

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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Churchill Guides Missing Out



Churchill Guides:

Back Row: Left to Right, Susan Connor, Rebecca Connor. Middle Row: Christina Healy, Nichole Healy, Sharon Connor. Front: Paige Trotter-Wilson, Laura Simons, Amanda Healy.

CHURCHILL Guides are missing out due to a severe lack of funding. According to Guide Leader Susan Connor there are at least 15 girls waiting to join the Unit, but are unable to afford the membership fees and other related costs.

In the past girls have been able to apply to The Blackburn Bursary to help with these costs but the Bursary is itself experiencing difficulties.

The Blackburn Fund was the result of an initiative by Blackburn Guides.

When their hall was sold they invested the money and the interest earned has been used to subsidise the payment of girls' membership fees.

Re-named the Blackburn Bursary in 2001, its funds have been severely affected by the recent instability of the finance sector and plummeting interest rates.

Added to membership fees are the costs involved with activities, uniforms, camps etc.

"At present we are relying on members own pockets" said Susan Connor, "but our pockets are empty!"

The Guides, she continued, develop initiative, leadership skills and self-esteem.

"We would like to broaden our membership but at present we are struggling to do so. There are also lots of events that

we would like to become involved in but the cost is prohibitive, for example the Wizard Express in June.

Next year is our bi-annual Melbourne Camp that is enormously popular. We are already planning some fundraising activities so as many of the girls as possible can go".

The Churchill Guides take part in many community activities and are well known for their face-painting at local events.

"What we are asking the community to do is support our fund-raising events and if possible make a donation to the Churchill Guides, not necessarily money.

We have a couple of computers – they are dinosaurs!! We desperately need new keyboards and mice. We will be running a raffle at the Churchill Saloon at the Lee & Tanya Kernagan Show."

One of the fundraisers on the drawing board is a Bachelor Auction. The Guides are currently looking for people willing to help and/or put themselves up for Auction!

The Unit caters for girls from 5 onwards.

"We are the only group from Pakenham to the boarder that has a group for 18 – 30 year olds, the Gipps Guides", said Susan. If anyone can help they can contact Susan Connor on 5122 3567.

Up and Running!



STUDENTS at Kurnai College, Churchill met on Friday lunchtime to form the group that will run Page 11, the Youth Yard Page in the Churchill and District News.

"The youth page is for the youth, and our aim has always been that it be written entirely by young people" said Margaret Guthrie.

Content and layout as well as the gathering and writing of articles

are to be the responsibility of the students.

"We hope not only to teach skills in the area of print media" said Peter Prokopiv, "but also hope that the students have fun. They may even decide to change the name of the page".

The Youth Yard Group will meet every Friday at 12.30pm in Computer Room at Kurnai, with Student Welfare Co-ordinator, Mr Kim McDuffie. Anyone interested should contact Mr McDuffie.

The Youth Yard Page is open to all young people in the Churchill area. If you would like to contribute either contact Margaret on 5122 2997 or the Churchill and District News, see Page 2 for how to submit articles.

Youth Yard: Pictured: Leigh Collins, Kim Dunstan, Jayde Forrest, Owen Guthrie, Chris Henshaw, Marian Oakley, Kayla O'Brian, Christo Perkins, Bethany Prichard, Katrina Rogers, Morgan Stratford, Thomas Stratford, Brad Thorburn, Kianne Ypelaan.



Champion Jump Starts the Innovation Festival

NATIONAL precision jumping champion Janine Heyes signalled the start of the Australian Innovation Festival in Regional Victoria with a precision parachute jump in perfect weather conditions. Story page 3.

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EDITORIAL

EDITION number 6 - The new look paper has been going for over half a year! Many thanks to all who work so hard to make it the terrific paper that it is.

I have been asked several times why the submission cut off date is the 30th of each month whilst the paper is not delivered until the second Thursday of the following month.

A brief overview of our time table might offer an explanation.

The paper is delivered on a Thursday which means that it has to be at the Latrobe Valley Express Office for publishing on Tuesday morning.

Because the team here are all volunteers, work and family commitments means that most of the work on the paper is done outside normal office hours. This means that the paper has to be in the computer ready to be sent by the Sunday evening!

So if the paper is published on, for example, Thursday 10th of the month the

paper has to be completed by 6th - 6 days after the cut off for submissions. It can be a very busy 6 days!

This month the paper is delivered on the 8th so we have put it together in 4 days.

As a result of this there are one or two regular contributors who have been unable to make it past the final final deadline of Saturday afternoon! The Lions Club of Churchill sends its apologies. The Birthday Club will be published next month to take in May and June together.

I hope this sheds some light on our operations!

A lot of time is spent at the University putting the paper together out of hours so I will take this opportunity to thank the Caretakers for their help.

Please don't forget the photo competition closes at the end of this month so get those photographs in. There are a lot of prizes to be won. Ed.

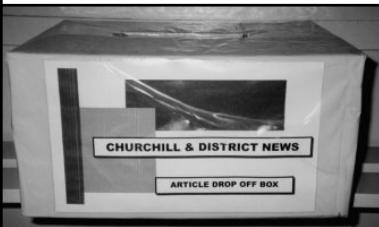
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Churchill & District News

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Congratulations Cathy!

MONASH University's School of Humanities, Communications and Social Science recently held its Annual Awards Night to recognise the achievements of students during 2002.

Among the awards presented, Cathy Cochran received the Pro-Vice Chancellor's Community Service Award for assisting the Churchill News team with the production of the newspaper.

Cathy completed her third-year journalism work placement at the Churchill & District News between June and November last year while continuing her studies. She has also done some voluntary work with the paper since.

Her role was to assist the editor, Val Prokopiv, with the sub-editing, layout and design of the paper. She also researched and wrote a number of articles.

"It was a fantastic experience," Cathy said. "I learnt a lot about newspaper production, editing and layout and gained important experience in journalism."

Cathy joined the paper in the early stages of getting it back into production and observed the process of attracting support and organising for the printing of the paper.

"The team at the paper are fantastic, putting in many hours, especially Ruth Place, the Manager, who origi-

nally helped me get involved in the paper," Cathy said. "It's been a real community project, a team effort, with great support from sponsors like Hazelwood and Monash and all of the advertisers."

"The practical support provided to the paper by the university is also fantastic, especially from the journalism department. Liz Hart has provided a lot of assistance and is an enthusiastic supporter of the paper."

"The Latrobe Valley Express, which print the paper, provided an enormous amount of technical help and willingly assisted me to learn the necessary computer programs," Cathy said.

The paper's Manager Ruth Place and Editor Val Prokopiv are extremely pleased that a member of the team has received this award.

"She was an invaluable member of the team and we really appreciate all the hard work she put in," Val said. "We are all delighted that Cathy has won this award. She really deserves it."

Cathy hopes to pursue a career in journalism and the placement has provided much needed experience.

"I would highly recommend to other students that they consider completing their placement with the newspaper because it provides plenty of practical experience and gives students a level of responsibility."

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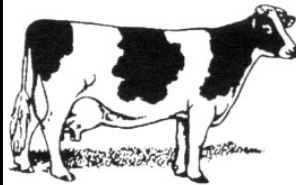
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Contemporary Art Works on Display

By RAE-ANNE VINCENT, Gallery Co-ordinator arcYinnar

Tomorrow, on 9th May arcYinnar will be opening a special exhibition for Russian artist ELLINA LAPOVOK. It is titled 'ARMAGEDDON'.

It will commence at 7.30 in our large Gallery space at arc, Main Street in Yinnar.

Ellina's statement "is the struggle of an individual against various facts of life which is registered in these paintings. The artwork deals with personal dilemmas and a fight of the good and evil (ARMAGEDDON) within oneself.

The body of work is evocative of the personal memory and imagination, dreamlike, it reflects of what might yet be.

An attempt is made to penetrate one's consciousness where the borders between different times have blended, and self is

reconstructed into something whole and organised, yet worthless, complex and contradictory.

Everything has meaning and purpose, yet, it cannot always be explained logically, as its logic coincides with infinity."

Ellina has held exhibitions in such places as 'Chiara' Gallery in Fitzroy, Manyung Gallery in Mount Elisa, and at Monash in Caulfield.

'ARMAGEDDON' will be on display until the 21 May. Come and enjoy an interesting evening viewing these bright, bold works.

Entry is by gold coin donation. A light supper and wood fire will be provided.

For further information contact arc on tel: 5163 1310, fax:

51631524 or e-mail us on arcYinnar@net-tech.com.au. You can visit our website at www.arcYinnar.org.au.

Our hours are Monday and Tuesday 9 - 3, Wednesday 11 - 3, Thursday 11 - 6, Friday 1 - 5, Saturday 11 - 3 or by appointment.



Gallery Arc, Yinnar



FEDERAL Minister for Science, the Hon. Peter McGauran, launched the Latrobe Innovation Festival Following the precision Parachute jump on Monday at the Latrobe Regional Airport.

The Festival will highlight innovation in

Latrobe, which is home to Gippsland Aeronautics and Janine.

The Festival will showcase 25 examples of innovation in business, community, the arts and tourism, from promoting Gippsland's all-year warm water pondage

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Innovation Festival

to sailing and boating enthusiasts, to football for people with disabilities, and the launch of the Italian Chamber of Commerce Desk in Latrobe to maximise international business opportunities.

"People are the Latrobe Valley's greatest resource and the festival is about helping people in business, community and the arts identify and capitalise on good ideas" said

Richard Hancock, Chairperson of the Marketing Advisory Panel and Latrobe City Chief executive officer.

Letter to the Editor

Is profit more important than service?

WE see services cut by closure all too often.

The latest cost cutting exercise is Churchill's mail sorting rooms in West Place Shopping Centre.

Sorting will be relocated to Morwell and this will no doubt effect the service we expect from Australia Post causing delays due to added shipment and staff travel times before any deliveries can take place.

Most businesses now reduce the time

of "payments required by" dates for payment of bills and ask yourself what if the mail boxes are not ready when you stop to pick up your mail on your way to work and that important urgent letter has to wait till evening? Yes, if the sorting of Churchill's mail is relocated you can expect delays of 24 to 48 hours.

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Saturday Breakfast

By KEITH ENDERS

THE Co-Operating Churches in Churchill hold a monthly Saturday Breakfast, usually on the last Saturday of the month. It consists of a simple breakfast starting at 7.30am, which is then followed by a guest speaker. The speakers have come from a variety of backgrounds and organisations, for example, from emergency services,, voluntary organisations, local politicians and councillors as well as people taking about their own interests, hobbies or travels.

