



*"Connecting Your Community"*

# JUNIOR FISHING DAY



## *Fishing and Family time success*

Young anglers and their families came from Boolarra, Traralgon, Churchill, Hazelwood, Budgeree, Morwell, Meadow Heights, Tyers, Glengarry North, Callignee and Sale to enjoy a day of fishing and spending time with family around Lake Hyland in Mathison Park Churchill.

Some light drizzle dampened the beginning of the day but this cleared and the 74 young anglers excitedly cast their rods into the water with high expectations, as the previous weekend the Fisheries Department had stocked the lake with 500 yearling trout.

The trout except for one, did not want to be caught. However, some redfin, three eels, a tortoise or two, some sticks and other odds and ends were caught to the delight of the children and their families. Some found it difficult to hold the squirming fish or wriggly eels, so adults were called to assist.

The annual junior fishing day was run by Churchill & District News in conjunction with Relationships Australia Victoria

(RAV) and is well supported by Latrobe City Council, Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning. These both awarded grants to the organisers to cover costs. Our grateful thanks goes to them.

Other supporters whose contributions were greatly appreciated are Churchill & District Lions Club, Tackleworld Morwell, Gippsland Trade Printers, ProRent, Valley Trophy Centre Morwell, Ampworks, 1st Churchill Scouts, Mathison Park Committee, and the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill.

The volunteers from Churchill & District News, the representative from RAV and other volunteers who love to help at this event, made sure the day went smoothly, that the detailed planning for the day was implemented, and that continuous supervision was maintained.

We had the Fisheries Department and Fishcare on hand to distribute information and help the anglers with their fishing techniques. They were able to distribute lots

of information and tips on fishing.

Two of our volunteers are Barry and Thelma Hicks, who come over from Yarram each year to help the anglers or weigh the caught fish. They have made that trip for about eight or nine years now and their efforts have been valued. We were saddened to learn that this year will be their last due to age and health problems. Barry and Thelma thank you so much for your wonderful contribution to our events over so many years. We will miss you.

The Lions Club cooked a sausage sizzle for the entrants and provided a drink. Other family members were able to purchase items from them too. The Lions also provided many prizes.

Each registered child received a showbag with lots of goodies from RAV, Gippsland Water, Fisheries, Officeworks, Bunnings Morwell and Toy World.

The organisers would like to extend their grateful thanks to all these generous sponsors and supporters. The event which

is looked forward to each year could not be run without this support.

The prizes are given in three categories. There were many prizes and door prizes.

### **Winners**

Category 4-8 years

First - Harper Pavlic. three fish caught with the total weight of 291 grams.

Second - Jordan Hargreaves with one fish of 168 grams.

Category 9-12 years

Isabella Hart - 233 grams, one trout

Ashley Worthy - 163 grams, one fish

Hamish Stewart - 156 grams, one fish

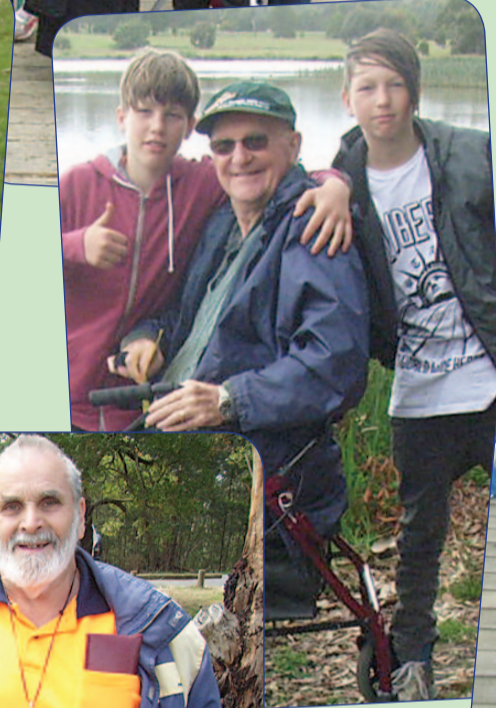
No fish were caught by the 13-17 year olds

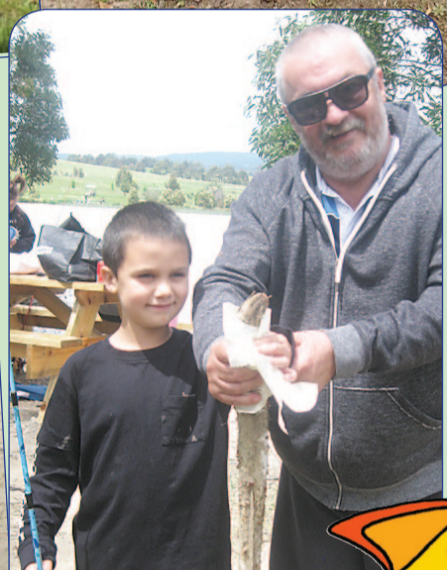
Overall Winner was Harper Pavlic.

Mystery Weight for the day was 281grams. The closest was Isabella Hart.

There were four family winners who received bags full of goodies.

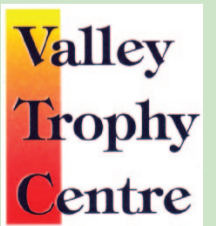
There were 29 from Category 4-8 years, 39 from Category 9-12 years and 8 from Category 13-17 years.







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