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**Editorial**

I would like to pass on my personal thanks to all those involved with the Churchill Festival - it was a great day!

Lake Hyland will be the venue for a free family fishing day on Saturday 19th April. There will be fishing workshops and other activities - it promises to be a great day so please go along.

On a more serious note, Gippsland Asbestos Related Diseases Support (GARDS) will be holding a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Rose Garden in Morwell on 28th April at 11.00am. There is an estimated 6,700 workplace deaths from accidents and illness in Australia each year and the Australian

Bureau of Statistics also estimates there are around 680,000 workplace injuries or illnesses each year.

The statistics, which are higher than the national road toll begs the question 'is enough being done to ensure working people go home to their families safely each night?'

The Ceremony coincides with International Worker's Memorial Day. All are welcome to attend.

Lastly the closing date for the photo competition has been extended to May 12th - please contact us if you have any queries .

Ed.

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Crackers Keenan with riders Jenny Hassell and Jarrod Gardner

## Knights for the Blind Choose Churchill as 2008 Host

In 1925 blind and disabled authoress and activist Helen Keller challenged Lions Clubs International to become Knights of the Blind.

"Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?"

Lions Clubs have risen to this challenge, with a goal to eradicate preventable blindness. Since 1994 Lions District 201V3 (covering Endeavour Hills to Mallacoota and Mornington Peninsula) has done so by holding the 'Lions Ride for Sight', a charity bicycle ride lasting four days. The Ride visits up to 15 Lions Clubs who host the 50 riders and 15 Support Crew, providing meals and accommodation.

This year the four-day ride will begin at Churchill on Thursday 17th April, with the Churchill Lions Club hosting the riders with dinner, breakfast and overnight accommodation. They will travel approximately 400km with overnight stops at Rosedale, Yarram and Mirboo North before finishing back at Churchill on Sunday 20th April for more hospitality from Churchill Lions Club who will provide a farewell lunch. Over the past fourteen years, the ride has raised \$485,000 for Lions sight projects and with a field of fifty riders

this year, they are certain to crack the half million dollar barrier.

To help the riders on their way, well known sporting identity, Ride Patron "Crackers" Keenan, will officially start the ride and accompany riders on the first leg. Also officiating at the start will be Churchill Resident and District Governor of Lions District 201V3 Peter McShane and Churchill Lions President Tom Quinn. The ride will start from the car park in front of Churchill Newsagents and residents are invited to come along to cheer on the 15th Ride for Sight and its intrepid Knights for the Blind.

The purpose of the ride is to raise funds for Lions Vision Projects and last year alone the ride raised over \$50,000. In 2003 funds raised were used to establish the Centre for Eye Research Australia's new Macular Degeneration Research Facility at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital and since 2004 the \$40,000 plus raised by the ride each year has been donated to the Centre for Eye Research Australia through the Lions Eye Health Program to fund a fellowship which supports promising young researchers.

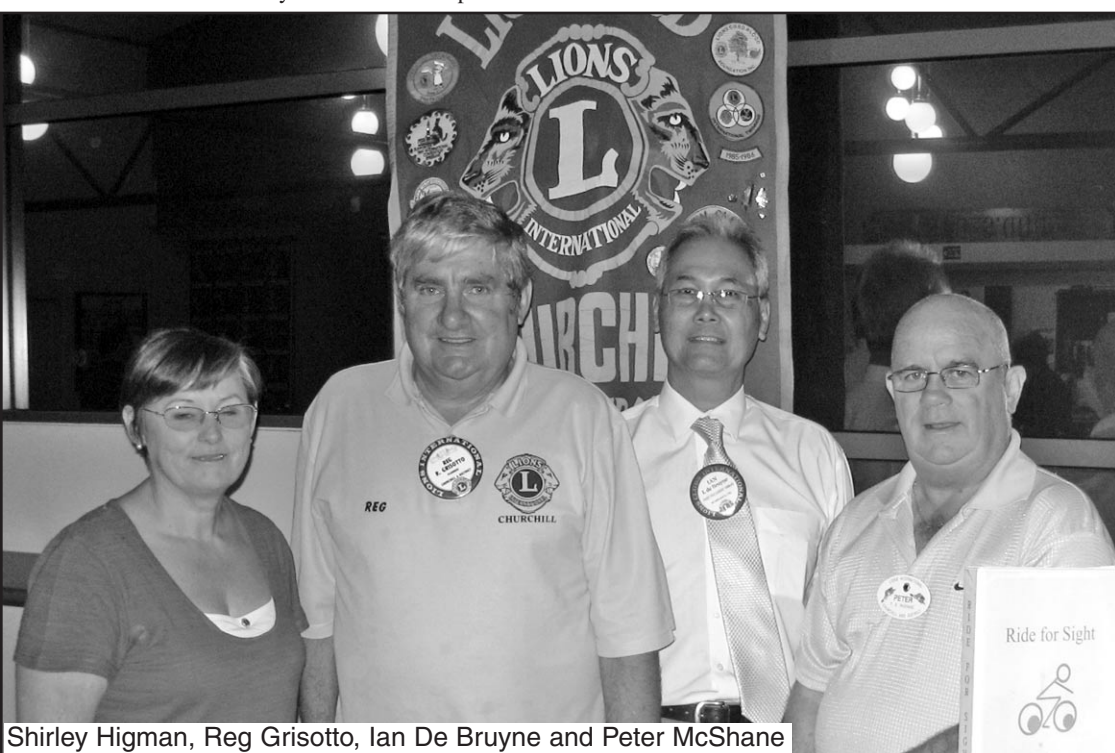
A previous holder of the Lions Fellowship, Dr Ecosse Lamoureux won a National Health and Medical Research Council Scholarship to continue his research in public health aspects of vision impairment. It is expected that Dr Rees will also win a National Health and Medical Research Council Career Development Award. The Lions

funding from the Ride for Sight is important in attracting and encouraging the development of careers for the prevention of vision loss and blindness and in studying the consequences of impaired vision.

The Ride last year also donated \$5,000 to Lions Sight First. At the presentation of these funds, Lions Sight First Technical Advisor Associate Professor Jill Keefe, spoke about SightFirst in the Asia Pacific region. Ophthalmologists volunteer their time to work with Lions who find indigent people needing cataract surgery to restore vision. A new childhood blindness project is under consideration through a partnership between Lions and the Philippines Prevention of Blindness Committee to train eye care workers and develop the specialist facilities throughout the country.

Fundraising for the Ride has already had a good start with each rider currently raising their minimum \$300 personal sponsorship, donations coming in from Lions Clubs, sales of the Ride's Meat Raffle, a very enjoyable and successful Wine and Cheese Night run by the Trafalgar Lions Club which raised over \$2000 and a \$3000 donation from our major sponsor Latrobe Health Services.

Join Churchill Lions Club on Thursday 17 April at 9am at the Shopping Centre Car Park to farewell the Lions Ride for Sight and wish them well.



Shirley Higman, Reg Grisotto, Ian De Bruyne and Peter McShane



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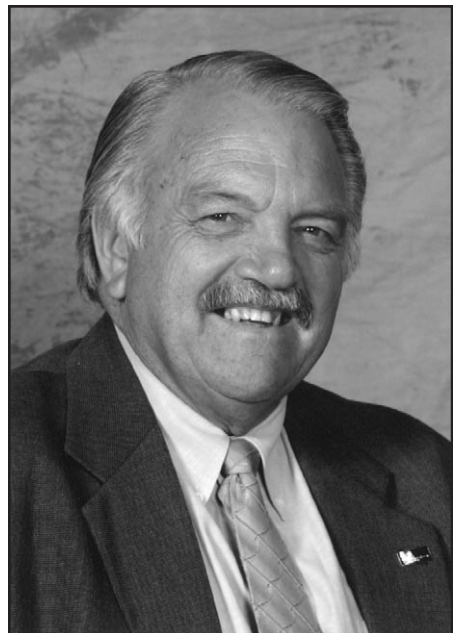
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# Survey Aims to Identify Needs of Local Businesses

## Cr. Darrell White



All local businesses are being asked to take five minutes to complete the survey which has been distributed by post. An accompanying reply-paid envelope has been provided for the convenient return of survey forms. In preparation for the task, a newly-revised business database has been prepared.

There are a variety of questions asked in the survey dealing with current and anticipated employment, current and anticipated skill requirements, what business information would be useful and identification of business classifications. Generally, respondents are only required to tick the boxes although a couple of questions need a little more detail. It will not take long to complete but the information will be very valuable for the Economic Development Unit as well as Council in general.

The Economic Development Unit has planned well ahead for this survey and is extremely confident that the results will enhance delivery of Council's services into the community.

The information collected in this survey will only be used for the purpose for which it is collected and will

not be passed on to a third party without permission. All businesses can be assured of confidentiality in this task.

If a business has not received a survey form, contact should be made with the Economic Development Unit to request a copy.

For further information about this survey, please contact Executive Manager Economic Development, Geoff Hill at Latrobe City Council on 1300 367 700.

### Input sought on draft Natural Environment Sustainability Strategy

Latrobe City Council has released its draft Natural Environment Sustainability Strategy (NESS) 2008-2013 for public comment.

The new Strategy brings together in one document the range of environmental plans already being pursued by Latrobe City and consolidates these into a comprehensive and unified approach to natural environment sustainability.

The Strategy discusses what we mean by the natural environment and how we value it and it summarises the range of natural assets in Latrobe City including rivers and streams, climate,

water resources and biodiversity including the unique Strzelecki Koala.

In addition, the Strategy outlines key action areas and the objectives that Council intends to pursue to ensure the sustainability of Latrobe City's natural environment for the benefit of the whole of its community.

Some of these include adapting to climate changes, waste management, encouraging industry sustainability, air quality, parks and reserves.

The sustainability of the natural environment is a critical objective for Latrobe City, and Council welcomes comments from every section of the community on this draft Strategy.

The importance of the natural environment is increasingly recognised, not just for its own sake but for social and economic wellbeing. For example, Latrobe City Council's economic development strategy recognises the increasing value of the local natural environment for economic development, including enhancing the attractiveness of Latrobe City as the place to live.

It is clear that Latrobe City has a proactive community when it comes to natural environment sustainability. Community surveys reveal that the community are actively saving water,

removing weeds, conserving biodiversity, recycling and reducing energy use. Latrobe City contains 25 voluntary community groups directly involved in conserving the natural environment, including Landcare groups, friends groups and committees of management of Bushland Reserves, and others.

A significant number of objectives listed in the Strategy are already being actioned by Council, but achieving many of the objectives will require cooperation between Council, external organisations, community groups and the community at large. For this reason, it's important that the community has their say on the Strategy and help guide it towards achieving the best outcomes for future generations.

Comments on the draft Natural Environment Sustainable Strategy should be forwarded by Monday 21 April 2008 and addressed in writing to Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell 3840; or email [kevinro@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:kevinro@latrobe.vic.gov.au). For further information contact Latrobe City's Sustainability Advisor, Kevin Roberts, telephone 1300 367 700.



By Margaret Guthrie, President

It is always interesting to hear of the latest proposals for Churchill and to learn about the various stages of project development. That's one of the benefits of being a member of CDCA and attending our monthly meetings.

