

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

Est. 1966

Distributed Free

Churchill Festival 15th March 2008 Program Inside

Rivers and Roads Relocation



By Ruth Place

Today was the scheduled day for the opening of the new section of the Strzelecki Highway built by International Power Hazelwood and its Alliance partner RTL, as part of the Rivers and Roads Relocation (RRR) project .

This new section of highway runs from near Morwell to Thorpdale Road and has been constructed to allow the development of IPRH's West Field mine which will ensure coal supply reliability for the Hazelwood power station for the next twenty five years.

The RRR project also involves creating some 10km of new Morwell River to replace a section of the existing river, some of which currently runs in three-metre diameter pipes underground. The new river is a meandering low-flow river, within a larger floodway, making its way to the Latrobe River. Eel Hole Creek and Wilderness Creek water courses will also be diverted to flow into the Morwell River at new points away from the expanded mine. This project's costs are estimated at over \$100M and will necessitate the removal and placement elsewhere of around 10 million cubic metres of earth.

In the process of carrying out this project, much care and attention was taken to ensure that environmental and safety concerns were taken into consideration during construction and rehabilitation. The project will take

many years to complete, but when it is, the landscape will have been returned to a more natural bush setting, screening the industrial activity almost completely.

As we toured the construction site as IPRH's guests during road construction, the openness of the new section of road and its intersections were apparent. Sound mounds have been built along the road side to reduce road noise for the people who live beyond it.

From the new road we could see massive excavators moving huge amounts of earth to dig down to the required level to create the new river bed. Clay was being placed into this bed to form a solid base. A low flow river bed, with rock armouring and woody debris on some bends, was being created in the bottom of the large channel. The banks once smoothed were then being top-soiled and grass sown. Following the establishment of the grasses, other vegetation including trees, under storey shrubs and aquatic plants can be successively planted. This rehabilitation part of the project is progressing, but will take some time after construction to be completed.

Much of the earth removed is formed into hills which will exclude views of the power generating and mining sites and contribute to forming part of the new environmental surroundings.



New Pavilion

The new pavilion of the Churchill United Soccer Club is a credit to the club's determination and dedication, being built almost entirely by volunteers. Construction took 390 days over three and a half years. The club raised a whopping amount of \$92,000 in funds and material donations. Local and State Governments contributed \$90,000 with the total estimated value of the pavilion and change room renovations being \$445,500.

The key benefits of the new facility are that it now caters for female participation with remodelled change and shower facilities, it provides a new multi use pavilion with better meeting, social and spectator viewing area and it gives the capacity for enhanced fund raising

opportunities with the new function room.

The pavilion was officially opened on Friday 15 February. Special guests included Russell Northe, Member for Morwell, Latrobe City Councillors Darrell White, Doug Caulfield and Sandy Kam, Laurie Paton, Michael Meyer and Casey Zepnick from Department of Planning and Community Development.

After the official proceedings, a lively time was had with food, live entertainment, a lolly drop and kids activities.

The Churchill United Soccer Club is a family orientated club, which caters for all age groups. For more information please contact Stephen Breheny on 0448 996 453.



Churchill Festival 2008
Free, Fun, inFormation for Families

This Saturday
Gaskin Park
Churchill
10.00am - 3.00pm



Chartered Accountants,
Taxation, Financial, Business
Advisors & Superannuation

DAINBRIDGE NICHOLSON FINANCIAL SERVICES

Suite 14 (Upstairs)
Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre
Churchill 3842
Phone: (03) 51 222 033 Fax: (03) 51 222 773
dainbridgegippisland@bigpond.com.au

Proudly Supported By



Churchill & District News

Editorial

The Churchill Festival is almost here - the team have been working for 18 months towards the biggest and best Festival yet and it really is all free!

There really is something for everyone so we hope you will come and enjoy the day.

I would personally like to thank all those who have helped to organise the day and also all our sponsors and supporters who have donated their time to ensure the success of the day.

Our Looking Back series has proven very popular and this month we have a special report on the

fires in the Latrobe Valley in January of 1982 written by CFA Volunteer Mick Bren. It is a fascinating story and we invite anyone who has a story to tell to contact us. If you are not sure about writing yourself we will be happy to help you.

The Churchill News will have a stall at the Churchill Festival so come and have a chat and let us know what you think of our paper!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Festival
ED

The Churchill and District News is a community newspaper staffed by volunteers.

The Team:

Team Leader/Secretary : Ruth

Place

Editor/Treasurer: Val Prokopiv

Advertising: Peter Prokopiv, Owen McKenzie, Tracey Burr

Layout/Design: Val Prokopiv, Tracey Burr

Webpage: Tracey Burr

Proof Readers: Ruth Place, Olivia Jackson

Photography/Computer Support: Matt Prokopiv

Team Members: Wendy Brown, Charlie Rawlinson, Sadie Heckenberg, Kristen Brehaut.

Contributions

The deadline for the submission of articles and advertisements for the April 2008 edition is March 30 2008

Articles for publication and letters to the Editor can be sent to:

Churchill & District News PO

Box 234, Churchill, 3842

Or Email: cdnews@dcsi.net.au

All articles must be submitted by the 30th of each month for publication in the second week of the following month.

Advertising enquires can be

addressed to:

Peter Prokopiv

Churchill & District News PO

Box 234, Churchill, 3842

Tel: 03 5122 2589 or 0402 406 376

Articles can be left in our Drop Off Boxes Located at: Cafe Le Mac's, Churchill Primary School, Churchill Library and the Co-Operating Church

ADVERTISING RATES

Full Page: \$255.00

Colour: \$450.00

Half Page: \$195.00

19cm x 15cm: \$115.00

11cm x 13cm \$80.00

11cm x 6.5cm: \$45.00

7cm x 6.5cm: \$32.00

All prices include GST.

Inquiries Tel:

Peter on 5122 2589

Webpage: www.cdnews.com.au

Disclaimer

The Churchill and District News wishes to advise that the views or remarks expressed in this publication are not necessarily the views of the Editor or the Management Team and no endorsement of service is implied by the listing of advertisers, sponsors or contributors.

THE CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS IS PRODUCED UNDER THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF THE CO-OPERATING CHURCHES OF CHURCHILL. THE CO-OPERATION IS MADE UP OF THE ANGLICAN, UNITING AND CHURCHES OF CHRIST.

RUSSELL NORTHE MLA



Please take care on our roads this Easter
For assistance with State Government matters
Ph 5133 9088 or visit
66 George Street
Morwell

Phone 5133 9088

Fax 5133 9388

Podicare

NEW WINTER STOCK

110 George Street
Morwell

Tel: 5134 2375



Celebrating International Women's Day 2008

International Women's Day was celebrated with a breakfast at the Regional Art Gallery in Morwell, followed by a guided tour of 'Fierce Vision' an exhibition of works by some of Australia's leading women artists from the Cbus Collection of Australian Art.

A lunch in Churchill was also held at the Gallery Café, hosted by the Gippsland Trades and Labour Council.

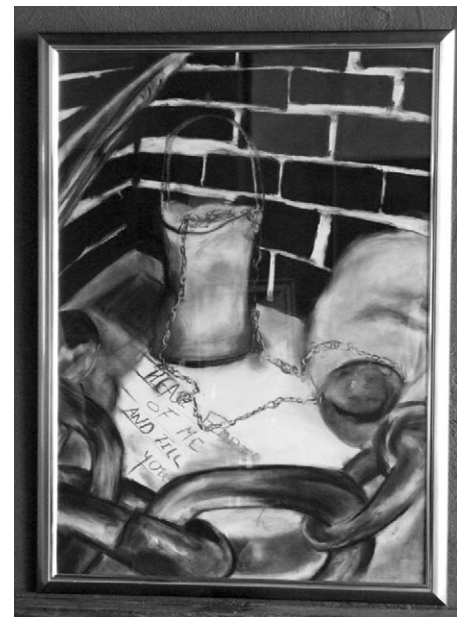
Guest speaker, Margaret Dawson from Amnesty International, talked about the work of Amnesty International, highlighting the ongoing campaign 'Stop Violence Against Women'.

'Violence against women is the most widespread human rights abuse in the world,' she said.

'Women experience violence at the hands of the state and individuals during war and peace, in public and in private.'

In Australia, one in three women who have been in a relationship have experienced violence by a partner, with 57% of women in Australia having been subjected to violence during their lives.

'It's not just happening in another country, another town, another ethnic group, its right here right now,' said Ms Dawson. 'That's why we should all think

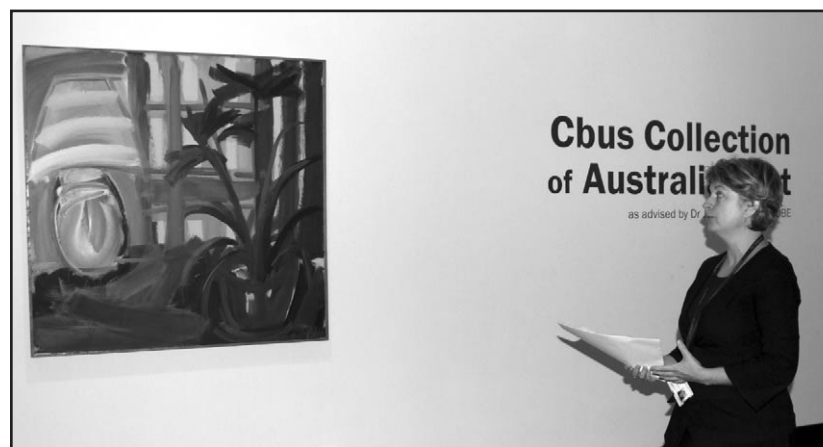


Artwork on display at the Gallery Cafe by Monash University student Charlene Hilman

about what we can do about it.'

The lunch also featured an exhibition of artwork from 3rd year students at Monash University, Charlene Hilman and Amy Christensen.

Pictured left: Margaret Dawson from Amnesty International welcomes guests to the International Women's Day Lunch



Latrobe Regional Gallery Fierce Vision Exhibition



Welcome to International Students

By Sadie Heckenberg

International students were welcomed at Flag Ceremony Dinner celebrating their new beginnings to the university and the Latrobe Valley Community.

Wednesday 20 February saw 25 different countries and cultures sitting down together for dinner at the Monash University's Student Lounge. The evening's guests were welcomed to the country by Aboriginal Elder Aunty Sarah Morgan. A sit down dinner, which was part of the evening's events, included a flag ceremony with a student from each country carrying their national flag to the stage to join the Australian and Aboriginal flags.

"The bringing together of the other countries' flags to the Australian and Koorie flag symbolised the bringing together of the nations", said Yuki Poole, the International Relations Officer for Latrobe City.

According to Acting Pro-Vice Chancellor Harry Ballis, the ceremony demonstrated how multicultural Monash University is. Along with Latrobe City Mayor, Bruce Lougheed Professor Ballis shook hands with the flag holders as they presented their flags.

2008 promises to be 'the greatest year ever' said Professor Ballis.

Students and other distinguished guests were treated to a variety of performances including Yinnar Band and Brody Young Band which consisted of Brody Young, Brad Taylor and Daniel Negro. Monica Mains played the Clarinet, Brogan Hemming and Liesl Woods sang with an accompaniment on keyboard whilst Tina Virk performed an Indian Bollywood Dance to the song Mayya Mayya. "I choreographed it myself", said Tina.

Also attending this important ceremony was Peter Quigley the general manager of Latrobe City Council, Local MP Russell Northe, Byron Chen the International

Students Association President and members from the Gippsland Advisory Council.

The countries represented at the ceremony were Bangladesh, Canada, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Taiwan, USA, United Kingdom, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.

Organisers of the event Mrs Jo Matthews and Ms Meagan Teague were extremely happy at the ceremony's success. "It turned out wonderfully", said Ms Teague.



Tina Virk performs an Indian Bollywood Dance (left) Byron Chen, International Students Association President (below)



Monday - Friday
8.30am - 6.00pm

Saturday
9.00am - 2.00pm

Telephone:
5122 1390

DRLEWINN'S PRIVATE FORMULA

Save \$54.95
Valued at \$114.90
RRP
\$59.95



POLISHED BEAUTY
EXFOLIATING AND
MOISTURISING PACK



Bulk Billing

- *Family Medicine
- *Women's Health
- *Counselling
- *Minor Surgical Procedures
- *Pathology Service
- *Industrial Medicals
- *Visiting Paediatrician
- *Visiting Physiotherapist
- *Visiting Surgeon
- *Visiting Psychologists

*Travel & Health Immunisations

Consulting Hours

Monday to Friday 8am - 5.30pm

Saturday 8am - 1.30pm

24 hour on call service

Tel: 5122 2555

9a Georgina Place, Churchill, 3842

"Caring Family Medicine"

Your Friendly Local Taxi Company

Servicing Churchill and Surrounding Areas



Wheelchair & Party Vehicle available
Special rates to Melbourne and goods moving

Old Time Family Dance Friday 28 March 2008 Jeeralang North Hall

Dancing from 8.00 pm to 11.30 pm
Music: Harmony Plus
Admission: \$5.00
Door Prize & Novelties
Please bring a plate

For more details please ring Zelma Mildenhall 5166 1264



The Hub and the Skate Park

Cr Darrell White

Hub Project is a shining result of what can be achieved when the community, Council and State and Commonwealth governments work together in partnership for a common purpose. The Hub will provide a quality, state of the art community facility for Churchill that will support families, children, older people and the community for many years to come.

The Hub will complement and connect with a range of major projects underway and others planned for Churchill, which will stimulate a strong and vibrant town centre into the future and attract new services and businesses to the town.

The tireless planning efforts of all Working Group members in bringing this unique project to fruition, including representatives from the Churchill and District Community Association, is acknowledged with gratitude. This project has brought together a wide range of community members along with local, state and federal government representatives, who have all worked exceptionally hard to ensure the building will meet the needs of the community now and into the future.

The building has been designed by Sutera Prior Cheney Pty Ltd, following extensive community consultation. It will feature many innovative features including multi-purpose spaces, a community kitchen, a range of environmentally sustainable design elements, and visual and physical linkages to the Churchill Town Centre, the Churchill Leisure Centre and Gippsland Education Precinct.

Aspects of the design have been drawn from Churchill's history and the pioneering Australian architect, Robin Boyd.

This Project represents a new beginning for families, children and the community of Churchill and district with the start of construction this week. Construction of the new Building will continue throughout 2008 with expected completion in December 2008, ready to open early in 2009.

Churchill Skate Park Re-location

Stage 1 of the new Churchill Skate Park has now been completed. The concrete slab has been laid and the Ramps re-instated giving the community the opportunity to utilise the facility until Stage 2 occurs, being the installation of the new

replacement concrete ramps.

Latrobe City officers are presently preparing a draft "Ramp Layout Design" to present to a meeting of interested young people in the near future prior, to the order for the new concrete ramps being placed. It is envisaged that the Skate Park will be closed for approximately two weeks during the installation phase of the new concrete ramps.

The provision and installation of shelter, tables and chairs and rubbish bins will also be completed over the next three months.

Any questions regarding this project can be directed to Simon Clark, Latrobe City's Recreation Development Officer, on 5128 5422.

Work has commenced on the new Churchill and District Intergenerational Hub on Philip Parade which will include new facilities for the Churchill Library, Pooh Corner Childcare Centre, Churchill Pre-Schools, Churchill Neighbourhood House, Maternal and Child Health Services, Churchill Toy Library, and other community services. The Churchill Town Hall will also be refurbished as part of the project to provide better toilets and kitchen facilities, and a variety of "wet/dry" and craft workshops.

This \$4.7 million Project has been under development for four years and is jointly funded by Latrobe City Council, Department of Planning and Community Development, Department of Infrastructure, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Department of Human Services and Monash University. Other partners include Monash University Student Union, Pooh Corner, Churchill Neighbourhood House, Churchill and District Community Association, Glendonald Residents Group, and other community organisations.

The Churchill and District Intergenerational



By Margaret Guthrie, President

The Churchill Intergenerational Community Hub working group had its first meeting for the year on February 29. We were happy to hear that Council has approved the overall Hub budget of \$4.7million. This includes additional Council funding in order to complete landscaping, car parking facilities and structural repairs to the Town Hall.

Site preparation has been done by Council

contractors and the area fenced ready for construction work. Council awarded the building contract to Parnell Constructions, who have an office in Traralgon.

It is hoped that construction will be completed by November, with the 'Grand Opening' of the Hub, ready to use, taking place some time around Australia Day next year.

The Hub project includes works to the Town Hall to make it a more useful and accessible

Positive Ageing Plan Community Forum

resource for the community. The upstairs area will have a refurbished kitchen and new all access toilets fitted, whilst downstairs will be redeveloped to include a large space for a wet/dry workshop, a smaller 'clean craft' area, a meeting room and storage areas.

Project signage for the Hub is being prepared and is to be erected on site. An 'official' public ceremony is being planned for the near future to launch the project's construction phase.

Also discussed by the Hub working group was the need for community consultation over the landscaping works to be done for the Hub. It is Council's usual practice to include some sort of 'public art' as part of the landscaping for major new buildings.

