to have a Greyhound in the finale of the 'Great Chase' held at Broad Meadows in November. Residents, volunteers and staff were treated to a wonderful day by the Greyhound Board of Victoria.



Staff member Liz Tierney proudly displays the greyhound's number at the 'Great Chase Final'

Hazelwood North Primary School

Prep / G Celebrate Ted's Birthday

On Wednesday it was Ted's Birthday. He turned 6. We played some games. It was very fun. We made some fruit kebabs. We made teddy bear biscuits. *By Hudson*

On Wednesday it was Ted's Birthday party. Ted turned six. We played lots of games like pin the bow on the teddy and we made fruit kebabs and I had eight kebabs. Out of all the fruit I liked the honey fruit. *By Chloe*

On Wednesday it was Ted' birthday. We made fruit kebabs. We made teddy bear biscuits. *By Sophie*

On Wednesday it was Ted's birthday. He had lots of games like Pass the Parcel and Teddy, Teddy, Teddy, Bear. My Mum had one. My sister came too. I had six fruit kebabs. *By Xavier*

On Wednesday it was Ted's Birthday. My Mum and sister came. I had 1 fruit kebab. Alyssa got in the middle. He was turning 6. *By Joel*

On Wednesday it was Ted's birthday. We had fruit kebabs. We played Pin the bow on the teddy. We played pass the parcel. It was fun. I got a lolly at Ted's birthday. *By Byron*

On Wednesday it was Ted's birthday. The class played pin the bow on the teddy. I tried orange and I tried grapes. We had to wear green. *By Jordan*

On Wednesday it was Ted's birthday. We had fruit kebabs. I had 16 fruit kebabs. Pin the bow on the teddy bear. My mum and Danielle. The cake was a teddy bear. I took my teddy bear. *By Tammy*

On Wednesday the 28th of November it was Ted's birthday. We had fruit kebabs at school. My Mum came to Ted's birthday. We made teddy bear biscuits. We played pin the bow on the teddy. *By Shellbie-Diana*

It was Ted's birthday. We had a picnic. We played some games too. We made a fruit kebab at Ted's birthday. We had a teddy picnic. We made teddy bear biscuits. We got to bring our teddies. *By Shaynia*

On Wednesday it was Ted's party and at the end of the

day we played Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear. And we made fruit kebabs. I had 3 kebabs. We could have a marshmallow on the end of them. I got to hold Ted and my mum came too. And we made teddy bears and we had swimming and I had fun too. I got to take a photo on my mum's camera. I took a picture of Miss Gliddon's bottom. She laughed her head off. And we played freeze. *By Bridie*

On Wednesday the 28th of November it was Ted's birthday. We played pin the bow on the teddy and Teddy Teddy Teddy Bear. It was fun. We had a lunch picnic and we had fruit kebabs. We made teddy bear biscuits and I liked it. I tried some watermelon. The end. *By Ben*

I went to Ted's birthday party and my ted was sleeping and there was fruit kebabs. My teddy came and her name is Jessica. I love my friends and they love me and we had a cake. *By Maddison*

On Wednesday the 28th of November it was Ted's birthday. We played games. We made fruit kebabs. *By Brenton*

On Wednesday I went to Ted's birthday and I liked it. We went to the pool. Ted came too. *By Patrick*

On Wednesday we went to Ted's birthday. He had presents. I gave him socks and a card that I made. My mum watched on the way up. We made fruit kebabs after lunch. I won freeze. I won a lolly pop in pass the parcel and one lolly pop in freeze. It was awesome!!!! I want it to happen again. *By Alisha*

On Wednesday it was Ted's birthday, he got some presents. Ted was happy on his birthday. He liked my present. It was a Ted necklace. We played Teddy Teddy Teddy Bear outside the classroom. We played songs. *By Aston*

On Wednesday it was Ted's birthday. We had fruit kebabs. I had 11 fruit kebabs. We played pin the bow on the bear. My Dad and little sister came to Ted's party. I tried avocado. *By Lara*



Celebrating Ted's Birthday



5/6F visit at GEP

5/6F went to the Gippsland Education Precinct to do some great activities. We all made some Christmas cookies and some gingerbread men.

