

# CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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## 'What ANZAC Day Means to Me'

Dale Murphy and Matthew Whitelaw, senior students at Kurnai College Churchill, spoke at the ANZAC Day Service in Yinnar. "We were so pleased and proud

of their presentation," said Mal Bugg, President of the Morwell RSL. "They both based their address on 'What ANZAC Day Means to Me -

The Younger Generation' and they certainly expressed that right from the heart." Their speeches are on page 8.

## Ma and Pa at the Races!



Churchill Neighbourhood Centre's Bizzare Bra Day was a huge hit with some innovative and amusing entries.

Full story on page 3

## German Exchange Students Enjoying Australia

By Breanna Juett

On the 16th February 2008, four exchange students arrived in Melbourne with 50 others who were on their way to experience Australia.

Eva, Markus, Kathrin, and Lena stayed with host families in Hazelwood North and Churchill.

Over the ten weeks the students were visiting, they attended Kurnai College Churchill and enjoyed every minute of it. They all took part in sporting events such as the Athletics Carnival held in Moe and the Swimming Carnival.

They were fortunate to be at Kurnai in time to watch students battle it out in Kurnai Idol, which they found very funny because their schools don't hold such events. Classes which they all attended included Maths, English, Science,

Humanities, Menu Design, P.E, Peer Support and Year 11 subjects Chemistry and Psychology.

They spent ten wonderful days in Central Australia with the other exchange students who were living in Victoria and got the chance to see different parts of Australia.

Over their holiday period, they got to experience an Australian Easter with their host families and the chance to relax at the beach under such good weather.

Overall, they had an amazing time in Australia with their host families and new friends. They all got to know the Australian people, culture and country very well. Now they are looking forward to seeing the Australian exchange students in Germany again!

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## Churchill & District News

### Editorial

First, apologies for the lateness of this edition. Due to unforeseen circumstances we are publishing a week later than scheduled.

In this issue Ruth Place, our Team Leader writes about her trip to Burma in 2007. By all accounts Ruth and husband Ian had a wonderful time. Sadly a great tragedy is now unfolding in that country following Cyclone Nargis and its destructive tidal wave in the Irrawaddy Delta.

With tens of thousands of people killed and many more injured, hungry and homeless we are being asked to help. If you are considering donating and are not sure about who to give to, Our Community lists a number of disaster response agencies that are being undertaken by a number of different agencies, just go to [www.ourcommunity.com.au/burma](http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/burma).

On a lighter note, this month sees the start of our annual writing competition. For this year we have introduced a new category 'Out of this World - a Science Fiction Story', so we are hoping for some interesting entries. This category will only run for 2008. More details are on page 14.

I would like to thank the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre for their donation to the paper and congratulate them on their 'Bizzare Bra' Day!

I would also like to commend Mal Whitelaw and Dale Murphy for their thoughtful and inspiring addresses at the Yinnar ANZAC Day Service, the text of which is printed on page 8. We do have some very talented young people in our community.

Ed.

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## Churchill & District Lioness Club Palliative Care

Margaret Dawson  
Media Officer

At this month's meeting, the club was fortunate to have two guest speakers from Latrobe Community Health Palliative Care. Palliative Care in Latrobe Valley started in 1987 and became part of LCH in the early 1990s.

Maureen Burns, a nurse with many years experience in nursing generally, spoke of her work with Palliative Care as the most rewarding nursing she has undertaken. Maureen said that palliative care was an option for people in the community when a cure is no longer practical or possible and although the model used is patient centered, care for the family is not forgotten.

Contrary to our perception that this specialised care was almost exclusively for older patients, Maureen explained that the service was available from newborn to the elderly and indeed many of their patients are young,

middle aged adults, usually in the family home.

Maureen also emphasized that the care and support offered is a team effort and one which integrates and liaises with doctors and other health care professionals.

It is a most valuable community service which exists across Victoria. Ann Lovison, from the fundraising arm of LCH Palliative Care, explained that in many areas the service is only available during daytime hours because that is the extent of funding provided by State Government.

It is only by virtue of the magnificent fund raising by the LCH Palliative Care volunteers and the generosity of the Latrobe community and businesses that LCH is able to provide a 24 hour service.

Ann said that on top of State Government funding the service requires \$2,500 per month to provide 24 hour care and support including loan equipment, such as special

mattresses, walkers, wheel chairs and shower chairs.

The Lioness's Breakaway weekend, hosted this year by the Berwick Club was again a most enjoyable occasion and attendees from Churchill got a great deal out of their attendance, reported Mandy Ellis.

Of course being a Lioness can't be ALL fun and it was all hands to the pump assisting the Churchill & District Lions catering for the Outdoor Expo held recently at Power Works.

There was also the monthly working bee at Hazelwood House, getting the roses ready for their winter sleep.

Emergency packs and "little things" for premature babies were delivered to Latrobe Regional Hospital and we continue to produce Rugs for Street Kids.

Fund allocation to other local charities has been held over until our Changeover evening to be held in July.

## Churchill Festival Meeting

A meeting to discuss the future of the Churchill Festival will be held on  
Monday 26th May  
at 7:30pm at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill  
Cnr Williams Ave and McDonald Way, Churchill.  
All those interested in helping in a committed way, are invited  
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# Churchill Neighbourhood Centre Bizarre Bra Day



**Winner Julie Parker with 'Charlotte's Web'**

Always looking for innovative activities for the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, the idea for a Bizarre Bra Day, was floated by Jean who had seen something similar done by a group at a Cup Day function.

The idea took on momentum, and the Centre got behind it. Eighteen entries were displayed on Wednesday 7th May at the Centre. All showed much thought, innovation and creativity.

The proceeds of \$230 from the day were donated to the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre [GCCC]. Tracey Trembath, The Fundraising and Development Officer for the GCCC, was asked to attend to receive the cheque, and also to judge the winners. It was a very difficult job, but five winners were chosen

and the prizes presented.

Julie Parker was the proud first place winner with Charlotte's Web with Ma and Pa at the Races as second. Then came Two Little Girls, Well Hung, Kylie and for an Encouragement Prize Punk Rocker.

Tracey was very pleased to receive the money, and encourages other community groups to think of a fund raiser event. Any donations to the Cancer Care Centre are much appreciated, and always acceptable.

The Neighbourhood Centre wishes to acknowledge their sponsors for the prizes Chantilly Lace and Meg's Boutique.

Grateful thanks is also expressed for the Lifeline Op Shop who supplied bras to be decorated. A display of the bras can be seen in the Lifeline Shop window. Tracey was

hoping that the display could then be taken to the GCCC. She said it would give the women who are having treatment for breast cancer a laugh.

The activity was among other things, designed to raise awareness of breast cancer. It was also inspired by a Centre member having had breast surgery. Tracey informed those gathered for the presentation that treatment for breast cancer was by far the greatest number of cases treated at the GCCC.

The Neighbourhood Centre are very pleased with the effort, saying it was all round good fun and promotion for the Neighbourhood Centre, LifeLine Op Shop and the GCCC.

## Rotary seeks candidates for Science Forum

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood is again calling for applications from eligible candidates to attend the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) for 2009.

The NYSF takes place in Canberra for twelve days in January each year and is open to Year 11 students with an interest in Science. Only 100 students from throughout Australia are selected to travel to the national capital and live on campus as university students during the time of the Forum.

Participants have the opportunity to meet a range of

scientists and researchers, visit them at work and do the kinds of things that they do every day.

Applicants must be endorsed by a Rotary Club and the selection process involves several stages. Applicants must fill in and submit an application form online as well as contacting their local Rotary Club for an initial interview.

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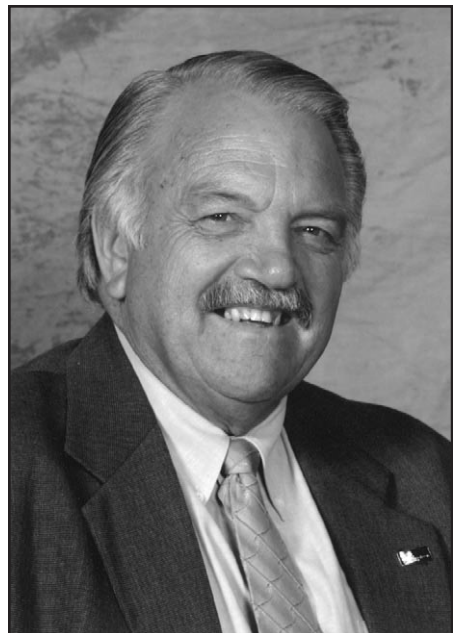
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# What' happening in Tourism in Latrobe City?

Cr. Darrell White



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Visitor Guides can be collected from the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre, The Old Church, Southside Central, Princes Highway, Traralgon. Free Call 1800 621 409.

The following are extracts from "Tourism Talks", a regular monthly "on-line" publication produced by Latrobe City's Visitor Information Centre staff. To be added to the mailing list make contact with staff at the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre, The Old Church, Southside Central, Princes Highway, Traralgon or Free Call 1800 621 409.

## Gippsland Tourism Awards 2008

There is just under two weeks remaining until all submissions are due for the 2008 Gippsland Tourism Awards.

This is an opportunity for Tourism businesses to get a great start as a precursor to a submission for the Victorian Tourism Awards which are due later this year in August.

All businesses entering the Gippsland Tourism Awards are eligible for the Victorian Tourism Awards Mentoring Program. Many businesses have all registered to enter.

## New Central Gippsland Official Visitor Guide Booklet

The 2008 Central Gippsland Official Visitor Guide was launched recently at The Victoria Caravan, Camping and Touring Supershow.

## The Latrobe Visitor Information Centre "accommodation booking service"

The Latrobe Visitor Information Centre has experienced an excellent start to 2008 with a 45% increase in accommodation revenue sales compared with the same period in 2007. The Visitor Information Centre's "online booking service" is a vital tool in delivering a high standard of service to visitors and local operators.

To speak with one of the friendly Visitor Information Centre staff about getting your business live on this site, make a Free Call 1800 621 409 or visit them at 'The Old Church', Southside Central, Traralgon.

## 2008 Regional Achievement and Community Awards

The search is on for an individual and groups of high achievers, businesses, events and tourism operators, environmental groups, volunteers, young achievers and town and community groups that are making a difference in the community through their hard work, dedication and innovation.

Latrobe City Council is delighted to support these prestigious awards

which will acknowledge and encourage, those in our region who are helping to reshape and inspire our community. If you know an individual or group making a difference in the community then you are strongly encouraged to attend the launch.

The Regional Achievement & Community Awards were launched on Wednesday May 14 Nominations are being sought in the following categories:

\*Australia Post Business Achievement Award

\*Australia Post Events and Tourism Award

\*Parks Victoria Regional Achiever Award

\*Parks Victoria Environment and Sustainability Award

\*V/Line Volunteering Award

\*V/Line Young People's Community Involvement Award

\*Kleenheat Gas Community of the Year Award - Population under 5000

\*Kleenheat Gas Community of the Year Award - Population over 5000

Nomination forms will be available at the launch or from the Latrobe City Council, Commonwealth Bank branches, Australia Post Offices,

Kleenheat Gas houses and dealers, Parks Victoria, V/Line, Prime Television or through coupons in The Weekly Times or by contacting the Awards office on 03 9870 0622, vic@awardsaustralia.com or via www.awardsaustralia.com

## Latrobe City Business Tourism Association (LCBTA)

The LCBTA held their April meeting at The Latrobe Regional Airport on Wednesday 16 April 2008. 20 enthusiastic locals who are eager to boost tourism in our region attended the meeting. One of the main topics being discussed was a marketing research project to be conducted by Dr. Gabby Walters, Marketing Lecturer, Monash University.

The next LCBTA meeting will be held on 21 May at Warratah Restaurant GippsTAFE, Morwell. A presentation on the Tourism and Hospitality Department will commence at 5.30pm and the meeting will start at 6.00pm. To find out more information on the LCBTA or to become involved please contact Chairman Ian Southall on 5135 3415 or email ian@powerworks.com.au.

## Access closed at north end of Hazelwood Cooling Pondage

International Power Hazelwood (IPRH) is advising that due to road construction activities along the northern foreshore of Hazelwood Pondage, public access to this end of the facility is closed until the completion of all road works.

The road works are necessary to complete construction of a new section of Yinnar Road below the Hazelwood Cemetery catering for general traffic and future over dimensional loads. The work is yet another aspect of IPRH's Rivers and Roads Relocation program.

An IPRH spokesperson said public boat launch access to this northern end including the wharf and boat launch ramp will be unavailable until further notice.

"Our contractor will have heavy

earth-moving plant operating in the area, therefore it is imperative that we fully secure the area for public safety," the spokesperson said.

"It is important that all visitors to Hazelwood pondage understand that these are temporary arrangements only and that we expect this work to be largely completed by the end of the month."

Alternative public boat launch access is still available off Yinnar Road near the Latrobe Council Caravan Park, and all pondage users should abide by the new boating regulations at Hazelwood Pondage.

Any further public enquiries can be directed to the IPRH West Field Hotline 1300 793 783.