At our March meeting, members were given the latest information updates on the progress of a number of Churchill projects, such as the Community Hub, the Skate Park and the West Place shopping centre redevelopment.

We heard news of Council's likely application for VicHealth funding for the 'Streets Ahead' program. If successful, this funding could be used to further develop recreational walking paths in Churchill. A Council convened community consultation group is to meet in April to consider the application.

Representatives of the Churchill Lawn Bowls Association have been attending CDCA meetings to discuss site and funding options for a proposed club here. We have also received news of Council's Recreation Study for the towns south of Morwell and its likely impact on Churchill sporting and recreational facilities.

Members are encouraged to raise issues that affect our local community. One such matter raised in March was reported news of a possible determination by the Federal Taxation Department that Community Health Services may lose their 'Charitable' status and will thus have to pay GST. Such a move would likely impact on the range of services and programs that Latrobe Community Health Services is able to offer to residents. CDCA has resolved to follow up on this issue and determine some appro-

priate action.

Likewise, members' questions are always welcome at CDCA meetings. At our last meeting, questions about the Churchill hotel site and surrounding land prompted some interesting discussion around the Churchill structure plan, land zoning and potential future developments. More news about the Churchill Civic Gardens project was also tabled.

Local sculptor, Paul Jesse, who is working in the ARC studio at Yinnar, has been commissioned to commence work on the Churchill War Memorial, which is to be placed in the Civic Gardens (on the former nursery site, adjacent to the Shell Service Station).

Paul has begun work on the base and is to shortly complete the preparatory 'box' work for the sculpture. We are likely to view the first pho-

tos, as the sculpture begins to take shape, at our April meeting.

This meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 23rd April. We are expecting a guest speaker from Latrobe City Council to talk about one of the current and/or new projects that involve Churchill.

CDCA meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Churchill Football & Netball Club. Tea & coffee supplied. All Churchill & district residents are most welcome to attend.

CDCA can be contacted at P O Box 191, Churchill, or call the Secretary, Rob Whelan, on 5122 3602 or email: [robwhelan@eftel.net.au](mailto:robwhelan@eftel.net.au)

## Want to Know More?

### Northe's Natter

Future Our Place project had a visit from the Minister for Community Development during March and it was pleasing to see the Minister acknowledge the value of the partnerships formed and the importance of such developments in creating a proud and connected community.

On a recent visit to the town, Churchill residents raised concerns about recurring graffiti attacks. I am in continuing conversations with our hardworking police and CDCA representatives about the issue and urge anyone with information to contact the Churchill Police on 5122 1790 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

As always, I encourage anyone requiring information or assistance with, or wishing to share their views on a State Government matter to contact my office.

### Lifeline Gippsland's 40th Anniversary Sleepout - Not much Sleep but a Record Breaking Event Nonetheless!

An entertaining night tour provided by Gippsland Heritage Park volunteers and live music provided by 'In Country' meant the record breaking number of participants didn't get an awful lot of sleep, but the Sixty-three Sleepers did help raise over \$12,000 for Lifeline Gippsland at the charity's 40th Anniversary Sleepout which took place on Friday 14th March at Moe's Gippsland Heritage Park.

Said Kate Buxton, Lifeline Gippsland's Operations Manager, 'The success of the Sleepout depends on the support of so many people including all of our Sleepers and their sponsors, our

wonderful hosts at Gippsland Heritage Park, donations from those that could not be there on the night and the local businesses who provide in-kind support in the form of food and refreshments.

It really is a community event and our heartfelt thanks go to our community'.

2008 is shaping up to be a very busy year for Lifeline Gippsland, which provides the only 24 hour generalist telephone counselling service in Gippsland.

In addition to being the charity's 40th Anniversary, it will also see construction begin on their

new Community Counselling Centre in Morwell.

Anyone interested in finding out more or donating to the Community Counselling Centre appeal should contact Kate Buxton at the Lifeline office on 5134 8278 or [lifelinegipps@llg.org.au](mailto:lifelinegipps@llg.org.au).



Months of hard work from Val, Ruth and team came to fruition last month at the Churchill Festival. It was truly wonderful to see such strong community support and given the ladies have announced the C&D News won't be running the event next year, I hope residents band together to ensure the festival will run in future years.

The Churchill hub development and Our



## Peripheral Vision Launched

By Ruth Place

Last year Phoenix de Carteret, invited a group of women to a series of workshops to tell their stories about being at home in Gippsland.

This series was one component of a Gender, Body, Work, Place, Research Project funded by Monash University.

Peripheral Vision is the result of their time together, sharing and writing of their experiences of living in Gippsland.

The book contains a warm engaging collection of anecdotes, memories, and snippets that are fragments of each person's experiences.

As well as the storytellers Carol, Dee, Bridie, Janice, Carol, Phoenix, Dorothy and Sheila, a group of friends, and people from the Neighbourhood Centre gathered for the launch on Wednesday 13th March and the lunch which followed, to celebrate the book's completion and publication.

Henry Parniak, the Centre Coordinator, welcomed everyone, thanking Phoenix for holding the workshops at the Centre, and for holding the book launch there too.

He then introduced Dorothy Fogarty who was to launch the book. Dorothy is well known around this area for her community work and as a former teacher for many years.

In 2005 she was honoured by being chosen Senior Citizen of the Year for Latrobe City Council. Dorothy has written of her life's experiences as an inclusion in the book.

Dorothy said she had had a wonderful time reading the book and described it as "what goes on around us every day." It is a celebration of thoughts and feelings, and how we perceive our world around us.

The stories came about through talking freely, recording life's experiences, events and happenings, tapping discussions held and expressing thoughts and dreams. These were later collated.

The book recalls lots of wonderful memories, and is a delightful snapshot of women's views of Gippsland.

It gives insights into people, places and activities which we treasure.

A wealth of information is contained within the stories, highlight-

ing the diversity and beauty of Gippsland, its history, and its dreams.

Phoenix described the stories as those which will be reminiscent of our own stories.

It shows that everyone in a community contributes to the community. We all have a story.

The books are on sale at the Neighbourhood Centre for \$10. This money will go towards the making of the book into a talking book which is the wish of the group. They also hope to put it on a DVD.

One of the group Doris, said that when she first attended she was puzzled to know how such a diverse group could work, or what had made them respond to the advertisement in the paper.

However, she said they are interesting lot and they have become a caring group of friends. She thanked Phoenix for her leading and encouragement.

Carol another group member then read her poem, before lunch was enjoyed with lots of mingling and chatter.

## 2008 Centenary Year of Scouting

2008 is the centenary year of scouting in Australia. Although this term was quite short there have been numerous activities undertaken by all sections.

Founders Day (Lord Baden Powell) was celebrated by all scouting personnel at a district event at the Churchill Scout Hall.

Both the Cubs and the Scouts have been to the Boolarra Hall for some outdoor action and Scouts have attended a water activities weekend at Lake Narracan as the guests of Cardinia District.

Anything Goes (AG) was held at Lardner for venturers. The Scouts travelled to Mt Baw Baw to hike along the Alpine Trail to Walhalla.

Our activities extended into the holiday break with our Venturers going to Taradale in Western Victoria for the Hoadley hiking competition and initiative course and our Scouts to Gilwell Park in Gembrook for the Stradbroke Cup camping competition.

Our Venturer team successfully completed the initiative course and our Scouts achieved a silver award for their camping prowess.

Our leaders also won the best stall at the Stradbroke Fair. As this goes to print some of our Cubs have just left

for Cuboree - a statewide jamboree type camp for cubs at Gilwell. We also have a Scout, a Venturer and Leader all participating as well.

Upcoming events include the Anzac Day Parade and a Bunnings BBQ.

Jamboree of the Trail (JOTT) is planned for early May when all scouting personnel are encouraged to take part in some form of hike or bush walk. The scouts will be undertaking some first aid and emergencies training.

Our hall is to undergo some more maintenance shortly as the roof is to be replaced. We acknowledge the support of International Power Hazelwood in this project.

Meeting Times  
Yinnar Scout Hall, Main St (Next to Fire Station)  
Cubs: Monday 7 - 8:30pm  
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## Saturday Breakfast - New Head of Medical School



The March Saturday Breakfast was held on the 29th and Professor Chris Browne, Head of the Gippsland Medical School, Monash University, was the guest speaker.

Prof Browne was educated in the United Kingdom and graduated with a BA from York University and a DPhil from Oxford in 1974 where he worked in the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology, in the laboratory made famous by Sir Howard Florey.

He came to Monash in 1974 and has also worked in Canada. He returned to Monash and was appointed Head of the Gippsland Medical School in July 2006.

His very interesting talk concentrated on the School's medical course which enrolled the first intake this year of 59 students with six from overseas. The course is a graduate entry course of four years duration (Bachelor of Medicine/ Bachelor of Surgery), unlike many other medical courses which are undergraduate of five or six years duration.

The current students come from a variety of backgrounds, some examples being nursing, chiropractic, paramedic, science and journalism. Ages of the students range from 22 to 42 years old.

The outline of the course is given below:

Year A: Introduction to Basics and Systems

Year B: Integrated Medicine, Surgery and Pathology

Year C: Women's and Children's Health General Practice and Psychological Medicine

Year D: Elective and Selectives

The curriculum is designed as an integrated structure incorporating four themes, within which semester long units are taught by staff from a range of departments across the faculty, in an interdisciplinary fashion.

Details of the course can be found on Monash's web site at:

<http://www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/gippsland/course-outline.html>

Also, a PowerPoint presentation given by Professor Browne covering the course can be downloaded at the following web address:

<http://www.med.monash.edu.au/medical/gippsland/docs/chris-browne-gippsland-mbbs.ppt>

Prof Browne outlined the need for such a course. There are both shortages of doctors and nurses in Australia, a problem that has been compounded by the lack of appropriate government policies and funding despite being warned of the problems many years ago. Governments have relied on overseas doctors coming to Australia which has raised moral and social issues because many come from developing countries which can ill afford to lose them. Prof Browne stated that Australia should really be training doctors to work in these countries.

Professor Browne's talk generated a lot of interest and questions by those attending.

The course aims to interact with the community not only through hospitals and GP practices but with other community organisations such as Lifeline and Anglicare, etc. Students will spend time at a number of hospitals in Gippsland and Frankston as well as getting experience working with Gippsland GP's.

It is hoped that many students who are educated in country regions will enrol in the course because they are more likely to stay and work in country and regional areas.

The next Saturday Breakfast will be held on the 26 April at 7.30am at the Co-Operating Churches, Williams Avenue. Ruth Place will be the guest speaker and Ruth will talk about her trip to Burma. People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders on 5122 1148 or at [kbenders@net-tech.com.au](mailto:kbenders@net-tech.com.au) by Thursday 24 April.

## Church Snippets



After School Club

By Ruth Place

As for the last several years, the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill took part in Clean Up Australia Day. The faithful team cleaned up the Walker Parade reserve area, McDonald Way below the shops, as well as along Monash Way Reserve. Special mention should be made of Barry who did a great job yet again, covering the roadside area along Monash Way down to Acacia Way.

The two parishes of Lumen Christi and Co-Operating Churches have been sharing the Lenten studies. It has been a very worthwhile experience, one which we would hope would continue to other studies.