Our Christmas cookies had crushed boiled lollies in the centre to make them look like stained glass windows. Mrs Hoskin organised this great program with the teachers at

GEP. The students who assisted were really helpful and great as well. Mrs Wood was the cooking teacher who organised the cooking activities.

Some GEP students who are really good with computers did some activities of their choice. Tayla and Chloe

Fabulous Projects

As part of the children's studies on gold and first fleet year four and five students were required to complete a project at home. Many of our

students put in a huge amount of effort. Here are two examples of fabulous projects.



Telstra Beach To Bush Program

On Tuesday the 20th of November, 2007 our school was visited by a surf life saver, who talked to us about how to be safe at the beach. He also talked to us about the dangers at the beach (eg: rips) and what we should do if we get into trouble. It was a good day with Luke giving us heaps of information about the beach.

Human Powered Vehicles

At Hazelwood North Primary School some students have been very lucky to participate in the Human Powered Vehicle race at Maryborough. To prepare for the race we have been doing four hour practices on Thursdays from 1 o'clock pm to 5 o'clock at night.

We practise at the go-cart track in Morwell. We have also raced in different weather, like really hot days, some cold days and a day in some rain. We have two teams, one mainly grade five and one grade six.

The grade fives race in Rampage, and the grade six team races in Overdrive. For the race we have to do a presentation about HPV that has to include why we want to race, sponsors, pit stops and photos. We really enjoy HPV and we can't wait until the big race at Maryborough from the 21st to the 24th.

By Meg Van Rooy and Mark Foster.

On Wednesday 22nd of November Overdrive and Rampage went to Human Powered Vehicle in Maryborough. We camped for 4 days.

We started practising for Human Powered Vehicle in term 3 at a local go-cart track in Morwell. We got heaps of help from the teachers and we often practised our speeches.

On the Thursday we did our speech and the entire practise paid off. We got a score of 18.1 and we were all very proud. On Thursday night we did trials to get

our position on the grid. Damien Taifer made us get 34th on the grid with his time and that was 2 minutes and 10 seconds.

On Friday we started racing. Damien started off by doing the rolling lap and then he did 8 laps to start off the big race. Claudia finished the first day of the race.

On Saturday Ricky started the race and he had to do the rolling lap as well. This meant he had to get up early! Shannon got to finish the whole race. We all had tonnes of fun at Maryborough and had lots of support from our parents and older brothers and sisters.

By Hollie Macdonald and Jacob Healey



Churchill North Primary School



Toy Run

A very exciting afternoon for all students with a visit from the Ulysses motorcycle club, Us & them tourers, Eastern riders, Salvation Army & Latrobe Shire. Representatives collected cans of food from the students to donate to needy families. Santa arrived on a very impressive motor bike and gave a thank-you show bag for the children's efforts.

He was talking about safety. I liked the blue bike and gold bike. *By Bryce*

Yesterday the motorbikes came to school to collect the cans that we had brought to school. They were talking about safety. I liked the bag that they gave us. I also liked it when Santa came. The parents and the elf were giving out lollies. The best was the mint lolly. *By Caleb*



Graduate Appointment

Congratulations to Mrs Erica Judkins on her successful appointment to the graduate position at our school in 2008. It is great to have Erica continue on as a member of our staff.

Visiting Performance

Around the world in 80 days

On the 19th November 2007 we had a visiting performance. It was "Around the world in 80 days". There were lots of dances. Some people got dressed up. There was lots of music. *By Courtney*

Grade Prep / 1 Class Party



In keeping with the theme of celebrations students in Grade Prep / 1 created a mock party, creating table decorations and hats.

food. I like eating fairy bread.