The Breakfast for May will be held on Saturday 24 at the Co-Operating Churches, Williams Avenue. Mr David Quinn the CEO of International Power Hazelwood will be the guest speaker. He will be outlining the mine developments and projects for Hazelwood.

If you are interested in attending please let Keith Enders know by Thursday 22 May on 5122 1148 or by e-mail at kenders@net-tch.com.au. The cost is a \$2.00 donation.

A \$20.00 NOTE

By PASTOR TONY MARSDEN

Churchill Christian Fellowship

IF I have a \$20.00 note to give away and took it and began to fold it into small squares, would you still want it? Or if it took that \$20.00 note and crumpled it up in my hand then threw it on the ground and proceeded to grind it into the ground with my food would you still want it?

No matter how brutal I am to this note, it does not lose its value.

That can be like us, we can make some dreadful decisions and some terrible mistakes. We can have a life messed

up by all sorts of things from abuse to rejection. But no matter what has happened, we still do not lose value in God's eyes.

We might look dirty and crumpled, we might look neat and tidy, but to God we are priceless. Psalm 17:8 states that God keeps us "as the apple of His eye".

Sometimes our lives don't look like we are worth much to anybody, but to God we have value, that's why! He gave His Son for us.

Next time you look in the mirror remember, just how valuable you are!!!

Boolarra/Yinnar Parish Trivia Night

By RAE BILLING

OUR Trivia night at Yinnar Community Hotel on 23rd May is coming up fast.

Ring me or Win on 5163 1222 to book a table of 8 of your cleverest friends/relatives.

You might like to have a yummy meal at the pub beforehand and be ready for 8pm start.

It will be lots of fun, with prizes and games during the night.

Easter services in the parish were well attended, especially the Walk of Witness

on Good Friday with our friends from Yinnar Catholic Church.

The Gilbert and Sullivan afternoon on 27th April was a successful and happy time, with wonderful singing.

I wasn't too familiar with the songs (I knew "Three Little Maids From School" and "A Policeman's Lot Is Not A Happy One") but they were all great.

We send our best wishes to Sheila Crookston of Yinnar, who badly injured her left hand in a fall. Get well soon!

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Maple Crescent, Churchill.

Pastor Tony or Hermanna Marsden:

5122 2777

Sunday: 10.00am

Ladies Meeting: Tuesday 10.00am

Co-Operating Churches Snippets

By RUTH PLACE

THE Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 30th March at 7:00p.m., where the reports of the various church groups were presented and endorsed.

It was also announced that for the first time in many moons, the church is debt free. This is cause for celebration!

On Thursday 3rd and 10th April, from 12:15 - 1:15pm, between 53 and 56 children from Grades 1/2 and 3/4 at Churchill Primary School, attended our Easter Club. There were 15 helpers on each day. We, the children and the helpers, all had a great time. The hard work of preparation was worth every second to see the happy faces and the 100% eager participation of the children in the range of provided craft activities.

The Christian viewpoint of Easter was emphasised, with not one mention of a small furry animal. New Life was the theme.

We would like to thank Rob Higgins, Principal, and the Staff, for allowing us the opportunity to present our program.

The Community Fair was a success with a steady stream of people coming through. The combined churches of Churchill, along with Awakening/Fusion support, supplied free fun activities, including a wind tunnel and craft.

The Latrobe Valley Rockers gave a dancing demonstration. A program of other musical entertainment took place throughout the day. It was all ably held together by M.C. Mike Answerth.

The Co-Operating Church was capably represented by some hardworking organisers and helpers.

Mary Austin shared her experiences of travel in

Scotland, The Orkney Islands and Shetland Islands, on Tuesday 8th April at Ladies Fellowship.

Mary gave an interesting talk, illustrated by a video, taken while on the trip.

Easter Services began with the Tenebrae Service on Tuesday of Holy Week.

The short service of readings, with the gradual extinguishing of candles on beautifully made candelabra, was a deeply moving time. Both members of the Co-Operating Churches and Lumen Christie took part in the service.

On Good Friday, the congregation attended a short, but thought-provoking service, prepared by Ivy Goodwin. This was followed by the Walk of Witness around Churchill streets and Shopping Centre. Again, both parishes participated. Back at the Church we shared in morning tea with Hot Cross Buns.



Easter Club: Students from Churchill Primary School enjoy the Co-Operating Churches Easter Club



Oxfam Community Aid Abroad

By ANN RUSHTON

A LOCAL branch meeting was held in the home of Wendy Brown in March to discuss various fundraising activities for the year, which we hope, will be of interest to a wide section of people in the community.

We said goodbye to Wendy who was to leave in early April on a guided tour of a few Oxfam Community Aid projects in Vietnam. A visit to a Christian Mission in much need of supplies was included. Members gave money for two bikes to be purchased by those in charge of the Mission. Art supplies were brought for the older school children along with baby goods and packs of shampoo and conditioner that are considered as luxury items.

We wished Wendy a safe and happy trip and look forward to hearing news of her travels on her return.

A short meeting was held in April followed by an informal games night that was complemented by a delicious supper at the home of Ms Judith McDonald. This was enjoyed by all. Never missing an opportunity to raise money a gold coin donation was made on entry.

The first community fundraiser kicks off with our Annual Autumn Dinner to be held at the Warratah Restaurant near Kernot Hall, starting at 6.30pm on Wednesday 14th May. Hospitality students prepare a wonderful menu consisting of a selection of appetisers and a choice of entries, main course and desert.

A raffle will be held with the prize being a dinner for two kindly donated by the Manager.

If you and your friends wish to book a table, telephone Roborn on 5169 6494.

Our June function will be held at the Co-operating Church who kindly offers their facilities to our group every year. Two guest speakers will talk about their teaching experiences in the tertiary area of education while in China in recent years.

The date is set for Wednesday 4th June starting at 6.30pm. A donation of \$10 will include a selection of home made Chinese food to compliment the theme for the evening. Please ring Roborn on 5169 5694 for catering purposes.



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House Fires

By RUTH PLACE

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NOW the cause of fires is centred in the home not the surrounding countryside.

Some common causes of fire can be easily turned from a hazard to safe practice, with a sensible approach.

1. Kitchen Stoves. Look at yours. Do you have electrical cords, oven cloths, curtains, tea-towels and hand towels a safe distance from the stove top? In the event of a fire, these will make excellent fuel!

Do you wear long flowing sleeves, such as on dressing gowns, when you cook? Gas stoves particularly are hazardous in that case.

When you are cooking and the phone rings, or you are called out suddenly, or a child calls out, do you quickly take the pan off the stove and turn it off? NEVER leave the stove unattended when it is on.

2. Faulty Wiring. Look at your power points. Are they overloaded with double adapters and power boards? They can short and start a fire. Do you have safety switches installed? Have you used the correct fuses?

A qualified electrician should do any electrical wiring. You and your family's safety are at risk.

3. Electrical Appliances. Faulty appliances cause fires. Either have them repaired, or get rid of them. Destroy them

before you dispose of them so someone else isn't tempted to use them!

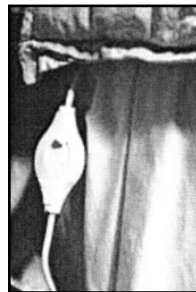
If you pick up an electrical appliance at a garage sale or market, have it assessed professionally before you use it.

Cords placed under rugs are a hazard. Faulty plugs and cords should be replaced.

If a fire starts, turn off the power at the power point or switchboard IF IT IS SAFE TO DO SO!

4. Electric Blankets. They burn! Turn off the electric blanket while you sleep. Never leave the house without switching them off.

Weighty objects on a bed, like a laptop, kids school books, sporting equipment, or a pet, can cause the electric blanket to overheat which can cause a fire.



Electric blankets should be checked by an authorized repairer or service centre if you suspect a fault.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for care and storage.

Inspect your electric blanket annually. NOW is a good time!

Next month we will look at some more potential fire hazards in the home. In the meantime: BE FIRE AWARE AND THEREFORE FIRE SAFE!

Union picket lifted at Precinct

THE picket line at the Education Precinct construction site at Monash University was lifted on Monday.

Monash Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Brian Mackenzie has assured unions that a meeting of all

the parties involved in the dispute will be arranged sometime this week.

The picket line was established by the CFMEU and the CEPU because of safety concerns and time frame issues.

The unions are also concerned about the future of the engineering course at Monash Gippsland and the

need to maximise the use of local labour on the project.

Professor Mackenzie has said that the Education Department is responsible for the project but that the university is prepared to assist in any way it can to insure there are no further delays.

The precinct is due to open at the beginning on next year.

Fancy going fishing?

IN April the Associated Angling Club held their monthly competition in perfect autumn weather at Woodside beach.

It was very well attended with anglers from 3 years to 60+. The biggest catch on the surf, however, was seaweed. Undaunted the club packed up and moved to Port Albert to fish off the Jetty.

"It was just one of those things" said Rod Slocom, president of the club. "The lines were getting tangled in the seaweed and no one was catching any fish. We had a lot more success at Port Albert".

In May the Club will be going to Warratah Bay. The Angling Club's general meeting will be held this Saturday, May 10 at Churchill Hotel. Anyone interested should telephone Rod Slocom on 51222189 or Peter Prokopiv on 51222589.

"We are always looking for new members," said Peter Prokopiv, Vice-President. "We welcome families and are happy to teach youngsters the art of fishing!"



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What YOU can do about your tax refund!

Most people think that there's nothing they can do about improving their tax refund.

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John, on the other hand has a high income, at just over \$100,000 each year. His tax refund has been almost \$40,000 each year for several years. And to achieve this

he has had to buy good assets and investments.

It is usually the method used to acquire investments which results in such good consistent income tax refunds. Dainbridge Financial Services has been helping John for many years, and whilst he gives the credit to them for good advice, they think that the credit is due to him for holding on to his good job when others have taken packages.

Most people have family incomes between Sue's at the low end, and John's at the top. However Dainbridge Financial Services are public accountants and investment advisers who are happy to assist people whatever their income level is, as long as they seriously want to make progress towards a stronger financial future. The first consultation is FREE!

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- ❖ Accommodation in Marysville
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Notes From Churchill Primary



From the Principal Team

I am very pleased to announce that John Turner has been appointed as the Assistant Principal at Churchill Primary School. John has been doing this job, in an acting capacity, for many years and certainly deserves the permanent job.