This year the two parishes shared the Tenebrae service (the service of shadows) at Lumen Christi. This is a short but moving experience, where those who attend, leave without speaking to fully appreciate the separation from friends and aloneness of Christ as he faced his arrest, trial, and death.

Good Friday Witness Walk was well attended. The cross was carried through part of Churchill, starting at the Co-Operating Church, visiting Lumen Christi, the Post Office, News agency, then near the roundabout where the cross was erected, with a sign "Jesus King of the Jews" nailed to the cross beforehand. The sign was to be changed on Easter Sunday morning early to "Christ has Risen" but the cross has been taken and could not be found. The Police have been informed.

World Day of Prayer was celebrated at

Lumen Christi this year. The service was written by the women of Guyana. Guyana lies on the northern coast of South America. It is South America's only English speaking country. From 1813-1966 it was known as British Guiana. With independence it became Guyana- land of many waters. This is appropriate as it has many rivers, scenic lakes, wetlands and waterfalls including the highest single drop waterfall- Kaieteur Falls- five times higher than Niagara.

Religion plays a major role in Guyanese culture. All Guyanese celebrate Christmas, as well as Christ's rising at Easter. This is celebrated with nationwide kite flying. All races represented are able to celebrate their own customs and holy days freely.

The theme for this service was from Job 28:28 "Truly the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." The service was an encouragement to read and listen to the lessons of the Bible, to know God is your help and guidance, to strive to live in peace, and that how we live is an example to those around us, and a guide for living their own lives.

Cool Club 4 Kids- the after school club at the Co-Operating Churches is going well. The Cool Kids have learnt about some Old Testament characters like Noah, Daniel, and Jonah, as well as Jesus. The final session saw the young people dress up and using a time machine, go back to learn about the times of Jesus teaching, arrest, death and rising to new life. The helpers plus Neil and Cameron acted out the story for the young folks.



Clean up Australia Day

## KYB Ladies Group

A KYB (Know Your Bible, originating from CWCI - a worldwide organisation) Ladies Group has begun here in Churchill. It's a group, where likeminded women meet once a week (on Tuesdays) for fellowship and to study different books of the Bible together. This first half of the

year we are studying the second half of the Gospel of Matthew. If you are keen to study the Bible more and enjoy the fellowship of other women, please feel free to join the group. Please contact Jolonda on 51 22 1983 for more information.



After the Expo!

# Look out for EsCarpade

March started with the club working at the Great Outdoor Expo. The Expo this year was held at PowerWorks, which proved to be an excellent location and attracted big crowds, with some people taking the advantage to take the Power Station and Coal mine tour.

The Churchill Lions Club work started well before the event with setting up. They then catered over the three days of the Expo, finally demobilising and cleaning up. Good weather and excellent attendances over the three days made for a very busy time. The assistance of the Churchill Lionesses and the many volunteer workers assured a very successful outcome.

The club has been involved with the Expo for many years and it is a major fund raiser for the club. To all those who gave us their valuable time and assistance, thank you. It was very much appreciated.

### Churchill Festival

Lots of hungry mouths were fed at the free barbecue at the Churchill Festival. This was a

great community event and one the club is proud to be a part of. Good weather, good attendances and plenty of activities for young and old made this a great day. Lions 'Bangers Reg', Dave, the Onion man, 'Handover man Mcshane', with solid support from the Brick made sure no one walked away hungry. There were no sausages for tea that night thank goodness!

Our monthly barbecue at Bunning's at Mid Valley was again a great success.

### Ride For Sight

Preparation is well under way for our clubs participation in the Latrobe Health Lions Ride for Sight to raise funds for vision research and bring about awareness of preventable blindness. Well known local Lions Herb Smith from Yinnar and Norm Hall from Churchill are participating in this event. The event starts on 17th April and finishes in Churchill on Sunday 20th April. I hope to see many locals out to encourage and support the riders. If you would like to assist with sponsorship or donate in any way please

contact Norm on 51661681 or Herb or the club Secretary on 51744221.

### Camp Quality EsCarpade

The Clubs Camp Quality EsCarpade 2008 campaign to raise funds to help Kids Living with Cancer, is getting into gear. We have participated in this event for the past 14 years and have raised in excess of \$200,000 towards this great cause. Once again we will be canvassing our local business community for sponsorship.

Look out for our EsCarpade car CAMPQ.

### Club Meeting

Kurnai College Principle Anthony Rodaughan gave a great presentation on "Education Today" at our last club meeting. Thank you, Anthony. Special guests, Rod Jackson, Shirley Higman and Ian De Bruyne spoke on the Ride for Sight.

Lion Bob Lowick presented certificates of appreciation to Dale Simmons, PowerWorks and Kyle Key, Hazelwood Yacht Club for the generous support they gave in hosting Kids from

Camp Quality.

Tim Marouf from Camp Quality came along and presented Camp Quality Tee shirts to all club members and also thanked PowerWorks and the Yacht club for their support.

Dale Duncan was welcomed into the Lion Fellowship as a new member.

The club sponsored four local school children to attend Easter camp at Licola.

We assisting and supporting the EW Tipping Foundation to assist with the purchase of a new wheel chair, The Lions Hearing Dog Foundation, Queensland Flood Relief and The Australian Lions Foundation

Upcoming events for the Club include the Family Fishing Comp at Lake Hyland Saturday April 19th, please come along and have a great day, Ride for Sight April 17 to 20 and Lions Biggest BBQ.

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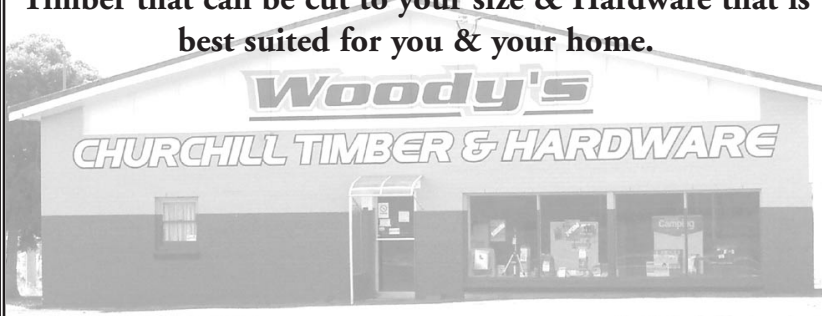
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## GHAC 40th Birthday

The Latrobe Valley Branch of GHAC Inc is celebrating their 40th Birthday this year.

The club was founded in 1968 by a handful of enthusiasts who felt there was a need to establish a local club.

The prime object of the club was to assist those who were interested in the preservation of all types of historic motor vehicles, motor cycles, tractors and stationary engines with three classes: Veteran Motor Vehicles and Engines manufactured prior to January 1st 1919, Vintage Motor Vehicles and Engines manufactured between January 1st 1919 and 31st December 1930 and Classic Motor Vehicles and engines manufactured from January 1st 1931 and are 25 years of age or older.

The club was established for Gippsland enthusiasts to use and enjoy their own vehicles, engines etc without

the need to travel to other parts of the country. Members can hold membership with other clubs of their choice and joint activities with other kindred clubs is encouraged.

Every year the branch has a swap meet at Toners Lane in Morwell which has grown from a small swap catering for historical car enthusiasts to a swap that caters for auto, motor cycle, stationery engine, farm machinery and antiques and anything mechanical.

This year the meet is on 13th April. There is catering for the public and there is small charge of \$3.00 at the gate. The gates are open from 7.00 am.

This is our only fund raiser for the year. Any enquiries can be made by contacting Alan Treadwell on 0351274397

## Letters to the Editor

### Hockey being played on dangerous paddocks

I would like to commend Ruth Place, volunteers of the Churchill News and the organizing committee of the Churchill Festival for the outstanding job they did at the Festival at Gaskin Park.

These are selfless and hardworking members of the community and I hope that they do not suffer the same fate as the Moe community group when the name was registered by others for purposes of their own. Congratulations to the Moe group also, for bringing the issue to the attention of the community. It could happen to any group in any town.

As a member of a community group, the Churchill Festival was a great opportunity for organizations to showcase their achievements, what they do and to provide contacts for interested persons.

Churchill Hockey Club welcomed Mayor Cr Bruce Lougheed to the home of Churchill Hockey and was able to show him first hand the disgraceful and unsafe condition of our playing field.

Cr White, sadly, is no stranger to our plight. We also took the opportunity to commend Council on their forward thinking in adopting the Synthetic Hockey Ground proposal.

The challenge that I now put to Council is to move forward from adopting the plan in-principle to the concrete stage. Hockey throughout the city of Latrobe cannot continue to be played on the dangerous paddocks that we are allocated. This needs to happen before the Council elections later in the year, to aid members of the hockey community when voting for their next elected representatives.

I urge all hockey players and their supporters to contact your ward councillor and ask for an update and a timeline on the project.

Linda Reid

President, Churchill Hockey Club

### Congratulations to Latrobe Valley Community

I am writing on behalf of The Cancer Council Victoria to congratulate the Latrobe Valley community

for the success of its recent Relay For Life event on 15-16 March at Gaskin Park oval.

I would like to congratulate the 314 participants who joined together to form 17 enthusiastic teams. We appreciate both the individual and team efforts of everyone involved. I would also like to highlight the wide variety of local entertainers who contributed to the event, and kept everybody in high spirits.

An important aspect of all Relay For Life events, the Survivors and Carers Walk and the Candlelight and Closing ceremonies are moving reminders of the impact of cancer on the local community.

It brings both participants and supporters together, and it was wonderful to see so many local residents at the ceremonies showing their support for neighbours affected by cancer.

We expect to raise more than \$38,000 from the Latrobe Valley Relay For Life, an achievement for which the entire local community can be proud. The significant contribution of the Latrobe Valley Relay For Life will help the work of the Cancer Council enormously.

Funds will be directed into lifesaving cancer research, community education programs that not only help prevent cancer, but also promote early detection and lifestyle changes, and support services for people facing cancer.

One of the services funded by Relay For Life is the Cancer Council Helpline, a confidential service which links members of the public with expert cancer nurses. I would encourage any Latrobe Valley residents who are affected by cancer to call the Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20 to access information and support.

Finally, I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the passionate Voluntary Organising Committee and the team captains.

The event simply would not have been possible without the commitment and dedication of all involved.

Again, thank you to everyone involved who worked so hard to help us continue leading the fight against cancer.

David Hill AM, PhD

Director



## International Worker's Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony

Gippsland Asbestos Related Diseases Support Inc. are conducting their Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony to coincide with International Worker's Memorial Day in memory of workers who die, are injured or fall ill as a result of their work.

The Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony will take place in Centenary Rose Garden, Commercial Road, Morwell at 11.00am, on Monday April 28th.

An ecumenical service will be conducted by Father Peter Mizera from Sacred Heart Church, Morwell. There will be a dedication of flowers during the ceremony to all families who have lost a loved one.

Newborough Primary School choir will be singing throughout the ceremony and GARDS Scottish bagpipers will play laments throughout the ceremony.

Speakers coming to highlight this day will be:

Senior Sgt Howard Jones - Victoria Police

Tony Medina - OH&S Coordinator whose life/health

has been affected by his past working conditions

Steve Dodd - Acting Secretary Gippsland Trades & Labour Council

Vicki Hamilton Secretary of GARDS representing sufferers and their families whom have lost their lives to asbestos disease.