With the redevelopment of West Place occurring, both the original shopping centre fountain and the Rainbow Woman sculpture need relocating. Several available options were suggested.

Phase 2 of the West Place shopping centre redevelopment includes the Civic Gardens, with Churchill's new War Memorial to be placed therein, a new bus terminal and the realignment of Georgina Place. A pedestrian plaza, linking Philip Parade to the Hazelwood shopping centre, may be constructed as part of Council's 'East-West Link' project for Churchill. Both these sites, along with the Hub landscaping works, provide suitable locations for public art.

At CDCA's February meeting, Council correspondence was tabled detailing an extension to the Eel Hole Creek shared pathway (for bicycles and pedestrians). The proposed extension links the southern end of the existing pea-gravel path to Glendonald Road and Haverbrack Estate, following the creek on the Northways Rd side. This will create a further safe recreational pathway for Churchill's walkers and bike-riders alike.

A Council convened community forum is to be held in Churchill Town Hall on Wednesday 19 March from 1 - 3pm. Council is developing a 'Positive Ageing Plan' for Latrobe City, based on the 'Older Persons Strategy' developed last year. Residents are invited to share their ideas on community actions that support older people and promote and recognise their valuable contribution to community, family life and the economy.

For those not able to attend this forum but wishing to express a view, telephone interviews can be arranged by contacting Erlinda James on 5128 5645 or online at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au

CDCA's next meeting is on Wednesday 26 March, commencing at 7pm, at the Churchill Football Club. All residents of Churchill and district are welcome to attend.

We currently have a vacancy for Treasurer, as Bev Thompson has resigned from this position. We'd like to thank Bev for doing this job for the past couple of years and encourage others to express their interest in assisting CDCA in this way.

CDCA can be contacted at P O Box 191, Churchill, or call the Secretary, Rob Whelan, on 5122 3602 or email wc-bs@net-tech.com.au





Share the Knowledge and Give it a Go!

By Sadie Heckenberg

This February saw Morwell welcome the annual Share the Knowledge expo for the local Indigenous community.

Share the Knowledge 2008 'Give it a go' was held on Thursday 28 February at Morwell's Town Common, showcasing central Gippsland providers of education, training and employment. Share the Knowledge, which was developed in 2004 as an initiative of members of the local Koorie community, is aimed to encourage interaction between the Koorie community and mainstream providers.

Though the day was wet and windy the event still attracted a significant number of the local community, who were able to partake in a free barbecue lunch while they talked to some of the regions leading service providers, such as Monash University, GippsTAFE, Work Ways, Berry Street Victoria and many others.

"It was a really fun informative day, a great event", said Ms Nareida Wyatt, from Monash University, while helping with the University's highly popular lucky dip with prizes ranging from lollies, to pens, to sticky tape.

Interactive entertainment was also available throughout the day including a musical work shop and rock climbing. The Police and Fire Brigade were also on hand to showcase their roles.

As well as the local community, school students were brought by their schools, coming from various schools in the area including the Woolum Bellum College of Koorie Education, Lowanna College and Lavalla Catholic College.

The main objective is to provide local Indigenous people with information, resources, contacts and awareness of the support services available to enable better access employment, education and training opportunities. The day also highlighted aspects of Koorie art, cul-



Nareida Wyatt (right) helping with the lucky dip

ture and music.

When asked how they felt about the day the young people all thought it was a great day with some of the older students gaining a clearer understanding of what they want in their future education and careers.

"I loved it", one girl said, "I even got something for my mum!".

Lifeline Sleepout at Moe Heritage Park

The irony of Lifeline Gippsland's, best known for its round-the-clock counselling and support services, principal fundraiser taking the form of a 'Sleepout' is not lost on its CEO Patricia Nalder 'Chances are, when you are at home in bed, one of Lifeline's counsellors is talking to someone in crisis' commented Patricia.

Lifeline Gippsland's volunteer telephone counselors, all of whom receive extensive training in preparation for their challenging work, will answer around 11,000 calls this year. 'We respond to people from all walks of life and calls include issues such as loneliness, depression, relationship or financial difficulties, drug and alcohol abuse,

grief and loss, and the most difficult of calls- suicide' said Patricia Nalder.

The charity, which this year celebrates its 40th anniversary in Gippsland, receives limited government funding so is consequently dependent upon its network of 'op' shops and fundraisers such as the annual Sleepout to provide the income for its counselling services. Participants, who will spend the night outdoors at Moe's Gippsland Heritage Park on Friday 14th March, are sponsored as 'Sleepers' thereby raising much needed funds for the agency.

'The Sleepout is a significant fundraiser but equally important is the fact that it raises awareness of

the emotional and physical hardships faced by many members of the community and the work that Lifeline Gippsland does in supporting them' commented Patricia Nalder. 'This year we have a number of teams taking part including Latrobe City, GippsTAFE, DHS and the police. We are extremely grateful for the support of our Sleepers which I think is a reflection of the great work that we do in our community'.

Registrations are still open for the Sleepout and anyone interested in participating or making a donation to Lifeline should contact the Lifeline Gippsland office on 5134 8278.



- al la carte meals in a cafe environment
- pancakes available all day, everyday!
- fully licensed
- breakfast available weekend from 8.30am
- open 7 days



CAFE | BAR | RESTAURANT
shop 101 Mid Valley Shopping Centre
bookings phone 03 5133 0777

Introducing Tennille and Sam

Sam is our new Nail Technician.
Tennille is our Beauty Therapist and Masseuse

Tennille is our Beauty Therapist/Masseuse with 12 years experience

Massage - Deep Tissue - Aromatherapy
Sport - Stress Body Pack - Facials



Tennille and Sam

Sam uses Le Chat Gel with 5 years experience of nail art.

Manicures \$30, Deluxe Manicures \$40,
Pedicures \$45 Deluxe Pedicures \$55

Shop 4 Hazelwood Village Telephone: 03 5122 3311
Churchill Victoria 3842

Churchill Kats Hair Design



Not getting the service you expect from your travel agent?

Call into **Jetset** Morwell, 213 Commercial Road and see Irene, Joy or Kimberlee, or phone 5134 3388

Latrobe Chorale

The Latrobe Chorale is inviting enthusiastic singers to join us in rehearsal for our mid year concert, featuring Faure's Requiem and Rutter's Gloria and then stay on for Handel's Messiah, joined by the West Gippsland Chorale and members of the Melbourne Youth Orchestra conducted by Peter Bandy, to be performed at Christmas 2008.

We are in the process of setting up a website and would love to receive copies

of any past programs, photos, news articles featuring the Chorale or memorabilia that can be displayed on the site.

We welcome singers of secondary school age and onward. Rehearsals begin Tuesday 18th March, 7.30pm (till approx 10.00pm) at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Church St. Morwell.

Further information ring Mary 5174 6659. Questions regarding the website please ring Anne 5174 0843.

Church News

Church Times

Lumen Christi Catholic Church
 35 Walker Parade, Churchill
 Tel: 5122 2226
 Father Hugh Brown
 Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm
 Sunday: Mass: 9.00am
 1st and 3rd Sundays: Yinnar:
 Mass: 10.30 am
 2nd and 4th Sundays: Boolarra:
 Mass: 10.30am
 5th Sunday: Lumen Christi:
 Mass: 9.00am
 Reconciliation (Confessions)
 Churchill Saturday 5.15am -
 5.45am
 Sunday 8.15pm - 8.45pm

Co-operating Churches of Churchill
 Rev. Dr. Bob Brown
 Williams Avenue,
 Churchill.
 Tel: 5122 1480
 Glenda and Ian
 Combridge
 Tel: 5166 1819
 Sunday Service:
 9.30am.
 Choruses: 9.20am



Churchill Christian Fellowship
 Maple Crescent, Churchill.
 Sunday: 10.00am
 Enquiries: Linda Whitney
 (Church Leader) 5122 2777

Easter Week Services

Lumen Christi

Monday 17th - Parish reconciliation for lent at 7.30pm
 Tuesday 18th - Tenebrae ceremony at Lumen Christi at 7.30am
 Thursday 20th - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm
 Friday 21st - Witness Walk Churchill at 10am (Bob Brown to lead)
 Friday 21st - Witness Walk Yinnar at 10am (Terry Rooney, Deacon, To Lead)
 Friday 21st - Commemoration of The Lord's Passion - Lumen Christi At 3pm
 Saturday 22nd - Easter vigil at Lumen Christi at 7.30 pm
 Sunday 23rd - Mass at Lumen Christi at 9 am
 Sunday 23rd - Mass at Boolarra at 10.30 am

Co-Operating Churches In Churchill

Tuesday 18th - 7.30 pm Tenebrae with RC's at Lumen Christie, Churchill
 Thursday 20th - 7.30 pm Maundy Thursday HC at Christ Church Boolarra Rev Tony Peters
 Friday 21st - 9.30 am 'Way of the Cross' at Churchill - Supply
 Friday 21st - 10.00 am 'Way of the Cross' at Yinnar - RC Deacon Terry Rooney
 Sunday 23rd - 8.00 am Sunrise Service at Boolarra Railway Park - Rev T. Peters
 Sunday 23rd - 9.30 am Anglican HC at Churchill - Rev. Don Crewe
 Sunday 23rd - 11.00 am Anglican HC at Boolarra - Supply

Churchill Christian fellowship

Easter Sunday service

Church Snippets



It was conducted by the Rev Brenda Burney, who is part of the Anglican Church team working throughout the diocese of Gippsland.

The workshop instilled into participants the need to be aware of their actions, to keep themselves and others safe and to take steps to make sure that the best duty of care is provided.

This includes proper documentation, risk management and record keeping, as well as proper training and suitability for the leaders.

The After School Club- Cool Club 4 Kids- has recommenced, with up to 12 children attending each week.

The children are enjoying hearing Bible stories, playing games, eating afternoon tea which is provided, and doing craft work.

At the Feb 24 service the leadership team was re-commissioned in this important work.

A highlight of the month was the marriage of Suzie Gowland to Trevor McLean. The bride and groom looked stunning, as was their wedding party.

Rev Dr Bob Brown is at present on sick leave. We wish him a speedy and good recovery.

It has been a joy for the Co-Operating Churches congregation members to join with the cell group folks of Lumen Christi, for Lenten Studies.

We thank them for their warm welcome and for engaging with us to enhance each other's understanding and appreciation of the Bible readings studied.

The fellowship shared has been wonderful. We look forward to continuing the sharing as we celebrate some of the Easter services together.

The churches are now very conscious of having all those who work with children checked and approved to try to combat past abuse.

So a workshop conference was held at the Co-Operating Church on the morning of 9 February.

Chaplaincy Contemplations

BY REV'D LYN PORRITT

Chaplain,
 Monash University,
 Gippsland Campus.

The 2008 year is well and truly with us now. Happy New Year.

I hope it was an enjoyable holiday season.

How wonderful that the Parliament has been able to say "Sorry" to our indigenous brothers and sisters.

Such a small word but so essential to the generation of forgiveness and goodwill in trying to move forward together towards healing the wounds of the past and creating a better future for the Aboriginal people of this land.

This was a momentous occasion in the life of the nation and here at the University we gathered in the Student Union Lounge to watch this event on ABC television.

Let us thank God that this has happened at last.



The University year has begun with Orientation week on 18th February.

The Medical students began in January and are working very hard.

It is always a joy to welcome new students each year who are embarking on hard work and study which will bring them career options in the future.

Continued on Page 23

Saturday Breakfast - Gippsland Community Radio

By Keith Enders

The first Breakfast for 2008 was held on the 23 February at the Co-Operating Churches. Ken Thompson was the guest speaker and he spoke about community radio.

Ken has been involved in the local Gippsland Community Radio for many years and is currently responsible for training of the volunteers. He has also been secretary, treasurer and held other positions as well.

Ken outlined the beginnings of community radio which came into being under the Whitlam government in the 1970's to enable local communities to have a 'voice' on local and other issues, to allow community members to be involved in operating radio stations, and to provide alternative programmes to the existing radio stations.

The local Gippsland Community Radio came into being in 1974 and over that period has operated from various locations including a shed at the then Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education campus at Churchill. It is currently located in Morwell where it has occupied several different sites.

Ken outlined the mission of the station which is to provide :

An alternative radio service

Open access to all community members

Programs that supplement and complement the other media

The station's programme strategy is discussed and decided on by a committee of the station and it includes a variety of programmes, examples being: sport, current affairs, specialist, youth,

classical, easy listening and country music.

Other examples are religious and ethnic programmes, special interest programmes and an early BBC news broadcast as well as news on the hour. Programmes are published in the weekly Express TV Lift-Out Guide and broadcasts on fm 104.7. The station web site is www.gippslandfm.org.au

The audience size is considerable at 27,000 listeners each week as gauged by an independent survey.

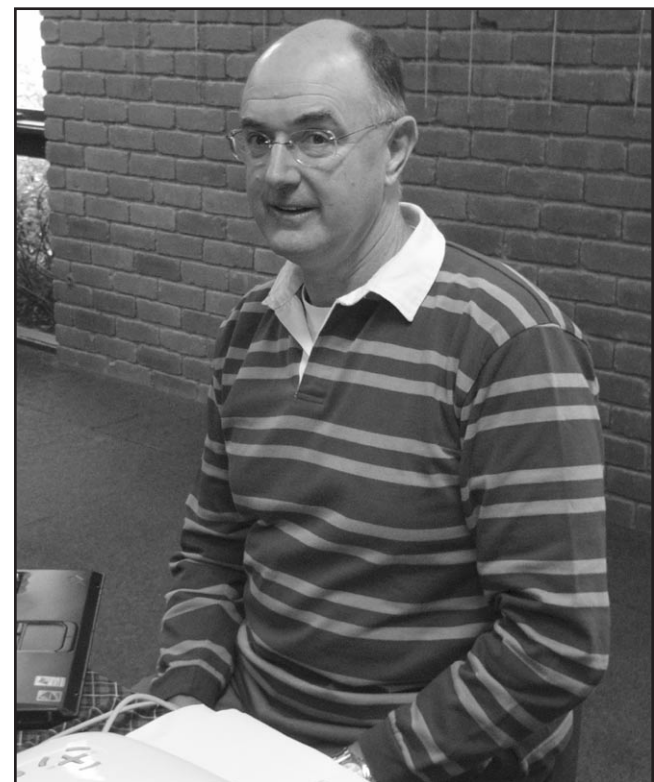
Funding is provided from a variety of sources including sponsorship, ethnic programme grants, subscriber fees, memberships, and fundraisers, which go to help meet the annual \$80,000 running costs.

Considerable funds in addition to running costs have been spent over the last few years on up-grading broadcast and training equipment and to enable the station to now have two broadcast studios and another two for training, etc.

Ken also made the point that the station is not really a 'hobby station' as it has to comply with the Broadcast Services Act (1992), comply with media law as well as having obligations to its sponsors. It must also have professional obligations to the audience, members and the community.

Ken gave a very interesting talk and the audience learned a great deal about the station and community radio generally. Gippsland FM is not the only community station in Gippsland with six others also in operation.

"Gippsland Medical School... The story so far..." will be the



topic of the next Saturday Breakfast on the 29 March at 7.30 am at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill. The guest Speaker will be Professor Chris Browne who is head of the Gippsland Medical School.

People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders by Thursday 27 March by phone at 5122 1148 or by e-mail at kben-ders@net-tech.com.au

Lake Hyland Awaits its Share of Family Fishing Fun

Picturesque Lake Hyland at Churchill will soon be the scene of a full day of fun-filled activities centred on fishing. The Department of Primary Industries will stage a Family Fishing Festival at this waterway on Saturday 19th April 2008.

This free event will include instructed fishing workshops for children led by angling club volunteers and informative talks by local Fisheries Officers. Participating children will have further opportunities to develop their fishing skills by attending casting and knot-tying clinics provided by experienced Fishcare volunteers.

The ever popular 'Flathead Fred' will have kids and adults alike in fits of laughter with his entertaining stage shows and the day will be topped off with a jumping castle, fishing prizes, giveaways, displays, stalls and entertainment for the whole family.

Families interested in attending the day are strongly encouraged to pre-register their children to reserve workshop places, which are limited. Registered children will be provided with fishing equipment and bait to use during the workshops and all members of registered families will not require a fishing licence on the day.

To pre-register for the workshops ring the DPI Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

Lake Hyland, A Premier Lake

As part of the State Government's Go Fishing in Victoria initiative, Lake Hyland has been selected to be developed as one of five 'Premier Lakes' in order to encourage families and new anglers to go fishing. Premier Lakes will offer access for anglers of all ages and abilities, and will also feature family friendly facilities such as toilets, BBQs, picnic tables and playground equipment.

Premier Lakes will be partly stocked with larger 'Premier' rainbow trout (> 1 kg) at least four times per year (subject to suitable water conditions). Stockings of 'Premier' rainbow trout will be in addition to smaller advanced yearlings that are regularly released into Premier Lakes.

Lake Hyland will be stocked prior to the 19th April event to ensure that participants have an above average chance of catching a fish on the day.