## Churchill & District Lions Round-Up

The Lions "Latrobe" Ride For Sight was the major activity held in April. This ride is a annual four day 400 km fun / social bike ride on sealed roads organised by local Lions Clubs. It draws riders from all over Victoria and interstate to raise much-needed funds for vision research through sponsorship and donations.

This year the ride was staged in and around the Latrobe Valley starting and finishing in Churchill. Norm Hall and Herb Smith from Churchill and Yinnar Lions clubs participated over the four days. To all the local businesses that assisted with sponsorship or donations thank you.

The club catered at the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife's Family Fishing Day held at Mathison Park in April. This was a great family fun day with lots of fishing information, fishing lessons, handy hints and plenty of other activities.

The club held a BBQ at Bunning's at Mid Valley in April, as part of the Lions biggest BBQ.

The clubs Camp Quality Escarpade 2008 campaign is now in full swing and we seek the assistance of our local business community in the way of sponsorships or donations, so that we can assist as many local kids living with Cancer as possible.

Look out for our PowerWorks sponsored EsCarpade car CAMPQ



Congratulations to the Churchill-based ASIRC on securing funds for an innovative water saving project. The local research centre was recently awarded \$106,000 through the Smart Water Fund to look into technology to improve the water efficiency of metal plating

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processes.

This week the State Government made their 2008/09 budget announcements. Monies to consolidate Latrobe Community Health Services, create a clean coal authority locally and further invest in the associated technology are indeed welcome.

Low income earners, pensioners and health care card holders were no doubt hopeful of significant increases in utility concessions, given Premier Brumby has approved increases in water, gas and electricity prices.

A 14.8 per cent increase in the

cap in the Water and Sewerage Concession initiative will provide some assistance however a significant burden remains given Gippsland Water prices will increase by 22.3 per cent this July.

On Thursday 22nd May I will be at Hazelwood Village from 11am - 12pm to talk to anyone with queries or concerns relating to state government matters.

The Nationals candidate for Gippsland Darren Chester will also be available to talk about federal and local matters, so I encourage you all to come and have a chat with us.

## Lifeline Gippsland needs new recruits to help meet demand

Lifeline Gippsland is urgently seeking volunteer telephone counsellors in order to meet demand for its 24 hour telephone counselling line.

Said Patricia Nalder, Lifeline Gippsland's CEO 'We respond to around 11,000 calls a year on our 24 hour counselling line - 13 11 14. People call us for all sorts of reasons but one thing they all have in common is they need someone to talk to and Lifeline listens.'

Volunteers interested in undertaking the telephone counsellor training do not need any special qualifications - just compassion and a willingness to listen.

'Telephone counselling is a challenging but rewarding task. The specialist training will help develop qualities and skills you already have, as well as teach you new skills that will enrich your whole life.'

If you are looking for a way to help others then training as a telephone counsellor is a fantastic opportunity says Lifeline Gippsland's training manager, Sandra Luxford.

As one volunteer counsellor put it, 'Being a volunteer

counsellor gives you the opportunity to make a real difference to others. It gives you a new appreciation for your own life'.

2008 marks Lifeline Gippsland's 40th anniversary serving the Gippsland community and the first counsellor to take a call forty years ago is still a regular volunteer at the agency.

'I think this is testament to the tremendous sense of satisfaction and personal achievement that can be gained from helping others by joining our team' said Patricia Nalder.

If you are interested in training to become a telephone counsellor please contact Sandra Luxford at Lifeline Gippsland on 5134 8278 or by email lifelinegipps@llg.org.au.



## Family Fishing Fun Had At Lake Hyland

More than 80 families attended the Family Fishing Festival at Lake Hyland in April Acting Executive Director of Fisheries Victoria, Mick Hodder, said.

"Over 160 children participated in fishing related activities that ranged from workshops with Fisheries Officers to knot tying classes with Fishcare volunteers," Mr Hodder said.

The Lake was stocked with Rainbow trout prior to, and again on the day of the event. Enthusiastic children were delighted to see the fish released into the lake. Some of these fish from the Fisheries Victoria truck weighed more than 1 kg each.

"Children enjoyed the opportunity to try and catch the rainbow trout," Mr Hodder said.

"There were certainly some happy faces on those who were successful at landing a fish.

In addition the casting clinics, fishy balloons, Flathead Fred shows, face painting, a jumping castle, and cooking demonstrations proved popular."

As a result of the day:

- o 96 per cent of families surveyed said they planned to return to Lake Hyland sometime in the next six months,

- o Every family said they were more likely to go fishing in Victoria, and

- o 94 per cent said their fishing knowledge had

improved.

Nearly 700 trout stocked into Lake Hyland for Saturday's event will offer great fishing opportunities for families over the coming months. More trout will be released prior to the June school holidays.

Lake Hyland is one of five Premier Lakes being developed across the State as part of the Government's \$3.2 million Go Fishing in Victoria investment in recreational fishing, which aims to increase participation in fishing, particularly amongst families.

Families going to Lake Hyland will be able to enjoy using a new BBQ facility and have improved fishing access with additional fishing platforms around the banks of the lake.

"I encourage families to make the most of Lake Hyland, now and into the future, as improvements are made and further fish stocking is undertaken," Mr Hodder said.

Other Premier Lakes will host Family Fishing festivals soon. These include Eildon Pondage on May 17, Kennington Reservoir (Bendigo) on August 10, Lilydale Lake on September 20 and Jubilee Lake (Daylesford) on October 18.

For more information about the Go Fishing in Victoria initiative visit [www.dpi.vic.gov.au/gofishing](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/gofishing) or ring the DPI Customer Service Centre on 136 186.



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## Cross and Icon Welcomed to Churchill

The World Youth Day Cross and Icon were welcomed by a congregation of 250 people to Lumen Christi Parish at Churchill on Sunday 20 April.

As part of the preparation for World Youth Day 2008 to be held in Sydney in July, the Cross and Icon have traveled throughout the world from the Vatican in Rome.

Members of the Co-operating Churches also attended the ceremony.

The visit to Churchill was part of the journey throughout the Sale Diocese which included visits to Traralgon, Morwell, Newborough and Moe in the Latrobe Valley.

Upon arrival, the massive three metre high cross and the stunning icon of the Blessed Virgin were carried into the church by young people to the accompaniment of singing and liturgical dancing.

The mass which had preceded the arrival, featured a great deal of involvement from the young people of the Parish, particularly those who plan to attend the World Youth Day in Sydney.

The pilgrims received a special blessing from Parish Priest Fr Hugh Brown and the best wishes of an enthusiastic congregation.

Following the mass and

arrival of the Cross and Icon, a shared luncheon and entertainment were held in the grounds of the school.

The concert featured music and singing from some very talented young people from the Parish including Danny McDonald, Naomi and Elyse Matthyssen, Nathan Klep and visiting French exchange student Charlotte Seguy.

Lumen Christi Mens' choir also sang.

The Cross and Icon were again processed to the school area where they remained until moving on to Morwell.



"symbol of suffering  
Raised over the shoulders of the faithful pilgrims  
Bringing hope"

by Julia Buras

## Church Snippets

By Ruth Place

The After School Club, Cool Club 4 Kids, is going well with about 12 children from Churchill, Churchill North and Lumen Christi schools, attending on regular basis. Activities include afternoon tea, show and tell, games, a Bible story and an appropriate craft activity.

The congregation was shocked and saddened at the sudden death of Neil Leys. We miss his smiling face around the church, and his helpful ways in the kitchen.

The Ladies Fellowship organized with the Latrobe and Francis Orchestras to provide a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon. A variety of music played for an appreciative audience. The delicious afternoon tea provided disappeared very quickly. Playing and listening can be hungry work!

At the Annual General Meeting, the year's activities were celebrated in a series of reports presented from the various com-

mittees of the church. It is good to look back on a year's work and realize how much has been achieved. The results of the election of Parish Councilors, was announced. Following the AGM a short Parish Council was held with Ken Tabart elected as chair, Garry Mauger elected as Secretary and Ken Thompson and Rosslyn Jackson elected to share the job of Treasurer.

Another happy event was the Morning Coffee held on Thursday 17th April. It was well attended, with games session run by Carol. Each participant received a yellow ribbon bracelet. We were instructed not to cross our legs, arm or hands, for fear of losing our ribbon to a watchful person who spotted us doing some of the above crossing. It is amazing how you do this sort of crossing without realization. It caused a few laughs. The other games were designed to mix us up. The coffee and chat was also an important component of this time together.

## Saturday Breakfast

Ruth Place, assisted by husband Ian was the guest speaker at April's Saturday Breakfast. Ruth's talk covered their trip to Myanmar (Burma) in 2007 and it was accompanied by some very interesting slides taken during their travels.

Myanmar is predominantly a Buddhist country with a population of about 55 million people and ruled by a military regime. It has borders with Bangladesh, Thailand, Laos and China.

Ruth and Ian flew with Singapore Airlines via Bangkok and had about three weeks in the country.

The first port of call was Yangon, the former Rangoon. There, they visited the city centre, the dock areas along the busy Irrawaddy River, the train station, and the famous Schwedagon Pagoda, with its golden spires. The influence of the British occupation was still evident.

From Yangon, they flew to Mandalay, the vicinity of which was the sites for the ancient capitals of Amarapura, Inwa, Saigang, and Mingin. All these places have impressive old buildings, mostly monasteries, temples and pagodas. Many of them still active with large monk populations. One highlight was a visit to the U Bein Bridge built of teak logs, at both sunrise and sunset. The 1.2km bridge was built 200 years ago, and the lifeline for the people from the small village on the far side of the lake, to the main town area. Many monasteries serve as teaching institutions for the poor children who cannot afford to go to government schools. Some children do not go to school at all, selling goods on the streets to tourists, to help the small family income.

A wonderful relaxing day trip on the

Irrawaddy River brought them to Bagan, another ancient site which has remains of some three thousand temples in various degrees of ruin or re-construction. To view the temples a horse cart and driver were hired for the day.

A flight brought them to Inle Lake where life is lived on the lake, with houses, mostly three stories, built on stilts. Roads are the lake between the rows of houses, and instead of cars everyone owns a boat or two. Floating gardens made of weed dragged from the bottom of the lake are fixed to the bottom of the lake by long bamboo poles. Many vegetables are thus grown, including tomatoes, beans, cucumbers and peas. Fishing is another occupation, with the fishermen exhibiting extremely good balance in the end of their narrow canoe, as they row with one foot using a pole and at the same time, tip their fishing trap into and out of the clear water to catch fish.

Myanmar not an industrialized country but mainly an agricultural one based on traditional methods. It was fascinating to watch the ploughing by oxen, and the planting of rice in the paddies, by hand. The northern areas are very mountainous, and the hill peoples more isolated.

Ruth and Ian found the accommodation very good and living costs cheap. The people were very friendly and helpful. They did not observe much military activity during their travels.

The next Saturday Breakfast is scheduled for the 24 May. The details have not been finalized but can be obtained from Keith Enders on 5122 1148 or at kbenders@net-tech.com.au closer to the date.



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## Farewell To Ron Bennett



A recent BBQ lunch was held by the brigade to farewell long serving member Ron Bennett. Ron has served within the Churchill area for 32.5 years. Below is a list of points Ron has put together to remember the days of his service. Ron was the esteemed person to receive the Churchill Lions Club Citizen of the Year on Australia Day this year. He has a long and proud record with the brigade.

### 32.5 Years Of Fire Brigade History By Ron Bennett

There has been a lot of changes since I joined the Churchill Jeeralang Rural Fire Brigade in 1976. The fire station was a tin shed and the fire truck an Austin Tanker.

Over the years we have had a number of different tankers and pumpers up to present times where we have the latest in the fleet. In 1979 we received the first "Churchill car," a valiant station wagon with money received from the relocation of Yallourn facilities fund. We were also good at building sheds back in those days. We ended up with 3 sheds on the Switchback Road site, one to house the trucks, one for the car and a meeting room. The meeting room shed was relocated from the police station site. Also in 1979 we had to raise the roof of the fire shed by 18" to fit in the

new Acco tanker.

In 1988 we were issued with our first brigade pumper - a 650 gpm front mounted Austin pumper. Prior to this we only had loan pumpers.

In 1990 the Churchill salvage was purchased and for many years people enjoyed a hot cuppa on the fire ground from the salvage crew. On 13 December we moved into our new fire station and on 8 January we officially became Churchill Urban Fire Brigade.

The new station was officially opened on 2 November 1991 by the then CFA chairman Len Foster.

The brigade celebrated its 50th anniversary with a dinner on 7 October 1975, at Monash union lounge.

On 18 June 2005 the memorial to firefighter Darren McLean was dedicated. Darren died on 7 March 1982 from injuries received when the tanker rolled at the Middle Creek fire on 14

February 1982. On 15 October 2005 the brigade celebrated 60 years of service to the local community.