We invite all in the community to come along and be a part of this ceremony, knowing that people from all over the world will be remembering and supporting worker's in their corner of the world who have died as a result of their work. Mark the date in your calendar and come and support your fellow workers' and their families.

After the ceremony there will be a free BBQ lunch with the compliments of the Gippsland Trades & Labour Council.

For further information you can contact Vicki Hamilton on 0407274173





## School Holiday Fun

By Margaret Guthrie, Treasurer  
Several fun activities were on offer to Glendonald families during the school holiday break.

GRG held an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. Commencing at 10am, about 30 - 40 people gathered at the BBQ shelter in Glendonald Park. Chocolate eggs were hidden around the children's play equipment for the under 8s to find, while the older ones competed to recover eggs scattered around the oval.

On the first Thursday of the holidays, Council's "Neighbourhood Alliance" program (a partnership between Latrobe Valley Neighbourhood Renewal and Latrobe City Council, funded by the Dept of Human Services) organised the "Big Day Out" family outing to Moe/Newborough Leisure Centre. Residents from Morwell East,

Traralgon East, Moe Heights and Glendonald were all invited to participate.

For the cost of \$5 per household, bus transport, entry fees and a sandwich and fruit lunch were provided. A range of fun-filled activities were on offer, including 'Mini-Olympics' AND Games (with prizes!), table tennis, basketball skills workshop, volleyball, 'Life-ball' and family swimming activities in the pool.

Churchill Police held a 'Community Liaison Day' and free BBQ lunch in Glendonald Park on the second Thursday of the school holidays. Both local police and Latrobe City Council Local Laws officers were on hand to meet and chat with local residents. Also on offer was a free valuables and bike engraving service, provided by the police Neighbourhood Watch offi-

cer. Other Community Liaison Days were also held during the second week of the school holidays in Moe Heights, Morwell East and Traralgon East. These activities are a joint initiative of Victoria Police and the DHS Latrobe Valley Neighbourhood Renewal program.

Both the Council's 'Big Day Out' and the police 'Community Liaison Day' are scheduled to be held every school term break this year. Residents are invited to contact Neighbourhood Alliance project worker, Gerry Pierce, at Latrobe City on 1300 367 700 for further information.

GRG can be contacted at PO Box 245, Churchill 3842, or by email: G\_R\_G\_Inc@hotmail.com

## Friends of Latrobe City Libraries Book Sale

The Friends of Latrobe City Libraries will hold their next Book Sale on Saturday 3rd May at Kernot Hall in Morwell close to the Midvalley shopping centre.

The doors will open at 9 am. In the past it has been advisable to come early in the morning for the best bargains.

Surplus book stock, used Hear-a-Book tapes, CD covers and magazines from the Latrobe City Library service as well as donations will be available at \$1 each or sold by the bag between \$5 and \$10 depending on the size of the bag.

Customers are advised to bring their own environmental friendly bags.

The Friends of Latrobe City Libraries are a group of volunteers who run the sale and use the proceeds to purchase items requested by the Latrobe City Library Service to enhance the library stock or the running of library programs.

Recently the Friends group were able to purchase a large revolving stand capable of holding 400 CD's as well as 20 stackable chairs to be used for meetings at the libraries.

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# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



## I Wouldn't Live Anywhere Else

### Anja Takanen



By Wendy Brown

Anja was born in a small town in central Finland on 11th September 1932. Her mother and father were Sylvi and Nikolai and she was the second oldest of six brothers and six sisters.

Anja attended primary school only, as the High School was too far away, and besides with such a large family, the younger children had to be looked after when Mother went shopping and did the household chores. Her father worked in the timber industry and was away from home a lot. There was not much money, but Anja remembers there was always adequate simple food on the table every day.

At the age of 19 Anja went to Sweden to visit her older sister. There she met her future husband Toivo at a dance. Toivo was Finnish too, but was working as a timber cutter in Sweden. They were married in Finland in 1954, but went back to Sweden where they lived for nine years. During that time, three boys were born -

Elizabeth, which was a bit of a nightmare for her as she was sick for the whole voyage. From Melbourne, they traveled to Bonegilla Migrant Camp by train. Life at Bonegilla was fairly spartan, as they were housed in a small corrugated iron hut.

From Bonegilla they moved to Mt. Gambier, where Toivo found work in a sawmill, and spent their £300 on a second hand car. Here Elizabeth (their first Aussie) was born. Toivo hated the work at the sawmill, so he invested in a chain-saw and worked in the bush, while Anja cared for the children. In the 10 years they were in the area, Toivo wanted to move constantly from small town to small town to be near where he was working, so Anja and the children were always on the move. This was upsetting for the boys, as they would make friends at school in one area, then have to move and start all over again.

In March 1970 the family moved to Trafalgar, and Toivo found

Jorma, Kalervo, and Leo.

Toivo was restless and wanted to migrate to USA or Canada, as jobs in the timber industry were better paid there. However migration to those countries required a sponsor, and the family didn't have one. Then he heard that Australia would take immigrants who were prepared to work, and sponsorship was not needed.

In 1960 the family sold up everything they owned to pay their own fares. They were left with £300 to start their new life. On 1st June 1960 Toivo, Anja and the boys sailed from Amsterdam to England, then on to Melbourne, arriving at Station Pier on 22nd June. Anja was four months pregnant with

work cutting timber in the Jeeralangs. He had to drive through Churchill to get to work, and one day he said to Anja "Churchill seems like a nice place to live; let's see if there is a place for sale there." At that time Anja was pregnant with Paula, who was born in the Warragul hospital.

After inspecting a few homes for sale, the family chose 13 Howard Avenue and the family moved there in January 1971. Anja was convinced that this would be their final move. The boys went to Morwell Technical School and Elizabeth went to Churchill Primary School. Paula was only four months old at the time. Anja loved Churchill from the start, as it was such a quiet town; the neighbours were very friendly and always ready to help.

From 1972, Anja worked as a machinist in the factory above the Churchill shops, and then at Ericson's in Church Street for fifteen years. The job there was cutting and shipping telephone cables. She loved that job; her work-mates were great to work with and she made life-long friends there. Toivo retired in 1980, but she worked at Ericson's till 1988 until the business closed. After retirement, she could spend more time in her lovely garden which she loves. Anja is very proud of her roses.

During her time in Churchill, Anja has been back to Finland visiting her family eight times - always during their summer - June to August. At that time she says there is almost continuous daylight. Also over the years, three brothers, a sister and nephews and nieces have visited her here; the last being a cousin who was here from Helsinki for seven weeks recently. Sadly Toivo passed away in January 2000. Her son, Jorma lives in Boolarra, (he cuts her grass) but her other children are not so close. Leo lives in Sydney; Kalervo, Elizabeth and Paula live in Canberra. They come and visit with the grandchildren, and Anja manages regular trips to Canberra to visit them. Her children have also visited Finland, but they say the lifestyle is so different, people aren't as social, and it is too cold.

Before the family came to Australia, Anja didn't realize it was so big and so far away. She was told there were no lakes and no rivers. Everything was different from Finland especially the summer, which was a real shock to the system, as a hot summer's day in Finland is about 20 degrees. After Toivo's death the family wanted her to return to Finland to retire, but she told them she loves Australia. "Australia is home. Nice to visit family in Finland, but it is great to come back home. I wouldn't live anywhere else!"



Anja Takanen

## WHAW - World Homœopathy Awareness Week

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tant part in understanding this susceptibility. Homœopathic treatment strengthens a person's health, acting as a catalyst, stimulating and directing the body's ability to fight infection as well as resolving any underlying susceptibility to disease.

To find a qualified practitioner or more information on the AHA website: [www.homeopathyoz.org](http://www.homeopathyoz.org)

To find out more about homœopathy, Marietta Herni, who is a qualified homœopath and registered nurse will give an Introductory Talk about homœopathy at the Morwell Neighbourhood House on Monday 14th April at 10.30 am, at the Boolarra Multipurpose Building on Tuesday 15th April at 10.30 am and at the Trafalgar Community Centre on Fri 9th May at 2 pm.

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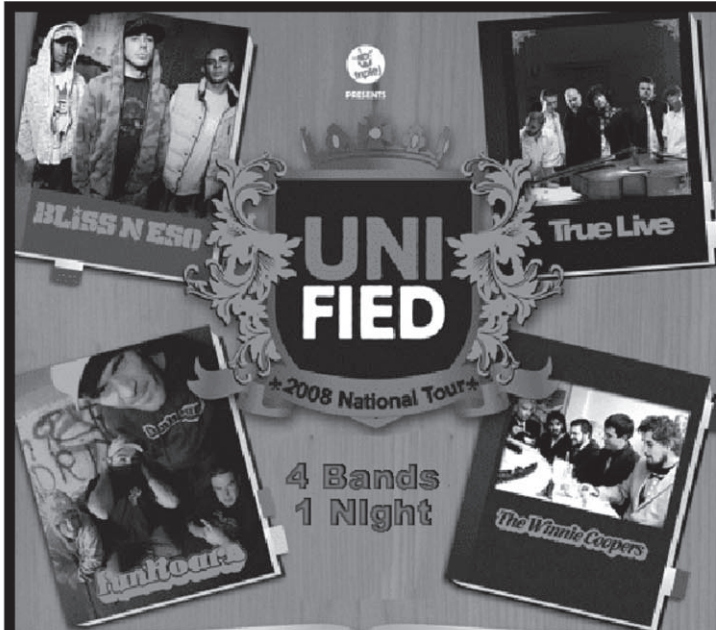
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**True Live** have engraved their name on the Australian touring circuit. The six piece have rocked many stages since forming in 2003 and are known as one of our Country's hardest working live groups. The band has supported the best in the hip hop biz playing alongside The Roots and De La Soul. True Lives highly anticipated new album is scheduled for release later this year with the first single "Damn Right" available in April.

**The Funkoars** are well known for their passionate and outrageous lyrics, onstage antics and energy. Since the release of their second album "The Greatest Hits" in 2006 The Funkoars have become a force in the Australian Hip Hop scene touring extensively throughout the last two years. The Oars have been praised as having one of the best live shows in hip hop.

**The Winnie Coopers** have been together since 2002 independently releasing their debut album "Being Different in 2005". In the following years the 5 piece Gold Coast band has toured with some of the biggest names in Hip Hop including Jurassic 5, The Beastie Boys & Ugly Duckling. The recent release of their sophomore album "Worth The Weight" more than lives up to its title.