Lake Hyland

Family Fishing Events

The forthcoming Lake Hyland Family Fishing Festival builds on the success of similar events that have been held at other Premier Lakes.

To date, two Family Fishing events have been held at Lillydale Lake, Eildon Pondage and Kennington Reservoir. Almost 1500 children from over 740 families registered and participated at these six events.

Evaluation results indicate that these events have been very successful in providing participants with an increased interest and

knowledge in recreational fishing.

The Lake Hyland Family Fishing Festival will be planned and run in partnership with the Latrobe City Council, Friends of Mathison Park, VRFish, several local angling clubs, Fishcare Victoria and other stakeholders.

To view a timetable of activities for the Lake Hyland Family Fishing Festival or to learn more about the Go Fishing in Victoria initiative visit www.dpi.vic.gov.au/gofishing

Churchill Newsagency

Shop 2

Hazelwood Village

Shopping Centre

Phone/Fax: 5122 1241

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday:

7am to 6pm

Saturday:

All Day to 6pm

Sunday:

7am to 12 Noon

Churchill Newsagency

Churchill Self Storage

THREE SIZES:

3m x 3m
3m x 4.5m
3m x 6m

*Situated at corner of
Switchback Rd &
McCormick St, Churchill -
Across from Churchill
Timber & Hardware*

SECURE ACCESS VIA ELECTRIC GATE & YOUR PADLOCK



Phone: **0351342790**
Contact: **B. J Bennett & Co. REAL ESTATE PTY LTD**
219 COMMERCIAL RD, MORWELL

P & J Fish Shop

*The Management and Staff
wish all our valued customers
a safe and happy
Easter*




Churchill Football/Netball Club

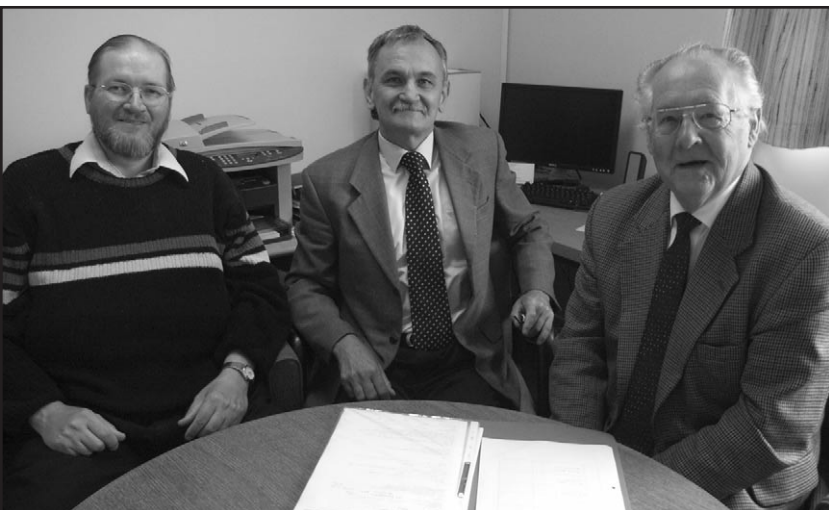
Welcomes you to

Cougars Café

We invite you to come along and enjoy dinner on Friday evenings from 6pm- 8pm

Thursday - Bar Open 4.00pm - 9.00pm

For your next function contact
Churchill Football/Netball Club
Gaskin Park, Manning Drive, Churchill
Tel: 5122 3033



Dainbridge Financial Services Merger

Jim Blair of Dainbridge Financial Services is pleased to announce a merger of his firm with Nicholson Phillips Chartered Accountants, who are specialists in family business and investor tax services. The business was founded and operated by George D. Nicholson, CA, after many years employment in large public corporations and accounting practices, gaining much experience in taxation and finance.

George was born in South Africa and came to Australia 30 years ago, sponsored by Price Waterhouse Coopers. He has had 20 years working in public practice giving him substantial commercial experience.

George was country born and after the many years in the city practice, yearned to be part of country life again. He and his wife Patricia have bought a property in the area and plan to spend many years

here enjoying this lovely part of Victoria.

George will manage the taxation side and business services within the merger, including taxation, business services, accounting and superannuation services.

Jim plans to continue in his role as specialist financial advisor for two years. So it will be business as usual without much change excepting streamlining and improving the services for clients

With the merger, the business name will change to Dainbridge-Nicholson Financial Services, allowing clients to "get two for the price of one" says Jim.

To greet you cordially as you enter the premises, will be Patricia Nicholson. She is also involved with back office administration and client services.

Mark Puurunen, who is well known to many of Dainbridge clients, will also continue to work at the practice.



Lionesses Present CADD to Latrobe Regional Hospital

Margaret Dawson, Media Officer

The first meeting of 2008 was held at the Gallery Restaurant, Churchill which is again our regular meeting place. It was good to welcome everyone back with news of their exploits over the Festive period.

Another CADD (Continuous Ambulatory Drug Delivery) pump was presented to Latrobe Regional Hospital early in December 2007 by Merylyn Grisotto, Sue Lowick, Tom Quinn and John Barker on behalf of Churchill and District Lionesses and Lions.

The Lionesses also presented Hazelwood House with two garden seats. The seats have been dedicated to John and (the late) Helen Tipping in recognition of their work instigating the construction of Hazelwood House.

The presentation was attended by John Tipping and his family, Lyn Vella, and Jenny Monington from Hazelwood House and Lionesses, Margaret, Pauline, Wendy, Merylyn and Sue.

Other donations this month include 20 hand knitted rugs ready for distribution to street kids by Open Family.

The Club will have be serving refreshments at the Churchill Festival on the 15th March and encourage anyone interested in our work to speak to the members who will be attending or please contact the following people: President Sue Lowick on 51222502 or Secretary Vicki Burgess on 51221614.

Letters to the Editor

Future of the Churchill Festival in Doubt

As you are only too well aware, also being one of the very few organisers of this event, the Churchill Festival is on the 15th March - two days from now.

The Churchill Festival (also called other names) has a long and proud history of providing special community fun days for the Churchill and district folks. It dates back to the days when Apex Club ran the Community Fun Days at Monash in November.

This night included a huge a bonfire and fireworks display. Then it became the Churchill Community Fair and was held at Eel Hole Creek reserve between the CFA and the Leisure Centre. Margaret Sunderland from the Co-Operating Churches was one of the main organisers. After several years there, the Churchill and District News decided to have a go.

They had gained some experience from the half day Gala Day in 2002, and have since run the successful 2004 and 2006 Festivals at Glendonald Park with the theme of Free, Fun, inFormation For families. This year a change of venue to Gaskin Park, promises to also be a success.

However, due to workload increase to produce the Churchill and District News, the added pressure in organising the Churchill Festival has caused us to consider giving up organising this event.

We would like to say to the people of Churchill that if you consider the Churchill Festival is a worthwhile activity, then we ask you to step up, put up your hand and offer to help!

The workload for this event can easily be broken up into manageable chunks. The present co-ordinator is very willing to help with contact names for groups, and information about where to get this and that. If someone could take the responsibility for

1. sourcing the food
2. doing risk management and evacuation procedures
3. sourcing the funding
4. making up show bags
5. promoting the event
6. arranging the entertainment
7. arranging the sporting clinics
8. contacting the stall holders
9. arranging the services- generators, toilets stage etc
10. co-ordinating the event
11. organise the volunteers to help on the day

12. arrange the appropriate signage and placement of same on day

then the job would be manageable.

Of course Val, it goes without saying, that you would be pleased to help the organisers with publicity in the Churchill and District News, I am sure, as you are with any event which is happening in Churchill and surrounds.

We may be biased of course, but we think the Churchill Festival is a great event and would like to see it continue.

So come on Churchillians and those in surrounding areas, put up your hands and volunteer to help. I would be very happy to hear from you. Please ring on 51221961 or email place@net-tech.com.au.

Ruth Place

Australia Day Awards - 2008

Please pass on my congratulations to those involved with the Churchill & District News Junior Fishing Competition, on being recognised at the Latrobe City Australia Day Awards for outstanding contribution to the community of Latrobe City.

This was a special occasion for the Latrobe Valley Community to honour and celebrate your support to the community and to recognise your achievements as one of our community's leaders.

I also personally thank you for your dedication demonstrated in the work you have done within our community in organising this event.

Congratulations again and I extend my best wishes for your future endeavours.

Russell Northe MLA

Concerned Freemasons

Your readers might be interested to read that concerned Freemasons have helped many people in the past. The victims of the recent bushfires and the floods in Gippsland were not forgotten. We are a small Freemasons lodge of 32 members and hope that our contribution, however small it is, will help some unfortunate person in need of help.

The Secretary of Loge of Dignity 866, Mount Waverly

The Lodge of Dignity kindly donated \$2,000 to the people of Gippsland. ED.



Northe's Natter

Congratulations to the Boolarra Folk Festival committee and the wider Boolarra community on what was a superb event held on the first of this month.

Such events certainly do not happen by themselves, requiring an unbelievable amount of work behind the scenes to ensure the day comes together successfully. You should indeed be proud of your efforts and it was pleasing to see the weather was finally favourable.

Last month I happily hosted a number of my Nationals colleagues as we launched our Putting Locals First campaign. The simple message is that when we buy locally, we create local jobs and strengthen the local economy.

We also ensure we are backing those regularly called on to support our schools, sporting clubs and community groups. By putting locals first, we help keep our money in Gippsland.

Whilst in the region, I was able to introduce Member for Northern Region, Damian Drum to students at Kurnai College. Damian is developing a private members bill to strengthen legislation surrounding underage smoking and wanted our local youth to have their say. Mr Ponton's Yr11 Health class provided Damian with valuable feedback to help shape the bill which will be

introduced later this year. Anyone interested in providing commentary by March 31st can visit www.vic.nationals.org.au/policyfeedback.asp or contact my office on 5133 9088.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Churchill Festival this Saturday.

Russell



Russell Northe at Kurnai



JB Computers PTY LTD

71A, George Street, Morwell 3840
(Opp. Bendigo Bank)

New computers from \$845 with LCD Screen, Used PCs from \$100, Used Laptops \$390, 17inch LCD monitor \$245, 19inch LCD \$290, Pioneer DVD Burner \$55, High Definition TV & Capture Card \$95, Wireless Keyboard, Optical Mice & Charger Pack \$53, 512MB Geforce 8500GT \$169, 256MG Geforce 8400GS \$110, 7100GS 512 shared \$99.

Upgrade Kit: Latest Core2 Duo Main Board, CPU & DDR2 Memory \$250. Repairs & fault findings from \$20, Labor for upgrade PCs from \$30. Very cheap to fix your PC. DVD Disk:- Ritek, Maxdata, Princo any brand 50 pack \$18, DVD Single Black Cases Box (100) for \$17, Many Brands, Cheap Price.

10% pensioners discount to repair computers.



LATROBE EYE CARE

PTY LTD



13 George Street Morwell, 3840

Tel: (03) 5134 2555 Fax: (03) 5134 3109

Providing a Complete Service to the Community

- Spectacle Makers
- Sun Glasses
- Contact Lens Practitioners
- Eye Examinations
- Cataract, Diabetes & Glaucoma Co-Management



Churchill Lions Club Reorganisation

February saw the Lions Club of Churchill getting back to normal business after the Christmas break. A reorganisation within the club sees people taking on different roles and responsibilities and many large projects are in the melting pot.

This month the Club catered at a BBQ at Bunning's at Mid Valley. The money raised will go to the Lions SightFirst 11 project. Lion's SightFirst 11 is world wide project that has accomplished what few thought possible. Since 1990 it has been extraordinarily effective in controlling and, in some places in the world eliminating, the leading causes of unnecessary blindness.

The Club was in attendance at the Churchill Soccer Club on Saturday 16 February to celebrate the opening of their very impressive new facilities and wish the club all the success for the years ahead.

We supported our Paralympics team for the Beijing Olympics with a donation to Lions Holland Park

Beijing Paralympics appeal.

Locally the club donated to Lifeline Community leaders SleepOut appeal.

The Great Outdoor Expo held at PowerWorks 29th Feb to 1st March, saw both the Lions and Lioness clubs working together in possibly our busiest weekend of the year.

In April the club will be hosting this years Ride for Sight. This is a 400 km fun / social bicycle ride on sealed roads to raise funds for vision research and to spread the word about preventable blindness. This year the Ride starts and finishes in Churchill and will have two well known Local Lions, Herb Smith from Yinnar and Norm Hall from Churchill participating on the ride and fund raising

The Camp Quality esCarpade 2008 campaign is about to begin. The esCarpade is a seven day motor-ing adventure in which the Lions Club of Churchill has participated for the past 15 years to raise funds to

help Kids living with Cancer and to bring hope and happiness to children, their families and communities in ongoing quality educational, financial, hospital and recreational programs through fundraising and sponsorship of our local businesses. Our major sponsor is PowerWorks ,who are great supporters of our club and are very generous in their support for Camp Quality.

The Club will also be participating Lions Biggest BBQ.

March 16th sees the club having an open meeting at which club members will bring a friend or work mate along to encourage new membership and to allow potential new members to find out what Lions Clubs are all about. If you are interested or are thinking about joining Lions and you may want to attend, please contact President Tom Quinn on 51661448 or Secretary Bill Hurenkamp on 51744221 for more details.

Morwell RSL Sub Branch Inc.



**BISTRO
OPEN 7 DAYS
LUNCH & DINNER**

All functions catered for
Rooms Available for:
Meetings, Conferences, & Seminars

Entertainment for March

Friday 14th Coolchange
Sunday 16th Old Time Dance Featuring Ken & Alice Rae

EASTER WEEKEND

Friday 21st I.C. Rock
Friday 28th Big Al

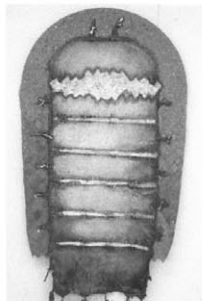
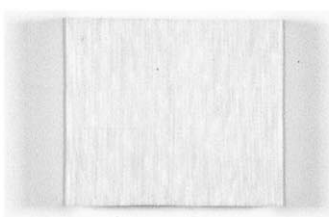
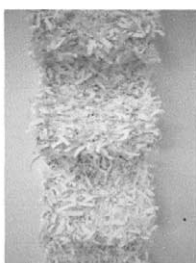
Saturday 22nd Music Festival

Over 13 hours of music featuring bands: I.C. Rock, Esquires, Hound Dogs, Revolver, Solo and Bill Rowley 'The Country Rocker'. Tickets on sale at reception

1/2 Day tickets 11am - 5pm or 5pm - 12.30am: \$10 (pensioners \$8)
Full Day tickets 11am - 12.30am \$20 (pensioners \$16)

All proceeds from door and raffle donated to Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

Telephone: 5134 2455



Serendipity

happy, unexpected, accidental, discoveries

an exhibition featuring the work of

Dana Ashlakoff, Jenny Banks, Mandy Gunn, Peter Greenaway and Anthea Williams



Exhibition opens Saturday April 5th at 2.30 pm and is on show until May 3rd

Arc Yinnar, Main St Yinnar 51631310

opening hours 12- 4pm weekdays and 11-3pm Saturdays



Dr David A Forys, Chiropractor
Laberta K Forys, MSc, Dietitian

Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre
Churchill

Phone: 5122 3336

Keith Hamilton First Churchillian to be Shire President

By Wendy Brown

Keith was born in Ballarat on 9th May, 1936, the second of five children. His parents were Ralph and Elsie Hamilton. The family lived at Bungaree, where his father was a caretaker for the Water Commission.

As a child Keith attended Bungaree Primary School, and then Ballarat High School, riding his bike to the bus stop then catching a school bus each morning.

After completing High School, in 1953, Keith attended Ballarat Teacher's College, after which in 1956 and 1957 he attended Melbourne University.

While in Teacher's College he met his future wife Kath, who was also studying there.

They were married in 1958, so Keith left University (albeit temporarily) to teach at Wedderburn Elementary School and the following year at Ballarat North Tech. While living and working in the Ballarat area, three sons, Graeme, Ian and Ken were born. In 1965 - 66 Keith went back to Melbourne Uni. to finish his degree and graduated BSc. and Dip Ed.

In 1968, the family moved to Yallourn, where son No. 4, Scott was born. Keith taught Diploma of Applied Science students at Yallourn Tech. which eventually became autonomous. The College had its own Governance Board appointed and became known as Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education (GIAE). The College moved to new premises at Churchill in 1973.

Keith proudly told me that his time at GIAE was a highlight of his career. Keith and his colleagues designed a Degree in Applied Science, which was only the second external degree in Australia (after Griffith University). He remembers the staff as a great team. The students were really motivated, as they had the benefit of small class sizes and the great equipment including an analytical X-Ray machine (the first in Gippsland) which could analyse any material. The students were in high demand because of the emphasis on 'hands-on' training GIAE offered. GIAE Science graduates were offered prestigious jobs as analytical chemists at Esso, Nylex, Hammersley Iron. In fact in Keith's 20 years at GIAE/Monash every one of his graduates was professionally employed.