During my time in the brigade I have served:

- \*8 terms as a lieutenant
- \*Many years as a delegate to the group
- \*VRFBA delegate for over 20 years
- \*Group Secretary for 26 years
- \*Brigade President for 10 years
- \*Received CFA Service Awards up to 30 years
- \*Received National Medal in 1997 and Bar in 2002 and many Brigade awards and

\*Wrote the brigade histories - 50 years and 60 years of changing times - the ongoing history of the Churchill Fire Brigade.

I have enjoyed my time with the Churchill Brigade but there comes a time in ones life when they have to move onto other things and my time has come.

Thank you all for your support and friendship over the years and good luck for the future



### Smoke Detector Checks

During April, the Churchill Fire Brigade has carried out smoke detector check and battery replacement for Churchill's senior citizens. This service has been most appreciated. The brigade is still willing to carry out these checks for any senior citizen who has not yet received their annual check, or if you have never had a check before. Please contact Darren on 0403 746 894 or Ruth on 51221961 to make an appointment. CFA members are all required to have a police check.

# What ANZAC Day means to me and the younger generation

## Dale Murphy

Good morning ladies and gentleman, My name is Dale Murphy and my role today is to speak about what ANZAC Day means to me and the younger generation. When I was first asked to do this role, I was reluctant. Apart from having to step outside my comfort zone and speak to a host of people I don't even know, I was going to struggle to find time preparing the speech while studying hard for year 12 VCE, arduously trying out for the Gippsland power U/18 football team and playing A grade cricket. But then I thought about those men and women that were willing to put their lives on the line so that I could live the life I live today. Here I was whinging about a predicament of not finding time around what are my luxuries while our soldiers and their friends and families have had to and still do endure pain and suffering of wars so that I am free to live today. With that thought, I bring myself here today. Giving up some time out of my life to pay tribute to those who I and others consider to be our wartime heroes is the very least I could do, considering the sacrifices that the past and present soldiers have had to make.

I will begin with what ANZAC Day means to me personally. ANZAC Day is particularly significant to me because my great grandfather served in The Australian military forces during WW2. Private Francis Joseph Armstrong was his name. He was a Rat of Tobruk. That is, he was a soldier of the garrison who held the Libyan Port of Tobruk against the German Afrika Corps (core) during the Siege of Tobruk in World War II. He died of wounds in September 1941. He died a hero. He gave his life to save mankind from tyranny and helped establish peace and freedom in our country. He is buried in Tobruk, in the Commonwealth War Graves in Libya, Northern Africa. My great grandfather's name is on the wall of the Roll of Honour in the gallery of the Australian War Memorial, on Panel 51.

So I have always used ANAZAC Day as a chance to remember my Great Grandfather and say thanks for the efforts he put in for Australia. It also of course means a chance to pay respect, honour and remember the myriad of other men, just like my great grandfather, and as well those selfless women who have battled and are still fighting for this great country. And I will mention the present Australian servicemen and women,

referring to those who are fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan and working in numerous other peacekeeping forces in other countries because ANZAC Day remembers all those who have served in military operations, and those serving today deserve remembrance just as much as any other Australian veteran.

I have also used it to remind myself of just how lucky I am today. It makes me look at life from a different perspective, and reminds me to cherish and truly respect the things that I usually take for granted. For example, while I may whinge about school sometimes, ANZAC Day reminds me that I should not and that it is a privilege that I get an education. According to the United Nations children fund, 25-30000 children worldwide die every single day due to poverty. That is about one in every three seconds. A child with hopes and aspirations cut short. Every three seconds. Those kids would do anything for better health, some education, and a real shot at life, but can't. Thanks to the Australian and New Zealand troops over the past and in the present, Australia doesn't heavily influence these figures.

They really have put us in a lucky position today. The youth of today have limitless opportunities and I know I will make the most of them.

So that's the way I see ANZAC Day- a chance to remember my great grandfather, along with all those that fought and fight to bless us today, and to also maintain respect for life today.

Now I will move on to what ANZAC Day means to the younger generation. As I said before, I play sports, go to school and hence associate with a large range of today's young community. I also won the dux of my school last year, which was how I managed to be asked to do this, so I would like to think I am a credible representative of the youth of today.

Schools, primary and secondary - which are compulsory to attend, have in my era always taught the key concepts relating to ANZAC Day. So the knowledge is rife in the younger community. Most know the acronym ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand army Corps (core). We all know that today is a day that honours the men and women that have served our country in all wars and peacetime and more importantly those who were killed in action for our freedom

for today and tomorrow. We all know that April 25th is a significant day every year. Not only does it give us a day off school, it marks the first major military action fought by the Australian and New Zealand army forces-that is, the landing at Gallipoli.

There is knowledge out there among us, contrary to what may be the view held by some. The media often portrays a negative image of the youth today with the binge drinking and the street violence that we see on the TV and read in the papers every day. While I may actually agree with that perception, that is an entirely different subject and the main point I am trying to make is that we do have respect for ANZAC Day. I have anecdotal evidence to prove this. The story is that I have regularly attended the dawn service throughout my life and when I went to tell my mates one day that I attended, I expected a lazy 'its too early' response. But I was surprised and glad to hear that a countless number of them had done the same thing at other services across the state to pay their respect. Also, the wealth of young people, including children under the age of five and even babies in prams, that today rose to attend the dawn service right here epitomises our respect for the heroes that have fought and fight for this great land.

It has been emphasised to the people of my age that we live our lives today because of the actions of those brave men and women who not only fought in Gallipoli in 1915 but all those who have fought in wars for our country in the past and those who service our country at the present. We know that ANZAC Day is one of Australia and New Zealand's most important national occasions because it is one of the few chances we have of remembering them.

Furthermore, I know that most of us cannot understand truly to what extent the Australian and New Zealand servicemen and women, or their associating families had to go through, or



may still endure during times of war.

Just like the Chinese proverb suggests: 'I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand,' we don't fully understand just what it is like in a war, because people of my age today have never been there. But we do see the graphics of the carnage on the TV and do have knowledge of the ANZAC spirit and so we too 'At the going down of the sun and in the morning' every year on April the 25th 'we will remember them.'

On the other hand, the understanding I speak of, of what soldiers have borne for the sovereignty of our country, is actually heightened by our age similarities. Many of the soldiers enlisted to battle in past wars were around the ages of 18. This is quite daunting. To think that people just like me- a brother, a son, a friend at the fresh age of just 18 were prepared and did actually had their lives ended, while the younger generation including myself, feel our lives are just getting started is startling and it ignites an enormous amount of respect.

In conclusion, Anzac day means an imperative opportunity to say thanks for our lives today. It's a day where we can reminisce with our own family involvements and be proud of what they have achieved or are still achieving today. And to cap it off, it's a day where we can watch Collingwood be humiliated which is sure to make most happy. Thank you for your time.



For those of you who don't know me, my name is Matt Whitelaw. To give you a bit of my background on how I got here. I am a local Yinnar South boy, who attended Yinnar Primary School and has played sport locally for about 10 years. I am currently 17 and attend the Gippsland Education Precinct in Churchill. I am finishing my VCE at the end of this year if everything goes smoothly. I plan to go to university and become a teacher. Today I have been asked to speak about

what ANZAC Day means to me and the younger generation. This is a large and unique group of people to represent however I'll do my best. I am going to focus on the Australian participation and values today rather than a combination of Australian and New Zealand. This is only because I am unaware of the New Zealand values or thoughts on ANZAC Day.

When I was asked to do this just over a month ago, I must admit I was hesitant to accept. This may sound disrespectful but my first thought was 'another interference with my studies'. Thoughts ran through my head as Mal Bugg continued to outline the situation. I eventually decided that it would be unwise not to take this opportunity. Even after the conversation with Mal, thoughts continued to run through my head. I came to a conclusion that the reason I had accepted this honour was due to the Australian culture. This culture involves comradeship, mateship, loyalty, individuality and selflessness in every aspect of life. We see this everywhere whether it is in sport or even in the workplace. It is a well promoted part of the Australian culture that I wish to continue. That is why I accepted

this honour and why I have put a great deal of thought into this speech.

Being such a young country, any major events in our times have had a dramatic effect on the shaping of our lives today. When World War I broke out, Australia had only been a commonwealth country for 13 years. Similar to a 13 year old child, the country was still learning and growing. The war was a make or break situation for the country. We had to define who we were, what we stood for and how hard we were willing to fight in order to protect freedom for the oppressed. Australia had a total population of 4 million in the year 1914. To give you an idea this is similar to the population of Melbourne today. 416,809 people enlisted for the First World War, including roughly 40% of the 18 to 44 year old male population.

These people were fighting to give all children a prosperous future and fighting to give us our today and tomorrow. That is truly Australian. We defined our country and showed that we would fight till death to protect our values. As Georges Clemenceau, a French politician once stated "War is a series of catastrophes that results in a victory". Look around you, at your family, at your friends. Look around at the opportunities, at the possibilities for everyone. We got our victory and this is it. My last thought involved the final

discussion on the phone with Mal. He asked me what I plan to do in the future, after VCE. My answer was, as already mentioned, to go to university and become a teacher, but I was unsure where.

Then it struck me this is what the ANZAC's were fighting for. They fought for choices, they fought for the freedom and they fought for everyone to have these rights. They may not have thought it at the time; it may have just been survival for them. Effectively they have shaped the country as we know it with their actions, their bravery and their never say die attitude. Without that, I would not have the choice of a wide range of different main Universities or main TAFE institutions available to anyone willing to work hard. If the original ANZAC's knew what they would give to this country in the future, they would rest peacefully knowing that the country today is shaped on their values.

I have purposely tried to avoid retelling the exact story of World War I because some people forget that today is not just remembering those original brave soldiers but recognising every single man or woman that has put their hand up for the country in any way. I am not attacking those that have not; I am simply celebrating those that have in all wars since the Boer War up to the present time. *Cont.*



15 May 2008

Matt Whitelaw Cont.

Some may disagree with what I have said here today but I respect that. Your opinion is your opinion, which made it hard for me to represent a whole generation today. That is what ANZAC means, to be able to put forward an opinion and have confidence that you will not be ignored. To be allowed to stand up and voice your opinion to a country of open ears and open eyes. We may not always have the same opinion but we would fight to defend the right to have that opinion. To me ANZAC Day is not about looking into the past but looking towards the future. It is about taking those values that

tens of thousands of great Australians have died defending over our brief history and passing them on to the next generation. This is how we show respect to those who have died in the service over the years.

This is what ANZAC Day means to me and it may mean similarly to a lot of people of my generation. If there are any people in my generation who have been misrepresented I apologise now.

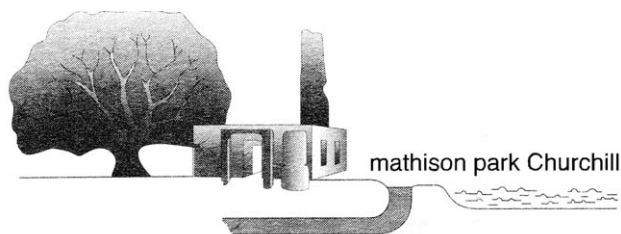
Thank you for your time today and for those who enjoy a good game of footy, watch the Collingwood Vs Essendon game later today, it should be another hard fought ANZAC Day battle. "Carn the Pies"

## ANZAC Appeal

Churchill raised \$2,940.40 and Yinnar raised \$1,072.00 for the ANZAC Appeal.

"For a small community of 550, the money raised in Yinnar was terrific," said Mal Bugg, President of the Morwell RSL.

Overall the ANZAC Appeal including Morwell was approximately \$31,000 which is an all time record and one of the highest in regional Victoria and the highest in Gippsland.



## Thanks to the CFA

Work on the pathway is going very well. A wonderful working bee was held on Saturday 12th April. The hire of a Bobcat and Trevor bringing his tractor, to service the 12 other workers, made for a great end effort.

The Mathison Park committee would like to acknowledge with grateful thanks, the Churchill Fire Brigade's efforts in safely disposing of four piles of prunings, fallen trees and branches in the park.

The committee greatly values the support of the

brigade in this work.

The Friends of Mathison Park were very pleased to be able to support, as volunteers, the Family Fishing Day, sponsored by the Department of Primary Industries.

The weather was perfect and those who attended learnt a lot about preparing a fishing rod, casting and the philosophy, rules and regulations of fishing.

## Neighbourhood House Week

Term 2 is well under way with most classes powering ahead and having a ball, learning and making new friends along the way. It is not too late to join in the fun.

Come along and have a Captain Cook at what happens at your Community Centre. Monday May 12th to Friday 16th May is Neighbourhood House Week - the perfect time to come, see, explore and enjoy. We are looking forward to meeting you.

Classes are many and varied: Basic Computing, MS Publisher, Open Learning - On Line, Folk art,

Creative Writing, Leadlighting, Yoga, MS Digital Photography, Scrapbooking and card making. Let's not forget our Patchwork class.

The work they produce is just magnificent - talent - talent - talent. Then there is "Annie", our patchwork quilting machine. Come and learn how to operate this Annie, then do your own quilting.

There is much to do at your Community Centre, and if you only want a chat and a cuppa, that easy - the kettle is always on the boil - you are always WELCOME.