We had a party on Wednesday the 14th of November. We played games and the games we played were musical chairs and pin the number on the saddles. We had a great time.

By: Joshua

We had a party on Wednesday we went outside and had sparklers

By: Miranda

By: Kayla

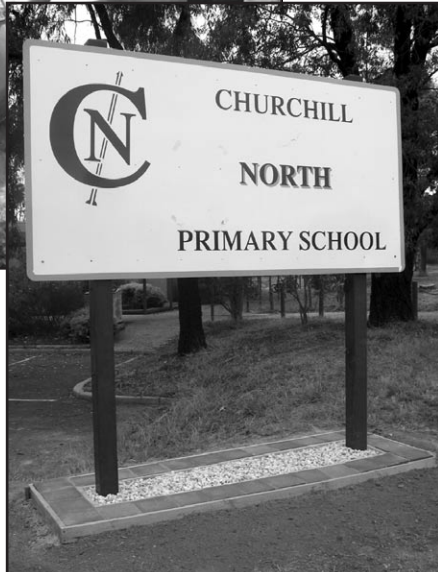
We had a party on Wednesday the 14th. We made party food. We made party hats. We made party presents.

By: Tara

I liked the party food and I ate 10 pieces of party



PRIMARY SCHOOL



Garden Redevelopment

Grade 6 students take an active role in garden redevelopment projects.

Students have worked diligently in planning and preparing budget proposals, once approved materials are purchased and works completed.

An exciting term for students in Grade 6, as they prepare for graduation and complete garden redevelopment



New School Uniform

Parents Club have invested a great deal of time and effort into planning for a new school uniform.

will commence wearing this in 2008. It is expected that the new uniform will be fully implemented in 2010.

Students look particularly smart and

Churchill Primary School



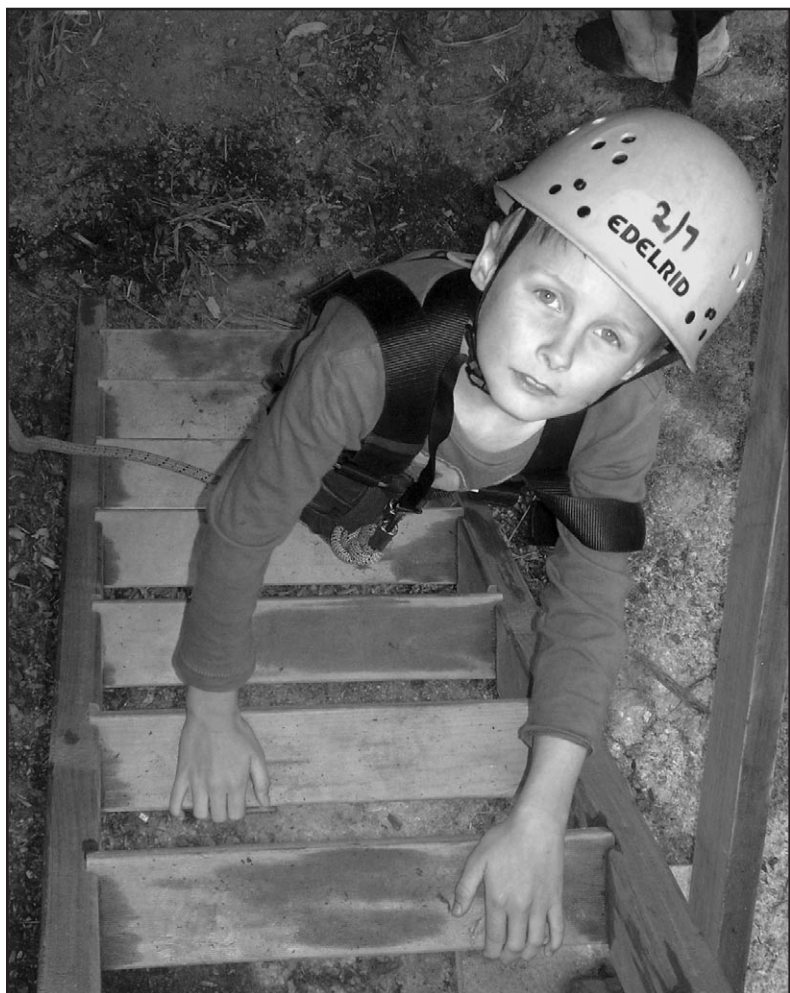
Woorabinda Camp

Year 3/4 Camp

Forty-six students went to the wonderful Woorabinda Camp for four days and three nights in late November.