In 1972, the family moved from Yallourn to Churchill in and settled in their long-time home in Walker Parade. Keith became active in Churchill, and joined the Churchill Citizens' Association in 1973. He was secretary in 1974 - 75 and President in 1976 during which time, Keith, along with his neighbour Bill Barratt was elected to Morwell Shire Council. The main reason Keith stood for Council was to lobby for facilities and services in Churchill. Keith became Shire President in 1982/83 and again in 1988/89.

In 1976, Keith resumed his studies at Melbourne Uni. and graduated with a Master of Science in Physics.

In October 1988, Keith was elected Labor Member for Morwell in the State Parliament. In 1992, 1996 and 1999 he was re-elected. After the Labor Government came to power he became Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs. In 1988 when he first entered Parliament, an agreement was made between Peter Hall (Nats.) and John Del Zoppo (Lib.) not to score political points on anything associated with the Latrobe Valley. This included the power stations, hospital, sewerage issues etc. This policy was honoured for over 10 years.

Retirement came on 4th December 2002 after working as a Minister for three years, one month and fourteen days!

Throughout all Keith's career, Kath was a tremendous strength. As well as her successful primary teaching career she was involved, was sympathetic and supportive of all Keith's endeavours, as were the four boys.

Keith admits he had a very productive and fortunate life, and is proud of his "firsts".

First Churchillian to be Shire President, also first Churchillian to be a Member of Parliament, and first to become a minister in State Government. Keith is passionate about Churchill.

After retirement, Keith and Kath decided to do long-overdue major renovations of their Walker Parade home, but soon discovered that it would be easier to build a new home from scratch. After buying a large block of land and having a house designed to their specification they are happily living in their new Churchill home.

Today, Keith is still heavily involved in community matters and wears many "hats". He is Chair of Gippsland Integrated Natural Resources Forum, which involves managing natural resources throughout Gippsland, a board member of Latrobe Regional Hospital, Chair of Weeds of National Significance, (blackberries, ragwort, etc.) which is a Federal Government Department. He is also a



Grade 1 at Bungaree State School

Member of the Rural Financial Council State Advisory Committee and Chair of the Walhalla Tourist Railway Committee of Management. He is often heard on ABC Regional Radio debating political current affairs with other "ex-pollie" Pat McNamara.



Installation of X-Ray fluorescence analyser at GIAE in 1975
L-R Phil Higgins, Steve Abbott, Max Griffin and Keith Hamilton



Keith and Val Callister



A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Special Report on Fires in the Latrobe Valley 24th January 1982

By Mick Bren

By Mick Bren

Shortly after 5.00pm on Saturday 23rd January, the Country Fire Authority issued the weather report for Sunday 24th January 1982

"Temperature 40.c. relative humidity 20%, and winds north/ north west gusting to 50 kmh...."

Just after 10.00am the Heyfield Group reported rising northerly winds up to 40kmh. in the Glenmaggie area. We all knew what to expect.

It was to be a day of Total Fire Ban. Immediately following the weather report, all fire brigades which had experienced fires over the previous 48 hours were advised to go out and check them to ensure that all smouldering remnants were completely extinguished as a precaution against any possible outbreaks. Sunday was to be one of the potentially worst fire danger days experienced in recent years.

One fire in the Churchill area, which covered approximately 4 hectares, was checked and a couple of hot spots located and extinguished.

Once this was completed, the next task was to contact all available brigade members and place them on full alert, preferably with at least one crew on standby, at the fire station, from 9.00am Sunday morning, ready to turn out should there be any outbreak within our area, or a neighbouring area.

On a day such as Sunday was expected to be, the Morwell Group would be activated the moment a fire call was received, perhaps the only way of heading off a possible major disaster.

Sunday dawned. It was warm but with no wind. By 9.30am the temperature was rising rapidly, but still there was no wind. Just after 10.00am the Heyfield Group reported rising northerly winds up to 40kmh. in the Glenmaggie area. We all knew what to expect.

The Captain, Alan, was away for the weekend, so it was my responsibility, as First Lieutenant, to act on his behalf in his absence, and prepare the Churchill Fire Brigade for full alert.

Crew one consisted of me, Officer in Charge, Driver Kevin, pump operator, Darren, hose men, Peter and Bob and backup, Stan.

Just before 11.00am the wind began to rise and was soon strengthening into the 20 - 30kmh bracket. Dust was rising from recently levelled housing and industrial estates around the town, and also the Morwell open cut overburden dump, east of the Hazelwood Power Station, making it quite hazy in the area, making the situation more tense. One almost imagined one could see smoke that wasn't even there at the time.

St. John's Ambulance representatives, Les and Reg, came to the station to make themselves available. By this time more brigade members were turning up at the station, knowing full well the potential of the day.

A second crew was given a training run through on the brigade's new front mounted pumper, anticipating that it may be called out, should the first crew have been called out prior.

By 11.30am the temperature had already

reached 38.c. The relative humidity was down to 24%, and the wind was still rising.

The Captain arrived back early and on coming the station was briefed on the situation. Members at the station, ordered lunch, rather than go home - just in case.

At 12.45pm we received a weather update.....'temperature approaching 40.c. relative humidity down to 22% and winds up to 50kmh', just as predicted.

I had yet to see members so keyed up, and was concerned that there could be an element of panic, should we have a call out under these circumstances.

It seemed to take an eternity to get from Churchill to the fire front, and by this time, the fire was already well in to the township and down to the old highway.

The normal phone rang, and several members jumped up, but without the panic I had envisaged. To some, it was possibly somewhat of a relief. It turned out to be children playing around with the phone, hardly amusing during such a tense period.

At 12.58pm a message over the C.F.A. radio stated that smoke was reportedly coming from the vicinity of the Moe/Yallourn incinerator.

The fire truck was moved out of the station and a couple of us climbed on the back. We could see thick white smoke, and it was obvious it was more than the incinerator, even at this early stage. Before we got off the back of the truck, the F.R.S. (fire reporting system) was activated by the Morwell Fire Station, calling for all available assistance. Crew one was quickly aboard, and we set off. As we drove along the highway, the fire was building up and with thick black smoke now rising with the white. We knew buildings were involved.

By now, reports over the radio had pinpointed it to a grass fire, going out of control, west of, and heading straight for the Hernes Oak township.

It seemed to take an eternity to get from Churchill to the fire front, and by this time, the fire was already well in to the township and down to the old highway. A forward control had not been set up at this stage, so it was every man for himself - get your trucks in and save what houses you could. In we went into a wall of thick, acrid smoke, unable to see more than a couple of metres in front of us. We turned left and literally groped our way up the road, hosing down burning fences, and checking, to the best of our ability, the associated houses and outbuildings.

After little more than about 5 minutes, the smoke was so intense that Bob almost collapsed, and started vomiting from smoke inhalation.

I know how he felt because I had become quite churned up in the stomach myself, and had to put a wet rag over my mouth and nose to reduce the intake of foul smoke and ash. Alan was not too good, and Darren, Stan and Peter had tasted their first major fire, and now knew the difference between a spot fire and a major one such as this was.

There was no backing out. Turning into Progress Road the smoke had thinned a little and ahead were the occupants of a house try-

ing desperately to put out burning fences and outbuildings with a garden hose and very little pressure. We doused what we could and then moved further up the road, where a house was well alight. We had to make a decision.

This house was more than we could handle alone, because we couldn't get back out to get more water, so we had to let that one burn and concentrate on saving another house directly in front of it. After about 15 minutes plying water on to this house, we noticed oxy and acetylene gas bottles right in the midst of the fire at the rear of the other house.

We quickly moved the tanker to the rear of the house we were hosing and ran hoses up to the front to keep the walls as cool as we could. Shortly after, the Yinnar and Trafalgar tankers moved in to assist us, but it was too late to save the burning house. What a helpless feeling - seeing a family's possessions just go up in smoke and be unable to do anything about it.

While we were at Hernes Oak, more was about to happen. At 2.23pm a fire was reported in the Jeeralangs. With all units but our new pumper and Morwell's pumper tied up with the Hernes Oak/Yallourn fire, there was only one avenue left - to hand over the Jeeralang fire to the Traralgon Group. The Churchill pumper, under the control of 2nd. Lieutenant Ray, and the Churchill wagon with the quick fill pump in tow, manned by 3rd Lieutenant Wayne, were turned out to Jeeralang where Wayne set up a Forward Control in the wagon to liaise with the Traralgon Group. Brigade Members were quick to respond to this second call, and several complete strangers turned up at the Churchill Fire Station to offer assistance.

At about 3.00pm several of our ladies began what was to be 12 hours straight for some of them, the mammoth task of feeding all the personnel turned out to the Jeeralangs.

Hot ash, blown up by the strong wind, was playing havoc with our eyes and throats. A hot cup of dishwasher would have tasted good at this stage.

Back at Hernes Oak, we were down to our minimum water level, so we had to move out, the only way being up the driveway past the burning house. Peter and Bob put on sprays and Kevin drove flat chat up the drive. Even in the cabin the heat was quite intense, but we got on to Progress Road without any mishap, and then proceeded to the, by now, organised filling location.

By this time, Morwell Fire Brigade's Group Officer Adrian, had set up a Forward Control, and had gradually weighed up the seriousness of the fire, and was sending in vehicles where they were most needed.

The smoke had cleared considerably but was still causing us plenty of discomfort. We filled up and were then directed to the southern boundary of the fire to assist other brigades in containing the worst outbreaks. We had no sooner set up the truck when a report came through that the fire had spotted into the open cut's south western corner, and a request that any trucks just mopping up, to get there as quick as possible.

This included our crew, so off we went yet

again. At the same time a fire had started at the rear of the Yallourn Power Station and had spread to the north east corner of the open cut. More vehicles were brought in from Region 9, and S.E.C. personnel were brought in from wherever they were able to be released from their jobs, or even home.

That was 26 years ago. The following year several of us were sent to Beaconsfield on Ash Wednesday and deployed to Cockatoo and Gembrook. I will never forget the total destruction of those fires.

As we were fighting the fire on the south west corner of the cut, we were called, along with the Morwell tanker, to head to Morwell for yet another outbreak, however, as we approached Morwell, we were informed that the call was a false alarm, the person concerned, confused by all the smoke from the open cut fire.

Back at Yallourn, we were sent to the north east corner of the cut, and set up the tanker with several other units. Hosing down began on the top batter, and this is where we copped even more personal discomfort. Hot ash, blown up by the strong wind, was playing havoc with our eyes and throats. A hot cup of dishwasher would have tasted good at this stage.

We remained in this area until around 7.30pm when a relief crew came over from Churchill. After a welcome meal provided by the S.E.C., we went home to clean up and have a good rest. The ladies were still flat chat, so a couple of us went home and had showers and then went straight back to the Fire Station to give them some extra help. Local dairy proprietor John K. was extremely generous in re-opening his shop about 10.30pm to provide drinks and sandwich ingredients, and offered to re-open any time during the night should we require any further goods. Churchill Hotelier, Tad G. kindly provided the Brigade with ice for drinks, also at a very late hour.

Sandwiches continued well into the night, and at just before midnight, the Jeeralang fire was declared safe and all C.F.A. units were released to their own stations.

At 12.30am 25th January another Churchill relief crew was sent to Yallourn to man the Churchill tanker, which was still operating at the open cut.

At 2.30am a report came over the C.F.A. radio that all Region 10 C.F.A. vehicles were being released from Yallourn and could return to their stations.

At 3.00am, the Churchill tanker arrived back at the station. It had been a long day and night for most of us, up to 18 hours, with very few breaks.

That was 26 years ago. The following year several of us were sent to Beaconsfield on Ash Wednesday and deployed to Cockatoo and Gembrook. I will never forget the total destruction of those fires.



Churchill Festival 2008

Free, Fun, inFormation for Families

FREE ENTRY

PROGRAM 2008

Outside Stage

10.00am Peter Gray and the Blues Band
 11.00am Official Opening
 Country Music
 11.30am Latrobe Valley Rockers
 12 noon Peter Gray and the Blues Band
 Country Music
 1pm Al 'N' Rick
 2pm Peter Gray and the Blues Band
 Country Music

Sports Clinics

All clinics are on the Oval unless otherwise stated.

10.00am Hockey
 Tennis - at the Tennis Club
 11am Baseball
 12 noon Cricket
 1pm Football
 2pm Bocce
 All Day Golf



Inside Stadium

10.00am Celtic Rhythm Method
 11am Al 'n' Rick
 12 noon Destination Dance Demonstration
 12.30pm Churchill Future Bowling Club Demonstration
 1pm Latrobe Community Concert Band
 2pm Lumen Christi Men in Black
 2.30pm Scottish Country Dancing

IN THE TEEN CENTRE

Boolarra Wool Group
 Churchill Neighbourhood Centre
 Mathison Park Advisory Committee
 Lumen Christi Primary School

Churchill Primary School
 Churchill North Primary School
 Churchill Toy Library
 Kurnai College

Churchill Festival Proudly Brought to You by:

*Mid Valley Shopping Centre
 Gippsland Trade Printers
 Churchill Lionesses
 Gippsland Water
 Vic Roads*

*Gippsland Trades and Labour Council
 West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority*

*EPA
 RACV*

*Latrobe Regional Hospital
 Ritchies IGA Churchill
 Churchill Primary School
 Churchill Scouts*

*Co-Operating Churches in Churchill
 Hazelwood House
 Churchill Football Club*



Free Fun inFormation For Families

FREE ENTRY

Churchill Festival 2008

Free, Fun, inFormation for Families



Saturday 15th March 2008
Gaskin Park Stadium
Churchill
10.00am - 3.00pm

AROUND THE GROUNDS

Roaming Reptiles

Jumping Castle

CFA Smoke House

Awakening / Fusion Childrens
ActivitiesCo-Operating Church Childrens
Activities Tent

Face Painting

HVP Plantations Fire Truck

Gippsland Motor Cycle Speedway

Gippsland Historical Car Club

Gippsland Early Holden Club

Gippsland Asbestos Related Diseases
Support Inc

Neighbourhood Watch

Monash University Gippsland

Student Union

Latrobe Valley U3A

Latrobe Valley Scottish Dance Group

Latrobe Community Health Service

Friends of Morwell National Park

Gippsland Trades and Labour Council

Bicycle and Helmet Checks

CASA

Scouts

Guides

Churchill & District News

Glendonald Residents Group

Churchill Baseball Club

Inside the Stadium

Destination Dance

Churchill Future Bowling Club

Morwell Stroke Support Group - Get your blood pressure checked!

Department of Primary Industries - Find out about the upcoming Family Fishing
Day at Lake Hyland

Refreshments


FREE Sausage Sizzle in front of the Stadium from 11.00am

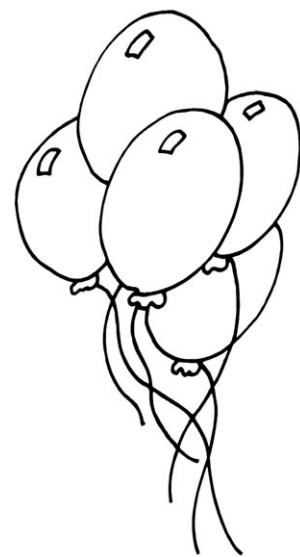
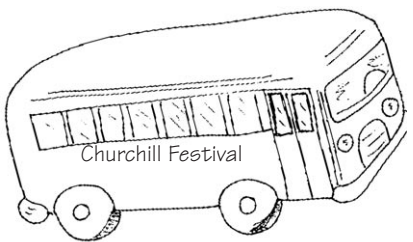
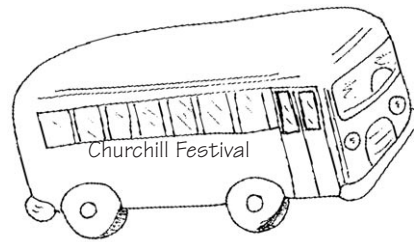
FREE Tea / Coffee / Hot Chocolate and Soft Drinks are available inside the
Stadium and at the Oval

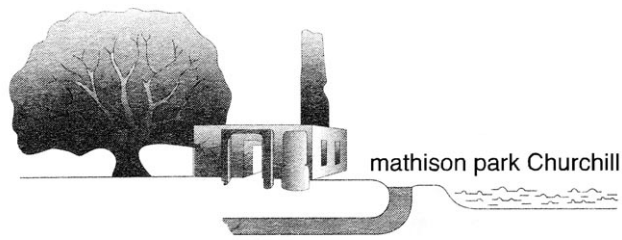
Free Fun inFormation For Families

FREE Churchill Festival- 2008 Bus Timetable

Marina Drive Bus Stop	10.00am	11.00am	12.30pm	1.20pm	2.15pm
Glendonald Park -Amaroo Drive	10.05am	11.05am	12.35pm	1.25pm	2.20pm
Amaroo Drive	10.07am	11.07am	12.37pm	1.27pm	2.22pm
Amaroo Drive, cnr Barooga Crescent	10.10am	11.10am	12.40pm	1.30pm	2.25pm
Churinga Drive cnr Dulpura Court	10.13am	11.13am	12.43pm	1.33pm	2.28pm
Churinga Drive - Kinder	10.15am	11.15am	12.45pm	1.35pm	2.30pm
Monash Bus Loop	10.21am	11.21am	12.51pm	1.41pm	2.36pm
Switchback Road	10.25am	11.25am	12.55pm	1.45pm	2.40pm
Acacia Way	10.30am	11.30am	1.00pm	1.50pm	2.45pm
Coolabah Drive	10.35am	11.35am	1.05pm	1.55pm	2.50pm
Gaskin Park, Manning Drive - 2008 Churchill Festival	10.40am	11.40am	1.10pm	2.00pm	2.55pm

FREE BUS





Mathison Park New Dates for Working Bees

There is to be a change of Working Bee dates to fit in with the Churchill Festival and the Department of Primary Industries, Family Fishing Day, held 15th March and 19th April respectively. The new dates are March 29th and April 12th. Progress on the new pathway is slow, but it is progressing. Please think about coming along to a working bee and giving us a hand.