The results and winners from our Mother's day raffle, and our Bizarre Bra competition will be in the next issue.

Bizarre Bra competition Churchill Life line shop has kindly offered to put all entries on display in their shop in the following weeks.

The Centre is in need of a Scrapbooking tutor - if you can help, please contact us.

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Dr Darryn Snell  
Monash University  
Thierry Auffray  
Maurice Blackburn



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# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



## Brian Stark

### Longest serving member of the Gippsland campus of Monash University

Recently recognized as the longest serving member of the Gippsland campus of Monash University, Brian Stark began work in April 1976, at what was then the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education (G.I.A.E.) when it was only four years old.

The stage one buildings of the construction program had been completed and were occupied. The Applied Science, Multi-Purpose and Education Buildings and Cafeteria were still under construction.

Brian was born in Australia at Wallaura in Victoria in 1952, the youngest son of German parents, Mother, Dagmar and Father Heinz. Brian's Father was a cheesemaker by trade, later becoming a chef. Brian also had one brother, Bernard and two sisters, Hannalore and Margrit.

While living in Germany, his father's family were well off. They had a chauffeur, huge home, prestige car etc. His grandparents were Jewish, however, and they lost everything during the war. After the war, Heinz and Dagmar immigrated to Australia.

Life in Australia was very hard to begin with. They worked very hard and instilled into their children that they should put their heart, soul and loyalty into their work. They began by purchasing a former bank in Malmsbury and converting it into a 24 hour roadhouse café. Heinz had a small claim to fame in that business. In this café together with meals 24 hours a day they also sold confectionary, ice creams etc. One brand of ice cream they sold was Toppa.

#### Toppa Wopper

When the traveller delivered his goods, Heinz greeted him by "Hi Mr. Toppa Wopper" and that was the beginning of the Toppa Wopper ice cream, similar to the Peters brand of Choc Wedge. On the launch of this ice cream, Brian recalls that the local Malsbury Primary School students were all given one of these new ice creams during an afternoon playtime, compliments of Heinz.

Brian reflected that they didn't dwell on the past, and never talked about the atrocities which they had experienced.

As a chef, Heinz worked in such restaurants as Madams in Sydney, Golden Hill in Morwell, Boyds Ambassador in Sale, Eriwon Point Motel in Cowes, Glenarra Hotel in Lakes Entrance, Police Headquarters at Russell Street, Melbourne Grammar School, on the oil rigs and in New Guinea.

For Brian, Primary schooling began at Malmsbury Primary School. Later he went to Kyneton Primary School. The family moved to Melbourne where his parents opened a retail and wholesale poultry market in Kensington which they eventually expanded into the Glenferry market. Brian attended the Kensington Primary School followed by Flemington High School which at that time was brand new.

The Flemington High School was recently demolished. It was located next to the show grounds and race course. The suburb of Kensington was a very rough, tough area then. There was a considerable amount of gangs and it was not unusual for beatings to occur. Now, this area is considered quite prestigious.

When he was in form four, the family moved to Churchill where Brian attended Morwell High School with Ivan Maddern as principal. Describing his school efforts Brian said his results at Flemington were mediocre, but at Morwell High School he made dux of the class.

During the vacations in Forms 4, 5 and 6, Brian went to Cowes where he worked in a fish

and chip shop for \$1 an hour- \$70 a week. They were long hours Brian recalls, with only a time to sleep and a time to work!

When his Dad worked at Golden Hill as a chef, his brother Bernard also became a chef, doing his apprenticeship under his father. His older sister also followed in the family occupation.

While his father worked as chef on the oil rig- Glomar 3, Brian was promised many wonderful jobs on the oil rigs, through his father when he completed Form 6, so there was little incentive to do very well. However, then his father left this job, and Brian says he has always regretted that he didn't do better. The carrot was gone!

Nevertheless he completed his HSC- Higher School Certificate.

#### Working Life

His working life, post school, began with employment at Pureco Motors in Moe in the Spare Parts Department.

A transfer to Travalley Motors in Morwell, again in spare parts, came next. Here he worked for 12 months under Kevin Palmer. His pay was \$25 a week.

Another move was made to the Country Roads Board where the pay increased to \$42 a week. Brian asked "How could you refuse a job that was twice the money?" Kevin tried to persuade Brian not to accept the CRB position as things were going so well at Travalley since Brian had joined them. He said his record keeping was meticulous and the area had never run better.

Brian was 22 years old and in the engineering

support section of the Country Roads Board (CRB), in Traralgon, and wanted a job which would give him more rapid advancement. Things seemed to be going too slowly at the CRB. Brian saw the advertisement for an administrative officer-buildings at the G.I.A.E., and thought due to the increased prospects for advancement he would apply.

He was subsequently granted an interview. This was a most overwhelming experience, he recalls, as he had to face five interviewers. However, he must have done well enough as the job was his, even though he had not expected to succeed.

#### That place is going nowhere!

Alan Jacka who was the Divisional Engineer at the CRB said when Brian told him about having the new job, "Don't take the job. That place is going nowhere!"

Brian reported to the Planning Officer who was responsible for the development of the campus master plans for all facilities on the site including supervision of all construction works on the new buildings and infrastructure, maintenance, gardening, cleaning, security, technical services, printery, purchasing/stores etc.

Brian was the third person to be employed in this position over a short period of time.

The job was significantly large and required a person who was very responsible and articulate to carry it out to the correct standard. New building works had to develop such systems within them as phone numbers, key systems, space data base, claiming funds for the building construction, general administration and all other servic-

es required, to make sure the building was fully compliant and operational prior to occupancy.

This, Brian found quite fulfilling and stimulating, as did the projects he was given, "to fill in his spare time." One such project was to review all the insurances.

Through this review he was able to make a saving of \$8,000, by using competition between insurance companies. Although, this amount of savings does not seem much in today's standards, it was two years of Brian's salary, and so the savings were quite a sizable sum. This effort was noted with gratitude and as a "reward" the insurance portfolio for the campus was transferred to Brian's area and also led to further projects. The workload thus created, caused an increase of staff numbers to cope with the expansion in Brian's activities.

There have been some funny situations over the years, but one Brian recalls was a call from the Head of Business and Social Science who was found sitting in his office chair, almost on the floor, not being able to work out how his chair could be adjusted to make it go higher! Brian was able to easily solve his dilemma!

In the first ten years G.I.A.E. employed the maintenance staff including between 2-12 carpenters depending on the current building program, approximately 4 gardeners and purchasing, store persons, caretakers and other support staff. Other services, such as cleaning were contracted.

Then there was an extensive building program some of which included fairly temporary buildings which have remained permanent, and require a good deal of maintenance.

#### Major Achievement

The introduction in 1985, of the Emergency Phone Network prior to mobile phones was very significant for safety. After a serious incident at a university in Melbourne, concerns were expressed for the students' safety. Some micro labs were open 24 hours a day and the students were living on campus. While inside the building adequate communication was available in the case on an emergency, however externally there was nothing. So Brian wrote a paper after which the campus emergency response group was established together with 50 external emergency phones installed for the safety of students and staff. Brian was soon appointed as campus safety officer in addition to his substantive responsibilities.

Brian says the support of senior management at the campus, who took this issue seriously, enabled this project, which cost around half a million dollars, to proceed.

Brian sees it as a major achievement. Being a regional campus it did not have the safety issues of the city counterparts, but with the added safety and security infrastructure introduced, the campus soon received international recognition as being a safe campus. He gave talks to the students about safety and the working of the system. It was based on a Yale University model. The Clayton campus is currently investigating the installation of a similar system on that campus.

Brian undertook further studies in both Australia and New Zealand. He was also sponsored by the campus to attend two international conferences held in New Zealand on CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) conducted by the International Security Management and Crime Prevention Institute. As a result, the principles of CPTED are used extensively throughout the campus making it a safer campus.





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## Looking Back...

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At the beginning of 1987 there were a number of burglaries and thefts on the campus. Brian was requested to provide recommendations in relation to the possible installation of security and access systems as a deterrent. Brian embarked on a considerable learning curve and came up with a proposal to install a system at an estimated cost of \$750,000. The recommendation which was subsequently approved also contained technical comparisons of proprietary systems and reasons why a particular system was recommended.

The installation took place over the next three years. When the GIAE became Monash University in 1993 the security system was replaced as it was not consistent with ones installed on other Monash campuses. In 2005, security and access systems on all Monash campuses were reviewed and as a result were replaced with the make that Brian had installed on his campus some 15 years prior. It confirmed that his research and eventual recommendation was indeed the best and most appropriate system available at the time and could be upgraded to meet future needs.

### Health and Safety

1989 saw the introduction of new health and safety legislation including the dangerous goods act. Unfortunately, an internal audit conducted of all chemicals and other dangerous goods on the campus, under Brian's supervision, highlighted a number of shortcomings and non compliance.

Considerable recommendations were made by Brian to management. This included the construction of a central dangerous goods store. The centralization of all dangerous goods on the campus into a central store, led to a considerable reduction in the amount of chemicals and gases that were needed to be kept on the campus. Also recommended was the appointment of a dangerous goods officer in Brian's department to oversee this activity. Once completed and equipped, the Dangerous Goods Branch of the Worksafe authority indicated that it was the best small dangerous goods store in Gippsland! [This has since been pulled down and rebuilt in another location on the campus].

Brian indicated that it was a massive learning curve for him, to become familiar with all chemicals and gases and in particular the storage requirements for each class of chemicals or substances and related emergency procedures. As a side issue, he also became very conversant with the operation of d base 3+ which was the program he used to record and manipulate all the necessary information.

### Never say 'No'

Brian loves a challenge and he says he was given the opportunity to meet quite a few, never saying "No".

A current challenge which is exciting and stimulating Brian's ready mind is the one of environmental issues on campus. Under Brian's leadership, Monash University Gippsland is leading all Monash campuses with its 16% energy saving from 2005-2007, and a water saving of 35% in the same period. He proudly states that this campus seems to come up with good ideas and he is prepared to act on them quickly.

Brian has been giving presentations to the campus community on safety and environmental issues throughout his long career. Most notable was being guest speaker to students studying the Civil and Environmental Engineering degree. He has engaged with these students and listens to their ideas and exposed them to the great environmental initiatives undertaken on the campus. The environmental projects undertaken have all been very well documented in a Power Point presentation put together by Brian which features on the Gippsland campus web site. Again, another first for Monash!

Brian has co-written a paper with Associate Professor Isreb, on Greening the Campus, which outlines all the marvelous ways that the campus has taken on the challenges of the environmental issues



of the present times, and put in practice, solutions on the campus. This paper was published in the esteemed journal, World Transactions on Engineering and Technology Education in November 2007.

Monash Gippsland even had their own Earth hour where an additional electrical saving of 27% was achieved this year.

Computers are now a huge part of the infrastructure which helps to maintain Monash Campus. Looking back, Brian remembers attending a conference in Melbourne which described emails and their use. He had his doubts about that at the time, he says. Now emailing is second nature. With the help of a few courses, Brian has taught himself, and is now competent in most computer applications he regularly uses.

Brian has indicated that the present time, is one of most exciting times in the history of the campus. The internal numbers of students are increasing. There is phenomenal capital investment in the campus. The Gippsland School of Medicine has been established which is not only important to the campus but also the Latrobe Valley in general.

The commitment and enthusiasm of campus staff has never really changed over the years. The Gippsland campus is a small campus which makes for a wonderful friendly place to work. Brian is proud to be a part of it, as he feels everyone works together to move the campus along in the same direction, rather than letting politics get in the road.

One great benefit is that a lot of those who work at Monash also live nearby, living with and in the community of Churchill. They are all working for the prosperity of the Valley, Gippsland and the local community in general.

There has been considerable support given by Monash to the community over the years. Current projects include a \$5 million Leisure Centre upgrade which Monash is contributing \$4 million, the Churchill Community Hub and support of numerous community activities.

### Current Capital Works

Current capital works being undertaken on the campus include the refurbishment of the old Engineering department into the Monash Medical School - a \$5 million investment.

Another is the construction of the \$6.5 million Auditorium building which is scheduled for completion in June 2008. The building is the most environmentally friendly on campus. In the planning stage is a new Halls of Residences which will provide varying types of accommodation for students, staff and conferences. The project is valued at \$12 million and should be completed by the beginning of 2011. This project will be supported by a private developer assisting with the funding of the residences after a business plan has been established.

Brian says "Anyone can use bricks and mortar to build a building, but it is the people inside the buildings who make the campus what it is!"

As the years progressed, Brian has taken on more and more responsibility, gaining promotion along the way. His current position is Manager of Facilities and Services which he has held since 2000. He basically grew into the job!

He says he has no regrets about the time he has spent at Monash, some thirty-two years to date and still going strong, having really looked forward to the challenges of the position of facilities and services manager and all the positive changes which have occurred. He frequently acknowledges that it is the dedication, expertise and commitment of his support staff that make his job and life easy. There have been many new processes, systems and innovations introduced by the facilities and services department at the Gippsland campus which are now being incorporated throughout all other campuses.