The students had a marvellous time participating in initiative and leadership activities, as well as outdoor activities such as high ropes, archery, and the breathtaking zip wire.

All the students were fantastic ambassadors for the school, as representatives of our school and community.



Year Six Transition

On Tuesday 4th December, the Year 6's participated in the Statewide Transition Day. This is their final step before starting secondary schools in 2008. The school wishes to thank all the Year 6 students and their families for their partnership and involvement with Churchill Primary School throughout their primary schooling.

A successful start is wished to all students as they begin secondary college at Kurnai, Traralgon, Trafalgar or Lavalla.

Plans for 2008

Principal Brad Moyle said, "2008 is shaping up to be another big year for all at Churchill Primary School. As a school we have identified some clear curriculum initiatives that will help us to continue to improve stu-

dent learning and engagement."

The school will be involved with the Gippsland Literary Strategy aimed at supporting Year 2-4 students in their development of reading and comprehension skills. The middle and upper sections of the school will have a focus on boys education, specifically how they can better engage boys with their learning.

In the Junior section they will be continuing developing and implementing the Developmental Curriculum. The school encourages any prospective parents to come along and have a look at how this approach to learning supports all children.

Community Morning Tea

On Friday 7th December, the

school held a morning tea to say "Thank you" to the parents and community volunteers who had helped out with various program throughout 2007. "The ongoing support of the parent and local community is greatly appreciated and an essential part of the success we are able to achieve," said Brad Moyle.

Seasons Greetings.

The school would like to wish all the members of the school community, and the readers of Churchill and District News, a very merry Christmas and a Happy New year. The school looks forward to continuing to work with the community throughout 2008.

Kurnai College Music Department Mr B's Gig Guide

Did you know...

The KP Noise Makers is Kurnai College's own Drum Line - the FIRST of its kind in the LATROBE VALLEY and GIPPSLAND. Drum Lines or Drum Corps are directly related to marching, street parades and American school sporting events and is an ensemble that primarily features percussion instruments ONLY. This ensemble has been first created in 2006, in preparation for the future Kurnai College Marching Band.

The KP Noise Makers will be performing for the second time at the Traralgon Christmas Carols on Sunday 16th December at Victory Park.

Music enrolments for 2008 are currently

open. We are seeking a large number of students to fulfil various wind instrument positions, especially flute, clarinet, trumpet and trombone. Forms can be attained from the General Office of any Kurnai College Campus

Featured Story...

Ritchies IGA has opened in Churchill. Ritchies is a supporter of many local groups, and is now a proud supporter of the Kurnai College - Music Department through their Community Benefit Card. Parents wanting to obtain a Card to place their donation towards the Music Department can either visit Ritchies or contact Mr Bonnici. Money raised through such fundraising all goes back into the Music Program - all to benefit students at Kurnai College.

Next school performances will be the Awards Nights, where students will perform at their campus of enrolment. Performing music students are to be at the Awards Night venue at least 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the Awards festivities.

Fundraising...

* Don Louie's Pizza Table tops are being collected. Place the Table Tops in Mr Bonnici's pigeon hole.

* Ritchies IGA - Community Benefit Card for Kurnai College - MUSIC DEPARTMENT

* A & P ELECTRONICS - 10% off normal prices (excluding specials) on Musical Items Only. Present Kurnai College student cards to obtain discount.