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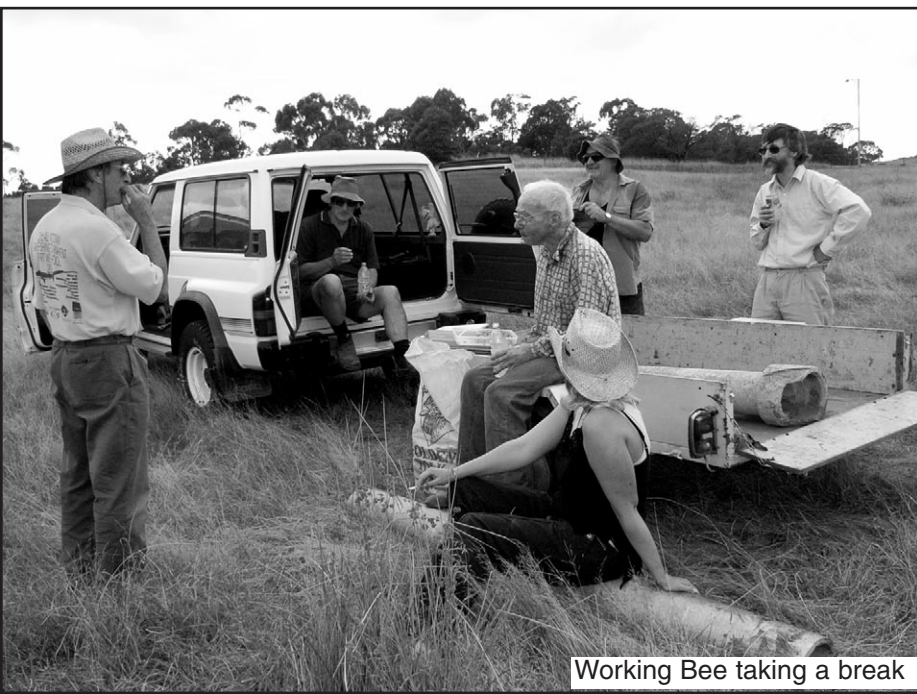
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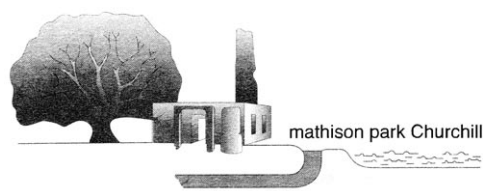
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Working Bee taking a break



A fair bit of the new pathway around the lake has been started. Our next working bee will be on April 12th which is the week before the Family Fishing Day being run by the Department of Primary Industries (DPI). The working bee will include cleaning up the park, some mowing, rubbish picking up, and a general clean, as well as some further work on the pathway. We need lots of help to finish the pathway before the Family Fishing Day. Please come along and lend a hand, even if it is only for an hour.

Those who regularly use the park will notice that the new barbecue shelter is in place. The shelter, as well as the fifth fishing platform has, for the most part, been provided by the Department of Primary Industries.

#### An Australasian Grebe in Mathison Park By Ken Harris

The grebes are duck-like water birds which catch most of their food by diving and spend a lot of their time underwater.

There are three different grebes in Australia and all can be seen in our area. The largest is the Great Crested Grebe, about the size of a duck and a very handsome bird, but the least common in Gippsland.

The Hoary-headed Grebe is much smaller with whitish streaks on its face in summer. This bird is not uncommon in Gippsland, often on larger bodies of water like Lake Hyland.

The smallest of the three and probably the most commonly seen is the Australasian Grebe - *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*. This grebe usually breeds on fairly small water bodies like farm dams.

It has surprised me that in 18 months of careful watching, I had never seen a grebe in Mathison Park, until March.

On March 1st, walking past Lake Hyland I saw a little bird swimming near the end of the lake. I

## Help Needed to Finish Pathway

thought it must be a grebe, but it swam out of sight behind the spike-rushes. I then spent a while trying to see it again, going over to the other side of Eelhole Creek in the attempt, but there wasn't a sign of it.

We continued our walk and on the way back, walking alongside the lake I saw the bird again just beyond a patch of spike-rushes. It was quite close and I tried taking a few pictures. It swam along beside the rushes and when it cleared them, it swam close to the bank and gave me a really good look and the chance for a nice close photograph.

It was indeed a grebe, an Australasian Grebe. The stripy markings on its face, label it as a juvenile, so it is still in its first summer.

Grebes do not fly much. I have never seen one in flight, but nevertheless they do fly between water-holes and this youngster must have flown in to Lake Hyland.

It seems to have stayed for a while, as it was seen again on several days for up to a week. One doesn't make a breeding population, but I can continue to hope that grebes will become a regular component of the bird-life of the park.



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# CFA Smoke House

The Churchill Fire Brigade was proud to be able to participate in the Churchill Festival once again. The brigade organized for the Smoke House to be on site, as well as the tanker and pumper trucks.

Several members attended to show visitors over the trucks, as well as provide lessons in how to crawl low in smoke, as they crawled through the smoke filled smoke house.

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## Finding the Write Words

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Each year the group brings out an anthology of stories, articles, poems and reflections. Class members are also encouraged to publish their work in other media and to enter writing competitions if they wish.

As Term 2 is a long one this year - eleven weeks - guest speakers will be invited and lunch will be provided afterwards.

The tutor is Cora Pal, former journalist and tutor at TAFE. She is the author of three children's books and hundreds of articles, stories and poems published in the U.K, India and Australia, over a life-time of writing for pleasure and profit.

A few vacancies exist for new members. For further information contact Henry Parniak, CNC Coordinator on 51222955. To enrol for Term 2 drop in at the Centre

without the real threat of a fire. A smoke filled room interferes with your perception of space and distance.

The organizing committee for the Festival is very pleased to have such a facility provided for this occasion, and is grateful to the CFA members for their dedication to this event. It is just another way the members show their commitment to this community.

### Smoke Detector Checks

If you are a senior citizen, and do not regularly have an annual smoke detector check, and would like to be added to the list, please contact Ruth on 51221961, or Darren on 0403 746 894.

(located inside the Leisure Centre) and talk to the friendly office staff.

### Mother's Day - Bizarre Bra Competition

Bizarre Bra Competition - come on all you Beautiful Mothers, don't be bashful, join in on the fun at the Centre and design, make and exhibit your Bizarre Bra. The Centre has a basket full of bra's you can choose from, to decorate and put on show. It will be fun. It will be hysterical, and it will be BRA BRA! Great Prizes are on offer and it is only \$ 2.00 per entry.

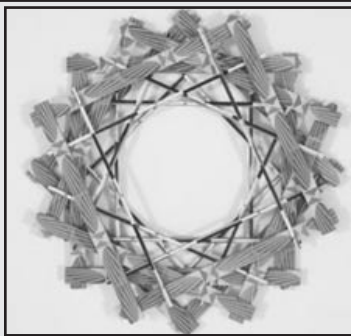
There are some Bizarre Bra's on display to give you Mummies some ideas of what can be done. Come forward and show us what you can do!



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<b>Room 1</b>	<b>Stitch &amp; Chat</b> Craft activity sessions. Finish or start new activities, socialise, have a cuppa or just chat, plenty of help and advice from many experts	<b>CREATIVE WRITING</b> Join this wonderful, stimulating group and discover your hidden talents by putting pen to paper. Friendly and positive group	Room available for meetings	Room available for meetings	<b>Leadlighting</b> Popular & creative class, make & create your own designs, windows, lamp shades, dragon flies, 7 butterflies.
<b>Room 2</b>	<b>Microsoft Publish</b> Great program that allows you to create a vast variety of projects using graphics - cards, letterheads, signs brochures.	Time for internet/computer use for general public	<b>ON-LINE OPEN LEARNING</b> Study areas that suit your needs - Ebay, genealogy, internet for research, learn to draw, study english/maths, road rules.	Time for internet/computer use for general public	Basic Computers - L1 For those that know the basics & wish to improve their skills & be the master over their computer.
<b>Room 3</b>	<b>PATCHWORK (advanced)</b> Learn quilting, material choice, techniques and design		Room available for meetings	<b>Patchwork/Craft Activities</b> Class designed for the beginner & novice art craft worker. Join the class have fun & develop your skills & make new friends	<b>Light &amp; Bright, Chit &amp; Chat</b> Converse after watching movies or reading a book, talk or just listen just do something different, join in & have fun while learning & making new friends, cook & share lunch.
	<b>Monday</b> 1.00pm - 3.00pm	<b>Tuesday</b> 1.00pm - 3.00pm	<b>Wednesday</b> 1.00pm - 3.00pm	<b>Thursday</b> 1.00pm - 3.00pm	<b>Thursday Night</b> 2 sessions 5pm and 8pm <b>Yoga - with Heather</b> Integrated form of Yoga - suited for everyone - relaxation, breathing, posture.
<b>Room 1</b>	Room available for meetings	Room available for meetings	<b>Beginning Writing</b> Having trouble with spelling, reading, writing. These basics are so part of your everyday life, let us get you up to speed.	<b>Mixed Craft Sessions</b> learn a variety of crafts, patchwork, embroidery, tassel making, lamp shades etc.	Term 2 Drawing Intro to drawing for the beginner learn basic techniques, different styles & use of different mediums.
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<b>Room 3</b>	<b>PATCHWORK (advanced)</b> Learn quilting, material choice, techniques and design	Room available for meetings <i>Show your support for the Centre become a member - only \$2</i>	<b>Folk Art &amp; Card Making</b> Learn different brush techniques, create beautiful & functional items for your home & make beautiful cards.	<b>Patchwork/Craft Activities</b> Class designed for the beginner & novice art/craft worker, come & develop your skills in a friendly & happy environment	

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Entries will be accepted in the following categories:

## My Gippsland

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## My Favourite Place

Open to children from 4 - 17

## Photos From the Attic

Closing Date Extended

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**Closing Date for Entries: 12 May 2008**



**Churchill & District News Photographic Competition 2008  
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| <b>1. My Gippsland</b> | <b>2. Photos From the Attic</b> | <b>3. My Favourite Place</b> |
| 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**

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 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.  
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 Signing of the entry form for this competition constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry.

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## Churchill Festival Thanks

The committee would like to thank everyone who was involved with the Festival who helped in some way to make it a fabulous day.

There were those helped to organize it, contributed to the funding of, participated on the day as a stallholder, entertainer or sport's clinic organizer, who lent us equipment, and those who were one of our great volunteers. Each part is important and makes the whole work as a team.

It was a wonderful day weather wise, and was filled with an apparent commu-

nity spirit. The day was free, and that happened because people value our community and are willing to pull together to show we care.

For this Festival to continue, we need to have about 12 people step up to help with the huge amount of preparation required. Please think about it and call Ruth on 51221961 if you would like to help.

*Pictured above: Boolarra Wool Group exhibit at the Festival*

## 2008 Churchill Festival Reflections Ruth Place

It is 9:10pm on Saturday 15th March 2008. I have at last had a welcome shower to wash off the dirt and sweat of the day's activities. As I did so, and now sitting at the computer, I am reflecting upon the wonder of the day.

Yesterday was 40 degrees with a hot horrible wind. Today dawned with a softness and coolness to set us on our way at 6:30am.

A lot of cleaning up had been achieved on the previous hot day, (I want to thank Wendy and Ian for their colossal job of cleaning the stadium and the playing fields and surrounds), but a whole lot more had to be set in place by 10 am-start time. Tents and shades erected, bins placed, signage, ramps, webbing, stage, electricals, road closures, bus timetables and stall holders shown to their places. Traffic had to be cleared and parked. What a super team of folks we had to make sure all that was in place.

Then the day began.

The best part of the day was that it was free. But the members of the community who came and gave their services freely were the stars of the show. No-one got paid, they all gave of themselves.