Brian is married to Rhonda, with their 35th wedding anniversary coming up this year. He has lived in Churchill most of his life, now residing in the Hazelwood Heights estate of Churchill, a home he built some 15 years ago. He has three children two boys, Aaron and Nathan and a girl, Kate with the boys being employed and living locally, and Kate who is a chef, as is her husband, owning a business in Batemans Bay. He has three grandchildren, Shannon, Liam and Jackson with another on the way.

The Stark family, being one of the first two hundred families to reside in Churchill proudly has a brick in the memorial wall near the Shell service station.

## Last Chance to Make Your Cuppa Count

May marks the start of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea month, and Latrobe residents will be putting their kettles on and baking up a storm to support the one in two Australians diagnosed with cancer.

Local Latrobe resident, Sue Bechaz, is participating in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea this year to raise much-needed funds to support the Cancer Council Victoria's research, education and support programs.

Cancer Council spokesperson, Barbara Fernandez, said Australia's Biggest Morning Tea raised nearly \$9 million last year and is one of the Cancer Council's most popular fundraising events.

"Australia's Biggest Morning Tea provides a great opportunity to use your morning tea break to help the 66 Victorians diagnosed with cancer every day," Ms Fernandez said.

"Morning tea's can be held at work, home, or school and the event

is a great excuse to catch up with friends, family or colleagues. Although the official date is Thursday 22 May, events can be held anytime throughout May."

The concept is fun and simple. Anyone interested in taking part registers as a host and their guests make a donation to the Cancer Council for their morning tea.

"With one in two Victorians diagnosed with cancer by the age of 85, it is essential that we persist in raising

funds for research, continue to educate people on the steps they can take to reduce cancer as well as maintain our support programs for people affected," Ms Fernandez said.

"Register to host your Australia's Biggest Morning Tea today and make your cup count in the fight against cancer."

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The Lounge, which is licensed to hold 800 people is back to its hosting best in 08, with big name bands, Gyroscope, The Dukes of Windsor, already been and the Potbelleez and other well known bands booked in to play this year.

With its great facilities, ample parking, friendly staff, and great value drinks, the Lounge is playing host to more and more public and private events such as 21st birthdays, engagement parties and weddings. MUGSU is a member of the Gippsland Alcohol Accord, and all staff are trained and adhere to RSA guidelines.

The outside decking area comes with two large BBQ's, out door settings and an outdoor plasma screen.

To book your next function, however big or small, or for a no obligation inspection, give MUGSU a call on 5122 6248. For more Lounge info/coming events check: [www.mugsu.org.au](http://www.mugsu.org.au)



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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 then lives up to its title.

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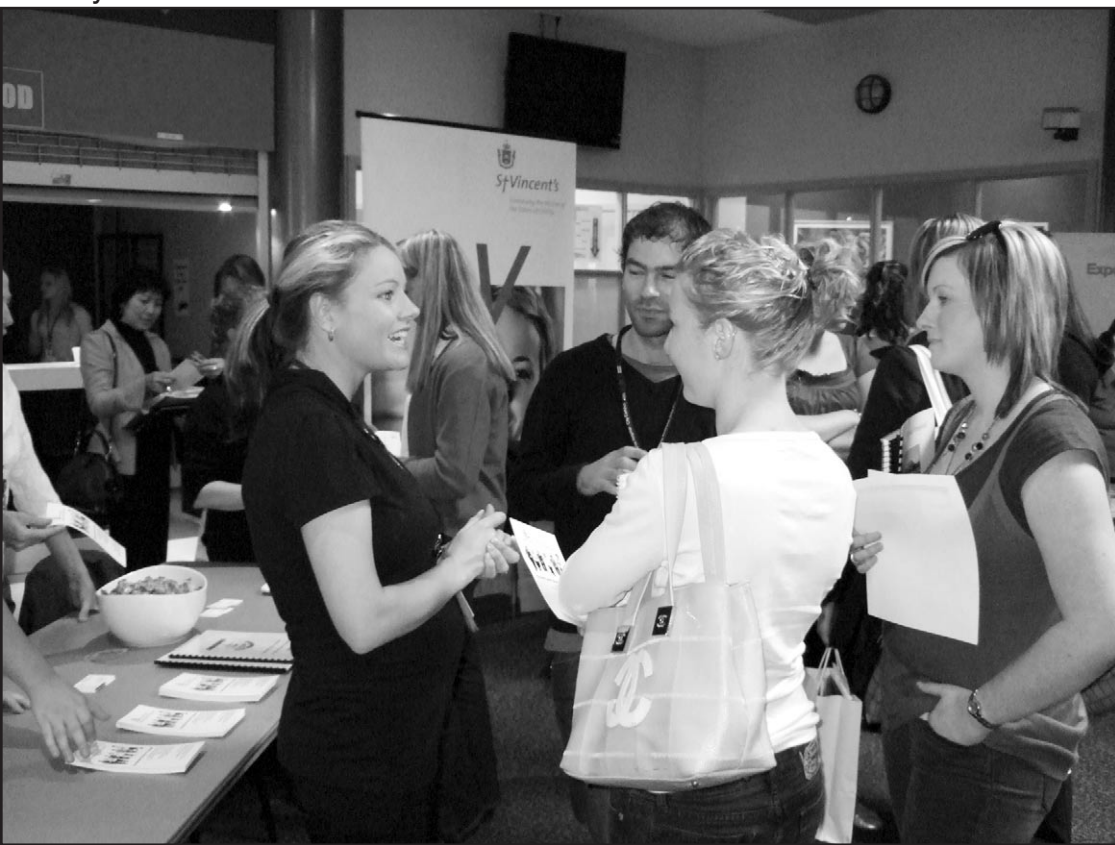
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## Hospital Graduate Information Day

A Hospital Graduate year information day was recently held at Monash University Gippsland Campus for all final year Gippsland and RMIT undergraduate Nursing Students.

Both regional and metropolitan hospitals were given the opportunity to showcase their Graduate Year Programmes through presentations and information stalls.

Speakers from health services

such as Latrobe Regional Hospital, West Gippsland Hospital, Gippsland Southern Health Services, Central Gippsland Hospital, Royal Melbourne Hospital, St Vincents, Southern Health and The Austin attended to provide information on the services they provide.

School of Nursing Clinical Team, Clinical Administrator, Cheryl Hutchinson and Clinical Co-ordinator, Jo Porter stated the day

was a huge success with students having the opportunity to compare the employment opportunities across the state.

This is an exciting and challenging time for final year students as they apply for Graduate year positions. The Graduate Information day is the beginning of their transition into the workforce.



Jean Brick with the flags made at ANZAC Day activities

## Wattle Club Exercising the Mind

The Wattle Club clients are very talented, and to give them a chance to display their creativity and explore the concepts of texture and colour, the ladies in charge organized painting craft. Some interesting work was produced.

The day is filled with fun and laughter when a games day is organized. Two such days happened this last month. Tunnel ball and basket ball, with other games using balls made for a fitness and active day. The second day consisted of bowls, ten pin bowling and beanbag games.

For their day out they visited the Warragul Country Club, a favourite, where some had success on the pokies.

ANZAC week saw the two

groups discussing ANZAC Day, what it meant to them, and the memories it evoked. That day they were involved in making flags of the world.

The body needs some exercise and so does the mind, so a day of fun with brain activities included Chinese Whispers. Kerri started the sentence, which was whispered to each one in the circle, in turn. It was amazing how the sentence changed. One sentence started out as 25 words and reduced to 3 by the end! It was a lot of fun. There were lots of other brain exercising games that day too.

One day was scheduled to be a garden party outside the centre. It rained so they had it inside. As it

was to be a party, such delicacies as cucumber sandwiches and other party food was served.

A visit was organized to St Paul's Anglican Grammar School in Traralgon, for the afternoon. The students put on a wonderful concert for the clients. Then they were served afternoon tea. When they returned to the centre, each mother among the group received a small bouquet of flowers for Mothers' Day

New members are welcome to join the group. If you, or anyone you know would be interested in joining the happy crew, please phone the Co-Ordinator Ann on 51365087 or mobile 0400 067 632.

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THE Churchill & District News invites you to enter our Short Story and Poetry Competition. A new category has been introduced for this year - 'Out of this World - a Science Fiction Story'. The category is open to writers of all ages and we are looking forward to some extra terrestrial stories! There will be some great prizes, with all entrants under 12 receiving a certificate of participation and a small gift.

If you have any queries or require information, conditions of entry and entry forms please do not hesitate to contact us by email at cdnews@dcsi.net.au. Alternatively information and entry forms can be downloaded from our website at cdnews.net.au.

**CATEGORIES**

1. Children's 7 and Under Short story/poem or picture story
2. Children's 8 - 10 yrs Short Story (illustrations welcome)
3. Children's 8 - 10yrs Poetry (illustrations welcome)
4. Children's 11 - 13yrs Short Story (illustrations welcome)
5. Children's 11 - 13yrs Poetry (illustrations welcome)
7. 14 - 18yrs Short Story
8. 14 - 18yrs Poetry
6. Adult Short Story
7. Adult Poetry.
8. Local History - My Story. (This category will be judged on content alone and there are no restrictions on length of story, i.e. they can be under 1000 words.)
9. A Children's Story
10. Out of this World: a Science Fiction Story

**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

1. All stories must have a completed entry form attached to the manuscript with a paper clip (no pins or staples)
2. The author's name must only be on the entry form and not on the manuscript
3. Entries must be original, previously unpublished work.
4. Each entry must include a title
5. Multiple entries will be accepted
6. Unless otherwise specified, permission to reproduce entries in the Churchill & District News or for publicity purposes will be assumed. Copyright remains with the author.
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8. Entries must be received by 31st July 2008

9. All pages should be numbered

10. Length of stories/ poems are to be:

\*Adult: 1000 - 2500 words

\*Under 18: 500 - 2000 words

\*Children: up to 500 words

Poetry, free or rhyming verse to be:

\*Adult: min 8 lines and max. 48 lines.

\*Under 18: min 8 lines and max. 48 lines.

\*Children: up to 20 lines

11. Entries will not be returned and participants should keep a copy of their work.

12. The Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into

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

Entries to be mailed to:

Churchill & District News Writing Competition, PO Box 234, Churchill 3842

Closing Date: **31 July 2008**

Entry Fees:

\$3.00 Per Short Story/Childrens Story - \$2.00 Concession or Student

\$3.00 Per Poem - \$2.00 Concession or Student

Children, Under 7, Under 12 and U18 Categories - 50c.

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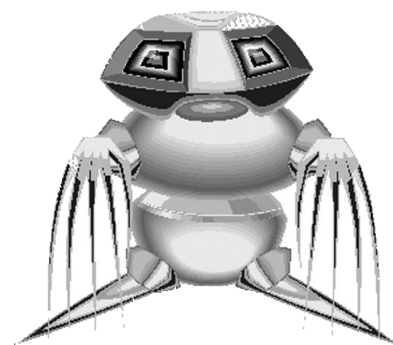
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# Churchill Primary School

Students at Churchill Primary School have once again excelled themselves with a fantastic start to Term 2.

After a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break students and staff have returned with fresh enthusiasm and vigour for the long term ahead.

It has been wonderful to welcome new families to the school this term and we look forward to their long term partnership with our school and local community.

## Year 5/6 Camp

In late April our Year 5/6 students travelled by train to Melbourne for their 2008 school camp. The Melbourne Camp is a fantastic opportunity for the senior students to experience all that Melbourne has to offer.

Students utilised public transport to make their way around the colourful city of Melbourne. Highlights of the trip away included visits to the MCG, Queen Victoria Market, The Melbourne Museum, Galactic Circus and Science Works to name a few.

The staff attending camp were delighted to report that our students were fantastic ambassadors and representatives of not only our school but the Churchill Community.

Congratulations to all our students and staff on another very successful school camp.

## Investigations

Students and staff at Churchill Primary School are extremely excited about the fantastic developments happening in the Prep-2 curriculum.

The past 18 months has seen the school go from strength to strength in developing and implementing a developmentally appropriate approach to student learning, targeting student interests and investigations as the key drivers for these improvements.

The results have been outstanding with significant improvements in student engagement, enjoyment, learning, oral language development and social development.

As always, parents and community members interested in finding out more about our school programs and the support we provide in ensuring a smooth and positive start to school for all our students are invited to tour the school.

Please contact the school office on 5122 1343 for more information.



Year 5/6 School Camp



# Boolarra Primary School

## Yinnar And District School Sports



Linc in the Sprints



Mason competes in Shotput

We had a fabulous time at the recent athletic sports. Our students all showed excellent fitness and skills and behaved brilliantly. We were delighted with the parent support that we received on the day too as our small staff numbers mean that it is a challenge covering all our age groups as well as running our event.

Congratulations to Thorpdale Primary School who coordinated the day and did a superb job. Congratulations also to the overall winners, Yinnar Primary School who are clearly very talented athletes!

## ANZAC Day

Two Junior School Councillors, Emma and Eden Hassett laid a wreath on behalf of our school at the Yinnar ANZAC Day ceremony. We were very grateful to have the opportunity to participate on this important day.