This brings to an end the many years of uncertainty with the leadership team at Churchill Primary School and as we move into a new School Charter this year we do so with a new enthusiastic leadership team and a fantastic, professional group of teachers. John's appointment is for the next 5 years.

New Prep Teacher

We have been very fortunate in gaining the services of Mrs Debbie Richardson as a Prep teacher for the rest of the year.

Debbie is an experienced teacher who has been

working in Kakadu, Northern Territory for the last few years and has returned home to the Latrobe Valley.

This means that we will have a team of six teachers working in our Early Years Unit.

Values for Life

Our first value for this term is Honesty. It is not always easy to be honest, we have all told little fibs at one time or another, but in the end it pays to be honest with people at all times.

What does this mean? Honesty is being truthful and trustworthy. It means that you can be relied on not to lie or cheat.

Honesty means telling the truth regardless of consequences.

If we tell lies about people to get them into trouble, or if we spread rumours about people, we are not being honest and we are bullying.

This Month at Hazelwood

By IAN DRYSDALE, Principal
ACTIVITIES and events happening at Hazelwood North Primary this month include:

A group of parents have been busy removing the old basketball goal posts and are about to erect new ones.

Our Parents' Club held a very successful Easter Raffle and are preparing for the Mothers Day stall.

Students enjoyed the special Fish and Chip luncheon organised by Parents' Club on the last day of school

Year 5 and 6 students are undertaking Bike Education.

Grades 45 and 56 will be visiting the Toora Wind Farm next week.

May 13 is the date for the school's Open Morning and will include a dance performance by students in Years 3 to 6.

The Life Education Van will visit later in the month.

Over 20 students will be competing in the Cross Country at Churchill.

Pictured: Easter hats at Hazelwood North



Kurnai Information Night



THE Parents and Friends Association are pleased to be able to fund two new ceiling fans at a cost of \$700.00 and answer a request from the Library for the purchase of Atlas's. \$350.00 will be given to the Library.

The next meeting of the Association will be on Tuesday 20 May at 8.00pm in the Staffroom.

Information Night

Parents of students interested in attending Kurnai

College Churchill in 2004 are invited to an information night on Wednesday 21st May 2003 at 7.00pm in the Churchill Campus Library.

Everyone is invited. Light refreshments will be available.

The Principal, Year 7 Co-ordinator, Student Welfare Co-ordinator and other staff will be there to answer your questions.

Kid's Biz After School Care



By MARK LONGMUIR, Manager, Community Services.

ANGLICARE Gippsland is pleased to announce that we will be operating an after school and vacation care program for families of primary school aged children in the Churchill and Hazelwood North school catchment areas. The service will be offered initially on a three month trial period and will be reviewed after this period to determine whether we can provide an ongoing service. Obviously your support of the program will be crucial in securing its future.

The service is being established in partnership with Churchill Primary School and will operate from the multi purpose room located at the school.

Whenever your work commitments mean you require childcare, or you are looking for fun activities for children, Kid's Biz is the place! Kid's Biz provides a childcare program for children within a positive, stimulating, safe and secure environment that encourages their physical and social development.

As an introductory offer all new families enrolling in the program will receive a 10% discount off their bill for the duration of the trial period.

SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERD:

How much Child Care Benefit Rebate will I receive?

The Kid's Biz program is an Approved Child Care service and families using or service are eligible for Child Care Benefit Rebate. Child Care Benefit Rebate is calculated on a sliding scale based on income. As you would expect the less you earn the greater the level of benefit. Once Child Care Benefit has been applied to your bill, average wage earners can expect to pay between \$1.60 and \$2.30 (out of their own pockets) per hour per child for after school and vacation care.

Do I have to make a permanent booking?

No! Permanent bookings are welcome if you have regular work, education or other commitments that mean you require after school care for your children, however casual bookings for one off or occasional care can also be taken.

How do I book?

Once you have completed the enrolment process simply ring the number for the Churchill service and make a booking. Short notice is not a problem as long as we

know in enough time before school ends to expect your child/ren. If the worker is not available simply leave a message on the message bank.

How is the program staffed?

We have 2 trained workers at each of our sites to ensure maximum safety and quality of care. Staff are responsible for developing a fun and enjoyable program of activities for the children while ensuring their safety and security at all times.

How am I billed for the service?

Our accounting system operates on a fortnightly billing system and families have a further 14 days to make payment. Once you have applied for Child Care Benefit and we receive notification of the level of subsidy for your family, you will only be billed for your portion of the account, we then claim the rest back from the Family Assistance Office.

How do I pay my bill?

You can pay your bill directly at the service when you pick up your children or you can send payments to our Morwell Office.

When will the new Churchill service begin operating?

Once we have received firm bookings for between 6-8 children for most nights we can begin providing a service. We expect that we will be operation in the third or fourth week in May, but it may be earlier if demand is really high.

How do I enrol my child/ren?

Step 1: Enrolment. Obtain a Kid's Biz enrolment form from the school office and return it to our Morwell office in person at 65 Church Street, Morwell or by Post to PO Box 959, Morwell 3840.

Step 2: Register for Child Care Benefit (If you have not already done so). Applications and further information is available from Centrelink or the Family Assistance Office on 13 6150 or visit their website on www.familyassist.gov.au.

Step 3: Make a booking: Bookings will initially need to be made at our Morwell Office by phoning 5133 9998. Once the service is operational bookings can be made direct to the Churchill program on 0438 075 763.

For more information contact the Morwell Office on 5133 9998. We are here to help!

Koolies Coupons for Churchill North Primary

By collecting coupons from Tip Top Sunblest bread packs the Churchill North can win some fantastic rewards.

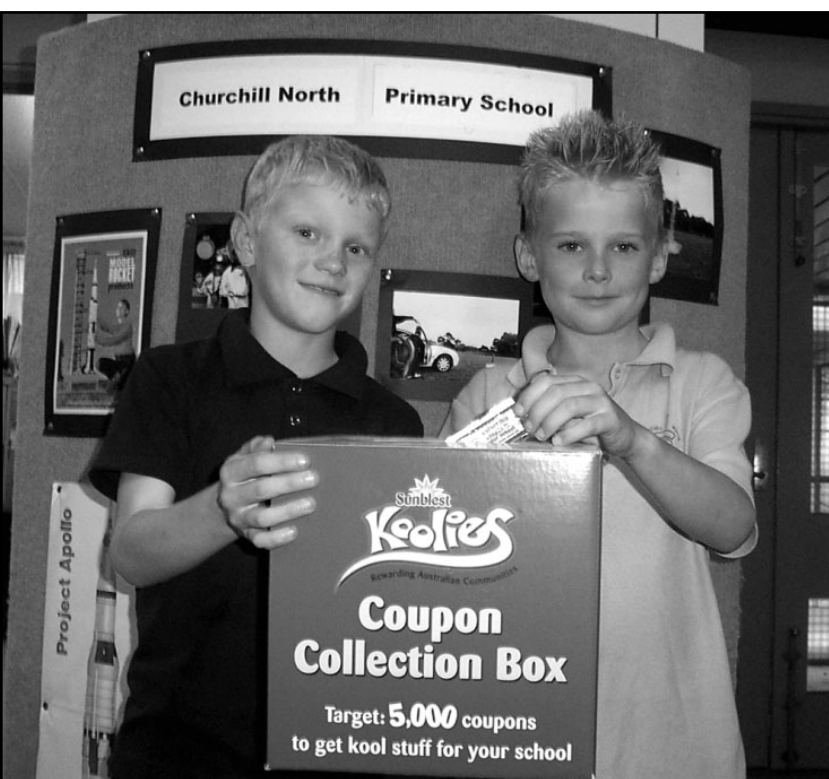
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So ask nan, pop, aunts, uncles and your friends to collect "Koolies Coupons" and caps for our school.

We have arranged drop-off boxes for coupons at the following places:

- Churchill Primary School
- Lumen Christi Primary School
- Acacia Way Service Station
- Hazelwood Village Foodworks

You can also put coupons in the Churchill & District News drop-off boxes and they will be passed on to the school.



Matthew Lugton and Daniel Beyer with one of the Koolies Collection Boxes for Coupons



Pictured: Wendy Brown

Travel Tales From Vietnam

By WENDY BROWN

WHEN you visit Vietnam you hit the jackpot with history, scenery, friendly people, beaches and gastronomical delights! Vietnam excels in all these.

We experienced the dynamic and vibrant Hi Chi Minh City, the quiet backwaters of the Mekong Delta, where we were fortunate to experience a home-stay, complete with a traditional banquet of local delicacies, the quaint sleepy French hill station of Dalat, known as

“Petit Paris”, (complete with a mini Eiffel Tower garishly lit up at night), the white sandy beaches and islands of Nha Trang, the World heritage site of Hoi An, with its beautifully restored and preserved shop-houses, Hoi An is a shopping mecca, where you can have your favourite clothing outfit copied and made up in a few hours.

I was lucky to be there on the night of the full moon, and observed the ceremony of floating candles down the river to honour lost ancestors. We climbed Marble Mountain with its myriad of caves used by the Viet Cong during the war, and China Beach, white sand stretching for miles, with not a resort in sight! We visited the Imperial Capital of Hue, with its Citadel, badly damaged during the War, then cruising the Perfume River to visit the Emperors' tombs and the stately Then Mu Pagoda, spent a day on the backs of Motos (motor-bikes which

we rented out from the locals) zipping through rice paddies, visiting a monastery, and a vegetarian lunch with the Buddhist Nuns.

An experience was the overnight Reunification Express travelling to Hanoi (13 hours). Hanoi, (my favourite capital city in the world) has tree-lined boulevards, natural lakes and fading French architecture. I found a lovely old hotel in the Old Quarter - \$30 a night for two of us which included breakfast, a basket of fruit every day, CNN television, a balcony, with marvellous views of the city, the downside being 84 steps and no lift! But great for the fitness!

A highlight was a bus trip to Haiphong to catch the crowded local ferry to Cat Ba Island in the World Heritage Site of Halong Bay, where we cruised through the limestone islets, explored caves filled with formations of stalactites and stalagmites, then swam in the warm emerald waters. Back to our lovely old hotel in Hanoi for a few days of relaxation and shopping before our flight home.

The Princess The Dragon and Churchill Guides!