"Anything for Churchill. It's our town, we ought to get behind it," Peter Gray said. Jeff and Peter of the Scouts said, after they had put up 6 tents and a shade, and taken them down, "It was a pleasure. We enjoyed it!"

People gave their shades. Chris came to help put up his Dad's shades, stayed for ages and helped the others.

The sports clinic people arranged an hour's clinic to engage people in their sport. Some were successful, others not so, but they were willing to try it.

The class of entertainers was very high. They could have said 'no pay, no play', but they didn't!

The Lions Club cooked 100 kilograms of sausages in those hot condi-



tions. That is truly community spirit at work. The Lionesses and the Footy Club ladies served endless cups of tea, coffee, and hot chocolate and listened to the demands of people for cold drinks. That is patience and endurance, served with a smile.

To all those who provided activities for those who attended, or displays or information, thank you. That makes for a useful day, not just a frivolous day.

The feedback comments have been very encouraging.

One teacher said the Festival provided some experiences for the children that would otherwise have been absent from their lives.

Another said we were very pleased to be so well fed and looked after. That is because we had 3 marvelous people who from 10 am went around to all the stalls and delivered drinks and later sandwiches and drinks for lunch. The Ladies Fellowship at the Co-Operating Churches made the sandwiches. That was a wonderful contribution to the day.

Others have told of sharing their information, having people show an interest in joining their group, but also lots of great social interaction.

Lots of people said they would love to be involved again.

So would I. I would love this event to continue for all the above reasons. It is a day when this town becomes one in spirit. That has to be a positive. But as I said last month, I cannot do it alone.

Nearly all the others who helped me are not able to continue. Please let me know if you are willing, able and committed to help organize another Churchill Festival. Ruth Place 51221961.

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*Hazelwood House*  
*Happenings*



Once a month the residents go to the R.S.L. Club in Morwell to enjoy a morning at the pokies. Pictured above is Joy Darragh hoping to hit the Jackpot.



Joining Cathie to help her celebrate her birthday is daughter Ann. A lovely cake was made by the cook for everyone to enjoy for afternoon tea.

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## Wattle Club New Game Consul

During March the Wattle Club clients have been on a trip to Inverloch. It was a very pleasant day, with a fish and chip lunch.

The seagulls were the recipients of many of the chips, thrown to see if they could catch them before they hit the ground.

Easter holidays were preceded by a session of making Easter Baskets. It is rumoured that Easter Bunny called to see if he could do something about filling the baskets.

The program said a Mystery BBQ. This meant another outing. This time it was to Hungry Jacks, where they indulged in a Stunner Meal.

Last Wednesday, the folks were able to try out

a new game consul which allowed them to play ten pin bowling. Using a remote control, the person would hold the 'b' button and go through the motion of bowling letting go of the 'b' button as their arm came through.

Then they could watch the TV screen to see if their bowling was accurate.

Some were getting very good scores, with several strikes. The marvels of modern technology!

# Kurnai College Churchill Campus

## Medieval Week

The year 8's at Kurnai College, Churchill Campus threw away their normal timetables on the last week of term one to undertake a week of medieval history. The students built castles and trebuchets, wrote newspapers with stories of crime and punishment, medieval remedies and some fashion and gossip items, compared the modern day chemist with the medieval alchemist and competed in archery, quoits and tug o' war competitions. This was all part of the year eight integrated curriculum.

The year 8's enjoyed the change to their normal curriculum and applied the skills learnt in maths, science and technology to create castles and medieval siege engines. The skills learnt in english on setting out newspapers were applied to produce a front page for a make believe Medieval newspaper.

On Tuesday the Churchill students were joined by Morwell students and were entertained by 'Medieval Education' from Melbourne. This opportunity gave students hands on interaction with

### Its not okay to be away!

The Year 9 team of teachers at Kurnai College, Churchill Campus are currently trialling a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) program, "It's Not Okay To Be Away!" to help combat student absenteeism.

The program aims to strengthen the relationships with both parents and the community to reduce student absenteeism and enhance student learning.

The benefits of regular attendance for students include: the development of skills and attitudes such as: self-discipline, punctuality, being organised and sticking to routines, as well as being connected to their learning community through relationships with peers and teachers.

The program leader, Ms. Erin Buttimer commented that: "Research and experi-

ence have proven to us that Year 9 is typically a year when we 'lose' a lot of our young people. It's a difficult time for our students as they begin to face new challenges and responsibilities.

We are hoping to work together with parents, carers and the community to keep our students at school, engaged, happy and excited about what the future holds." The Year 9 team are also spending time this year planning curriculum changes to help engage students.

The intention is to plan further weeks like this on different themes, for example, biology and geography in term two and we welcome any expertise from members of the local community to make our integrated programmes successful and community owned. If you have any ideas for topics and activities relevant to the local area you can contact Bernadette Cropper, Year 8 Team Leader on 5132 3700 for more information.

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The team are seeking support from local businesses by displaying "It's not okay to be away!" posters and reporting any loitering students to the school. Anyone wanting to assist would be most welcome and can contact Erin at the college on 5132 3700.



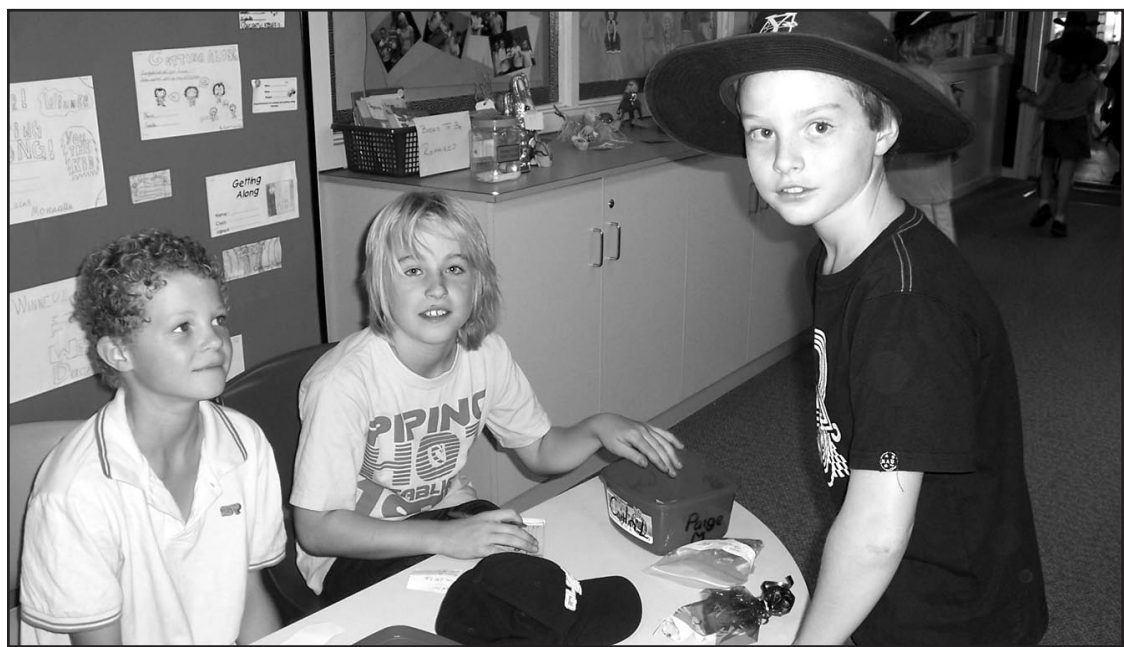
## Yinnar Primary School

### Easter Fair at Yinnar

Easter Fair at Yinnar  
Yinnar Primary School celebrated Easter with their traditional Easter Fair. The fair encourages and promotes student leadership as it is totally organised by the Junior School Council students. Activities included treasure hunts, egg throw, disco, decorate the egg, egg and

spoon races. The highlight of the day was the Egg Drop. For this activity students needed to construct a parachute which would successfully support a real egg being dropped from the school's roof.

All money raised on the day is donated to the Royal Children's Hospital.



# Hazelwood North Primary School

## Computer Laboratory



In 2008 the school got a computer laboratory. Each grade donated a computer to make a computer lab. Mr Drysdale bought an interactive whiteboard. The interactive whiteboard is so the teachers can explain the activity for

everyone to see. Then the students can do the activity. There are twelve computers in the computer lab and there are three computers in each grade.

By Darcy and Mark!

## Listening Post



The teachers would like to pass on their thanks to the Parents Club who purchased two listening posts and literature books for classroom use.

These will be used mainly in the literacy blocks to enhance student engagement and learning. The teachers and students really appreciate the fundraising efforts of our Parent Club.

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## Five-Six News



The year fives and sixes have been trialing a new approach to homework. Over the last three weeks the children have had nine different activities to choose from and they complete one a week. The children have approached this task with a great deal of enthusiasm and Mrs Foster

and Mrs Duncan have been totally thrilled with the quality of work. Some children have completed art works, story writing, craft, cooked dinner and other yummy foods. Children have presented their work in a variety of ways including writing, PowerPoint and Photo stories



## Easter Egg Hunt with the Hazelwood North Playgroup: Stories by the Preps

I am picking the Easter eggs up. I put them in the bucket. By Jarryd

I went to the Easter egg hunt and I found an Easter egg and I ate it. By Bridie

We found the eggs with our friends. By Alisha

Me and my Mum are finding Easter eggs. By Riley

I liked the Easter egg hunt. By Adrian

I ate some Easter eggs. By Jessica



## Our Basketball Court

This year we got the asphalt on our basketball court redone. We also got our basketball and netball lines repainted. It is very smooth and the students love it. The

school looks great now.

By Jarryd.

## Making Chocolate Crackles

Today, our class made chocolate crackles. We got in cooking groups of 5 to 6. The ingredients we needed were capha, rice bubbles, cocoa, icing sugar and coconut. We melted the capha and then mixed in all of the dry ingredients. Next we carefully scooped the mix-

ture into patty pans. We left them to set in a fridge for 1 1/2 hours. After lunch we ate them. They were delicious! We all had fun making chocolate crackles.

By Jessica N and Billy T.

## End of Term - BBQ, Activity Day and Out of Uniform

On the last day of term the parent's club hosted a whole school BBQ for the students. They used our brand new BBQ donated by Colin Watson Holden. The sausages were great. We were also out of uniform to

raise money for our World Vision child Enara Phiri. Junior School Council organised an Easter activity day for the whole school.

By Hayden

## Kathy Webb



Kathy has worked at Hazelwood North Primary school for 14 years, that's a very long time. She is looking forward to working at Lavalla, because she will see many of the people that she has known from this school.

She is a bit nervous about leaving our school, but she is excited. She has loved working here. She has never

## Python

On Wednesday the 19th March. Peter Mason bought in children's python. Everyone in 5/6 D was surprised how small it was. The snake is cream with black spots. The students held the snake. The snake was very muscly,

worked at a high school, but is looking forward to a new experience. Her favourite thing was going to Camp Rumbug. She has also worked with 6 people in her time at Hazelwood North.

smooth and cool. The snake went to the grade 2/3 R. Most of the kids touched or held the snake. Then we showed the teachers. They were scared. We had to say goodbye. By Brendan Mason and Jake Thomson

# Boolarra Primary School

## School Sports



Kea happily prevails in her sprint race



Alana, Tessa, Holly and Erin in the long distance race



Linc and Daina run in the long distance race

Under very hot, trying conditions we recently staged our House Athletic Sports. The program was modified to conclude by lunch-time, avoiding the hottest part of the day.