Eden and Emma at the Yinnar ANZAC Day Ceremony

## Breakfast At School

A lovely social start to the day is enjoyed by everyone when we stage breakfast at school. Gradually we are convincing more and more students to try porridge, which is considered to be one of the most nutritious breakfasts. We are very grateful to our R.E coordinator, Ms Liz Black and one of our students' grandmothers, Mrs Lois Thornton for helping our Junior School Council to run our free Breakfast at School program.

## Adults' Computer Course

There are 19 adults enrolled to work with our Information Technology teacher, Ms. Karen Tingay and our Office Manager Ms Wendy Jones to hone their computer skills in our free classes. Our regular students really enjoy helping our 'senior students' to find their way to our Thinking & Learning Centre. We value this opportunity to show off our lovely school and actively demonstrate to our school community that learning is a lifelong enterprise!

## Tennis Lessons

Mr Andrew Peavey is conducting tennis classes at our school. We are delighted to participate in this program as Andrew is always very encouraging and positive.

## Boolarra Idol & Anti-Idol Talent Competition

Our Junior School Councillors are currently staging auditions to identify the potential Idols and Anti-idol finalists.

Thirty acts have registered to try out so narrowing the field down is a big job. Everyone is invited to attend our grand final at 9:00 am on Friday 23rd of May in our school multi-purpose room. Audience response will form part of the judging so it would be great to have lots of people attend. As this is the end of Education Week, we have invited representatives from the Department of Education to attend as well.

## Free Fruit At School

So far we have been able to provide our students with delicious watermelon, blood plums, passionfruit, apples and pineapple. We are very grateful to the parents who obtained the funding for this program and to our School Council President, Mandi Peter who purchases the fruit for us.

## Cross Country Running

The Boolarra Rail Trail provided the picturesque setting for our recent Cross Country run. Our Physical Education coordinator, Ms Tina Larrad worked very hard to set up and organize the run which highlighted the fitness, stamina and determination of many of our students. Ms Larrad will use the results to identify which of our students will go on to represent our school at the forthcoming Yinnar & District Cross Country run in Churchill.



Pasta bridge testing

## Multi-Age Activity Day

A recent highlight at our school was the multi-age activity day when our students worked in prep to 6 groups to tackle a range of challenges.

We were all really impressed with the cooperation and team work that was evident and with the sensational work that was produced.

# Kurnai College Churchill & GEP

## Malaysian Study Tour

My name is Aaron Osborne and I was one of 20 students from across Victoria selected to go on a study tour of Malaysia for 10 days.

Before we met our host families we had the opportunity to visit some of the famous sites around Kuala Lumpur, including the Petronas Towers, the King's residence, the KL tower as well as many other interesting and exciting places.

The host family was very welcoming although it took some time to become accustomed to some of their cultural practices and traditions such as sitting on the floor to eat and using your hands (which isn't easy when rice makes up a large proportion of their diet!) Dinner time was further complicated by the fact that you are only allowed to eat with your right hand, something that was incredibly hard considering that I am left handed.

School in Malaysia is a lot different to school in Australia. There wasn't the structure and discipline I was used to. Students were always running around out of class and teachers were late to class and that's if they turned up at all!

The lack of structure didn't seem to affect the students' learning. All of the students had a strong grasp of English compared to my Indonesian skills.

The trip to Malaysia was an amazing experience and one that really gave me an appreciation of the things we often take for granted in our culture here in Australia.

**Aaron Osborne, Year 10 Churchill Campus.**

## Personal Safety - ICE Concept

Rural Ambulance Victoria actually recommends this and teaches it in their First Aid courses. It is the first place emergency services will look for a contact if you are unconscious or in an "altered conscious state".

We all carry our mobile phones with names and numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends.

If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call.

Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations.

As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should

be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency).

Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as 'ICE.' For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc. A great idea that could make a big difference!

## Year 10 Work Experience

Work Experience is an important aspect of Year 10 studies. It gives the students a chance to experience the work place, to give them an insight into a possible career path. It is an opportunity to try out a job to see if it is really what they envisaged.

The Latrobe Valley schools have a network of employers upon which to call. Each school has a scheduled allotment of time in which to participate in this activity.

The Year 10 students at Kurnai Churchill had their scheduled time between the 14-24 April, with 74 students participating.

A variety of places offer employment to the students during their work experience time ranging from working at Foster with Park Victoria, in Melbourne at a Real Estate Agency, and in Photography, being in schools, experiencing trades from concreting, to electricians or working in retail at big stores like Target, or Big W.

Before the students go on work experience, they have an interview with their year Team Leader, who is Laurel Kane.

During the interview the students fill out a questionnaire which asks what they want to do, and where do they wish to work.

The interview can also include discussion about helping the student decide what might be applicable to them.

The student is then encouraged to make a face-to-face contact with their future employer for the period of the work experience. Laurel also makes a follow up phone call to each employer.

Laurel says that their employers very willingly support this program to give the students the experience of the work before actually starting work.

The students themselves think the program is very worthwhile. Some return saying how tiring it was.

Other decide that it is the job for them, while still others realize it is not the job for them, which is a benefit when trying to decide your future employment.

Some say they couldn't do much but sit and observe, due to not having the required skills, but still found the experience useful. On the whole the students really like it, seeing the benefits it involves.



# Churchill North Primary School

## PMP

Grade Prep/One and 1/2 continue to do well in the PMP (Perceptual Motor Program). Every Wednesday afternoon both grades take turns in undertaking a series of activities that help to develop children's fine motor skills and co-ordination.

## Production Practice

All grades at Churchill North have been busy practicing for the upcoming school production - 'Around the world quest' which features song and dance from different countries around the world. By all reports practise is going well and it is sure to be a great show. Some of the song and dances to be performed will include The Hakka, The Can-Can, May Pole and Bush dancing.

## Grade 5/6 Classroom make-over

The grades 5/6's have been busy of late preparing and painting their classroom. More work is scheduled for other parts of the classroom and it is hoped they will help paint in the infant grades if all goes well.

## Revamp of school toilets

The toilets blocks at Churchill North are also undergoing renovations at the moment. After a competition among the students to choose and design the colours for the toilet blocks, it was decided that Karla Hall and Gemma Laidlaw's designs of purples and pinks would be used for the Junior and Senior Girls toilets while Blake Hunter's choice of teal and orange would be used in the Junior and Senior Boys toilets. A special thanks to all parents who volunteered their time to help paint. Painting of the senior toilets is complete and the Junior toilets are now well under way and looking great. The Multi-purpose room toilets are currently under construction and receiving repairs.

## Parents Association

All schools rely heavily on the efforts of parents and volunteers to provide additional assistance; I am overwhelmed at the passion, enthusiasm and energy that each member has; the combined efforts of all making a dynamic team. Churchill North is a small school, with members of

PA taking on many roles from, regular assistance within classes, coordinating morning teas and lunches for students, assisting with head lice checks, camps and excursions.

All PA members have a commitment to their child and that of the community's education and wellbeing. A significant effort is their role in special events committee; the aim to strengthen and build the community of Churchill and make links to the local community.

## Tommy Hafey School Visit

Motivational speaker and football legend, Tommy Hafey, will visit the school on Thursday 29th May. He will talk to students about personal safety, team work and avoiding drugs and alcohol. A parent information session will be held in the evening at 6:30. Please contact the school if you are interested in attending. There will be various sporting memorabilia up for auction on the night: Collingwood Team of the Century, Casey Stoner, Shane Warne, Horse Racing memorabilia, Tiger Woods - plus many more.



**ANZAC Day**

Children in 1/2 J helped to celebrate ANZAC day by cooking traditional ANZAC day biscuits and learning about their tradition.



**Pirate Party**

Grade Prep/One continue learning the sounds of the alphabet - last week being 'P' week. Grade Prep/Once celebrated by making popcorn,

And having a dress up Pirate Day. By all reports no treasure was found but a fun time was had by all.





# Yinnar Primary School

## Successful Sports Day

The Yinnar Recreation Reserve was the venue for a fantastic Yinnar and Districts School Athletics sports day.

The students from eight neighbouring schools competed in all age groups and all events.

Yinnar Primary School students performed extremely well, showing great determination and sportsmanship.

Yinnar Primary was the winning school and school captains Bella Scott and Isaac Van Rhine accepted the trophy on the school's behalf.

Student's thoughts about the day:

First I didn't want to do long distance. But I got a 3 so I liked it. By Kelsey  
Everyone cooperated and had lots of

fun. By Zoe

It was really fun because you see all the races. I came third in the long distance. By Mirran

I had lots of fun. My favourite was the sprint. I won. By Arie

Sports had lots of people. It was quite fun. Yinnar won. It was a thrill to win four in a row. By Eliza J

We played a beanbag one. My favourite was lunchtime and the sprints. Mum took a photo of me. By Marnie

I liked the high jump, long distance and everything else. I was tired at the end of the day. By Sam F

It was fun and exciting. We all tried our best. We were fit. By Sammie.



School Leaders Recognised

Yinnar Primary School is committed to encouraging and promoting leadership of its students. A special assembly was held to recognise those students who have been given leadership responsibilities.

The school was privileged to have Mr Neil Terrill visit the school to make the presentations to the students.

Earlier this year Mr Terrill was awarded the Order

of Australia for his contribution to Science and the Environment. He also has a special connection to the school, as a grandfather of a grade four student.

School Captains, House Captains and Junior School Councillors were presented with their badges. Students listened carefully as Mr Terrill spoke of his life experiences and the importance of making the most of every opportunity that come your way.



# Hazelwood North Primary School



Our New Sandpit!

Our school got a new sandpit and it is humongous. Everyone of all ages is having fun. The sandpit is about 5 metres long and 11.5 metres wide. The sandpit is pretty deep because everyone is burying themselves. We have had it for about 4 months. There is a lot of sand going in and out of the sandpit

because we all play tiggy and all kinds of other games. All the little kids build sand castles in the corner. It is a lot better than our old sandpit because that one was really small. We also have plenty of room to do all activities in it. With our old sandpit we are building a garden.

By Elise and Sarah!

## Athletics Sports

A few weeks ago Hazelwood North competed in the Yinnar and District Sports. We had lots of parents watching us. We competed in discus, shot put, sprints, distance run, high jump, long jump and bean bag accuracy. It was a great day. Everyone at Hazelwood North enjoyed the sports. We came in second place and it was the best place some teachers have ever known.

By Brendan 5/6 D

On Friday the 11th of April, it was the School Sports. We got there by bus. I sat next to Drew. Nearly all of H.N.P.S. competed against other schools. We did high jump, long jump, shot put, distance run, discus and sprint. My favourite event was the high jump. Our School came second, Yinnar came first. I went home by car.

By Ivy Meade

On the 11th April, nearly all the H.N.P.S. competed against other schools. It was at Yinnar footy oval we went on a bus.

We did log jump, high jump, shot put, distance run, discus and sprints. My favourite activity was long jump. Yinnar came first, H.N.P.S. came second. It made me feel happy.

By Keiley Anders.

We travelled on a bus to the school sports on Friday April the 11th. Nearly the whole school went to the sports day. My favourite event was the discus throw. My second favourite was the high jump. Our school came second. Yinnar came first but I made a friend with a person from the school

called Yinnar. I had so much fun.

By Shelby L

## Interesting Homework

For my homework I made a dog out of metal. My dad welded the frame and I did the rest. He has a spring for a head, washers for ears, nuts for the feet, metal fencing for the body, bolts for the tail and nose and smaller washers for the eyes. I super glued the feet, nose, tail, ears and the eyes. I used wire to keep the body on the frame. I really enjoyed making it.

By Cedar Martin

## Interactive Whiteboard

At Hazelwood Nth Primary School we got a brand new Interactive Whiteboard. Our teachers are able to show their students how to do certain activities such as PowerPoint, Maths work and looking at internet sites and games. The teachers have a roster to tell them when it is there time to use it. The teachers and kids all love it and it's a great addition to our school.

From James 6F

## Professional Learning

### Activities

Mrs Duncan - Effective Maths Understanding- 5 day course- also involves Mrs Duncan taking a small group of year 1 & 2 students to assist

in maths development.

Intel - Mrs Alexander completing a 3 day course with additional on line homework, Mrs Alexander will train our teachers at a later date.

Mrs Foster and Mrs Duncan are viewing a Maths 300 program in Morwell.

Mrs Foster is going to a Drug Education Seminar.

Mrs Foster and Ms Rule are going to a Maths Professional Development in Sale.

Mrs Blythman is going to Blue Earth PD

Mrs Vesty and Ms Rule are completing a weekly Blue Earth PD with Blue Earth coach - Brenton Wight.

## Bus Safety

At the beginning of term 2, Hazelwood North PS participated in an RACV presentation on traffic safety, particularly bus safety. We role played some different situations involving bus safety which was very interesting. She taught us to not be too loud and not to distract the driver and to wait before the bus is gone before you cross the road. It was really helpful. We also watched an informative video on being safe around buses. Each grade attended a 50 minute session over the day.