Mathison Park Advisory Committee will have a display at the Churchill Festival.

**Not Quite in Mathison Park
Ken Harris**

Bird-watching in Mathison Park, early in February we crossed over Northways Road to look at the dams on Eelhole Creek below Green Inc. We were pleased to see two Buff-banded Rails, which I had not seen for a while in Mathison Park.

There is a small elongated pond beside the main dams, which has a muddy beach along its western edge, backed by rushes and sedges and I thought that this looked a perfect place for seeing crakes and rails. So one morning I went down early and at 7 am I sat down in the grass on the edge of this pond just as the sun rose and waited to see what would come by.

After 20 minutes, I was pleased to see a Buff-banded Rail again. This one flew across the pond and then ran along the muddy beach opposite me and then disappeared towards the larger dams.

Next I saw a small group of White-plumed Honeyeaters, not a common species around Churchill, often liking to be adjacent to wetlands.

I had waited an hour and twenty minutes before I got my reward. Another bird arrived by the same route as the Buff-banded Rail, but this, although clearly related, was a smaller darker bird. It lingered on the mud and I got a few photos but at rather long range. I therefore waited until it had disappeared among the rushes and then I moved further down the pond, and sat down opposite where I had last seen it.

While I waited, a Magpie-lark came and landed on the beach and walked along in front of me giving me a great chance for a picture of it admiring itself in the pond water!

As I continued to wait, the tiniest damselfly I have ever seen landed on a grass stem right beside me. This picture shows it at near life size, and it proved to be a female of the Aurora Bluetail. It is a pale green damselfly, while the male is more dramatic with a red body and sky-blue markings on the front and on the tail.



Finally the bird I was waiting for re-emerged from the rushes and it stayed on the beach in front of me, walking up and down, feeding and preening and giving me the chance to take a lot of pictures.

It proved to be a smaller cousin of the Buff-banded Rail, the Lewin's Rail, a bird I have not previously seen in the area and a very secretive bird and usually very hard to see at all. I am hoping that one day I will see one in Mathison Park.



Brass on the Grass

Judy McKenzie

Musicians from Gippsland Brass Bands will be performing at a free open air concert, Brass on the Grass, at Morwell's Centenary Rose Garden on Sunday March 16th.

Latrobe City Brass Band (Morwell), Warragul Municipal Band, South Gippsland Brass Band, Sale City Band and City of Traralgon Band will provide music between 10.45am and 4.00pm.

Bring along a blanket or chair and relax in the beautiful surroundings of the award winning Rose Garden while, lis-

tening to fine music that will suit all tastes. Food will be available at the nearby So Swish Café at the Latrobe Regional Art Gallery.

This Event concludes the Celebration of Roses Celebration. The Celebration, which started on 8 March, included an outdoor display by Morwell Art Group, Gippsland Immigration Wall of Recognition Multicultural Festival and other events.

For more information about Brass on the Grass contact Judy McKenzie on 03 5166 1412

My All Body Needs

Kate Myall is please to announce she is now operating from Churchill Chiropractic Pty Ltd.

Kate will be available for Aromatherapy and relaxation Massages from 10.00am to 5.00pm - Monday, Thursday and Friday.

Kate Specializes in:

- ▮ Aromatherapy
- ▮ Relaxation Massage

1/2 hour and 1 hour appointments are available.
pricing is \$45.00 for 1/2 hour or \$60.00 for 1 hour
for booking please call:
0400 834 695

*Churchill Chiropractic Centre Pty Ltd
Hazelwood Village, Georgina Place
Churchill Victoria 3842*



Lifeline Shop Moves Again

The Churchill Lifeline shop has moved yet again. This time it is into the Hazelwood Village shopping centre and is located between the Hazelwood Health Clinic and the Chiropractor.

There is plenty of window space for their attractive displays which draw you into the shop and help you spend your money.

The proceeds for this shop go towards the wonderful work which is provided by Lifeline and the many trained volunteer counsellors who staff the service.

As you can see from the photo, the shop is staffed by cheerful, helpful people



OUR HIGHLY TRAINED STAFF HAVE 65 YEARS COMBINED SHOPFITTING/GLAZING EXPERIENCE



Guy & Debbie

TRADING HOURS
Monday - Friday
7.30am -5.00pm

GUY & DEBBIE D'ALIA (OWNER OPERATORS)
543 Princes Drive, Morwell
Same Service Road as the Italian Australian Club (Next to Boltco)
PH: 5133 7000 FAX: 5133 8458
MOBILE: 0412 949 091 A/H: 5122 1377

AMAZING FACT!

Tomatoes are rich in vitamins A and C and are major sources of lycopene - a compound that researchers think may help the body to combat cancer.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

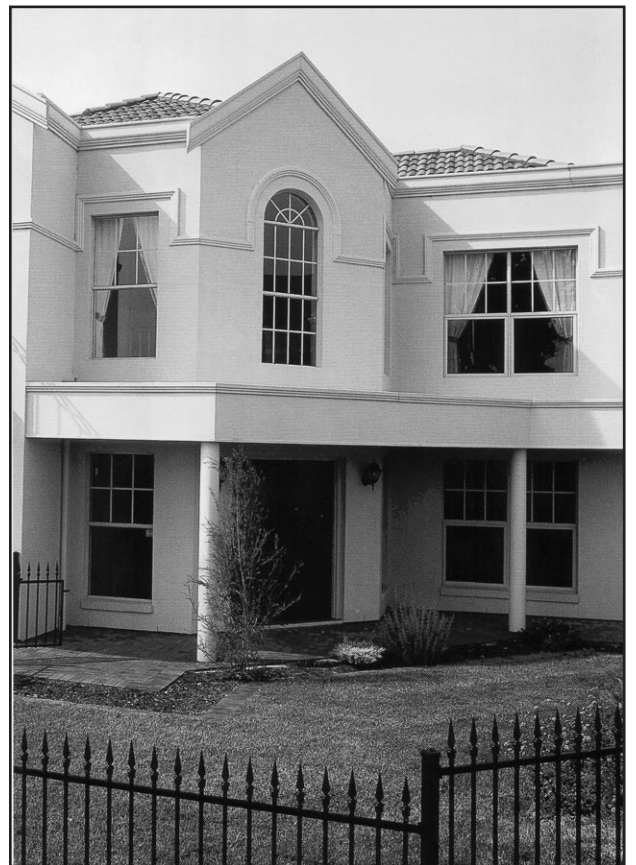
Happiness is not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement; the thrill of creative effort.
Franklin. D. Roosevelt

Casement Window

For that touch of class many homeowners opt for the casement window, as it combines good looks with functionality.

Hinged on the side, the casement window offers the flexibility to capture as much or as little of any cross breezes and really opens your home to the outdoors when opened fully. Stainless steel stays enable the window to be kept open at any position.

As with all our windows the casement is also available with a locking option.



PERSPEX * ALUMINIUM * WINDOWS & DOORS * HEATER GLASS * MIRRORS

INSURANCE * WORK * SHOWER SCREENS * GLASS * SPLASH / BACKS * GLASS

FREE CALL:
1800 771 072
FOR MORE
INFORMATION ON
INVIS-GARD



- *Free Measure & Quotes
- *Highly Qualified Staff
- *Trading Since 1996
- *Quality Products

Guy's Glass would like to express our gratitude to all our customers for another wonderful and successful year. We appreciate your ongoing support towards us and our business.

Thank you

JUST GIVE US 1% OF YOUR BUSINESS AND WE WILL EARN THE REST!

Colour in your Home *Pink*

Pink is the colour most associated with love and romance. It is gentle, soothing and extremely feminine. It is often used in homes to promote positive and reassuring feelings

DEB'S NATURAL CLEANING TIP

A cost effective way to absorb room odors is to place unscented kitty litter in a bowl in the offending room



House Fires - Alarming Statistics

The news over the holiday period was punctuated by the need for reporting the tragedy of house fires with their loss of possessions, severe injury and death.

The following article shows the alarming statistics associated with house fires.

House Fires a Constant Threat

Research shows that the absence of a smoke alarm can increase the possibility of a fatality by 60%.

While 45% of properties attended had smoke alarms installed, 31% of those were not functioning.

From 2001-2006, there were 108 deaths in house fires in Victoria. The majority of incidents happened when the deceased was resting/sleeping.

About 64% of house fires occur in free-standing houses

Household appliances are the third most frequent objects involved in house fires.

2007 Statistics show that every 116 minutes, CFA responded to a structure (building) fire and every 244 minutes the CFA responded to a residential structure fire.

(Statistics are courtesy of "CFA Brigade" magazine)

Residential structure fires area of origin	
Lounge-	9%
Garage, car storage area	9%
Sleeping room for less than five people	14%
Kitchen	29%
Other Areas	39%

CFA's Key Messages to the Community about House Fires:

1. Test smoke alarms weekly by pushing the test button with a broom handle to ensure it beeps. Dust the alarm with a vacuum cleaner brush.

Change the battery at least once a year. It's easy to remember if you do it when you adjust your clocks for daylight saving.

Some community members may need assistance with this. Churchill CFA has a program in place to replace and check smoke alarms for all senior citizens in March each year.

2. Never deadlock you and your family inside your house and always leave the keys in the deadlocks. Any grills or shutters on windows should be able to be opened from the inside.

Fire Equipment Maintenance (FEM)

Churchill Fire Brigade has trained and qualified personnel who carry out Fire Equipment maintenance, which includes testing and inspecting of fire extinguishers, hose reels and fire blankets.

Many businesses and organisations including churches and schools have a six monthly inspection, with any maintenance carried out.

The proceeds from these inspections and any subsequent services rendered, become part of the brigades finances as one of our main incomes.

Any other organisation, business or individual, wishing to access these services should contact FEM officer Darren on 0403 746 894 or ring the fire station on 51223857 and leave a message.

Wattle Club Illegal Bingo?

The folks who attend Wattle Club have a variety of activities to keep them physically and mentally alert, as well as outings to keep them out and about and enjoying this beautiful countryside.

This last month they have played illegal bingo, which I am told they all enjoyed. Is it because the word illegal is part of the title?

They have also participated in Brain Drain and physical activities to get them moving and shaking as well as thinking.

The day after Shrove Tuesday they all participated in making pancakes. Knowing some of the cooks present, I'm sure there was a lot of sharing of favourite recipes. The maple syrup flowed, as they were consumed.

A day out at Silks newly located restaurant in Moe provided a beautiful smorgasbord for lunch.

This was followed by an off the cuff visit to Kerri's Mum's for a cuppa in the garden. This surprise was well received.

Leap Year received a mention with a small discussion about its origins and meaning.

The Premier Function Centre hosted the group for Morning Melodies which was a tribute to Glen Campbell and John Denver.

Following the concert, a lovely lunch was served. To end the day's outing an excursion to the lake at Kernot Hall and the rose gardens in Morwell, completed a great day out.

Lots of fun was planned for the games day, at the beginning of the month, with the added activity of using special texta type pens to decorate a glass.

Valley Trophy Centre

Exclusive suppliers in the Valley of
Victor Sports Products

Strapping Tape
First Aid Needs
Stretchers
Rehabilitation Equipment
Exercise Equipment

Wayne & Annette Draper
60 George Street
Morwell, Victoria, 3840
Phone: (03) 5134 1493
Fax: (03) 5134 1334
Email: vtrophy@bigpond.net.au

We also specialise in:

Glass & Acrylic Engraving
General Engraving Service
Jewellery Engraving
Name Badges as well as Trophies,
Medallions & Plaques

Gippsland Physiotherapy Group

Gippsland Physiotherapy Group

Wishes to advise all clients and referrers that we have moved.

We have located our practice to:

150 Commercial Road, Morwell
(opposite the Council Chambers)

From 21st January 2008

Our telephone and fax numbers remain the same.

Phone: 5133 7388

STRUT RE-GAS

Tel: (03) 5166 1665 Mob: 0407 542 122

"The Strut Specialist"

- New Struts available including Stainless Steel
- Automotive applications: cars, 4wd, trucks, buses & tractors.
- Office/Medical Equipment: chairs, photocopiers etc.
- Boats, Trailers & Industrial uses.

Struts are not throw away items. They can be RE-GASED!



Guides Run Churchill Race

By Sadie Heckenberg

With the Race around Melbourne coming up, the Churchill and Hazelwood Girl Guides ran their own race around Churchill.

The first annual Race around Churchill (WAC) was held on Wednesday 27th February and was developed and designed as a local event by the Girl Guides themselves to suit their needs as young people.

The walk, which started at Mathison Park and lead participants around Churchill to Glendonald Park, was open to all members of the public and attracted twenty-four participants. This is sure to grow in the coming years

"Guides use the challenges of plan-

ning, developing and participation towards their Junior BP and B.P. Challenges", said Sue Conner, Guide Leader, about the system in which Girl Guides earn badges and knowledge about important life issues.

Along the walk the members of guides practiced procedures that they had been learning about within their Guide patrols.

Both issues of safety and emergency were carried out along the walk to practice these important skills.

After the walk all involved were treated to a BBQ Dinner in Glendonald Park.

The Churchill & District News invites you to take part in our

Photographic Competition 2008

Entries will be accepted in the following categories:

My Gippsland

This category is open to adults over 18

My Favourite Place

Open to children from 4 - 17

Photos From the Attic



Dig out those old and treasured photos that are a part of our history
Entries will be judged in three categories: Local, Australia and International*

* Judging will be based on historical interest/content.

Due to the value of these types of photographs, images that have been scanned and reprinted on photographic paper or are on a CD Rom will be

accepted.

The Churchill and District News Team will be happy to scan and print photographs for you.
Please contact Val on 04110 53546 for details or for more information.

For Copies Conditions of Entry and Entry Forms Please Send a SAE to:

Churchill & District News
PO Box 234, Churchill, 3842
Tel: 5122 2589

Email: cdnews@dcsi.net.au

Closing Date for Entries: 14th April 2008



Churchill & District News Photographic Competition 2008

Conditions of Entry

CATEGORIES: Entries are accepted in 5 Categories:

- | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. My Gippsland | 2. Photos From the Attic | 3. My Favourite Place |
| a) 18 - 21 yrs | | a) Age 4 - 9 |
| b) 21 and over | | b) 10 - 17 |

PRIZES: Prizes can be won in all five categories. JUDGING: Entries will be judged locally.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

My Gippsland and My Favourite Place

Each entry must be accompanied with an entry form and state where the photograph was taken.
Entries must be in the form of a photographic print. Photographs can be submitted in colour or black and white. They must be unframed. Size 150mm x 100mm (4"x6")
Slides will not be accepted. Computer generated images will not be accepted.
Multiple entries will be accepted
Photographs must be received by 14th April 2008
The greatest care will be taken with entries, but no responsibility will be accepted for loss or damage
Unless otherwise specified, permission to reproduce entries for publicity purposes will be assumed.
Photographers will be credited whenever the images are used.
Any persons included in the photographic image must be consenting for the photograph and any subsequent use of the photograph. A consent form must accompany entries that include images of people.
Entries from children under the age of 18 must have adult consent
Entries will be returned only if they are accompanied by a SAE.
The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
Signing of the entry form for this competition constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Category 3 - Photo From the Attic

Each entry must be accompanied with an entry form and where possible please attach brief details of where/when/what/who etc
Entries must be in the form of a photographic print. Photographs can be submitted in colour or black and white. Any size of photo will be accepted. Due to the value of these types of photographs, images that have been scanned and reprinted on photographic paper will be accepted. *
Multiple entries will be accepted
Photographs must be received by 14th April 2008
The greatest care will be taken with entries, but no responsibility will be accepted for loss or damage. *
Unless otherwise specified, permission to reproduce entries for publicity purposes will be assumed.
Photographers will be credited whenever the images are used.
Entries will be returned only if they are accompanied by a SAE. *
The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
Signing of the entry form for this competition constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry.

Churchill & District News Photographic Competition 2008 Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Title of Photograph: _____ Category _____

The Photograph was taken at: _____

I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them.

Signature _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 18: _____

Entry Fee to be included with Entry Form:
Entry Fees: \$2.00 per photograph (\$1.00 per photograph concession or student): (\$5.00 Maximum regardless of number of entries)

Please make cheques or postal orders payable to 'Churchill & District News'.
No cash or stamps. Attach consent form if necessary.