Sponsorship is being sort for to further implement new and exciting ideas, with annual advertising being offered. For further information contact Joseph Bonnici.

For further information, contact Mr Joseph Bonnici - Head of Music on 51323 700.



Churchill & Monash Golf Club Inc. Golf Results

Saturday Men's Comp:

Stableford: 03/11/07. CCR: 68
A-Grade: P Ludlow (17), 39 pts.
B-Grade: B Kilday (24) 42 pts, c/b.
DTL: G Down 42, K Hills 38, J
Dickson 34. NTP: 3rd K Hills, 5th L
Stein, 12th A Sharrock, 14th A
Percy.

Tuesday: Cup Day Stableford: 6/11/07

Ladies Winner: M McDonald
(34) 37 pts. DTL: K Moroney (23)
32 pts, B Beebe (29) 29 pts. NTP: 0-
32 5th/14th, K Moroney. 33-45.
5th/14th, V Rowley. 3rd A Hibbert.
Men's Winner: P Ludlow (16) 37
pts. DTL: J Ambrosini (22) 36 pts,
W Peter (16) 32 pts. NTP: J
Ambrosini. Birdies: J Ambrosini.

Saturday Men's Comp: 4BBB Stableford. 10/11/07

Winners: G Miller (18), I D
Wilson 49 pts, c/b. Runner Up: I
Hepplestone (29), F Peel (27) 49pts.
DTL: P Ludlow, A Auld 48pts, W
Judkins, G Down 46 pts, G Spowart,
V Sammut 45 pts. NTP: 3rd T
Collins, 5th S Wotton, 12th D
Taylor, 14th P Smart.

Sunday Men's Comp:

**Churchill Monash Plate. 11/11/07
CCR: 70**
Winners: Churchill + Monash -
P Ludlow, G Beyer, R Welsh + F
DeBono, 106 pts. A-Grade: M

Dilger (11) 37pts. B-Grade: J Hall
(18) 38 pts, C-Grade: J McCafferty
(20) 38 pts. DTL: P Ludlow 37, J
Engel 36, A Rigby 36, R Welsh 35,
G Giesler 35, P Buckley 34 c/b.
NTP: 3rd D Fraser, 5th D Allan,
12th A Rigby, 14th N Cook. Birdies:
12th L Towns, P Jordan, F Debono.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stroke Monthly Medal. 13/11/07

AWCR: 70. Scratch: S Jeffery
(28) 100. A-Grade: S Jeffery (28)
72. B-Grade: D Judkins (35) 66 and
Medal Winner. DTL: M McDonald
(34) 72, Y Wotton (26) 76, L Welsh
(37) 76, J Beck (34) 77. NTP: 14th,
33-45 L Welsh. Putts: L Welsh 26
putts. Lost Handicap: 35-33 D
Judkins.

Saturday Mens Comp: Par. 17/11/07. CCR: 68

A-Grade: W Peter (16) +4. B-
Grade: A Van Vliet (20) +5. C-
Grade: P Jordan (28) Square c/b.
DTL: W Judkins +3, L Stein +2, R
Welsh +2, A Coad +1, T Sterrick +1,
T Collins Square, D Taylor Square.
NTP: 3rd F Sedjak, 5th C Rankine,
12th L Stein, 14th H Martin. Birdies:
3rd F Sedjak, 5th R Vetti.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: 9 Hole 4BBB Stableford Inv. 20/11/07

Winners: M McConville (22) +
W Heiser (32) 24 pts. Runners Up:
C Ellis (30) + D O'Brien (38) 22 pts
c/b. DTL: Y Wotton (26) +J Griffiths
(19) 22pts, V Rowley (37) + A

Beecham (38) 21 pts. UTL: S
Jeffery (28) + D Pallot (38). J Beck
(34) + B Morrow (45).