Interesting Homework - Cedar Martin



# Lumen Christi Primary School

Andrew Chinn

Melbourne/ Ballarat Camp



In March Andrew Chin came to perform at Lumen Christi. He taught each class some news songs, and actions to go with them. All grades performed a concert for the rest of the school, parents and friends.

The children had a wonderful time and still talk about the things Andrew Chin taught them. Recently the choir performed one of his songs at a concert for the visiting Cross and Icon.



The students in 5/6 have just returned from a three day camp in Melbourne and Ballarat, staying at the Melbourne Discovery Centre. The children visited many places including Parliament House, Science Works, The MCG, The Mary MacKillop Centre, Victoria Market, Sovereign

Hill, The Racing Museum, and Eureka Tower to mention a few. It was wonderful that Lumen Christi's former Principal, Denise McKenna could attend the camp as well, and we thank her for volunteering to be part of the camp.



### Ride To School Day

Many Lumen Christi children and families participated in the National Ride to School day in March. A total of 61 children (41%) participated. What a great

effort! Mallard Cycles donated many small items as prizes for the children who rode, scootered or rolled to school. These included bike pumps, puncture kits, a helmet and bells for the

bikes. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm of students, parents and teachers to be part of the day.

### School Disco



Our Fundraising group organise a disco each term. Last term we had a beach party and this term's theme was a pyjama party. What a fantastic time was had by all. We are so lucky

that we have so many parents and staff who attend and help out on the night and make these occasions possible.

### After School Care

We are extremely excited that we can now offer parents the opportunity to use our after school program in our Eco-Centre. The program is available from 3.00 until 5.30 Monday to Friday. It has been wonderful to see how involved the children have in the various activities that are available each evening.

### ANZAC Day

This year to celebrate ANZAC Day we had many different activities throughout the school to raise awareness about ANZAC Day. We started Thursday morning with a prayer session to remember those who have gone to war to protect our county. Each of the junior classes had an exciting time making ANZAC biscuits; the aroma around the school was wonderful as each batch was cooked. The senior students sold ANZAC badges at recess and lunch times for the RSL and our two School Captains, Taylah Bruce and Emily Molinari represented our school and laid a wreath at the ANZAC March on Friday.





Robyn kindly brings her Cavalier King Charles Spaniels in to visit the residents each Friday. Pictured is resident Joy Allen having a nurse of Winnie with Robyn.



## Hazelwood House

### Happenings



Enjoying a game of bean bag tossing is some of the residents from the Hostel



Once a month the residents attend Musical Morning Melodies at the R.S.L. Club in Traralgon which is followed by a delicious meal.

# Gum Leaf Quilters

## Bi Annual Quilt & Craft Exhibition

To be held at the Yinnar & District Memorial Hall  
Main Street, Yinnar

Friday 29th, Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st August 2008

Saturday: 10.00 am - 5.00 pm & Sunday: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Entrance fee: Adults: \$ 5.00 Concession / Students: \$ 3.00

Exhibition entries: (as per categories list ): \$ 2.00 each

(Exhibition entries to be at the Centre by Friday 22nd August , late entries will not be accepted )

Stall holders: \$ 20.00

Quilt challenge: " Gippsland Through Your Eyes": \$ 5.00 per entry

(Quilt challenge entries to be at Centre by Friday 1st August, late entries will not be accepted )

For more information please do not hesitate to contact the Centre:

Phone: 5122 2955

Fax: 5122 2596

Email: churchillnc@bigpond.com

Food and drink available at Exhibition

(catering by Morwell Neighbourhood House & Learning Centre Inc.)

## Women's Health Day

Saturday 14 June will see the return of the popular day for women in their middle years to get together and enjoy a series of mini health seminars on offer at Latrobe Community Health Service, 42 Fowler St. Moe.

During the day there will be six concurrent sessions of which women can choose three to attend.

These will be run by a continence nurse, community health nurse, dietician, a counsellor from

Relationships Australia, Gippsland Women's Health Service nurse and for something more physical, try Tai Chi.

The topics covered will include healthy bowel and water works, the mysteries of food labels and smart choices for heart, stroke and diabetes risk reduction, healthy relationships, building better bones, midlife and menopause myth busting.

There will be lots of other health

related information available including the mobile library from the Gippsland Women's Health Service.

The day will run from 10 am to 4 pm and costs \$15 which includes lunch. Women must register by 2 June.

To obtain a booking form contact Latrobe Community Health Service Moe, ph 5127 9100 or the Community Health Nurse 5127 9139.

The Co-operating Churches in Churchill

## Trivia and Fun Night

Friday 13th June 2008 at  
7.30pm

1 Williams Avenue,  
Churchill

Cost: \$5.00 Single/Concession  
\$10.00 Couple  
\$15.00 Family

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Supper Provided

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# \*\*\*\*\*CHILDREN'S CORNER\*\*\*\*\*

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CHURCHILL 3842

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

**Join now and be in it.**

### BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Riley Akers is 10 on the 2 May  
Emily Dal Pazzo is 10 on the 20 May  
Shyenne Griffiths is 8 on the 22 May  
Chelsea Kootstra-Denton is 8 on the 22 May  
Hayden Anders is 4 on the 25 May  
Guy Griffiths is 7 on the 26 May  
Breanna Kootstra-Denton is 9 on the 26 May  
Tristan Turpin is 10 on the 27 May

### ***THE LUCKY BIRTHDAYITES FOR MAY ARE***

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Congratulations to the lucky "BIRTHDAYITES"  
You have each won a \$15 voucher for Churchill Newsagency.  
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## RIDDLES, BRAINTEASERS AND JOKES

1. What word, by changing the position of one letter, turns into its opposite?
2. What word of five letters has only one left when two letters are removed?
3. What is the longest word in the English language?
4. When does a joke become a father?

"SIGN IN SCHOOL CAFETERIA:  
Shoes Are Required To Eat in the Cafeteria.  
A student then wrote below:  
Socks Can Eat Wherever They Want.

What tongue can wag and yet never utter a word?  
The tongue of your shoe.

## Answers

1. United = Untied
2. Stone = (St)one.
3. Smiles --- because there is a "mile" between its first and last letter.
4. When the catch line becomes apparent (a parent).

## Hi Girls and Boys

***A scarecrow is a device, traditionally a human figure dressed in old clothes, that is used to discourage birds such as crows from disturbing crops.***

***Make the Scarecrow as colourful as you can, to scare the birds away.***



# The Brightest Quasar

By JEFF SING

Tonight, around 8 p.m., the night sky will be almost completely dark (that is, providing the sky is free of clouds) with a waxing three-day-old crescent moon having set about fifteen minutes earlier in the evening.

The majestic outer planet, Saturn, can be seen shining slightly brighter than the brightest nearby stars tonight almost due north, or about half-way up the sky (or about forty degrees in altitude above the horizon) in relation to the point directly overhead.

The King of the Planets, Jupiter, hasn't risen yet, hidden from view at this moment by the bulge of the Earth, about forty degrees below the horizon, but will rise shortly before 11 p.m. and will appear above the horizon slightly south of due east. Jupiter is the brightest of all the outer planets (that is, outside the Earth's orbit) as it will reach opposition on July 9 when it is on the opposite side of the Earth in line with the Sun. The only planet that is brighter than Jupiter is Venus, the closest inner planet to Earth inside our orbit around the Sun. The other inner planet is Mercury, the Swift Messenger, which is closest to the Sun. Mercury and Venus are not easily viewed at the moment due to their close proximity to the Sun.

To the north-west of Saturn, and a little lower than the altitude of Saturn, just over one and a half hand-spans at arms length, or about 35 degrees away, is our closest outer planet, Mars, a planet that has been fading in brightness for the past few months while it has moved much further way from the Earth, having been on the opposite side of the Earth in line with the Sun (at opposition) on Christmas Day last year. It will set shortly after 10 p.m. tonight.

Towards the south, and along the south-eastern horizon, is the striking constellation of Scorpius (the Scorpion). The pattern of stars that form the long, rough shape of a scorpion is unmistakable to the observant eye. At its heart is the bright orange-red star Antares, the fifteenth brightest star in the entire heavens. This unmistakable constellation, which covers more than thirty degrees of sky (or over one-twelfth of the total angular coverage of the sky above the horizon) is marked by its claws and a very prominent sting or tail with its stars forming a curving line or hook. If you have the right star chart or map handy with the corresponding time of the night and time of the year for tonight's night sky one can easily visualize these constellations, if the constella-

tion outlines are designed using lines connecting the brightest naked eye stars as reference points. In most popular star charts, especially those showing only the brightest naked eye stars, and those which illustrate the general form or shape of the constellations using stick figures - or joining the star "dots" with lines.

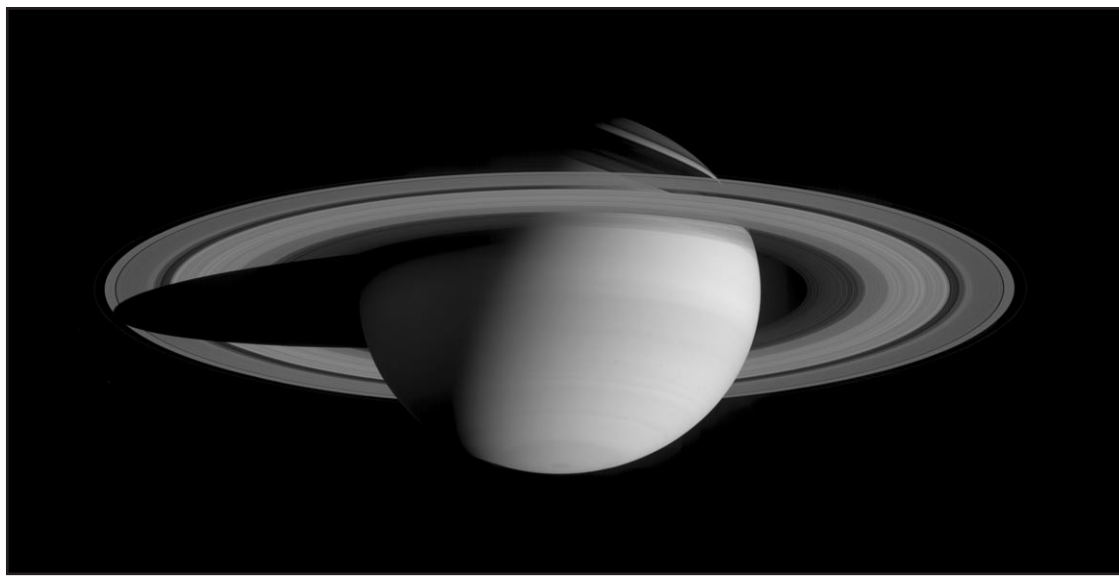
For those who do not have their own star charts or maps, and wish to find all of the stars and deep space objects mentioned in this article can download the following free Planetarium software from the Internet. The best one is the Cartes du Ciel freeware at the following link: [www.stargazing.net/astropc/download.htm](http://www.stargazing.net/astropc/download.htm) - or simply type in "Cartes du Ciel" using your favourite search engine.

Higher in the sky towards the north-east, about three extended hand-spans at arms length from the stars that make up the Scorpion, are the four moderately bright stars that form an oblong square with unequal sides that make up the main stars of the constellation of Corvus, the Crow.

The four stars that make up this oblong square vary in angular length from about three and a half degrees between Algorab (Delta Corvi) and Gienah (Gamma Corvi), to seven degrees from Algorab (Delta Corvi) to Beta Corvi (the brightest of the four stars making up the very rough "out-of-shape" square). Although it is not the largest constellation outline in the entire sky, you could easily fit 30 full moons edge to edge inside it. This may seem extremely large from an angular size perspective, but the diameter of the moon is only half a degree across, or less than a width of a finger at arms length, when measured against the sky background.

Slightly more than twenty degrees from Corvus, but a little lower in the sky, is the first magnitude star Spica, the brightest star in Virgo, the Maiden. Spica is the sixteenth brightest naked eye star in the entire sky and identical in brightness to Antares, except it is a very hot white star, whereas Antares is a much cooler and larger (in diameter) red star.

Further around to the north, about twenty degrees or an extended hand-span at arms length from Spica towards the west and about ten degrees (a fist width at arms length) lower in the sky than Spica is a bizarre object in deep space which looks like a very small, very faint star in a telescope of 20 centimetres (or eight inches) in diameter or larger (the most



important measurement of a telescope is its aperture: the larger the diameter of the telescope the more light from celestial objects it can collect and the more detail one is able to see).

This object was identified as the first visual quasar. Its catalogue designation is 3C 273. It is nearly three billion light years distant and is the farthest object which can be seen with an average size amateur telescope.

To put it in perspective, then consider the furthest object that can be seen with the naked eye. This is the Great Andromeda Galaxy, known to astronomers as M31, at a distance of approximately 2.2 million light years from the Earth. The Great Andromeda Galaxy, which is larger than our own Milky Way galaxy, can be seen low in the evening skies in November or December each year. It consists of over 300 billion stars, or fifty percent more stars than in our own Milky Way galaxy.