Entries to be mailed to:
Churchill & District News
PO Box 234 Churchill 3842

Closing Date: 14th April 2008

Churchill Primary School

Interactive Technology



House Captains

The students and staff at Churchill Primary School have had a fantastic start to the 2008 school year. The school community has welcomed 28 new Prep students to the school and staff are delighted to report that the Prep's have made a wonderful start to their schooling at Churchill.

The school has also welcomed a number of other new families throughout various year levels and pleased to welcome all our new families to the school community.

Interactive Whiteboards

Churchill Primary School Council is delighted to have been able to fund the installation of Interactive Whiteboards for each classroom in the school, joining a small group of schools in the Latrobe Valley who have chosen to harness this technology to improve

student engagement, teaching and learning.

Having trialled Interactive Whiteboards over the previous 18 months, Principal Brad Moyle said "The decision to invest in this technology was made easy by the growing evidence base we had collected that demonstrated that students working in these classrooms had shown improvements in engagement and attendance."

Staff are taking on the new technology as a tool to support their everyday teaching and learning. As our staff team become more adept in the use of the new boards they will be increasingly used to add and expand to our curriculum, linking various forms of interactive technology and features of Web 2.0.

Student Leaders

Earlier in the term all our senior

students want to be actively involved in continuing to ensure that Churchill Primary School is a great school.

Staff and School Council congratulate Nicole Hoogendoorn-Hudson and Wasiul Islam on being elected School Captains in 2008. Nicole and Wasiul will be ably supported by our Vice Captains, Amy Smart and Lachlan Milne.

Churchill Primary School House Captains for 2008 are:

Blue House: Megan Kearns, Jack Butler

Yellow House: Talicia Sokaluk, Nick Cook

Green House: Kayley Hodson, Jeremy Davern

Red House: Toni Ipsen, Gwyn McInerney

Once again, congratulations to all our student leaders for 2008 and we look forward to your leadership throughout the coming year.



School Captains (above) and new staff members (below)



Churchill Primary School has welcomed a few new faces to the staff team for 2008. Joining us in 2008 are Mr. Hamish Clark, teaching Year 5/6, Mrs. Donna Miller teaching Year 1/2, Mrs. Sharon Reidy teaching Information and Communication Technology and Ms. Halie McDonald taking responsibility for

Sport and Physical Education. Our new staff members bring a range of experiences to our staff team and we look forward to their contributions towards the ever improving teaching and learning that is occurring at Churchill Primary School.

Boolarra Primary School

A Great Start!

All classes are operating very smoothly and working hard. Our new Preps have settled into the school routine brilliantly. Our younger students have been measuring one another and have created a display in the passage that features ribbons showing the height of our students from the shortest to the tallest.

Pancake Tuesday

We all enjoyed free pancakes provided by volunteers from local church groups. They were delicious!



Student Leadership

Our students recently elected our Junior School Council. This group of eight students have chosen their office bearers and are already investigating the viability of planting fruit trees in our school-ground. Our JSC will be raising money for Cystic Fibrosis research with a crazy Hair Day later this term. House Captains have also been elected and they are busily helping us to prepare for our forthcoming athletic sports. Our grade 5/6s will undertake Peer Mediation training in their near future.

Lemonade Meeting

The principal, Ms Leanne Emond regularly meets with the grade 5/6s to canvas their view on how the school is operating. These meetings have been held over a drink of Milo and as a result are called Milo Meetings.

In response to the good suggestion made by one of our students, Dana Flahavin, the meetings are now accompanied by lemonade during term 1 and 4 and are called Lemonade Meetings. At the most recent meeting the grade 5/6s suggested that we investigate the viability of digging in our long jump pit so the sand doesn't spread so much.

Welcome Get Together

Our scheduled BBQ was washed out so we staged a get together over nibbles and cuppas in the staffroom. This was so well attended it was quite cramped. We had 23 families in attendance which was a fabulous effort. Our School Council President, Janene Stewart presented our JSC and House Captains with their badges of office.

Swimming Sports

We staged our school swimming sports to select our representatives at the Yinnar & District swimming sports. We were very grateful to many parents who assisted us with transport, time keeping and other jobs. We had 13 students who went on to represent us at the next level swimming sports - they all did an excellent job.

Free Fruit Program

Parents Lisa Papa and Kate Reiske wrote a successful submission to obtain funding for free fruit at our school. Parent and School Councillor Mandi Peter shops to obtain the best buys and to provide fruit that some of our students might not have tasted before. Our first free fruit day featured water-melon, cut up for us by parent Michelle Birkbeck. This was most welcome as it coincided with a very hot day at school.

Breakfast at School

Our R.E. Coordinator Liz Black is again coordinating our free breakfast at School Program. Liz is ably supported by Lois Thornton, the grandparent of one of our students, and our diligent JSC.

Pictured left: School Council President Janene presents House Captain Emma with her badge.



Art Show

All of our students created special pieces of art which our Art teacher, Ms Karen Twomey mounted in black and chrome, glass fronted frames. They all look spectacular and really showcase our students' fabulous creative talents. These

gorgeous creations featured in our first ever Art Show at this year's Boolarra Folk Festival. We hope everyone enjoyed viewing them!

Above: Adam, Will, Siobhan and Bella show off their Art Show work



Guitar & Keyboard Lessons

Many students at our school access guitar lessons with Darren Watson and keyboard lessons with Heidi Booth at our

school. We look forward to them showcasing their talents later in the year during our Boolarra Idol competition.

Above: Bryce learns guitar with Darren

Churchill North Primary School

Out and About in February

Circus Challenge

Students from Yinnar South Primary School and Watson Park Kinder joined in the fun when the circus came to school. A special visiting performance treated the children to juggling, balancing acts and a unicycle.

Pancake Day

Children from Prep to Grade 6 enjoyed a day of making and baking pancakes to help raise money for Uniting Care. Students helped to raise over \$58 which will go towards helping street kids in need.

Maths Circles

For the last two weeks 4/5H have been having great fun trialling a new initiative called Maths Circles. Children and parents have been playing short Maths Games for 15 mins each morning developing quick mental maths and calculator skills. This has provided students with the opportunity to learn card, dice, domino and calculator games that they can be teaching and playing with families at home.

Top Class Integration Program

Churchill North offers an extensive integration program with expertise in language development, occupational therapy, literacy support and student welfare. Staff actively seek to effectively integrate students into class programs supporting them in their educational and social development.

The following staff profiles highlight the expertise of our integration team:

Kim Hodgson is the schools Primary Welfare Officer and part of the Integration Aide team at Churchill North Primary School. With 7 years experience as an aide supporting students and teachers in the classroom she has a vast understanding of disabilities, how students learn and the various programs that can be put in place to help students learn and work to the best of their abilities.

As Primary Welfare Officer Kim is involved in facilitating programs such as the whole school Code of Good Leadership which includes the 8 school Values of listening, co-operation, courage, respect, team work, responsibility, trust and patience.

The social skill program which works with selected students to build such things as self-esteem and co operation through games, cooking and self discovery.

Kim monitors student attendance and yard behaviour and works closely with the Principal and families to ensure all students feel connected to the school. She is able to offer support to families by making them aware of services that are available to them.

Kim says that she enjoys her varied roles at CNPS and is always happy to help out. Being a part of children's wellbeing and education is a wonderfully rewarding career.

Di Bosma-Lindgren is in her 5th year with Churchill North as an Integration aid. Di has developed and coordinated the language program for Kinder children. This was a fantastic success in 2007 and will continue in term

4 of 2008. Di is currently developing a language program across the school. Di coordinates 'Making a difference' (MAD) for older students. This program assists students at all levels in reading and comprehension. Activities are based on student's interests and aim at challenging their learning.

Di works with students within a social skills program; this develops the self-esteem and confidence of students through games and cooking. Di explains that she is exceptionally lucky to work with such wonderful students and families.

Jaylene Shorter began employment as a SSO (Aide) at Churchill North primary school in February this year. Prior to transferring to Churchill North, she was employed at Commercial Road Primary School as an Integration Aide for 6 years.

Jaylene has been instrumental in planning and developing the Articulation\Language program and works closely with the schools Speech Therapist to develop program strategies. Jaylene has extensive knowledge of 'The Sound Way' program an initiative being trialed in the school this year. 'The Sound Way' improves student's skills in reading, writing and spelling.

Jaylene explains that she takes pride in working in a professional manner and is committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for students. She looks forward to the year ahead, building new working relationships with the staff, students and their families to achieve the best possible outcomes in their education.

Sarah Lawson has worked as an Integration Aide since 2006, her work predominately focuses on Literacy Programs for individual students. These programs focus on basic reading, comprehension and writing skills. Sarah explains that some of our integrated students present with special physical and/or educational needs and require tasks and exercises to build strength in their Fine Motor Skills or Gross Motor Skills.

Support and guidance is sort from outside agencies such as; Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists or Behavioral Optometrists as to varying exercise programs that will continue both at home and school. Sarah explains that while her position as an Integration Aide is often seen to be all about "assisting" the 'integrated students', my reward is to see these students on their own path to be as unassisted and independent as possible.

All Integration aides support the daily Kinesiology sessions for students, students are guided through exercise and movements that promote the transmission of messages through the brain.

This supports children in their ability to perform to their personal best. Kinesiology commences with PACE, which stands for Positive, active clear and energetic. It encompasses whole brain learning.



Teddy Bears Picnic

Then on Friday you would have been in for a big surprise, for that was the time the children from grade P/1 and 1/2 had their teddy bears picnic. Children cele-

brated with teddy bears songs, games and a big group picnic outside with their teddy bears, while at the same time continuing to learn their sound of the week.



Healthy Living

The children in grade 1/2 J have been hard at work tending to their Alfalfa sprouts during the week as part of their

unit on healthy eating. All of their pots have come along well and are now ready for harvest.



B WEEK

Beautiful Bubbles

'B' week hit Churchill North in February with the

children from P/1 Dunne kicking off celebrations for their sound of the week by blowing beautiful bubbles all over the school ground.



Family BBQ

There was a great turnout to our annual family BBQ. It was a great opportunity for everyone to meet and greet new families and staff to our school. Thank

you to those families who turned up with a plate of food to share and helped with the running on the night. A great time was had by all.

Hazelwood North Primary School



HPV TEAMS 2008

HPV Wonthaggi

On the 29th of February, 2008 Hazelwood North Primary School students went to Wonthaggi to compete in a HPV [Human Powered Vehicle] race. We have two different teams called Overdrive and Rampage. The Overdrive team members are Cedar, Mark, Amber, Brad, Chloe, Mitch, Tayla, Brett, Jarryd, Toby, Damian, and Jaye. The team members of Rampage are Jessica, Tyler, Molly~Rose, Cody, Nikki, Dale, Shane, Darcy, Jade, Tony, Liam and Jaymi.

The HPV teams have been practising at the Morwell go-kart track. The owners have kindly lent us the track. Everyone in the two teams got at least four goes in the cars.

Everyone has tried extremely hard and enjoyed taking part. On Friday after we set up camp we went to scrutineering. Scrutineering is when all the team members talk about the vehicles safety features. We also talk about the track rules and the meaning of the flags, what the vehicles are made of and the greenhouse effect. On Saturday and Sunday we raced. On Saturday we raced from 12 noon until 10:00pm and on Sunday we raced from 6:00am until 12 noon.

The community has been a great help to sponsor and fix the vehicles. Mr. Drysdale our principal has done a grand job to prepare us for this event.

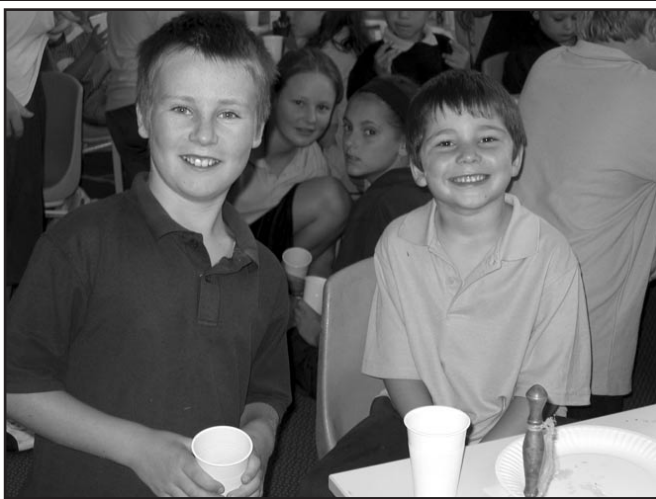
By Tayla S and Mark F

Auskick Footy Clinic

On Tuesday the 25th of February Mrs. and Mr. Mason came to HNPS for a footy clinic. They taught us how to kick a footy and how to tackle and use the tackle bag. They also taught

us how to kick goals. It was an Auskick program and it was great fun. Mrs. Mason handed out forms to play for Churchill Cougars.

By Brett and Jake.



Sausage Sizzle

On the 15th of February we had a sausage sizzle at Hazelwood North Primary school. The parents club organised it. We had a barbeque and Peter Allan, John McKenzie, Sally McKenzie and Lisa Dunn cooked the sausages on the barbeque. We were in class and we couldn't resist the smell that was

coming in through the door. We couldn't wait to get outside and when the bell rang we all raced outside to get first in line to get a sausage. We bit into the sausage and our mouths started watering. They were soooooo delicious! Everyone had a great time and it was a great get together.

By Chloe and Jade



Swimming Sports

On Friday the 22nd of February 24 students from Hazelwood North Primary School went to the Churchill pool to compete against other schools from the Yinnar and District Sports Association.

Some of the Hazelwood North Primary School students will be going to the zones in Morwell next week. They will be competing in freestyle, breast-stroke, backstroke, butterfly or the relay teams.

All students put in their best effort and congratulations to Oakley, Jessica, Meg, Cedar, Jade, Amber, Shane, Chloe, Elise, the 11 year old girls relay team, the 12/13 year old girls relay team and the 12/13 year old boys relay team on progressing onto the zones.

Thank you to Mrs Blythman who organized our participation in this event. Thank you to our parents Sandra Stevenson, Andrea Martin, Peter Allan, Sue Collins, Rebecca Whelan and Kim Smith for helping us in this event.

By Amber Stevenson and Cedar Martin.

Lumen Christi Primary School



School Captains

Congratulations to our new school captains for first semester 2008. Taylor Bruce and Emily Molinari are our school captains and Nathan Barrett and Ben

Lack are our Vice captains. They have certainly taken on these roles with pride and have been doing an excellent job as different tasks arise.



Gorgeous Gardens

Late in 2007 the students in Prep and Year 1/2 planted vegetables and sunflowers. On our return to school we found the garden very fruitful with huge corn, cher-

ry tomatoes, eggplants and magnificent sunflowers.

Jemma and Shenae are nearly hidden by the sunflowers.

Busy but exciting year ahead

2008 looks to be a very busy but exciting year for Lumen Christi. We are very happy to have 3 new graduates from Monash Gippsland on staff as well as two new Integration aides.

Our Preps have all settled in well and are still having Wednesdays off to recuperate after working so hard on Mondays and Tuesday.

Mrs Joanne Leviston, our Deputy has also taken on the role as LOTE teacher, teaching Italian each Tuesday. The children have been really enjoying the lessons and the Yr 5/6's even presented an Italian song at assembly last week.

Reading Recovery has started for our year 1 students, as has EMU (Extended Mathematical Understanding). This is a program for students who are finding Maths a little difficult; they work in a small group every day for half an hour with a trained specialist Maths teacher. Mrs Lorraine Glowacki has taken on this position.

KODE School Visit

As Lumen Christi prides itself on doing its best for the environment we were asked by the teachers at KODE to assist their students with the implementation of some strategies at their school. Our Environmental Team took on the challenge and helped show the students around, pointing out the many features at our school; the chooks, vegetable gardens, indigenous

plants, compost, different bins in the classrooms for different purposes, recycling of water from the drinking taps, underground tanks, recycling of aluminium cans and the wonderful Eco-centre.

Zone Swimming

Three of our students Regan Webster, Lachlan Griffiths and Fabienne Schoutens are representing Lumen Christi at Zone level swimming at the Morwell Leisure Centre next week.

Rice Day

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent a time of preparation for the special celebration of Easter. At Lumen Christi we hold a rice day where the children eat a bowl of rice for lunch instead of their normal food and bring a gold coin donation which goes to Caritas. This is a reminder to the children of how lucky we are in Australia and of how little children in some countries have to eat all day

Shrove Tuesday

On Tuesday 5th of February, children at Lumen Christi Primary School celebrated Shrove Tuesday by participating in the tradition of making pancakes.

In each class children made, and of course ate lots of pancakes and learnt about the significance of the day.

It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all.



Welcome

Welcome to students from overseas

We are very excited about having six new students from 3 different countries start at Lumen Christi this year; Fabienne and Vincent from the Netherlands, Samira and Nyariek from Sudan and Aunee and Munem from Bangladesh.