GIPPS GUIDES

THE Gipps Guide Unit formed seven years ago, first meeting at the Hazelwood Hall on Tramway road. Aimed primarily at older Youth guiding Members, the Gipps Guides have slowly grown and expanded its horizons. The membership base caters for the ages of 18 – 30 years, with girls from 16 onwards closely involved as linking members. The Gipps Guides is aimed at broadening social networks and in a relaxed atmosphere so those members can kick back and relax. Members are not required to register as a leader or take on a leadership position, however members are able to do both leadership and be a member of Gipps Guides.

Over the years, the Gipps Guides have actively participated in many different events, such as ANZAC Day, Biggest Morning Cuppa, Save the Koala, Clean Up Australia, Red Cross Calling and Australia Day. Events coming up are the Wallhalla Lightweight Expedition, Bowling, Lorraine Glazebrook Shield and ‘The Matrix Reloaded’ fundraising night.

WIZARD EXPRESS 2003

The eight to twelve year old Guides are off to the Wizard Express in June. In 2002, two Guides went for five days. They swung in the trees, used ropes to scale the heights, created mayhem and bedlam, enjoyed some theme craft work, had fun along challenge valley, picnicked on the cubby houses and ate until they were full.

When they came back they helped in recreating what they had done at the Camp and their meeting time went bush, crating rope bridges, swings, ladders, bush walking, camping, river walking and so forth.

More girls are hoping to attend this year.

CHURCHILL FETE

By FIONA EDWARDS

Just before the holidays, we had the pleasure of holding a stall at the annual Churchill Fete. We started at 10 o'clock after some fun setting up the shade house, we proceeded to face-paint until 3pm. We also had Messages from the Heart which was an activity created by the Thursday Night Guides.

Face painting is a favourite activity of myself and our unit, we face paint at a number of different events to which we are invited. In the past this has included Morwell and Churchill Australia Day Celebrations and recently we also participated in the Peace Picnic held in Morwell.

ANZAC DAY

For some attending the ANZAC Day marches it was a first. Supported by their peers those people attending the memorials laid wreaths, placed crosses and remembered those who fought for this and country and New Zealand's way of life.

The emotions and comradeship touched each participant.

PEACE PICNIC

Attending the Peace Rallies around the valley members met diverse communities coming together in the name of peace. The Gipps Guides attended the Morwell Picnic with their face painting kit. The theme for the day was butterflies, as every second child wanted one! Other faces were tigers with bullet holes, people with bruises and blood dripping down from open wounds.

FAMILY COUNTRY & WESTERN NIGHT

Put August 16 in your diary for the Family Country and Western Night. This WILL be a night to remember!

FRIEND OF GUIDING

Who said you couldn't join in the fun at Guiding? All adults can. Becoming a Friend of Guiding not only covers you for insurance purposes but allows you to join in the fun at a State and local level. The cost is minimal

while opportunities are astronomical?

For more information on activities, events, or becoming a member of Churchill Guide Unit (5 – 17 year olds) The Gipps Guide Unit (18-30), The Lynx Trefoil Guild or Friend of Guiding telephone Susan on 5122 1511 or 5122 3567 or Fax 51221813.

THE PRINCESS STORY

By CHURCHILL GUIDE UNIT

This is an outline of a story written by Guides from Grade Two to Six. Now the Guides are to experience and research everything they think fits in with this theme before the end of the year.

By December a book based on these experiences will be collated. How many things from this wish list can you see happening?

The basic story is about a Princess who is trapped in a dungeon by a dragon. Why? Because the dragon was jealous of the Princess. Especially since the Princesses birthday was coming up in one more day.

The dungeon was all dirty with spiders and cobwebs and clothes and skeletons, old thistles, old mushie garden scraps, dust mites, dust maggots, mice and rats (dead or alive), bull ants, worms and dirt, and one scungy old bed.

There were big holes in the only sheet left. Daily the sheets had got washed. Now it never seems to be dry before she has to lie on it and go to sleep.

Her skirt, now falling to pieces, is too thin to wash.

The material was woven from flax.

Needles were made from skeleton bones sharpened on rocks. The thread came from the ears of corn. Some pretty stones were sewn on too.

The Princess cannot stand the meals the dragon cooks for her – burnt frothy snails on toast and witchetty grubs. Phew. Yuck!

Like her room at home she cannot keep the dungeon clean. Making things dies not keep her busy all the time. She was dusting the place with a broom made of old thistles, tied up with strips of old clothing torn from other people's clothes who had died trying to escape.

That's how the trap door is discovered. The Princess plans an escape now through the trap door found in the roof. Step one – to make a ladder out of clothes, sticks and planks of wood ripped out of the wall. And a swing bridge.

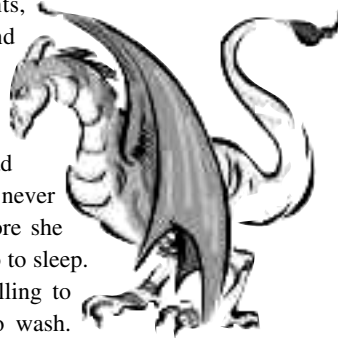
There was a storm that night making more noise than any party she might organise. While escaping, the Princess decides against swimming a huge, huge river with big, big waves. Going by boat is easier even if she tips over.

At the other end, she gets out of the water and hikes for help. Sleep tonight will mean sleeping under the stars and staying warm in the snow.

Days later, about to slip down into the volcanic lava the Princess discovers that dragon feels sorry for what she has done. The dragon got lonely too. As the Princess tumbles down the dragon swoops down and rescues her by the front of her shirt.

The Princess hugs and kisses the dragon with her thanks. Now they both go to the party, the Princess on the back of the dragon.

The Churchill Guides will keep you posted as the year moves on. If your daughter is interested in joining in on our living story let us know! It will be a lot of fun.




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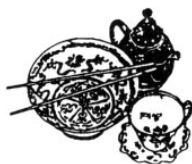
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Strzelecki Bushwalking Club

Walk Report - Walhalla 27 April
By RAY CONNOR

THE five of us, Eileen, Jane, Meagan, Colin and myself met at Thompson's Bridge with a view a pleasant piece of foraging up Stringers Creek till we struck the Walhalla Township.

Scrambling alongside the creek banks in places, rock hopping in others, the goal turned to see who'd keep their feet driest the longest. As ever, nature had the overwhelming final say by presenting us with a thigh deep pool with no other sane option but to traverse it. So it was, sloshing away in our sodden boots until near Walhalla where we assured ourselves any more foot drenching times had passed.

Three little (but awkward) cascades presented greater challenges for some, but as always with a team effort, we scaled them with both body and nerves remaining intact. Three-quarters up the creek there was a 50 metre long crescent shaped

tunnel through which some of us ventured. By squatting, travel through the tunnel was relatively uncomplicated.

After a brief break at a now disused picnic site, we ambled past the rail station at Walhalla, walking on the creek bed through the tunnel under the main road.

Some had flashes of being in the midst of the London underground sewers at high tide! Then onto another brief stop at the township's café and a stroll amongst the graves at the Walhalla Cemetery.

Having spruced ourselves up, we strolled along the Alpine Walking Track to reach our starting point, Thompson's Bridge. En route, we contemplated (and lamented) on the bewilderment and frustrations adolescents seem so adept at thrusting upon others to the whereabouts of Ben Buckle's lost plane.

Arrival at Thompson's Bridge heralded a rather bizarre surprise: it provided the onlookers with a grand

view of some poor soul's predicament of having his new car plunge into the flowing waters of the Thompson.

Given the precarious position of the car (and probably the driver too!) slowly, but steadily, being consumed by the rising river, we were momentarily unsure whether to exact a wry smile or wallow in his (undoubtedly) despair. The whole scenario left us somewhat dumfounded.

How could anyone manage such a feat? Clearly, someone could - and did! Isn't it funny how we find amusement in tragedy - until it happens to us!

Anyone interested in Bushwalking Club activities can contact Rob on 56325 3586, or mobile: 04382 79556.



Chess Club Warming up for State Schools Competition



By DON WALTERS
Secretary

THE club president, Eddie Wagner, was the adjudicator at the very successful schools warm up chess competition, held at Mirboo North Secondary School on Tuesday, April 8.

Lynne Hardy organized the event to give the school teams match practice before the official state schools competition to be held in June. Lynne and her helpers are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Last year, Boolarra Primary School, amazingly, finished third in the competition. It was an outstanding performance considering it was their first try in the event, and they did not have any experience in

match play.

In the warm up event held on Tuesday, 17 teams of four competed in the rapid play competition.

Mirboo North Secondary School entered five teams, and three teams were entered from the Primary School. Warragul Regional College was represented by three teams and there was a team each from Traralgon East, Traralgon West, Boolarra, Lowanna and Churchill.

Mirboo North Secondary School A Team won the tournament scoring 16 points out of a possible 20. Warragul Regional College A Team finished second with 14 1/2, and Boolarra gain performed well to finish in third place with 13 1/2 points.

Matthew Potter won all five of

his games and was the top player in the event.

Matthew is also leading the club championship. He is undefeated and is leading with 3 1/2 points after four rounds. Ian Hamilton is in second place with 2 1/2 points, with one adjourned game.

The club meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm at the Fun Shed.

Experienced players will be available to give coaching to beginners on club nights.

For further information phone Eddie Wagner on 5122 2301, Ian Hamilton on 5134 1971 or Don Walters on 5122 1836.

Heritage Value of Trees Being Assessed

LATROBE City Council is undertaking a study of significant trees throughout the municipality to introduce a degree of protection through the planning scheme against unnecessary removal or destruction.

Latrobe City's Senior Strategic Planner, Elaine Wood, said the trees are being assessed on their scientific, aesthetic, historical and cultural values, with the study covering indigenous and introduced species.

"The region offers a considerable number of pockets of remnant bushland and individual native specimens. Many were once endemic to the woodland and grasslands hugging the Latrobe River Valley, the foothills of the Strzeleckis and Great Dividing Range prior to European settlement. However, these days they can be quite rare," Ms Wood explained.

"A number of trees also reflect the development of the region in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, as early settlers make their mark on the land, planting specimen trees around their homesteads for shade, as a source of food, or even to remind them of the countries they had left behind," Ms Wood explained.

Parks Officer John Ruyg, said the specimen trees originally came from all over the world, from Europe, The Americas, Northern Asia, the Mediterranean, China and Japan. However, they particularly aroused the interest of European botanists in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries like Sir Joseph Banks, and as new species were discovered, seed was collected, taken to

arboretums such as at Kew, and soon began to grace the gardens of Europe. After European settlement in Australia, these specimen trees followed.