Students competed in sprints, long distance running, long jump, high jump; discus and shot-put for the older students and bean bag accuracy and distance throwing for the younger students. We were very impressed with the excellent technique and the fitness demonstrated.

The "Mums Vs Staff" and the "Dads Vs Staff" races were a highlight with lots of adults getting into the spirit of the day and having some fun. We were extremely proud of our grade 5/6 House Captains as they did a superb

job leading their house groups and encouraging everyone. Morrow (Red) house were the overall champions and Penaluna (Green) won the trophy for the best house spirit.

As usual, our parents and other family members all pitched in to help ensure that the day ran smoothly.

We are now preparing for the Yinnar and District Athletic Sports at the Yinnar Recreation Reserve on Friday 11th April. We hope that we can improve on our overall 2nd place achievement of the past three years but even if that doesn't happen we plan on having a great day and doing Boolarra proud!

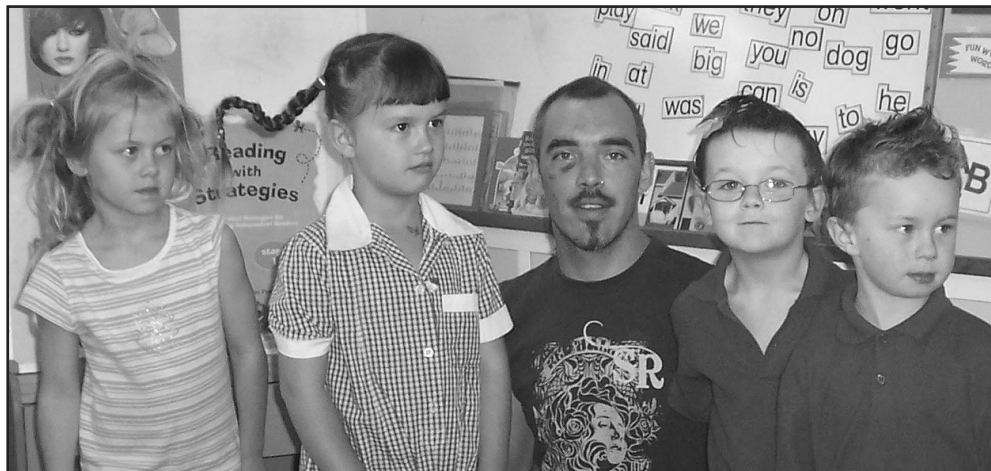
## Boolarra Folk Festival



Drumming at the Folk Festival has become a much anticipated tradition at our school. Our students really look forward to and enjoy working with Steve Shulz. Every year we seem to build on and improve our drumming routines and this year was no exception.

This year we also trialled an Art Exhibition and an Auction at the Bowling Club. We were very pleased with the results of

### Crazy Hair Day



Our Junior School Council has been very active. Recently they staged a Crazy Hair Day and raised \$56.45 for Cystic Fibrosis research. They have also investigated which fruit trees would be best suited to our school ground and have asked the Gardening Club to purchase an orange tree to plant. Breakfasts at School continue to be well attended and provide a very pleasant start to the school day.

### Adults Computer Course

A free adult's computer course will be held at our school during Term 2, 2008. This course is for anyone who would like to learn more about what a computer actually does in a relaxed, friendly and easy to understand environment. No previous computer skills are required.

### Peer Mediation Program

Our grade 5/6 students recently undertook Peer Mediation training. They learnt a great deal during the day, including such things as recognising that we all have different perceptions and stresses, the power of body language and how to

### Future Fundraising Plans

On the evening of Friday 2nd May we will be holding a Party Plan night at the Boolarra Football Netball Club Rooms. This will be a great opportunity to purchase a wide range of goods such as kitchen ware, scented oils, candles, books, ladies and children's clothing, cosmetics, shower caps and so forth. There will be a great selection of potential Mothers' Day gifts. Entry will cost \$10 which will cover the cost of one

our efforts as, not only did it provide an opportunity to showcase the magnificent artistic talents of our students and members of our local community, but we also raised \$2,099 which was a sensational effort.

Thank you very much to the Folk Festival organisers who do such a brilliant job organising this magnificent event. It showcases our gorgeous town so impressively!

Next term they will again conduct the Boolarra Idol and Anti-Idol talent quest. This concludes with the grand-final being staged in our multi-purpose room at the end of Education Week on Friday 23rd May. Everyone is most welcome to come along and be a part of our audience. Audience response forms part of the judging process.

Internet is all about, how to email a friend and have lots of laughs learning! This course is for beginners and will be held over five weeks each Monday from April 21st in the school library/computer laboratory between 2:00pm and 3:00pm. Please contact the school on 51696471 to register your interest.

ensure everyone involved in a dispute gets to have a say. In term 2, Peer Mediators will be on duty at play-times to assist resolve disputes of a minor nature.

glass of wine, beer or soft drink, tea coffee and supper. Additional drinks may be purchased from the bar. Funds raised will be used to help meet the cost of raising the shade sail over the play-ground.

Later in the year we will again conduct our SPC drive in partnership with the pre-school so please empty out your pantries in anticipation of a big stock up



Morrow House Captains Dana & Alana with the Cup

# Churchill North Primary School



Prep1D make Bunny Baskets

## P/1 Sound of the Week

Students in P/1 celebrated their sound of the week - F- with a friendly visit from some furry ferrets, makings frogs in a Churchill Festival

Students at Churchill North helped to participate in the recent Churchill Festival with each grade contributing a

## House Sports Day

All students from P-6 participated in school sports on Tuesday 18th March as practice for the upcoming district school sports. Events included sprint, long dis-

## Student Toilets get a Make Over

School toilets have historically been neglected - dull, boring and smelly. At Churchill North Primary School this is all about to change as students have contributed ideas and suggestions as to the interior of all student toilets.

A competition was run in each year

pond and creating paper fairies and flowers.

display board of their work. Many students attended the Festival and by all reports a good time was had by all.

tance running, discus, high jump and shot put. It was great to see all students taking parts and trying their best despite the warm weather.

level to determine the design and graphics, the most popular designs were created by Karla Hall, Blake Hunter, Gemma Laidlaw and Matthew Tabone, students will participate in preparation and painting to further provide ownership and respect for school property.

Blake  
Karla  
Matthew  
and  
Gemma



## Easter Excitement

Students have been busy making and creating Easter Craft in the lead up to Easter. Children from P/1 have been busy making Easter baskets, 1/2 J had fun making Marshmallow Freckles, and children from 4/5 H have spent time pricking and weaving fabulous Easter cards.

### Easter Bunny Visit

Easter Bunny made a mysterious visit on Thursday 20th of March, just in time for the Easter break up. Foot

prints were found coming from the Maths Store room at the back of 1/2 J and in the resource room behind P/1 however there were no confirmed sightings.

Some students also found evidence of suspicious bunny behaviour with half eaten carrots left behind and scratch marks on the carpet. Easter Bunny left treats for all children in their Easter Bunny baskets.



Frogs in a pond

# Internet Safety for Your Children

## Chat rooms

The Internet is part of the lives of many people and provides them with the opportunity to meet and communicate with people from all over the world. However, online technology and new modes of communication have also been used by predators and sex offenders to exploit and harm children.

While the Internet generally offers great opportunities for children to learn and play, there are some areas of cyberspace that are not appropriate. Parents need to ensure children are actively supervised when using the Internet, particularly time spent chatting online.

Steps for improving your child's safety

\* Be aware of the programs and files children use.

\* Consider installing filtering software on computers used by young people.

\* Be aware of the programs and files that are on your family's computers.

\* Place the computer in a public area of the home, such as a living room.

\* Ensure you are able to access your child's email and randomly check the contents.

\* Check your phone bill for unusual outgoing calls or consider using a 'caller ID' device to identify incoming calls.

\* Discuss online safety with your child's school, public library or anywhere that you believe your child accesses the Internet.

\* Make sure children are aware of some of the issues involved with spending time on the Internet.

\* Show children what sites they can go to and what information they can send out.

\* Sit down with your children and discuss the issues.

### Risk factors

The following may be signs that your child has been targeted by an online predator:

\* You find pornography on your child's computer.

\* Your child is receiving phone calls from people you do not know or is calling numbers you do not recognise.

\* Your child is spending a large amount of time on the Internet.

\* Your child is receiving gifts or mail from people you do not know.

\* When you enter the room your child

changes the screen or turns the computer off.

\*Your child is becoming withdrawn or displaying behavioural problems.

Contact your local police station immediately if:

\*Your child or anyone in the household has received child pornography.

\*Your child has been sexually solicited.

\*Your child has received sexually explicit images.

You should keep your computer turned off in order to preserve evidence. Anyone with information about suspicious activity on the Internet can also contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



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Shuhrat Rafia 25/04/2008	Hayden Row 16/04/2008
Allanah Shankland 07/04/2008	Teresa Simpson 12/04/2008
Amy Smart 22/04/2008	

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## Word Search

Can you find the hidden Summer Olympic host cities and events? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.  
*Good Luck!!*

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| Basketball | Los Angeles  | Seoul       | Tokyo           |
| Berlin     | Melbourne    | Soccer      | Track and Field |

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## PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2008

Hi Girls and Boys, the Photographic Competition closes, May 12th!!

Entries from Children 4 - 17 years will be accepted from the topic "My Favourite Place".

The Entry Form is on page 14, with the Conditions of Entry. We would love to see your photographs.

Hoping to see your entry this year.

# Keep Fit - Play Tennis

Elaine Andrijczak, Secretary  
JUNIORS

The Churchill Tennis Club had 8 junior teams in the Latrobe Valley Tennis Association competition and 3 junior teams in the Yinnar & District Tennis Association during the 2007/08 tennis season. There were great matches played throughout the season and 8 of the 11 teams made it to the semi-finals, with 2 teams finishing runner-up in the grand final.

These were the Pennant team comprising Tristen Salerno, Matt Cogan, Johanna Stevens, Stacey Hammer. Also the Section 2 Girls team of Emma Gatt, Elenor Sim, Rebekah Van Dyke, Annabel Panther.

Other players for the Club this season were:

Lydon McKay, Keisuke Adachi, Nicola Teggart, Caitlyn Moore, Tom Verheyen, Ned Bloomfield, Tim Bellerby, Thomas Lanyon, Richard Verheyen, Ryan O'Donnell, Lachlan Getzendorfer, Max Wang, Bryce Getzendorfer, Selena Lau, Nicola Brighton, Erin White, Jess Eccles,

Courtney Van Stan Venus Brammell, Rachael Xuereb, Jacinta Bogan, Whitney Vitale, Megan Wyntjes, Isis Brammell, Alissa Filippo, Rebecca Fortuin, Renee Hyde, Michael Xuereb, Hadden Stratford, Brendan Dent, Floyd Haynes, Matthew Bradford, Adam Gargen, Zoe Veldman, Monica Bradford, Priscilla Harvey, Ben McCormick, Taylor Van Tilberg, Rowan Flake-Farrell, Dakin Morris and Elizabeth Richardson.