Kurnai College Churchill Campus

German Students at Kurnai

Four excited and happy Year 10 students from Bavaria in Germany arrived in Australia three weeks ago to begin a ten week exchange program with four Year 10 Kurnai students.

This is an exchange program sponsored by the Bavarian Youth Organisation (BJR) and Association of German Teachers of Victoria and the Goethe Institute (AGTV).

The successful students are Lena who is being hosted by Stephanie's family, Eva who is with Katie's family, Markus with Craig and Kathrin with Robyn.

To many German's, Australia is seen as the last frontier, according to their teacher. It is seen as a big country where living on the land is common. The students were surprised that most people lived in single storey houses.

Kathrin said it was exciting to come to Australia which seems so far from her home. She wanted to see the people and the country, as well as fine tune a language which in Germany is their second language.

Lena said she liked the weather, the people and the country.

Eva thinks Australia is beautiful, and very hot. School here, she says, is much more fun than in Germany. She has enjoyed the cooking classes.

Markus likes the country, the plants and the weather. He wanted to come to see how Australians live, work and go to school. He likes his host Mum and Dad. Yes, he has tried a pie and sauce. 'It is all right,' he said!

A gleam of anticipation lit in their eyes as they were reminded that their central Australian trip was only a few days away on the 8 March. They are away for 10 days.

In September, the Churchill campus students will be going to Germany.

Chinese Students at Kurnai

Three students from China are studying at Kurnai. They are under the care of teachers Deb Sheppard and Cathy Tan. They will be doing intensive studies in Maths and English on a daily basis, with intensive English until the students

are comfortable enough to manage in mainstream studies. The aim is to have them able to do mainstream studies for Year 11 at the GEP in 2009. These students will stay for all of 2008, return home for the Summer Holidays and then return to Australia for 2009.

Li Liu or Emily (her English name) comes from north east of Beijing. She and Yu Qi Ji (Jinny) knew each other before coming to Australia. Jiao Rong Lin is from south China. All three live near the coast.

They are having a good time making new friends. In Melbourne there are many Chinese people and that is a place to go and be able to speak their native language.

They are little homesick and missing Chinese food. Emily says she likes cooking, and cooks for, and teaches her host family to cook. They do, however like a barbecue, but find eating a piece of meat difficult as they are still having difficulty using a knife and fork.

They love the Australian animals, the scenery, the grass and the trees. Australia seems so big, uncrowded and open to them.

The girl's parents made the decision to send their daughters to Australia to be educated as they believe the education system is better and that they will have better opportunities for education here. In China students go to school for six days a week from 7am- 9pm.

They study many subjects in that time. They are finding that in Australia there is more freedom and that the school looks after the students and gives them more personal care. They find Maths easier here. In China they study to pass an exam, in Australia you study for the future to learn, not just to pass exams, they said.

Teacher Cathy Tan, will be going to China soon and she will be going to visit the girls' parents to tell them of their progress. It is an emotional time for both the parents and the girls, but they see it as a positive benefit.



Teachers Deb Sheppard and Cathy Tan with Chinese students studying at Kurnai



Bavarian students with their hosts and Campus Principal Nello Carbone

Gippsland Education Precinct

China Trip

In April, Geoff Block, Cathy Tan, Michonne Van Rees (Gippsland Regional Director) and Anthony Rodaughan, will head off on another visit to China. This year is the second year in a three year plan to develop the international program. The program is gathering momentum with a fresh batch of new students due in Churchill in June and the college is continuing the task of recruiting and building relationships to ensure the program's ongoing success. Although the trips are exciting, they are also hard work with a gruelling schedule of appointments and meetings. On the positive side it is wonderful to meet the families of our students and be welcomed so well in China.

Anne Dettrick

Our Learning Community was saddened to hear the news of Anne Dettrick's retirement. Anne has had a remarkable career at Kurnai College where she has worked tirelessly for the best outcomes for students in her care. We thank Anne for her dedication and we wish her well in a no doubt busy retirement.

Brent Connelly

Brent Connelly grew up in Yinnar and then his family moved to Churchill while Brent was in his mid teens

He attended Lumen Christi and went on to Lavalla where he graduated Year 12 in 2006.

He played football for Gippsland Power and has kept up a family sporting tradition with his father Rod Connelly being a well known footballer, in and around the Gippsland area.

His family still resides in Churchill with his younger brother starting Year 7 at Lavalla this year.

Many of you I am sure will have fond memories of our former AFL Trainee Brent Connelly. Brent was the trainee for 2007 and worked with many students across the college. His greatest dream was to play football at AFL level and at the end of 2007 was picked at the draft by Fremantle. Here is a copy of an email sent to the college to update all the friends he has made here during his time at Kurnai College.

*To Kurnai College students and staff,
I hope the year has got off to a good start for you all, and I trust you all had a good summer holidays. I was asked just to write a brief message to let you know how I'm going in the west, and I can't put it any other way but I am absolutely loving it!*

I'm not homesick at all which is probably the most important thing about moving to a new state, and some of the things I have experienced in the last 3 months have been incredible. I was lucky enough to travel to South Africa for 10 days at the end of January and that was a life changing experience, it really does make you appreciate how lucky we are in Australia and especially after seeing how some people live over there we do tend to take the basics for granted.

Among other things we had the opportunity to visit an orphanage for abandoned children aged between 1 and 15, we also visited a HIV positive centre and ran 2 footy clinics which involved roughly 600 kids in each session, I thought I had my hands full last year at times with 40 year eights. We also played an

exhibition game against Carlton which we won and that topped the trip off.

Since then we have been training each day and the weather is on average 32 degrees. But its good because a strong sea breeze comes in each day at roughly 3pm which cools the place down. We are getting close to the beginning of the season over here and I have been allocated West Perth as my team in the WAFL.

The Fremantle guys have been really good towards me and helped me out in anyway they can, I'm currently staying with a host family roughly 15 minutes out of Fremantle and they are great people.

Life as definitely changed but once again I can't take it for granted as the average life span of an AFL footballer is 3 years, which isn't too long!!

Once Again I hope the year goes well for everyone and if I get the chance throughout the year I'll hopefully get a chance to pop in and say g'day.

*Bent Connelly
Former Kurnai College AFL trainee.*

Yinnar Primary School

Moomba Comes To Yinnar

This week Yinnar Primary School celebrated Moomba with a whole school Moomba Day. Students learnt the meaning of Moomba - coming together, celebrating and having fun.

Students worked in House teams to complete a number of fun activities related to Moomba. Each team made House banners displaying great things

about Yinnar Primary School.

The traditional Moomba events - birdman rally and bathtub derby- were also featured. Students constructed and tested boats and birdman flying machines. The House Captains were responsible for organising an activity for their House, including treasure hunts, cooking and outside games

From The Garden To The Table

The pleasant aroma of home baking could be smelt through the classrooms at Yinnar Primary School. The year 3/4 students enjoyed a delicious meal together.

Not only did the student plan, prepare and cook the meal but they also grew most of the ingredients.

The students work with parents to maintain the school's vegetable garden growing a variety of fruit and vegetables for all to enjoy.

So far this year the students have prepared and eaten garden salad, egg plant bruschetta, pumpkin fruit cake and apple muffins.

Chaplaincy Contemplations

It is always a joy to welcome new students each year who are embarking on hard work and study which will bring them career options in the future.

Most importantly being at University will broaden their ideas and open up possibilities as well as developing friendships and a positive sense of themselves.

The iThink Seminars this year will be as usual in second semester in the Hexagon on Wednesdays from 1pm - 2pm beginning on 6th August and finishing on 10th September. The theme this year will be "The Awareness of the Aboriginal Situation in Victoria".

The International Student Friendship Program will also continue this year so if you are willing to offer friendship to a couple of international students please phone 5122 6425 to register your interest.

This will be my last contribution to the paper as I will be leaving as Chaplain at Easter and retiring to the Bass Coast in South Gippsland.

I hope this column has been useful, informative and reflective reading for you regarding both university activities and your own spirituality.

We are now in the time of Lent in the Church Calendar and this is a good time to reflect on ourselves and possibilities of forgiveness of self and others and of reconciliation.

A colleague of mine, an Anglican Priest and Chaplain in Perth recently sent me the following and I pass it on to you.

Lent is a time of abstinence, a time of giving up and fasting. We fast so that we may feast where the Lord of life provides. During this Lenten season can we -



Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them;
Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of life;
Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light;
Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God;
Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify;
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude;
Fast from anger; feast on patience;
Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism;
Fast from worry; feast on divine order;
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation;
Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives;
Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer;
Fast from hostility; feast on non-resistance;
Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness;
Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others;
Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth;
Fast from discouragements; feast on hope;
Fast from facts that depress; feast on verities that uplift;
Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm;
Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire;
Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity;
Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence;
Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that undergirds;

Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 7:7-8 says

"Ask, and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

So let us ask God, through Jesus Christ and with the help of the Holy Spirit to be with us in the fasting and feasting we need to do.

May the Blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Lovegiver be with you all,

Amen

Blessings



Destination Dance School

A new opportunity for fun and exercise now available in Churchill.

Sisters Penny-Lee and Bridie Tomkins, have a ballet school in Morwell, and after doing some research realized that Churchill did not have one. So they have started one at the Churchill Town Hall (below the shopping centre), on Mondays from 12:30pm.

There are classes available for all ages from 3years to 80 +.

The Tiny Tots start at 12:30pm, followed by the Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors and adults of 18-80+. The hall provides a central venue (parents can drop their children for a lesson while they go off and shop), with a good floor.

They are providing an opportunity for Churchill and district residents to participate in an activity on their doorstep without having to travel to Morwell or Traralgon. These two happy, enthusiastic young ladies declare that dancing is great source of fun, exercise and discipline with the added bonus of making lasting friendships.

These two sisters have a long history of dancing themselves having started at the age of about 3. "We love it," they both said enthusiastically.

Both are trained in classical ballet, but have added Jazz and Tap to their repertoire, as these have become more popular over the last ten or so years, with musicals and TV show like 'Dancing with the Stars'.

Both Penny-Lee and Bridie have competed in dance eisteddfods for over ten years. They have also represented the state in ATOD scholarships, allowing Penny-Lee to dance in Queensland and New South Wales. To win a scholarship, you must pass exams to a certain level, and then go to Melbourne where you participate in a competition and a dance class, both of which are judged for performance. They both did well.

Penny-Lee has also obtained two teaching qualifications and a psychology degree. Bridie is currently studying a Bachelor of Sports Promotion and Events Management.

The girls are thankful to their parents for their support over the years and say they can count on their continuing help.

They plan to have an annual concert and are prepared to help prepare clients for eisteddfod competitions.

For timetables, pricing and other information contact Penny-Lee on 0421 258 295, or Bridie on 0401 506 488

The Co-operating Churches in Churchill

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

FOR GRADES 2-6

At: Co-operating Church, Williams Avenue, Churchill

On: Wednesday's during Term 1

3:30PM-5PM

COST \$1 Per Person

COME ALONG FOR AFTERNOON TEA, FUN GAMES, STORIES, CRAFT, AND MORE.

ALL CHILDREN WELCOME

Parents welcome to come and observe

ENQUIRIES: Mrs Jenny McKellar 51223368

OR Mrs Ruth Place 51221961.

The program is run by people who have

Working With Children Checks

First Aid trained people in attendance.

This program has the support of local primary schools



For Sale

T.K.1 Fireglass racing canoe \$390.00.
and 14' Canoe Sport White Water
Fibreglass Canoes \$200.00

Phone: 03 5166 1532 after 4pm



River Road Electrical Services

DOMESTIC
INDUSTRIAL
RURAL
COMMERCIAL

Bruce Craddock Ph:(03) 5169 6640
Boolarra Mobile: 0427 696 640



Scouts Clean Up Yinnar

Yinnar Scout Group participated in the annual Clean Up Australia day on March 2. More than twenty youth members and their parents collected rubbish from the streets of Yinnar. The Yinnar Lions Club provided a

sausage sizzle at the conclusion of the clean up.

The amount of rubbish collected this year was less than in previous years but the scouts still managed to fill several of the clean up bags provided.



Say g'day on the last Sunday in March every year

Neighbour Day is held on the last Sunday in March every year – but you don't have to wait until then to talk to your neighbours!

The aim is to encourage us all to develop a greater sense of community caring, looking after the vulnerable and isolated – especially those who live alone. Whether you live in the city, in a town or on a farm anyone can participate.

Unlike other awareness days you don't have to make a donation, buy a badge or a ribbon or wear a silly hat. All you have to do is introduce yourself to the people

next door and across the street ... or on the next property.

Many people choose to live alone but that doesn't mean they should be forgotten. The elderly are particularly at risk and so that's why it's a good idea to keep an eye out for them.

By introducing yourself and passing on your name and telephone numbers you are helping to break down barriers of loneliness and isolation experienced by many older people.

The community you want starts at your front door.

Neighbourhood Watch Tip Car Keys

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it.

It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob

chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around... after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

Neighbourhood Watch "Creating Safer Communities"



This month's focus is on loss prevention and property security and how best to secure your property, by marking it. Marking your items clearly identifies them as your property. Property marking will deter burglars by making it difficult for them to dispose of your goods and help police return them to you.

Here are a few tips on how to identify your property:

- * Use an engraver to mark items on your inventory list.

- * Engravers may be available for loan from your nearest Neighbourhood Watch group.

- * Take photographs or videotape items that can't be engraved such as jewellery, watches, silverware, collectables, stamp and coin collections, furs, antiques, paintings and furniture.

- * Put a ruler or matchbox beside each item to show its size.

- * Mark your property with your driver's licence number with the letter 'V'.

- * Fill out a Property Identification Form from your local police station so police will have your code if your property is stolen.

- * Stickers are available from Neighbourhood Watch to show your property has been marked - display these stickers on your property and in prominent places around the house.

In Victoria, community members can now purchase a Security Marking Pen from their nearest Good Guys Store. Homeowners, business owners, schools and accommodation organisations, everyone is encouraged to take up this offer.

Mark it in March

Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Inc, commenced operation in 1983, and Property Inventory Forms and Property Marking have both been integral to the program. Historically our State Wide property marking initiative was held on one day. It was expanded to become one week, and now operates over a busy and very popular month.

Throughout the month of March many of NHW Coordinators with the assistance of local Police, volunteers and service clubs will be marking property in Victoria. Numerous schools and colleges have participated in the program and hopefully this great initiative will enjoy even greater success in 2008.

For information on what's happening in your area contact your NHW Police Coordinator.

Data Dots

Data Dots are a modern and simple way to 'engrave' property. They are as tiny as a grain of sand, very difficult to detect with the naked eye, and each one is laser etched with several lines of a unique identifying code.

That code can be of the user's choice ie: drivers licence, phone number, name and address.

Neighbourhood Watch supports any method which deters 'would be' thieves, and therefore sees Data Dots as another product which might achieve that objective. However the value of this product is the assistance it provides to authorities that locate stolen property. It identifies property and therefore assists in the pros-

ecution of offenders found in possession of property so marked.

Data Dots is an initiative assisting the security of motor vehicles. Major automotive users of this product include, BMW/ Mini, Subaru, HSV, Audi, Ford, Yamaha, Mitsubishi, Porsche, Nissan have led the way, applying Data Dots to their entire model range. Data Dots are imprinted with the vehicle's unique vehicle identification number (VIN) and sprayed onto major components throughout the car, making them less appealing to thieves.

As owners of property we must all make decisions on how to best safe guard our valuables, obvious marking or identification remains the greatest deterrent. It is harder for offenders to dispose of property that is clearly marked in a name other than their own.

Not all items are suitable for marking through engraving or using Security Marking Pens. Many items, often expensive or sentimental, such as jewellery, paintings, crystal glassware, antiques, silverware, and various other collectables are difficult to mark. Instead, these items should be photographed or video recorded. Not only assisting police in the event of solving crime, photographs or video tapes showing your valuables can also be used for proof of identification and ownership for your insurance company.

When photographing or recording your valuables, place each item next to a ruler to provide a scale for establishing proof of size. Write a brief description of the item, including any distinguishing marks or serial numbers on the back of the photo. Keep photos or videos in a safe place.

Message from NSW Ambulance Service

We all carry our mobile phones with names and numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than if we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency?