"The location of some older trees can often tell a tale of the people who went before. The people who planted them had a certain quality of foresight, because in many cases they must have known that they would never themselves live to see 'their' tree grow to its full potential. Perhaps they were planted more for others, who would come later, to enjoy.

While in many cases buildings and people have long gone, a small group of trees, an avenue or even a solitary specimen tree can sometimes signify a heritage link to school, farm or even a community that once existed.

"While most of the significant trees in our parks and reserves will be recognised as nominated by our own Council staff, we also welcome nominations from the public. There are a considerable number of trees in private gardens, in places such as schools, and on private farm properties that individuals know about, and take pride in, that should be included on the tree heritage register. Council would welcome nominations from citizens to identify these trees," Ms Wood added.

Nomination forms are available from Council Citizen Service Centres in Traralgon, Morwell and Moe, or can be downloaded from the Latrobe City website www.latrobe.vic.gov.au or by telephoning 1300 367 700.

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Sales are now on in earnest for this excellent concert so have you purchased a present for your wife for Mother's Day?

If not, order tickets and take her to the Neighbourhood Watch Concert at Kernot Hall on Wednesday June 18.

It commences at 7.30 p.m. so you have time for a beautiful dinner before you take in the enjoyment of the night.

You can purchase your tickets by contacting Sheryn Gray on 51222341 or Peter McShane on 51221745. For \$6.00 per head to have top class musicians entertain you, it has to be the best value going around!

RED SHIELD APPEAL

On Saturday & Sunday May 24 & 25, The Salvation Army will be conducting its annual Red Shield Appeal.

If you would like to give 2-3 hours to door knock and collect donations and issue receipts, please contact Captain Bruce Cassidy on 5133 9890

SPONSORS

The sponsor who provided our copy paper for our newsletters for the whole Neighbourhood Watch region, has advised us that they will not be providing us with that support this year and so we must look into other avenues.

If you wish to provide any level of sponsorship, or know of a potential sponsor, for an organisation that covers Communities from Traralgon to Drouin please contact me as shown below.

NEXT MEETING:

Don't forget we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting at 7:30pm on Thursday 15 May in the Neighbourhood House Room at the Churchill Leisure Centre.

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If you have answered NO to any of these questions then a free home loan health check could result in substantial savings.

For further information or to arrange a free consultation call Val Bormanis at Mortgage Choice on 5176 5566 or 0413 156 266

Hazelwood Guides Recycle Corks

A SPECIAL presentation ceremony for Faye Foley (Quokka) to receive her Ten Year Long Service Award and Georgia Mangano her Junior BP Award was held on Tuesday 1 April. The Baw Baw Region leader, Mrs Gwen Williams, made the presentations. We were delighted to be joined by family and friends.

Our unit joined the Churchill unit at the Community Fair on Saturday 5 April. We made flowers from tissues and owls that held sweets. Most children made flowers and pink was the popular colour. The Churchill Guides did face painting and were very busy all day. There was a queue of people patiently waiting their turn. We enjoyed the music and dancing presented by local artists.

ANZAC DAY

Our District has a small representation at Yinnar with the Yinnar Guides. We participated in the march to the cenotaph where guides placed flowers and carried crosses that were erected in the lawn area. From the cenotaph we moved into the hall for the service.

The Lorraine Galzbrook Afternoon of Fun will be held on Saturday 24 May, from 1.00pm to 4.00pm at

Hazelwood South Hall, Tramway Road. The day will be non-competitive this year, and will include rope activities with the Region leaders who have special skills in this area.

Guides Australia has been recycling corks for the past ten years. The corks are sold to ACL Comcork, an Australian owned company that uses the recycled cork to manufacture products such as floor tiles, horse float mats, boat decking, placemats, and 'inners' for cricket and hockey balls. Guides Australia has raised \$260,000 over the ten years and the money was used to upgrade facilities at guide campsites. Our local Region Campsite, Burnet Park, Glengarry West, has received a tent and outdoor cooking equipment.

If you have corks to recycle please contact a leader, give it to a guide, or deliver to the hall when the unit is meeting.

Our unit meets on Tuesdays from 4.00pm to 5.30pm in the Hazelwood South Hall, Tramway Road.

For further information contact Zelma Mildenhall on 5166 1264 or Faye Foley on 5122 1249.

What's On



FRIDAY 9 MAY – WEDNESDAY 21 MAY
ARC Yinnar. Exhibition by Russian Artist Ellina Lapovok "Armageddon".

SUNDAY MAY 11
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WEDNESDAY 14 MAY
WORKING With the Media – Community Groups Information Forum. 6.30pm. Italian/Australian Sporting Club, Princess Highway, Morwell. For more information Tel: Teresa Puglise on 1300 367 700
OXFAM Community Aid Abroad Annual Autumn Dinner. Warratah Restaurant. 6.30pm

THURSDAY 15 MAY
FOOTBALL for People with Disabilities Season Opener round 1: Traralgon Recreational Reserve, 9.30am – 11.30am. Linked with the West Gippsland Latrobe Football League and Quantum Support Services. Contact Andrew on 5174 5961.

FRIDAY 23 MAY
CLEAN up Day. Churchill SK8 Park. Free BBQ. 4.00pm.
BOOLARRA/YINNAR Trivia Night at Yinnar Community Hotel. 8.00pm start.
OLD Time Dance, Jeeralang North Hall. 8.00pm – 11.00pm. For more information ring 5166 1264

SATURDAY 24 MAY
LORRAINE Glazebrook Shield Day, Hazelwood District Guides
SATURDAY Breakfast, Co-Operating Church. Guest Speaker is David Quinn, CEO of Hazelwood Power. 7.30am start.

SATURDAY 24 / SUNDAY 25 MAY
RED Shield Appeal, Salvation Army

TUESDAY 27 MAY
GLENDONALD Residents Group General Meeting. 6.30pm. Glendonald Child and Maternal Health Care Centre, Churinga Drive, Churchill.

TUESDAY 3 JUNE
C.D.C.A Meeting. Link Room, Monash University. 7.30pm.

WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE
OXFAM Community Aid Abroad. Co-Operating Church, Williams Avenue, Churchill 6.30pm. Chinese evening.

SATURDAY 7th JUNE
GRACE Bruce Homes Auction Night, Masonic Lodge, Traralgon. 7.30pm For more information Tel: Kelly on 5175 0955

WEDNESDAY JUNE 18
NEIGHBOURHOOD Watch Concert, Kernot Hall. For more information Tel Peter McShane on 5122 1745

C.D.C.A

By PETER MCSHANE

THANK you for your comments, it tells me that you are reading what we have to say. It is also pleasing that these are not just platitudes but positive input to Community issues. I would be absolutely thrilled if some of you were able to find the time to attend some of our CDCA meetings to increase the range of inputs available on issues pertaining to our Community. Remember that a good committee is made up of individuals with generally common goals but often diverse ideas on how to attain those goals.

The BMX demonstration at Glendonald Park on Sunday 6 April was a great success with strong community support particularly from our Community's youth. Tremendous to see and congratulations to the Glendonald Residents Group and all concerned with the organisation of the day.

The grapevine tells us the swimming pool at the Churchill Leisure Centre is leaking seriously again, possibly aggravated by the abnormal soil conditions due to the drought.

The major concern is that if it closes it may never

reopen again given the difficulty in obtaining funds from our Council at present for work of this type. Let your local Councillors know your feelings on the importance of the pool for all members of our community regardless of age.

If you need more information about the CDCA, like to pass on your comments or feedback on what has been achieved and what is still needed in our town, then write to us at P.O. Box 191 Churchill 3842 or contact Secretary Peter McShane on 51221745 or e-mail petergmcshane@yahoo.com.au.

We extend an invitation to you to attend any of our meetings, and look forward to seeing you at any of our future meetings which commence at 7.30 p.m. in the Link room at Monash University. Dates for these are: Tuesday 6 May 2003,

- Tuesday 3 June 2003
- Tuesday 1 July 2003
- Tuesday 5 August 2003.
- Tuesday 2 September 2003,
- Tuesday 7 October 2003,
- Tuesday 4 November 2003.

Nominations Open For Regional Achievers Awards

THE 2003 Victorian Aloca Regional Achievers Awards and The Kleenheat Gas Community of the Year Award are now open. Latrobe City Council Mayor, Graeme Middlemiss, officially launched the Awards at the Council Offices on Wednesday 30th April 2003.

The regional awards program encourages, acknowledges and rewards the valuable contribution individuals and communities are making throughout regional Victoria.

Aloca is offering five individual Regional Achievement Awards, each winner receiving a \$1,000 grant and trophy.

Kleenheat Gas will also recognise a specific community project, group, organisation, city, town or local government initiative. The winning community or group will receive a perpetual trophy

and a community plaque.

Anyone interested in nominating individuals, communities and organisations that have made a significant contribution to regional and rural Victoria through their hard work and dedication is urged to do so.

Nominations should present a significant positive image of a local area and be an outstanding role model to the wider Victorian community.

Nomination forms are available through coupons in the Weekly Times, from Southern Cross Ten, Aloca World Alumina Australia, Portland Aluminium, Kleenheat Gas Houses, Coates Wreair Offices or by phoning Verna Withers at the Awards Office on 1300 733 788, or visit www.awardsaustralia.com.

Nominations close on Friday 11 June.

Water Rebates

By RAE BILLING

SOME of our readers may be eligible for the Carted Water Rebate recently announced by the State Government. To be eligible you have to hold a Pensioner Concession Card, Health Care Card or Veteran's Affairs Gold Card and have

spent at least \$120.00 between 1.10.02 and 30.6.03 on buying non-mains water.

the rebate is \$79.00, so it would be helpful in the present drought.

More details can be obtained by calling Department of Human Services on 1800 133 014.



THE MS Readathon has been running for 23 years to help raise funds for MS Victoria. There are lots of prizes to be won by reading and raising funds for people with Multiple Sclerosis.

39,000 students helped to raise a massive \$2.1 million dollars in 2002. This year we are hoping to raise \$3 million.

If you would like to join here is what you do:

Pick up a kit and entry forms from any library. Or you can register on line at www.msreadathon.org.au.

Once you have registered you can start asking people to sponsor you.