Saturday Mens Comp: Stroke - Monthly Medal. 24/11/07. CCR: 70

Scratch: J McCafferty (19) 86
c/b. A-Grade: G Fraser (15) 71. B-
Grade: J McCafferty (19) 67, Medal
Winner. C-Grade: F Debono (25) 71.
DTL: J Martin 69, A Van Vliet 71, P
Ludlow 72, J Ambrosini 72, A Auld
72. NTP: 5th W Casey, 12th G
Fraser, 14th G Miller. Putts: M
Smith 27. Hole in One - 12h G
Fraser.

Sunday Mens Comp: Stableford. 25/11/07

Mens Winner: B Barnes (25) 41
pts. DTL: G Miller (18) 39 c/b. A
Casey (20) 39. Ladies Winner: L
Casey (35) 40 pts. DTL: M
McConville (22) 39, Y Wotton (26)
38. NTP: 12th A Casey, 14th P
Ludlow.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stroke. 27/11/07.

Star Medalist: M McDonald (34)
71. Div 1: Y Wotton (26) 73. Div 2:
L Casey (35) 70. DTL: M
McConville (22) 76 c/b, C Barnes
(31) 76, K Moroney (23) 77, B
Beebe (29) 78. NTP: 3rd B Beebe,
14th L Casey.

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Churchill Cricket Club Country Music Nights

Friday 14th December 2007
Friday 28th December 2007
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From 6.30pm



Latrobe City's Councillors and staff extend Season's Greetings

to all residents and advise that the following arrangements have been put into place for the
Christmas and New Year period.

Council Service Centres

All Council Service Centres will close at 5.15pm on Friday
21 December 2007 and will reopen at 8.30am on Wednesday 2 January 2008

LOST OR STRAY PETS

From 5pm Friday 21 December 2007 to 8.30am
Wednesday 2 January 2008
Contact the Emergencies after-hours number
0408 512 953

IMPOUNDED PETS

Council's pound facility in Driffield Road
Morwell will be open for the release of
impounded pets from 9am to 9.30am on
Monday 24, Thursday 27, Friday 28 and Monday
31 December 2007. Impounded pets may be
viewed 24/7 on council's impound register
online at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Garbage and recycling collection service

Tuesday 25 December 2007 - Early start-
collection will commence 1am.
Collections on all other days will be at the
normal times.
For service queries over the holiday period
please contact Cleanaway telephone
1800 007 543

Transfer Stations - Moe, Morwell, Traralgon and Yinnar

Tuesday 25 December 2007 Closed
Open normal hours all other days
For service queries during the holiday period
please contact Dasma, telephone 5133 6000

Pine Gro green waste collection centres

Tuesday 25 December 2007 Closed
Tuesday 1 January 2008 Closed
Open normal hours all other days
Morwell 8.30am-4.30pm weekdays,
9am-5pm weekends
Traralgon and Moe 9am-5pm weekends only
For further information contact Pine Gro,
telephone 5122 2036

Morwell Landfill

Tuesday 25 December 2007 Closed
Otherwise, normal hours will apply

LATROBE CITY LIBRARY SERVICE

Churchill Branch is closed for the school
holidays and will reopen on Monday
4 February 2008

Morwell and Moe Branches will close at 12
noon on Saturday 22 December 2007 and
reopen on Wednesday 2 January 2008

Traralgon Branch will close at 6pm on Sunday
23 December 2007 and reopen on Wednesday
2 January 2008

RECREATION

Latrobe Leisure Moe/Newborough and Latrobe Leisure Morwell

Monday 24 December 2007 - 6am-1pm
Tuesday 25 December 2007 - Closed
Wednesday 26 December 2007 - Closed
Thursday 27 December 2007 to Monday 31
December 2007 - 10am-4pm
Tuesday 1 January 2008 - Closed
Wednesday 2 January 2008 to Friday 4 January
2008 - 10am-4pm
Saturday 5 January 2008 - Normal operating
hours resume