In Case of Emergency Campaign

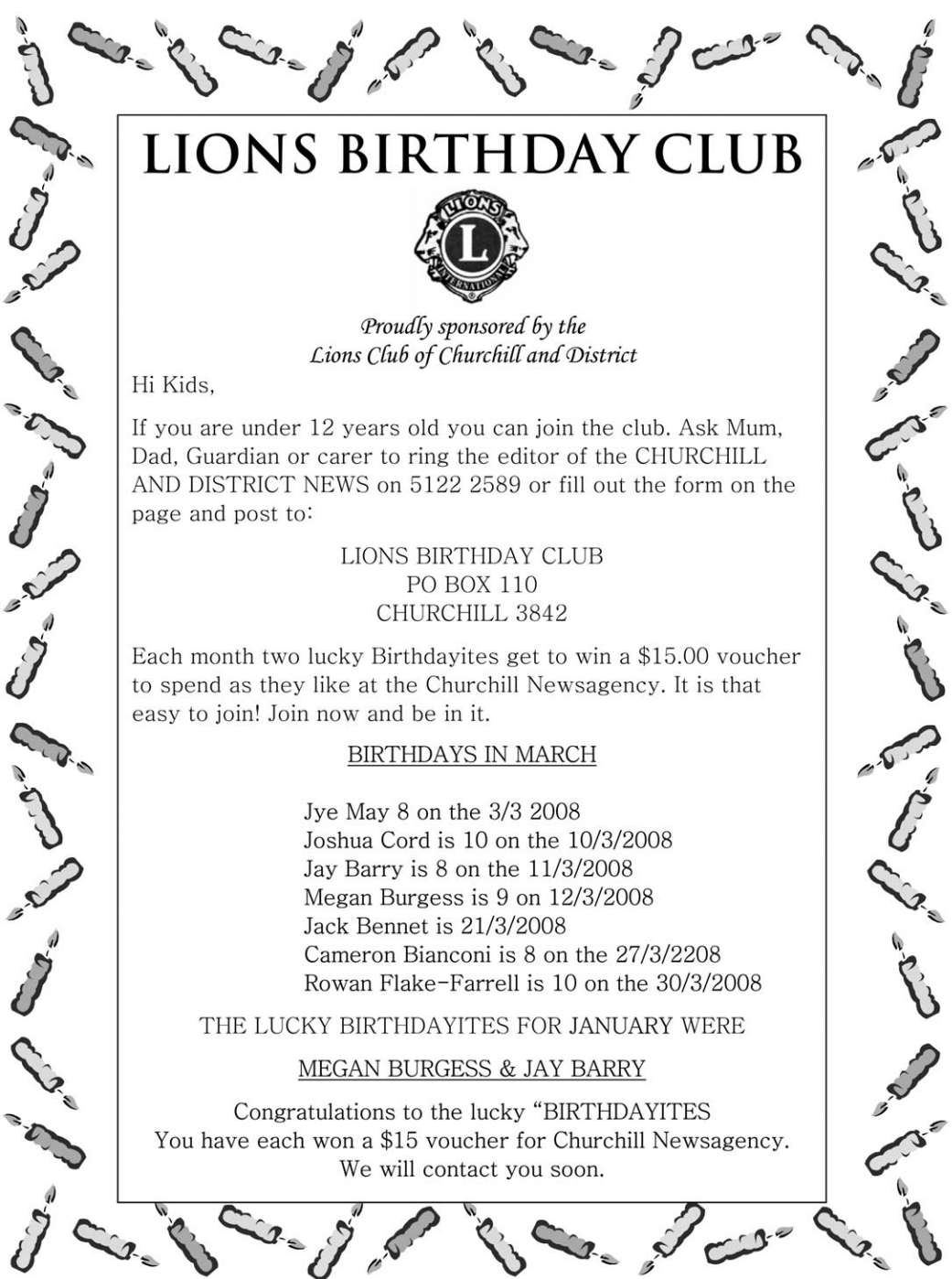
The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognised name for this purpose.

In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialling the number you have stored as 'ICE'.

MARK IT IN MARCH

****CHILDREN'S CORNER****



LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB



*Proudly sponsored by the
Lions Club of Churchill and District*

Hi Kids,

If you are under 12 years old you can join the club. Ask Mum, Dad, Guardian or carer to ring the editor of the CHURCHILL AND DISTRICT NEWS on 5122 2589 or fill out the form on the page and post to:

LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB
PO BOX 110
CHURCHILL 3842

Each month two lucky Birthdayites get to win a \$15.00 voucher to spend as they like at the Churchill Newsagency. It is that easy to join! Join now and be in it.

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

- Jye May 8 on the 3/3 2008
- Joshua Cord is 10 on the 10/3/2008
- Jay Barry is 8 on the 11/3/2008
- Megan Burgess is 9 on 12/3/2008
- Jack Bennet is 21/3/2008
- Cameron Bianconi is 8 on the 27/3/2008
- Rowan Flake-Farrell is 10 on the 30/3/2008

THE LUCKY BIRTHDAYITES FOR JANUARY WERE

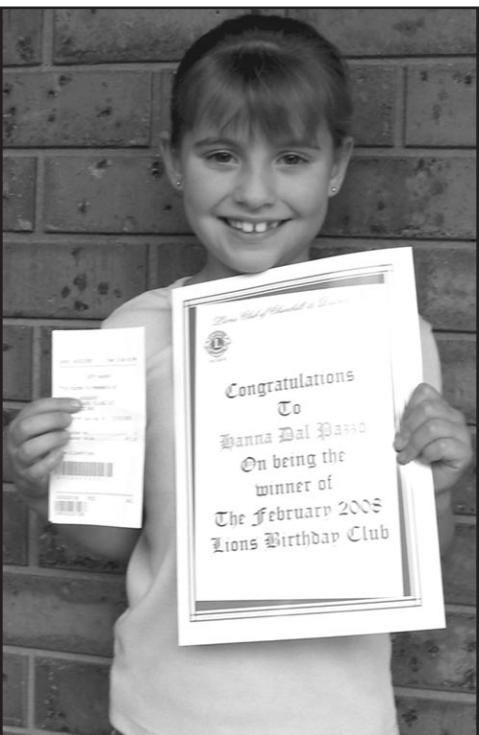
MEGAN BURGESS & JAY BARRY

Congratulations to the lucky "BIRTHDAYITES"
You have each won a \$15 voucher for Churchill Newsagency.
We will contact you soon.

Hi Boys and Girls
Easter is on March 23rd, so we thought you would like to colour in something for Easter.
Remember the Churchill Festival is on March 15th..... looking forward to seeing you there!!!!



BIRTHDAYITES!



Hanna Dal Pozzo
was a winner in January



Jordan Curtis
was a winner in February

LIONS CLUB OF CHURCHILL BIRTHDAY CLUB FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____

Please Circle: BOY or GIRL

PARENT/CAREGIVER: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

****Please Note all information is strictly confidential**

RETURN TO APPLICATION TO:

THE SECRETARY
PO BOX 110
CHURCHILL 3842



A song about Hot Cross Buns

Hot cross buns,
Hot cross buns,
one ha' penny,
two ha' penny,
hot cross buns.

If you have no daughters,
give them to your sons,
one ha' penny,
two ha' penny,
Hot Cross Buns

These "Birthdayites" were all smiles when they were presented with a \$15 voucher for Churchill Newsagency, from the Lions Club of Churchill & District. They were chosen at random from the March list. This could have been you - make sure you join so you also have the chance to be a lucky "Birthdayite".

Victorian Country Championships - Best Result Yet!



Latrobe Valley Water Polo women's team had one of its most successful Victorian Country Championships at Bendigo on 9th and 10th of February, making it to the finals.

The whole team displayed great defence skills all weekend and kept one of the top teams goal-less for a quarter during their game. Unfortunately Bendigo proved too strong in the first final, defeating Latrobe Valley 7 to 1.

The Latrobe Valley team was lead by goalkeeper, Cheryl Mason who worked tirelessly all weekend - not only in goals, but as team captain and coach. Her efforts were appreciated by all. Kristy Timmer-Arends again shone, with great skills throughout the competition. Justine Crutchfield played well in all her games and was the first goal scorer for Latrobe Valley. Emily Rickwood, one of two junior players in the team, showed vast improvement and won the ball in some

fierce tussles. Her mum, Fiona, was consistent all weekend. Erika Peters, the other junior, who was playing her first water polo games, improved over the weekend and was a valuable member of the team. Erika's mum (Sheena) and two of her sisters (Laura and Janelle) made up the rest of the team. Laura put in 100 percent every game and was a very valuable player. Janelle, also playing her first games, was the quiet achiever and was never far from the action. Sheena's strength in defence was on show all weekend, backing up the goalie and pressuring the opposition.

Latrobe Valley Water Polo will resume training at the Churchill Pool on Sunday 13 April at 3.45 pm. Anyone interested is welcome to attend - it's a great workout for all the family and is open to any age. More information can be obtained from Cheryl on 51661797 or Fiona on 51222493.

Latrobe Valley Waterpolo will not be training during the school holidays (1st April, 8th April and 15th April). Normal training will resume on the 22nd of April, starting at 3.45 pm.

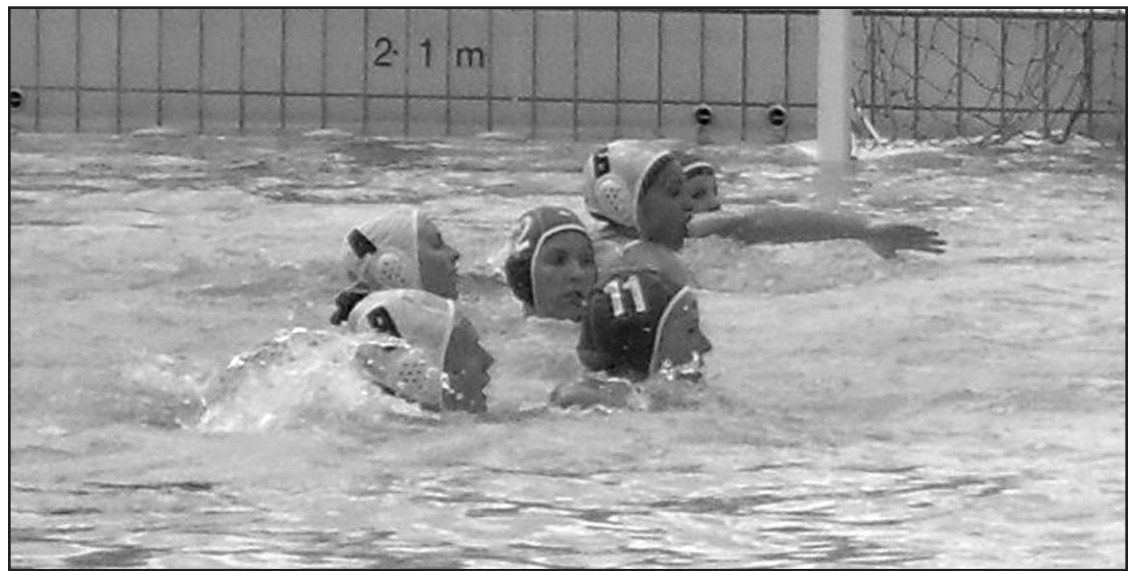
Anyone interested in joining in is most welcome - all ages and levels of swimming catered for.

Great for anyone who wants a different work-out.

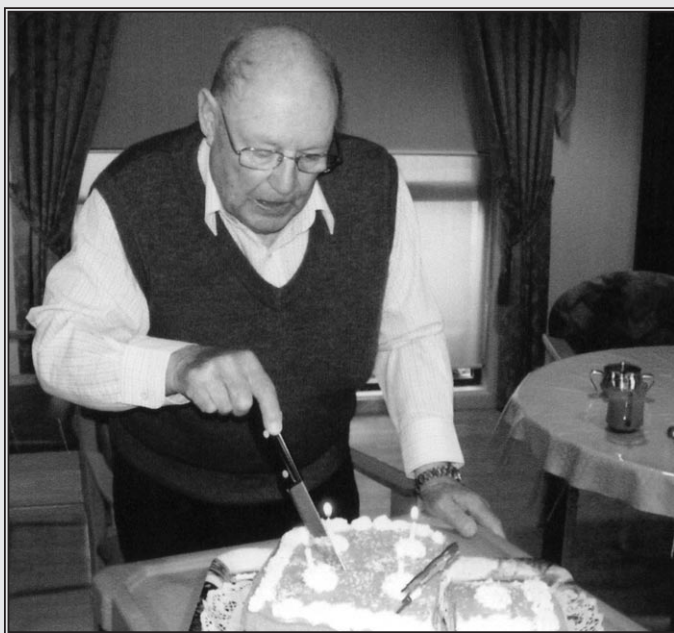
FLIPPERBALL FOR UNDER 12'S

No swimming ability required
 Qualified Coaches - Lots of Fun
 Same time as normal training

For more information, please phone Cheryl on 51661797, or Fiona on 51222493.



Hazelwood House Happenings



Family and Friends attended Maisie Fox's 99th birthday which was held at the Hostel on 28th January. Congratulations from everyone, Maisie, on reaching such a great age. Photo left shows Maisie with the lovely cake made by the kitchen staff.

Peter Martin celebrated his 80th birthday on 13th January. To help Peter celebrate this special occasion were two of his grandchildren who live in England, family and friends



A big thank you from everyone at Hazelwood House to the ladies of Churchill Lioness Club who donated two outdoor seats for the hostel. The seats were dedicated to John Tipping and his late wife Helen for their contribution to Hazelwood House



Hazelwood House Activity Co-ordinator, Beth Price and staff member Julianne Auteri are being presented with a cheque for \$2,200 from Martin Nicholl, Manager of the Traralgon Greyhound Racing Club. the cheque is prize money won from participating in the 'Great Chase'

Churchill Bowls - Site Discussions

The Churchill Bowls Club would like to thank all those who signed our expression of interest petition. Over all, we collected in excess of 1000 signatures, which equates to around 25% of Churchill's adult population, who are willing to support a lawn bowling facility if one is established our town.

The project is now at the stage where we have completed all the legal requirements that are required to allow us to operate as a business, and are now awaiting the outcome of discussions with Latrobe Council on some suitable sites around the town. Once these discussions are finalised we will be applying for sporting grants to get underway with start of construction of the lawn bowls facility.

It is our intention some time this year to start major fund raising ventures, and have already signed onto the Ritchies Community Benefit Card scheme which is paying dividends for the club. We would

also welcome any one else in the community who would like to contribute to the clubs fund raising by shopping at Ritchies and nominating the Churchill Bowls Club as their choice of support.

We intend to commence a carpet bowls competition in the near future, which we hope will have the backing from all sections of the community, and also to encourage people to start supporting and joining the club, and in addition enjoy a good time out in congenial surroundings.

On the 15 March the Churchill Bowls Club will be conducting a carpet bowls demonstration and information session as part of the Churchill Festival, which will be held at the Gaskin Park. We would be happy to answer any queries you may have on the proposed bowling club, and its future development.

For any further information contact President, W. Brown 51 221860 or Secretary, V. Hargreaves 51 221304



Churchill Hockey Club 2008 Season

Welcome back to the 2008 season. This year we have a new president and some new committee members who are all eager to get the season off to a great start. The Churchill Hockey Club season will begin on Tuesday 11 March, with training for all players and age groups.

We will be training in Morwell at the Maryvale Reserve (where the juniors play). Training is on a Tuesday night, with the juniors at 4:00pm - 5:00pm and the intermediates and seniors from 6:30pm-7:30pm under lights.

The reason why we have continued to hold our training sessions

at Morwell this year is because our ground at Gaskin Park is still unsafe to train and play on. We have again been in contact with the Latrobe City Council and they are aware that major works need to be done to fix our ground.

This year the Churchill Hockey Club will host the Lightning Prem. This will be held on Sunday 6 April. All age groups are welcome to play on the day.

We will also be running the canteen and barbecue, so we need players and parents to come along and help on the day.

The 2008 Home and Away season for seniors starts on Saturday

the 12 April. For anyone interested in playing hockey, we have junior teams, which are for children of Primary School age Prep - Grade 4 and Grade 5/6, boys and girls Intermediate teams (secondary school age), and a women's senior team.

Our next hockey meeting will be held on Monday the 31st March at Linda Reid's house. Anyone interested in playing hockey can contact our President, Linda Reid on 51 222072, or just turn up to training on a Tuesday night.



Back: W Brown, G Powell, D Whelan, V Hargreaves.
Front: N Myers, H Speake, H Kennedy



Central Gippsland Mowers and Chainsaws

533 Princes Drive

Morwell

Tel: 03 5134 8889

TORO TIMECUTTER TITAN Z 5200

*24hp Briggs and Stratton ELS

*Twin Cylinder OHV Engine

*52" Fabricated 10 Gauge Steel Deck

*Adjustable, 18" High Back Seat

*3 Year Limited Warranty

*Deck Washout Port

LARGE RANGE OF MOWERS AND ACCESSORIES AVAILABLE





Churchill Festival 2008

Free, Fun, inFormation for Families

Saturday 15th March 2008

Gaskin Park, Manning Drive, Churchill

10.00am - 3.00pm

HEAPS OF FREE ENTERTAINMENT

ROAMING REPTILES

JUMPING CASTLE

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

SPORTS CLINICS: HOCKEY BASEBALL FOOTBALL

GOLF TENNIS BOCCE

CELTIC RHYTHM METHOD

CFA SMOKE HOUSE

GIPPSLAND EARLY HOLDEN CAR CLUB

HVP PLANTATIONS FIRE TANKER

LATROBE VALLEY ROCKERS

AWAKENING

LATROBE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE

GIPPSLAND ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASES SUPPORT

PETER GRAY AND THE BLUES BAND

GIPPSLAND MOTORCYCLE SPEEDWAY CLUB

BOOLARRA WOOL GROUP

CHURCHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

FREE BUS SERVICE*

AND MUCH MUCH MORE!!!!

*For Bus Time Table and Route see Page 13