Start reading on Monday 16 June. Read as many books as you can, the more books you read, the more money you raise, the better the prizes.

Keep a list of books and get a parent or guardian to initial each one.

Stop reading on Friday 25 July and count how many books you have read. Collect the money from your sponsors - but please don't forget to say thank you to them! Fill in the details on the return form and send it to the MS Society.

Parents and adults can also join in! So have fun reading!

Jeeralang Old Time Dance

ON Friday 23 May there will be an Old Time Family Dance at Jeeralang North Hall. Music will be provided by Harmony Plus. There is a good floor and supper will be provided (please bring a

plate). It starts at 8.00pm and finishes at 11.30pm. The cost is \$5.00 for adults. All are welcome.

For more information please ring Zelma Mildenhall in 5166 1264.

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Litter and the Law

Under Victoria's Environment Protection Act 1970, littering is illegal. The law relating to littering in Victoria has been strengthened, with increased new penalties.

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Cigarette Butts. Cigarette butts are the most common form of litter and it is not unusual to see large numbers of butts outside office buildings and at public transport stops.

----- Youth Yard -----

20 Questions on GOOD CHARLOTTE



KELLIE MALOY TALKING TO MATT SPOSITO

GOOD Charlotte came to Australia in May for a series of concerts. This popular American band have gained a growing number of devoted fans around the world. One of them lucky enough to go to their Melbourne concert was Year Ten student Kellie Maloy. Here are twenty questions Kellie answered for Matt Sposito about the concert and the band.

1. What was it like to be at an actual live concert? The whole room was wet with sweat after the first 20 minutes...apart from that it was the best experience of my life!

2. What did they sound like live? I like the album better but because the music is on a more intimate level.

3. Did you get to talk to them? No

4. Did you get their autographs? No, but I got the autographs of Jake, the lead singer of 'Something For Numbers', and Ella Hooper who was their watching the concert.

5. Do their CDs sound better than them live? The CDs are good because you can chill out to them whenever and however loud you want it, but it's not like the experience of being less than a metre away from the creators of the music. The concerts are better because there is the connection with the musicians, but there is also the worry of the stupidity of other people. Some people just go sick in the mosh pit.

6. What was the mosh pit like? Like being put in a

room that contains a sea of teenage fans that are drenched with sweat, and screaming their lungs out and you're trying to jump up and down in the middle of it.

7. What songs did they play? They played all their hit songs, plus 6 or 7 to promote the new album, The Young + the Hopeless, and a couple of their favorites

from the first album which is self-titled.

8. How much did it cost to get in?

9. Was it worth the money? Of course it was.

10. Were there any bad points? Apart from the sweatiness and the price of the water bottles, it was okay.

11. What did you like best at the concert? Getting to hear my favorite band perform my favorite songs and seeing Billy, my favorite band member.

12. Who is your favorite band member? Billy is, was and always will be my favorite member

13. What do you know about him? How much time do you have? I know everything from his birth-date to his shoe size.

14. How many songs did they play? All up it was something like 15 songs

15. What's your favorite song? Riot Girl, Say Anything and Motivation Proclamation, it depends on what mood I'm in.

16. Did they play them at the concert? Yes

17. Do you plan on going to anymore Good Charlotte concerts? Yes

18. When did Good Charlotte get together and start making songs? On April Fool's Day in 1996.

19. How long have you been listening to Good Charlotte for? Since 2000, just after the release of Little Things.

20. Are they your most favorite band of all? Of course they are!

My Life With Reptiles

By MICHAEL NIEUWENHUIZEN

I HAVE caught many snakes. The first snake I caught was a red belly black snake when I was 13. I do not use any handling tools, I only use my bare hands to catch them.

Most people think you are crazy if they see you sneak up on a snake and grab its tail. But I have caught around 700 to 800 snakes altogether and I have got quite good at it and can catch some of the most dangerous snakes in the world, including the Tiger Snake, Red Belly Black Snake, Copper Head and snakes that are not dangerous like the White Lipped Snake.

I have never been bitten before but some snakes have got pretty close.

I have some pretty wild stories about snakes I have caught.

I have been struck at by snakes a lot. Some snakes come around 40cm from my body on some strikes.

I have been bitten by Blue Tongues a lot and skinks.

The time I caught my first snake I was a little scared that it would curl up on itself and bite me but the more I handled the snake the less scared I became. Now even when a snake strikes at me I don't even feel scared. I don't even flinch and I never thought I would ever get used to snakes striking at my stomach but I have.

I have loved reptiles all my life. I am going to be trained to handle crocodiles so I can move up north to be a reptile handler catching all types of reptiles.

I could not stand being in an office job or anything else. I only want to spend my life with reptiles. I think reptile handling is fun, not just because I love reptiles so much, but it gives you a rush when you grab a snake and everybody needs excitement in their life and I like the danger of reptile handling.



My favourite reptile is the estuarine crocodile or salt water crocodile.

I am going to buy a Burmese Python for my self. Burmese Pythons can grow up to 12 meters long.

The longest snake I have caught was a one and a half metre Red Belly Black Snake.

When I catch snakes I cannot take my eyes off them because snakes strike at the closest part of your body and if you are not looking and they curl back on themselves they can bite you on the arm if you do not know how to handle them properly.

When I was first learning to catch snakes I would ride up the hill on my bike out into the middle of the bush to my favourite snake catching spot and catch around 5 or more each day and I still do.

When I get older I am going to travel up north to work as a crocodile and snake handler. I can't stand people killing or hurting snakes and other reptiles so if you see a snake around your home please call a reptile handler.

WARNING: Michael knows what he is doing - don't you try it.

By ADRIAN CONNOR



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Looking Back...



...through the eyes of local residents

All the Way From Blackpool!

By CATHY COCHRANE

CHURCHILL was a long way from the holiday resort city of Blackpool in England but nevertheless that was the journey Dave and Yvonne Sargeson made.

They left England in April 1965 and after short stints in Tanjil South and Morwell moved into their own home in Churchill with a young family on 27 August 1966.

They waited in the queue for a house and when their name came up they were given a choice of three houses or a return to the bottom of the list. Houses were bought on a 100 pound deposit and a 45 year fixed term contract.

The Sargeson's moved house from Morwell in a borrowed tip truck.

There were around 50 houses already built and construction work going on everywhere, they recall.

"For a while we thought it was a dirt road with all the mud from the trucks. There was mud everywhere," Dave said.

Despite a few hiccups along the way, Yvonne says there was a real sense of community as everyone was in a similar situation in the new town.

They were pleased with their move. "It was like a feeling of putting our roots down," Yvonne said.

The town's first resident was the Clerk of Works, who supervised the building of the town. The church minister, Reverend Peter Arch, was the second resident.

Church services were held in the evening at Reverend Arch's house.

The Churchill News was also started by Reverend Arch. Yvonne was the first typist. She used a 'Gestener' ("there were no computers in those days"). The paper was delivered by hand.

There were house-to-house deliveries of some supplies and residents collected their mail from the Minister's house.

The Sargesons travelled to Yinnar for shopping in the early years and their eldest son began school at Hazelwood South as there was no school until 1968. Watson Park Kindergarten was also opened in 1968.

Yvonne had to learn to drive, as there were only two shopping buses.

Later the shopping centre opened in Churchill with a variety of shops, including a milkbar, fruit shop, gift shop, hardware and wool shop.

The original police station was a temporary one- it lasted for 25 years!

Dave was involved with the forming of the first fire brigade in late 1966 and early 1967.

There were about eight members and they used a trailer on the back of a car and a stepladder. It took two years to get a ladder that could reach second stories.



Yvonne and Dave Sargeson

The more advanced Jeeralang Junction Fire Brigade (they had a hand pump!) "sort of took us over," Dave said.

The truck was an Old Austin tanker, which was parked under pine trees on one member's property until it was needed.

Dave was also President of the soccer club for a number of years.

"Everybody did their little bit, that's how it was," Dave said.

They remember the Churchill Citizens' Association being a powerful voice in the town.

Local dances were held by the soccer club. "It would have a good turn out," Yvonne said.

Christmases were often shared among the neighbours, with everyone bringing a plate and singing songs together.

Another of the Sargeson's early memories is the Salvation Army Band coming to Churchill on a Sunday morning and playing hymns around the town.

The cigar is not such a good memory.

"Everybody wanted a swimming pool and they built a cigar. We were so disappointed... they built a monstrosity for the birds to nest in," Yvonne said.

The budget for the cigar could have built two swimming pools, she said.

The town was a safe place for children to grow up. Children went alone to Billies Creek and their parents feared the water but not crime, Yvonne said.

The university has given the town a boost after it had stagnated by bringing in new people and services.

Now they believe the town needs more for the younger generation, improved public transport and a community project similar to the Town Common in Morwell.

"It's a nice little place, the air's fresh and people are friendly," Yvonne said. "I like the friendly faces in the Shopping Centre."

"I just love the openness and friendliness of the Australian way."

Mothers Day

Sunday 11th of May

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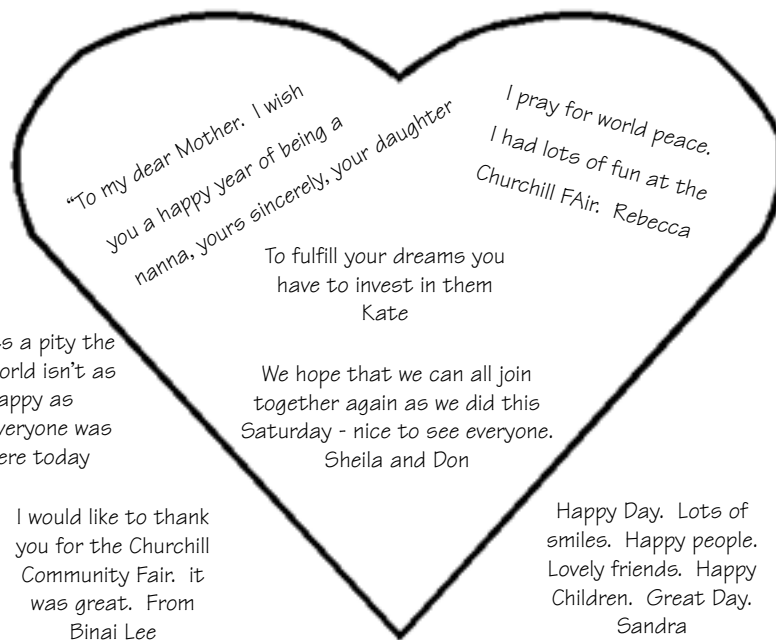
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Messages From The Heart



"To my dear Mother. I wish you a happy year of being a nanna, yours sincerely, your daughter"

I pray for world peace. I had lots of fun at the Churchill FAir. Rebecca

To fulfill your dreams you have to invest in them
Kate

Its a pity the world isn't as happy as everyone was here today

We hope that we can all join together again as we did this Saturday - nice to see everyone.
Sheila and Don

I would like to thank you for the Churchill Community Fair. it was great. From
Binai Lee

Happy Day. Lots of smiles. Happy people. Lovely friends. Happy Children. Great Day.
Sandra

Messages From The Heart is brought to you by Churchill Guides. The Messages were collected at the recent Churchill Fair. Some more will be printed in the next issue.