**SENIORS**

The Club entered 4 senior teams in the Loy Yang and Yinnar & District Tennis Association and all teams made the finals.

In Section 4, Churchill was runner-up to Flynn in a very close encounter. This team comprised Brian Scott, Wayne Reynolds, Paul Rohde, Bea Stallbom, Caitlin Moore, Jade Treloar and Nicola Teggart.

In Section 5, Churchill Blue was runner-up to Pax Hill. This team comprised Tim Bellerby, Ned Bloomfield, Tony Bogan, Leanne


Emond, Mollie Emond, Carol Scott.

Also in Section 5, Churchill Red lost in the 1st semi-final to Toongabbie. This team comprised Roger Brighton, Frank Horvath, Frank Cassar, Jenny Cassar, Nicola Brighton, Robin Moore.

Section Section 6, Churchill lost in the 1st semi-final to Traralgon South. This team comprised Jim Armstrong, Yong Yeo, Lachlan Getzendorfer, Tammy Armstrong and Melissa Lim.

The season finished with the traditional Club Championships and Junior Break-up day on Sunday March 2nd. This season's Churchill Club Champions are:

Open Men's: Tim Bellerby  
Open Ladies': Stacey Hammer  
U16 Boys': Richard Verheyen  
U16 Girls': Stacey Hammer  
U13 Boys':Lachlan Getzendorfer  
U13 Girls': not played




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## Record Breakers!

Ex Churchill resident, Perry Le Petiti has again been a part of a Guinness World Record attempt.

Now living in Shailer Park in Brisbane himself, son Dean and local residents have broken the Guinness World Record for playing cricket held by Chestershire Cricket Club in the U.K.

They beat Chestershire's 35 hour record by 15 hours and 15 minutes, playing from 8.30pm on Thursday 20th March 2008 until 10.45pm on Saturday 22nd March 2008 at Sel Outridge Park in Redland Bay.

In total they played for 50 hours and 15 minutes "Let's see the poms have a go at this one!!" said Perry.

The team broke the then record of 26 hours and 13 minutes back in June 2006 by playing for 33 1/2 hours at



Griffith University, Mt Gravatt Campus.

Last year, that record was passed by two UK teams. Players were sponsored, raising money for a She Rescue Home, an orphanage in Cambodia where young girls are rescued from a life in the sex industry and given protection, love and an education.

## Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

Saturday Mens Comp: Foursomes Championship Round 1. 01/03/08  
Winners: C Waterman, P Kearns (18) 64. Runners-Up: A Sharrock, M Bren (24) 66. DTL: J Ambrosini, G Spowart, 67. B Baldock, G Down, 68 1/2. G Fraser, J McCafferty, 68 1/2. NTP: 3rd: C Waterman.

Sunday Mixed Foursomes Championship Round 1 02/03/08. Winners: L Stein, J Busch (191/) 67 1/2. Runners-Up: G Beyer, E. D'Alterio (17) 71. DTL: C Barnes, M McConville, 71 1/2. F DeBono, K Moroney 72 1/2. 3rd: V Verheyen.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stroke - Monthly Medal. 04/03/08. Scratch: D Scurlock 86. Winner Medal: S Jeffery (27) 68 c/b. DTL: L Peake 68. Y Wotton 70. T Buxtom 71 c/b. Putts: S Jeffery 28c/b. Lost Handicaps: S Jeffery 27-26, L Peake 43-41.

Saturday Mens Comp: Foursomes Championship Round 2. 08/03/08. Day Winners: P Kearns/C Waterman (18) 67. Runners-Up: P Coad/R Ancerilli (23) 68. DTL: M Brereton/G

Miller 70. G Down/B Baldock 71 1/2. R Scurlock/ C Flanigan 72 c/b. NTP: 5th G Blizzard, 12th T Collins. Scratch Champions: R Madigan/M Smith 167 (6 hole play off). Handicap Champions: P Kearns/ C Waterman 131.

Sunday Comp: Mixed Foursomes Championship Round 2. 09/03/08. Day Winners: R Scurlock/D Scurlock (12) 69. Runners-Up: L Stein/J Busch (19 1/) 69 1/. DTL: G Beyer/E D'Alterio, 70 c/b. S Wotton/Y Wotton, 70. Scratch Champions: R Scurlock/D Scurlock 167. Handicap Champions: L Stein/J Busch 137. NTP: Mens: 12th L Stein, 14th B Barnes.

Stableford Mary Mitchell Day. 11/03/08. AWCR: 70. A-Grade/Mary Mitchell Trophy: J Beck (30) 42. B-Grade: A Hibbert (44) 38c/b. DTL: C Ellis 40 c/b, J Blizzard 40, Y Wotton 38 c/b, M McDonald 38c/b. NTP: 3rd M McConville. 12th K Moroney. 5/14th 0-32 J Beck, 33-45 M Mitchell. Birdies: M McConville 3rd, J Beck 14th. Lost Handicap: J Beck 30-28. C

Ellis 31-30. Saturday Mens Comp: Stableford. Date: 15/03/08. CCR: 67. A-Grade: K Hills (9) 39. B-Grade: B Kilday (22) 42c/b. C-Grade: G Spowart (24) 37. DTL: G Down 42, R Madigan 38, J McCafferty 40, R Viti 37c/b, R Scurlock 37. NTP: 3rd G Fraser, 5th J McCafferty, 12th G Spowart. Birdies: V Monument 3rd, G Fraser 3rd, G Spowart 12th. Eagles: R Scurlock 11th, B Kilday 13th.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Open Day 9 Hole 4BB Stableford. 18/03/08. AWCR: 70. Winners: S Hughes (25) and B Stimson (27) 25 c/b. Runners-Up: V Verheyen and J O'Reilly 25 c/b. DTL: M McDonald and R Campbell 25 c/b, B Beebe and M Beruldsen 25 c/b. NTP: 3rd T Buxtom, 5th J Leslie.

Saturday Mens Comp: Stableford: 22/03/08. CCR: 68. A-Grade: M Smith (12) 38pts. B-Grade: P Smart (20) 40 pts. C-Grade: M Bren (32) 42 pts. DTL: K Garlic 40, S Wotton 37, R Scurlock 37, R Madigan 37, L Stein 35 c/b. NTP: 3d M Smith, 5th B Kilday,

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12th F Sedjak, 14th M Smart. Birdies: J Dickson, M Smith, S Wotton 3rd, P Smart 12th.

Good Friday Cancer Appeal: Stableford. 21/03/08. Winner Men: M Smart (28) 43pts, Winner Ladies: C Barnes (33) 37 Pts. DTL: V Monument 41 c/b, D Taylor 41. DTL: V Monument 41 c/b, D Taylor 41. NTP: 5th A Percy, 14th A Percy. Birdies: D Taylor 14th.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Peugeot Women's Classic 3BBB Stableford. 25/03/08. AWCR: 70. Winners: Y Wotton (26), L Ollquist (36), A Hibbert (44) - Total 93 pts. Runers-Up: L Casey (34), B Beebe (30), V Verheyen (30) - Total 90 pts. NTP: 3rd S Jeffery, 12th A Hibbert, 5th, 33-45 L Peake.

Saturday Mens Comp: Monthly Medal - Stroke. 29/03/08. CCR: 69. Scratch: S McCafferty (13) 81. A-Grade: S McCafferty (13) 68. B-

Grade: D Taylor (20) 70. C-Grade/Medal: P Sheridan (25) 66 c/b. DTL: S Wotton 66, T Johnson 69, I D Wilson 70, K Garlic 72, G Spowart 72. NTP: 5th F Pool. 12th P Sheridan. Birdies: P Sheridan 12th. Putts: G Fraser.

Sunday Comp: Hemingway - Stableford. 30/03/08. Mens Winner: W Judkins (19) 45 pts. DTL: A Percy (27) 39 pts. Ladies Winner: A Hibbert (44) 40 pts. DTL: D Judkins (31) 33 pts. NTP: Men 3rd A Percy, 5th R Scurlock. Ladies 5th K Moroney, 14th A Hibbert. Birdies: 5th A Percy, J Ambrosini.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stableford. 01/04/08. AWCR: 70. A-Grade: K Moroney (18) 37pts. B-Grade: A Hibbert (44) 47pts. DTL: L Peake 36, Y Wotton 35, D Judkins 32, S Cooke 32. NTP: 5/14th 33-45 A Hibbert. Broken Handicap: A Hibbert 44-35.



The Daffodils - above  
Churchill Champions - above right



## Relay for Life Churchill Teams are Champion!

This year three Churchill teams took part in the annual Relay for Life. They were the Churchill Champions, The Daffodils and the Pondage Pigs. All of these teams entered last year as well.

The Churchill Champions are a team of 15 members who mostly work at Ritchies Super IGA. in Churchill. They raised \$2320.00, mostly by running raffles in the foyer.

They had goods donated by local businesses including Amcal Chemist, the Chiropractor, Mobile Fuel, Gallery Bar, Eva Lasting Touch and Ritchies Liquor, to name a few. They also held a sausage sizzle with all meat and bread supplied by Ritchies which raised \$162.00.

They have already signed the team up for next years walk, and will commence the fundraising year with a great Mother's Day raffle, with tickets being sold in the foyer over the month of April. Chris Monteny, the Team Captain, wishes to thank people for their support.

The Daffodils have 30 in their team. They come from all walks of life and range in age from 12-65 years. They all slept in together, except Lorraine who tried sleeping in the back of a ute.

The team is very grateful to the Dyson's who lent them their tent to sleep in, and the Hutchinson's who lent them a gazebo for sun shelter in the day.

The 2 twelve year olds stayed all night. They had taken collection boxes around the streets in Morwell. Team Captain Marya Stait was very impressed with the girls' dedication.

Churchill and Traralgon businesses were very supportive, as well as family and friends.

Marya described the day saying, "The heat was so bad. We were very glad that the folks with the spray bottles used them each time we passed. The atmosphere was just lovely. It was an honour to take

part."

Marya, on behalf of the team would like to thank the small group of organizers, and the Footy Club for the venue.

The Daffodils raised \$3500. Marya says they accomplished a lot, but they also had a lot of fun.

The Pondage Pigs were a team of 18, all from Churchill, who all walked. They raised their money by holding a Trivia and Games night at the Soccer Club rooms.

They would like to thank the Soccer Club for providing the rooms free of charge. Also they raffled firewood and two garden chairs, as well as had a big Easter raffle.

Many hours were spent sitting at the shopping centre selling tickets.

Wendy Bishoff, Team Captain, was pleased to report that their team had won the trivia questions which are asked throughout the 24 hours of the Relay.

"The team had great fun - had a ball. It is such a good cause, that you don't mind putting yourself out for it. It was very hot. Each one in the team has been affected by cancer in some way, and it is a way of giving back to the community!" she said,

Despite being six teams less than last year the Relay raised over \$40,000 (last years total was just over \$48,000). The event was attended by 15 teams, in an excess of 300 participants, as well as the many guests and visitors.

Preparations for the 2009 event are already underway with seven teams registering for 2009 at the 2008 event. That's almost as many teams as was registered approximately 8 weeks out from this years Relay.

Anyone wishing to register for Relay For Life 2009 can do so by contacting the Cancer Council Victoria, or Bianca Pezzutto on 0419350553.



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