Latrobe Leisure Churchill

Monday 24 December 2007 - 6am-1pm
Tuesday 25 December 2007 Closed
Wednesday 26 December 2007 Closed
Thursday 27 December 2007 to Monday 31
December 2007 - 10am-4pm
Tuesday 1 January 2008 - Closed
Wednesday 2 January 2008 to Friday 11 January
2008 - 10am-4pm
Saturday 12 January 2008 - Normal operating
hours resume

Traralgon Sports Stadium

Friday 21 December 2007 to Wednesday 9
January 2008 - Closed

Outdoor Pools - Moe, Traralgon and Yallourn North

Open 12 noon to 7pm daily during school
holidays
Tuesday 25 December 2007 - Closed
Wednesday 26 December 2007 - Closed
Tuesday 1 January 2008 - Closed

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Preschools

Closed over Christmas/New Year period.
Preschool administration staff available for
enquiries during opening hours of Council
Service Centres

Maternal and Children Health Centres

Restricted hours during Christmas/New Year
period. Please contact your Centre for times or
contact your local Council Service Centre to
obtain a timetable

Family Day Care Organisation Unit

The opening hours for Council Services Centres
will be observed

Carinya and Moe Early Learning Centres

Closed at 5.45pm on Friday 21 December 2007
Reopen 7.30am on Monday 7 January 2008

Traralgon Early Learning Centre

Closed at 4.30pm on Friday 21 December 2007
Reopen 8.30am on Monday 7 January 2008

HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE

The opening hours for Council Service Centres
will be observed. For emergencies clients
should telephone 0408 512 953

SOCIAL SUPPORT

Planned Activity Groups (PAGs)

Closed from 3.30pm, Friday 14 December
Reopens on Tuesday 8 January 2008

Meals on Wheels

No deliveries on 25 and 26 December 2007,
and 1 January 2008
Meals as usual on all other dates

For emergencies clients should
telephone 0409 250 084

LATROBE REGIONAL ART GALLERY

Monday 24 December to Thursday 27
December 2007 - Closed
Friday 28 December to Monday
31 December 2007 - 11am-4pm
Tuesday 1 January to Wednesday 2 January
2008 - Closed
Thursday 3 January to Sunday 6 January
2008 - 11am-4pm
Monday 7 January 2008 - Normal
operating hours resume

LATROBE PERFORMING ARTS BOX OFFICE

Closes at 5.15pm Friday 21 December 2007
From Monday 7 January to Friday
25 January 2008 - 10am-1pm Mondays to
Fridays only
Normal operating hours resume Tuesday
29 January 2008

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Tuesday 25 December 2007 Closed
All other days will be business as usual

Emergencies

For emergencies
within the
municipality, outside
of office hours,
citizens should
contact
0408 512 953



For further information 1300 367 700

Churchill & District News Junior Fishing Competition 2007

Record numbers of junior anglers took part in the recent Churchill & District News Junior Fishing Competition at Lake Hyland in Churchill. Brilliant sunshine and a perfect venue saw upwards of 70 Rainbow Trout and Redfin being caught.

"It was a terrific day," said Val Prokopiv. "Latrobe City Council and the Mathison Park Committee ensured the

Lake and surrounds were in top condition, the Department of Primary Industries had stocked the lake, and a great team of volunteers was on hand to ensure everything went according to plan."

"We would like to thank all those who took part and all those who worked to make it such a great day."



Nathan and Courtney Pulis



Winners

4 - 8 Years
1st Liam Cassar, 2nd Justin Vantabahq, 3rd Kyle Pearce, 4th Brendan Richards

9 - 12 Years
1st Nathan Pace, 2nd Jayden Beck, 3rd Jackson Beani, 4th Ryan Golightley

13- 16 Years
1st Nathan Pulis, 2nd

Courtney Pulis, 3rd Luke Membrey, 4th Ricky Johnson.

Heaviest Catch - Nathan Pulis.

Mystery Weight - William Morgan.

Smallest Catch - Luke Membrey.

Most Unusual Catch - Brody Gilchrist.

Thank You

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