Contact Susan Connor on 5122 3567 if you would like to pass on a message.



Eel Hole Creek

Stage One Near Completion

WORK on Stage One of the Eel Hole Creek Wetland in Churchill is almost complete, according to Anton Wray from Facilities and Services, Monash University, Gippsland.

and ponds constructed. The building of embankments and landscaping will soon begin.

The litter traps have been installed

Stage two will involve more landscaping, installation of footpaths, outdoor furniture etc.



CHURCHILL NEWS BIRTHDAY CLUB

Apologies to this month's Birthday Girls and Boys

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Birthday Club for May has been postponed until the June issue.

So watch out for TWO Birthday Clubs in the next issue. OUT 12 JUNE

Twice the prizes! Twice the fun!

Join the Birthday Club for your chance to win great prizes.....

Just send us the entry form published last month

OR simply write your name, address, phone number, birth date and whether you are a boy or girl on a piece of paper, get mum or dad to sign it and send it to:

Churchill News Birthday Club, Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc,
PO Box 110, Churchill, 3842

Grey Fantails at Lake Hyland

By RUTH PLACE

HAVE you noticed that the signboards at Mackey's Rd end (near the toilets), and Monash Way (near the pedestrian crossing), are now complete. Watch the boards, as the displays will change occasionally.

Next on the list is the signboard at the Koori Garden/ Hare House site. It promises to be eye catching.

Now we have had some rain, and the ground is softening a little, those in charge of the proposed Australian

and New Zealand Conifer Collection, are anxious to make a start with planting.

If you haven't seen the plan for this proposal, have a look on the Monash Way signboard.

Have you noticed a pair of large ducks on Lake Hyland? They are brown with a white front of neck and breast. Their bills are yellow. We are having trouble identifying them. We think that they may be a type of Mallard. Let us know at the Churchill & District News if you can tell us what they are.

The trees along Eel Hole Creek pathway between Kurnai College concrete pathway and Hare House are home to many birds.

One evening as I was walking along I was treated to an aerial acrobatic display by a Grey Fantail. It was darting out of the trees catching insects - its only source of food - and in the process doing quick turns, flips and vertical manoeuvres.

Grey fantails are noted for their incessant movement. Even when perching they tend to fan their tail or move their

body to and fro.

Their habitat varies from moist forest, dry scrubby thickets to northern mangroves, being found in large areas of Australia from north to south, east and west.

Breeding season is August to January. They build a cup-shaped nest with a tail, from plant fibers, binding them together with cobwebs. The nest is usually found on a thin horizontal fork of tree. Between 2-4 eggs are laid, being dull white to cream with minute freckles or blotches of brown. If the nest is interfered with before the young are hatched, the parent birds may desert it.

Once hatched the baby birds reach full fledge in about 2 weeks. Then they can leave the cramped nest. There are several spots to observe these birds along Eel Hole Creek pathway. They are delightful to watch, and to listen to, with their cheery chip, chip, chip chatter.

N.B. A little bird told me that fishing bag limits are in some cases, not being adhered to. Please check the regulations.

Information on the grey fantails is from the Readers Digest Complete Book of Birds.



Grey Fantail

Picture from The Great Australian Birdfinder

New Newspaper to Hit Churchill

By VANESSA BURROW

JOURNALISM students at Monash University are creating a new publication aimed at displaying their newly developed skills gained through their Journalism degrees.

The Monash University Gippsland Student Union Press Club was formed with the main intention of publishing a newspaper entitled "Threshold" with a focus on the Latrobe Valley, Churchill and the University.

"Threshold" was first published late last year as an

initiative of mostly first year students. This year, with over 50 students involved, the Club intends to publish three editions.

Journalism staff at Monash University are supporting the students with the School of Humanities, Social Science and Communications providing the majority of the funding.

The first edition of "Threshold" for 2003 will be released on the 26 May 2003 at the Press Club's Launch party to be held at the University.

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Churchill Wordsearch

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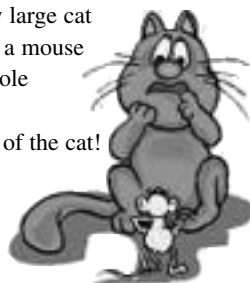
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Were imprisoned, so what could they do?
Said the fly, 'let us flee!'
'Let us fly!' said the flea.
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.

There once was a guy named Matt
Who had a very large cat
When it chased a mouse
It shook the whole
house
So Matt got rid of the cat!

A Gentleman dining at Crewe
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Puzzles by Christine Healey

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RED CROSS CALLING

THANKS to all Churchill Residents who contributed to this year's Red Cross Calling appeal during March. Homes in Churchill and District were visited by Volunteers.

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Bird Watching Mathison Park

REPORT of the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalist Bird Watching Group bird watching day in April 2003

By BONNIE THOMPSON

WHEN we set out the rain started to come down. However we persisted and when we arrived at Mathison Park the day fined up. Another hardy sole joined Ollie and I and we had a very interesting morning.

We recorded 25 species of birds and a pair of 'domestic?' ducks that I couldn't identify. Probably the most interesting part of the day was watching an adult Black shouldered Kite with two juveniles and listening to their calls.

We had very close-up views of the

Scarlet Robin and a number of Australian Wood Duck resting beside the track. At lunchtime by the lakeside we were visited by a curious Gray Fantail, the Clamorous Reed Warbles warbled in the adjacent reeds and willows and Purple Swamphens came so close we could see the several joints in their toes.

No wonder they use their feet as we do our hands. The little Dusky Moorhens also came for sandwiches and were quick to grab the food, but neither the Swamphen nor the Moorhen were interested in grapes. They just looked and walked away. In all it was a very satisfactory morning birdwatching.

Bird List - Mathison Park

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| Pacific Black Duck | unknown |
| Australian Wood Duck | Gang Gang Cockatoo |
| Little Raven & Australian Raven | Grey Shrike Thrush |
| Eurasian Coot | Black Shouldered Kite |
| Gray Butcherbird | Welcome Swallow |
| Purple Swamphen | Pied Currawong |
| Dusky Moorhen | Chestnut Breasted Shelduck |
| Red Wattlebird | Magpie Lark |
| Grey Fantail | Clamorous Reed Warbler |
| Scarlet Robin | Blackbird |
| Australian Magpie | |
| Masked Lapwing | |
| Thornbill - species | |



Black Shouldered Kite

Latrobe Community Co-Ordinated Transport

By MARGARET GUTHRIE

IN answer to queries I have received, Yes, Latrobe Community Co-Ordinated Transport is able to transport babies and young children.

All vehicles are fitted with the correct bolts for baby capsules and children's car seats.

There are a couple of capsules and seats available and, if required, these

should be requested at the time of booking transport.

Please note that babies and young children cannot be carried in vehicles if they are not properly restrained.

For further information please contact LCCT Co-ordinator, Meagan Height on 0438 514 027.

For bookings and to see if you are eligible phone the office on 5135 3999.

Colour Without Flowers

FLOWERS are almost always the first thing to spring to mind when we think of adding some extra colour to our gardens. They certainly form part of almost every garden scheme but how many of us think first about foliage. It really is the most important decision to make as we will probably be looking at it all year long unlike most flowers, which come and go, often fairly quickly.

Green, obviously, is by far the dominant colour in the garden and what a fresh, relaxing background it provides. However, if all your garden foliage was the same shade of green imagine how dull and boring it would look. When purchasing plants, choose some with leaves of varying green - include soft, pale shades, mid-greens and strong, dark shades. Leaf texture should also be considered - soft, velvety leaves and dark, glossy, leathery leaves all look different depending on the light levels. Also, you can add lots of interest with variegated foliage, purple-leafed plants and silvery foliage which always looks striking in the sun or moonlight. To whet your appetite we have a few suggestions but a walk through a garden centre will further inspire you, as the choice is vast.

Agonis flexuosa 'After Dark' - This is a dark-leaf form of this most elegant, small tree which has very narrow leaves. Its branches are pendulous so the tree has a delightful weeping habit rather like a small weeping willow.

New Zealand Flax - Flax is a very dramatic plant in the garden as it grows into large clumps. Its leaves are

stiff and strappy and come in many colours - greens, golds, pinky reds and purples. Many are striped - green edged with cream or pinky/red striped with darker bronze or green for example. Grow these plants in an open position to best view their beauty or the smaller varieties do very well in containers. Keep plants moist.

Maples - This large family is one of the best for autumn colouring. The Japanese maples (Acer palmatum) are perhaps the best choice for the average home garden as they are small growers which colour brilliantly. Some even have coloured trunks and branches! "Atropurpureum" is a popular one which has a spreading habit. Its leaves are purple in spring, a green shade tinged with purple in summer before turning red in autumn - no wonder it is so very popular. Many other gems are found in the Japanese family so you can have varieties which colour gold, yellow, brilliant red and purple.

Mondo Grass (Ophiopogon) - the black form of the trendy Mondo grass makes an unusual edging plant. It grows grass-like clumps of very dark foliage and it is an excellent plant for use as a groundcover, in rock gardens and for edgings such as along a driveway or path.

Pittosporum - This family of well-known trees and shrubs offers some delightful choices. P. eugenoides "Variegatum" is widely grown and its leaves are a very pale green edged with creamy white. P. Golden Sheen is another variety with variegated leaves but they have a golden sheen and it is also suitable for hedging. It is a good contrast plant.

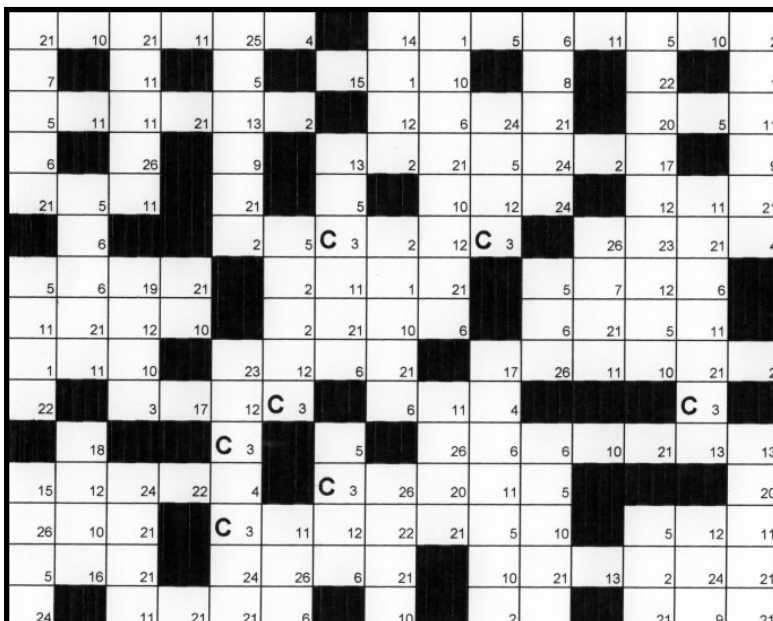
Lorpetalum "China Pink" - The normal green leaf lorpetalum is a tough shrub and so is the dark leaf variety. It also has delightful contrasting flowers, an additional bonus, and only grown to around 1.8 metres.

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Pictured Right: New Zealand Flax, Below: Agonis flexuosa 'After Dark'



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2002/2003 Tennis Champions

By VIKKI SCHILLING

CLUB CHAMPIONS FOR 2002/2003

U13 Boy: Nathan Lugton

U16 Boy: Nathan Lugton

U13 Girl: Ebony DeBono

U16 Girl: Elizabeth Van Dyke

Open Ladies: Elizabeth Van Dyke

Open Mens: Nick Andrijczak

SEASON RESULTS

Juniors: YDTA C Reserve Winners: Ryan O'Donnell, Nathan Lugton, Alex Tattersson, Dean Franklin

Congratulations to the boys who were undefeated all season.

Juniors: LV Section 4 Girls Semi Finals: Lisa Johnson, Sharon Johnson, Sarah Wilson, Kate Wilson, Penny Lafferty

Seniors: YDTA Senior B Grade Semi Finals

Evonne Goolagong-Crawley hosted a Fun Day at the Churchill Tennis Club as part of the Evonne Goolagong

Getting Started Program, which involves providing the opportunity for girls aged 7-10 years to learn how to play tennis.

Sally and Glen Kirstine have been running the program at the Churchill Tennis Club since its origin in 1997. This year saw 35 girls attend the Fun Day and have the opportunity to volley one-on-one with the two time Wimbledon champion. Evonne travels all over Australia attending the Fun Days for this program and it was great to see her in Churchill this year.



Fun Day at Churchill Tennis Club: Above: Young tennis players with Evonne Goolagong-Crawley, Left: two time Wimbledon Champion Evonne Goolagong-Crawley

NIGHT tennis has commenced and we will continue to play (weather permitting) every Thursday night from 7pm until 9pm at a cost of \$4.00 per person.

Contact Vicki 51221779 for more details.

Monday tennis from 1.00pm costs \$1.00 per person.

Beginners are welcome. For more details contact Carol 51221464.

Golf Results



By DI SCURLOCK

CHURCHILL Men played in the Warragul Plate on Sunday 30 April. After several years of trying to win another club's plate the men managed to achieve this.

The team of Charlie Lesiw, Chris Johnson, Greg Beyer and Andrew Booth brought home the Warragul Plate, with an outstanding score of 115 points.

With a record of 132 players making the field this was an excellent win.

Hopefully this is a sign of great things to come in Churchill with the penant season starting soon.

RESULTS

Saturday Mens Comp: Par 1.3.03 CCR: 67

A Grade: D Gardam +7, B Grade: S. Wotton +6. DTL: A Gill +5, K Garlick +3, R McIvor +2 C/B, R Sheahey +2 C/B. NTP: 3rd G Hornsby, 5th P Williams, 14th A Gill. Birdies: A Gill 14th.

Sunday Mens Comp: 2nd Round Mixed Foursome Championship. 2.3.03

Scratch: R & D Scurlock 85. Handicap: S & Y Wotton 66 Nett. 2003 Champions: Scratch: R & D Scurlock 177. Handicap: S & Y Wotton 134 nett. DTL: T Sterrick / V Anderson 68 1/2 Nett. R & D Scurlock 71 Nett. NTP: 3rd L Jessop, 14th R Scurlock.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stroke Monthly Medal 4.3.03 CCR 70

Scratch: J Leslie 93. A Grade: E. D'Alterio 65 nett. B Grade: V Verheyen 70 nett. DTL: Y Wotton 70, C Barnes 72, D Thomas 73 C/B. NTP 3/12 + 36 V Anderson, 5/14 - 36 V Verheyen + 36 L Ollquist. Putts: V Anderson 29. Longest Drive: -36 D Thomas, +36 V Verheyen. Lost Handicap: 31 - 39.

Saturday Mens Comp: 1st Round Mens Foursome Championships, 8.3.03.

Scratch: R & D Scurlock 79. Handicap T Sterrick & J Sterrick 58 Nett. NTP: 3rd D Scurlock, 5th P Williams, 12th R Welsh. DTL: P Williams / J White 63 1/2, L Maher / G Hornsby 65 1/4, P Coad & I Wilson 65 7/2, A Casey / K Garlick 66.

Sunday Mens Comp: Stableford 9.3.03

Handicap: A Casey 40pts. DTL: R Scurlock 38 pts. NTP: 3rd & 14th C Speekenbrink.

Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford 9.3.03 CCR 70.

Handicap: E D'Alterio 41pts. DTL: H Croft 35 C/B. NTP: 12th M McConville, 15th Di Scurlock. Birdies: M McConville 12th.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: 2 Person Ambrose, 11.3.03.

Winners: J Leslie / Y Wotton 66 3/4. DTL: S Jeffrey / V Verheyen 71 3/4, V Anderson / V Rowley 72. NTP: 3/12 -36 M McConville, +36 V Rowley, 4/14 -36 V Verheyen. Longest Drive: -36 Y Wotton, +36 V Rowley.

Saturday Mens Comp: Stableford 15.3.03 CCR 67.

A Grade: G Fraser 42 pts. B Grade: I Heppleston 45pts. DTL: K Garlic 44pts, J Dickson 43pts, LG Blizzard 42pts. NTP: 3rd K Garlick, 5th J Dicson, 12th

G Blizzard, 14th G Fraser. Birdies: 3rd K Garlick, 12th K Garlick.

Sunday Mens Comp: Stableford 16.03.03.

Winner: G Down 44pts. F Sedjak 38pts.

Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford 16.03.03 CCR 70.

Winner: J Leslie 41pts. DTL: J Blizzard 39pts. NTP: 5th M Mitchell, 14th J Leslie.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stroke 18.03.03 CCR 70.

Winner: V Anderson 68 nett / 13. DTL: C Ellis 68 nett, J Leslie, 71, S Jeffrey 71, L Ollquist 71. NTP: 3/12 +36 L Ollquist, 5/14 V Anderson, 5/14 -36 J Maher. Longest Drive: -36 Di Scurlock, +36 V Rowley. Lost Handicap: V Anderson 36 - 35, C Ellis 32 - 31.

Saturday Mens Comp: 2nd Round Foursome Championship. 22.3.03.

Scratch: R & D Scurlock 78. Handicap: J Ambrosini / D Harvey 64 nett. DTL: P Williams / J White 65 1/2, K Ellis / G Blizzard 68 1/2, K Hill / D Gardam 68 1/2, R Jenkins / S Sanders 68 1/2. NTP: 3rd K Hills, 5th D Chessum. Champions: Scratch: R & D Scurlock 157. Handicap: T & J Sterrick 128.

Sunday Mens Comp: Toongabbie Challenge 3 Person Ambrose. 23.3.03

Winner: Churchill: Rick, Di & Dael Scurlock 60 2/6, Toongabbie: L Thomas, D Self, L Affleck 61 4/6. Runner up: Churchill: P Ludlow, L Welsh, R Welsh 60 3/6, Toongabbie: A Sterrick, N Gardam, D Welch 61 4/6.

NTP Men: 3rd J McCafferty, 5th C Thomas, 12th N Gardam. Ladies: 3rd E D'aterio, 12 M McConville. Challenge won by Toongabbie 396 / 444.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Mary Mitchell Day Stableford 25.3.03 CCR71. A Grade: 0 - 31 Di Scurlock 37pts. B Grade: 32 - 45 & Winner B Beebe 40pts. DTL: V Rowley 37pts, J Leslie 36pts, S Jeffrey 36pts. NTP: 3/12 -36 Y Wooton, +36 B Beebe, 5/14 -36 J Leslie, +36 E Baker. Longest Drive: -36 J Blizzard, +36 V Rowley. Lost Handicap: B Beebe 36 - 34.

Saturday Mens Comp: Stroke Monthly Medal 29.3.03 CCR 71.

Scratch: R Scurlock 81. Medal Winner: C Flanigan 66 nett. A Grade: P Williams 69 nett. B Grade: D Gardam 71 nett. C Grade: C Flanigan 66 C/B. DTL: D Wilkins 66, F Sedjak 70, R Scurlock 71, T Sterrick 71, J Armstrong 72, J Dickson 71, K Ellis 72. NTP: 3rd G Fraser, 5th D Wilkinson, 12 V Monument. Birdies: 5th D Wilkinson. Putts: C Flanigan 23.

Sunday Mens Comp: Stableford 30.3.03.

Winner: J Ambrosini 41pts. DTL: J White 37pts. NTP: 3rd P Ludlow, 5th J Ambrosini, 12th G Blizzard.

Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford 30.3.03 CCR 70.

Winner: E D'Alterio 39pts. DTL: J Maher 36pts C/B. NTP: 5th C Barnes, 12th J Maher, 14th J Blizzard.



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Apologies

Last months issue the article 'The Strut Specialist' referred to Pat and Lynda from Strutt Re-Gas. It should have been Peter and Lynda. Please accept our apologies.



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