Quasar 3C 273 in Virgo is over 1,200 times further than M31. Numerically this equates to the figure 1 followed by 22 zeros, a number which to most people is too difficult to comprehend, or a figure truly too astronomically huge to contemplate. It is also extraordinarily faint and reaches the absolute limit of the light gathering power of a 20 centimetre telescope. You need a reasonably dark sky and a transparent and steady night to reach the magnitude required (currently close to magnitude 13: or 250-500 times fainter than the faintest star you can see with the naked eye on a good night) in order to be able to detect the extremely dim light of this object, and it is best to use a moderate to high power eyepiece.

Over the next few months I will endeavour to track down with my eight inch Newtonian reflector telescope this very elusive and extremely faint object by using my highest power eyepiece. If you are interested in being part of this search, or would like to

have a look at 3C 273 then contact me, the author, using details as described below at the end of this article - and a mutually suitable viewing time can be arranged.

For those who are interested in finding the exact location of 3C 273, using a detailed star chart, as can be found using the free planetarium software, Cartes Du Ciel, then follow the onscreen instructions (or by using the Help feature if necessary) to bring up the relevant detailed star chart, one that denotes deep sky objects fainter than magnitude 13.5 or fainter. Always insert into program the geographical location, such as Churchill, Victoria, Australia, and the date and time of the night you choose to observe.

The catalogue designation 3C 273 identifies it as number 273 in the third Cambridge Catalogue of Radio Sources, first published in 1951. The Parkes Radio Telescope in New South Wales played a vital role in plotting the position of 3C 273 in the late 1950's.

In 1963 Maarten Schmidt and Bevo Oke published a pair of papers in Nature magazine reporting that 3C 273, the first quasar to be identified in space, had a substantial red shift placing it several billion light years away. In those days the nature of quasars wasn't fully understood. It is only in recent years that their secrets have been slowly revealed.

Quasars are one of the most puzzling and enigmatic radio sources discovered, believed to be the most brilliant single objects in the universe.

The quasar story began in the early 1960's after the positions of these strange but very strong radio sources were defined with great accuracy, a task made more difficult by their extremely small angular diameters. The total luminosity of a quasar was much greater than an average galaxy, even though the appearance was exactly like that of a star. To astronomers it became clear that they

were dealing with an object of an entirely new type, and called them quasars, an abbreviation for "quasi-stellar radio sources".

3C 273 is the first identified and optically the brightest quasar, the super bright nucleus of an "active galaxy". Quasars are no more than a light year across, but are as much as 100 to 1,000 times more luminous than a giant galaxy having a diameter of over 100,000 light years across; their extreme brightness allows them to be observed at a distance of more than 10 billion light years. Many investigators attribute such energy generation to matter spiraling at high velocities into a super-massive black hole (millions or billions of times the mass of the Sun) such as can be found at the centre of a distant galaxy.

When we look at quasar 3C 273 (that is, if you are fortunate enough to be able to view it through a telescope) its light took over 2.6 billion years to reach us here on Earth.

When referring to light years however, it is useful to remember that it is only a convenient way to measure the enormous distances involved in deep space far beyond the boundaries of our own solar system, whether it be measuring the distances of stars or larger objects such as galaxies, and is not as the term may seem to suggest, a measurement of time.

Note: The Latrobe Valley Astronomical Society, where Jeff is a member, will meet at the Wirilda Environment Park near Tyers on Tuesday, 10 June starting at 7.30 p.m. The main focus for the evening will involve a demonstration of telescope collimation and then followed by a workshop. For further details contact John on 51223014 or visit the society's website at <http://home.vic.net.au/~lvas>. To contact Jeff, phone him on 51747556 or email: [jnsing@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jnsing@yahoo.com.au)

## 1st Churchill Scout News

It was great to see such a big turnout for the Anzac March in Yinnar this year. Along with other local groups, 1st Churchill Scouts had members from the Cubs, Scouts and Venturers in attendance and looking very smart in their uniforms.

After the march down the main street, which ended with the laying of wreaths and crosses, a service was held in the hall. After which 1st Churchill Scouts stayed back and help to pack up the hall.

This year 4 Cubs, 4 Venturers and 1 Leader attended Cuboree 2008. It was held at Gilwell

Park in Gembrook during the Easter holidays. Almost 3000 cubs had a week of fun and camping, braving the elements.

### Cubs

Wed. 6:30 to 8 pm. 7 to 10 yrs

In second term the cubs will be involved in the Anzac Day March in Yinnar, a Jamboree on the trail hike and a skating night with other cubs from the area.

### Scouts

Tues. 7 to 9 pm 10 to 14 yrs.

Scouts will be having 3 different camps, will also be involved in the Anzac Day March in

Yinnar and going on a bike hike on the Mornington Peninsula with other scouting troops from across Vic.

### Venturers

Mon 7 to 9 pm 14 to 17 yrs.

Venturers will be involved in the Anzac Day March in Yinnar, a movie marathon night and a trip to the Comedy Festival held in Traralgon. One of our Venturers is involved in service for the CFA and 2 other Venturers are involved in writing for the Showtime Production this year.

### Joey's

TBA 5 to 7 yrs.

Some very exciting news. Joey's will be starting in Term 3. This is a great opportunity for younger children to get involved in the scouting world. More information to follow on this exciting venture.

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please contact the following leaders.

Joey's: Caroline Tait on 5122 3421  
Cubs; Peter Tait on 5122 3421  
Scouts: Jeff Kemp on 5122 1293  
Venturers: Barney Farrell on 5122 1993  
We look forward to seeing you there.

# Lions Ride for Sight

This event has now been run fifteen times in the Lions, Lioness and Leo District 201V3 which covers from Endeavour Hills to Mallacoota and the Mornington Peninsula. For this last ride, there were 45 participating, ranging in ages from 14-75, including two from New South Wales.

The riders included three blind riders on tandems, riding with a sighted person. Two guide dogs also accompanied their owners, meeting up with them at each stop. Each rider is requested to raise \$300 as their minimum personal sponsorship.

The ride started in Churchill, followed by night 2 in Rosedale, night 3 in Yarram, and night 4 in Mirboo North. Churchill was the venue for the ride finish where the riders were treated to roast dinner. At each stop the local Lions/Lionesses Clubs hosted the riders, and provided warm hospitality. Also along the way, other Lions Clubs provided meals and morning and afternoon teas. These were Traralgon, Heyfield, Longford, Loch Sport, Toora, Leongatha and Yinnar.

The aim of the exercise is to raise funds for research into prevention of blindness and to help those with no or low vision. It also aims to raise awareness of prevention of eye problems, through publicity of eye care strategies.

Shirley Higman is the Sponsorship and Promotions Officer for the ride. She has a huge task each year organizing the route and the support of the clubs along the route.

Over the last 14 years \$485,000 has been raised and the aim of this year was to top half a million dollars.

This year the Churchill Lions/ Lioness Clubs hosted the beginning and end of the ride. The Lions arranged for the riders to "camp out" in the Teen Centre at Gaskin Park Stadium, or pitch a tent on the Hockey Pitch. The riders gathered and settled into their overnight accommodation at Gaskin Park before being picked up in the Yinnar Community Bus by Driver Herbie Smith to be taken to Yinnar Pub for an evening meal.

The next morning the Lions Club served

breakfast before the riders and their support vehicle the Lions Club Rally Car, proceeded to the Shopping Centre where their sponsors were acknowledged, they were wished well and sent on their way, by Councilor Darrell White. They left about 9am for their first day's ride. The sponsors included, Latrobe Community Health Services a major sponsor, with Leunig and Farmer Eye Care and Jindi Cheese, Ritchie's who provided the food for breakfasts, and The Churchill Football/Netball club for provision of tables and chairs for the meals.

Kathy O'Donnell leads the ride each year in the support car. Her husband did his fifteenth ride.

The weather was very good, and the riders were most appreciative of the outstanding hospitality offered by all the clubs as they did the ride. They agreed that they had ridden through some of the best Gippsland countryside.

Only one road incident stands out, and that was having to travel through some gravelly sand uphill on a narrow lane because a bridge was out.

There is a long hill which leads up out of Foster. 14 year old Will Long was the first one to the top. Brian Forder, 69 was second. Brian rode when much younger, then had a break for 40 years, taking it up again a few years ago. This was Brian's fifth ride. He also is a member of the Latrobe City Cycle Club and is involved with cycle racing, so he is pretty fit! There was one rider who decided to go back down the hill and do it all again!

Jarrold Gardner is blind. He lives at Neerim South and is a very determined rider. He rode tandem with Garry Edney. This is their second ride. He says there is a lot of sorrow on the hills if you are on a tandem. "You're pushing and getting nowhere!" he lamented. He was glad to get to the top of the hills, especially the one out of Foster. "I drank two bottles of water to do it!" he said. Jarrod

says in good fun, you can have a swing at the guy up front if he plays up on you. Jarrod began to lose his sight but continued to ride solo for 3-4 months. The loss of even more sight has meant that he has had to go to a tandem for the first time, having tried a recumbent in 2007. Asked the reason he would like to continue these rides, Jarrod simply says that the Loins have been very good to him over the years providing special equipment, this is his way of showing his appreciation. "It is also lots of good fun!" he declares. The other riders also agree that Jarrod will not give up. Barry, Jarrod's tandem partner likes bike riding, and declared that this was the best ride he had done. Barry was back to work after recovering. Jarrod was back at work the following day at Jindi Cheese.

Norm Hall is a Churchill Lion who has been riding the event for a few years now.

Shirley Bott is another of the blind riders. She works for Vision Australia. She was in tandem with Pam who is an ambassador for Guide Dogs Australia. Pam has ridden all over Europe, Cambodia and Laos etc. with her husband in tan-

dem. Andrea usually rides, but was unable to do so this year due to an injury. Instead she offered to be the ride Safety Officer. She took her job very seriously and was a self-confessed hard task master. The riders thought she was bit bossy, but she declares she was doing it for their own good so there would be no injuries. Among her jobs was to be official photographer, T-Shirt distributor, water and snack supplier.

The rider decided that Andrea was a bit cheeky, and should be the recipient of the Priscilla Award. This is usually awarded to the rider who has done something wrong on the day's ride. It is mostly awarded to men and consists of a tiara, fishnet stockings, a hat, pink shorts, a feather boa and lipstick.

Will Long, mentioned previously, rode with his grandfather Bill Rickard who is 72.

They returned to Churchill at lunchtime on the Sunday, having left the previous Wednesday, weary but satisfied with their efforts, and definitely ready for that roast dinner, before heading home to bed for a good night's sleep!



Overnight stop at Gaskin Park

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## Churchill and Monash Golf Club Inc Results



**Stableford Young Australian Trophy. 05/04/08. CCR: 68.**

A-Grade: Trophy: P Kearns (14) 42 pts c/b. B-Grade: P Smart (19) 42 pts. C-Grade: M Smart (26) 36 pts. DTL: G Miller 38, F DeBono 38, R Welsh 38, J Ambrosini 38, J McCafferty 37, B Sebire 37. NTP: 3rd B Sebire, 5th T Streeick, 12th P Kearns, 14th G Miller. Birdies: 14th P Smart.

**Sunday Comp: Stableford. 6/04/08.**

Mens Winner: J Ambrosini (22) 38 pts. DTL: G Beyer (11) 33 pts. Ladies Winner: C Barnes (33) 37 pts. DTL: K Moroney (18) 34 pts c/b. NTP: Mens: 5th G Beyer. Ladies 5th A Hibbert.

**Monthly Medal - Stroke. 8/04/08**

Scratch Winner: K Moroney (19) AWCR: 70. A Grade:/Medal K Moroney (19) 70. B Grade: m McDonald (33) 71. DTL: E D'Alterio 71, L Casey 73, S Cooke 77, M Mc Conville 77. NTP: 3rd M McConville, 5th 0-32 K Moroney, 33-45 M McDonald, 12th K Moroney. Putts: L Casey 28. Silver Spoon: K Moroney. Birdie: 3rd M McConville.

**4BBB Par. 12/04/08. CCR: 68.**

Winners: F DeBono (24), B Kilday (21) +11. DTL: P Smart (18), M Smart (26) +10, J Dickson (17), G Fraser (15) +9 c/b. NTP: 3rd M Fletcher, 5th P Smart, 12th A Auld, 14th L Stein, Birdies: 3rd D Taylor, 12th A Auld.

**Multiplication Stableford. 15/04/08. AWCR: 70.**

Winners: D Judkins (31), B Beebe (30) 84pts. Runner Up: L Peake (41), E D'Alterio (24) 73pts. DTL: D Judkins/J Blizzard 72 pts. NTP: 0-32 5th/14th K Moroney, 33-45 5th/14th L Casey.

**Saturday Mens Comp: Stroke. 19/04/08. CCR: 67.**

A Grade: P Ludlow (14) 64. B Grade K Van Vliet (19) 65. DTL: J Ambrosini 67, R Viti 68, B Sebire 68, G Hornsby 69 c/b. NTP: 3rd G Hornsby, 12th K Garlick, 14th P Ludlow.

**Stableford. 20/04/08.**

Mens Winner: D Taylor (20) 37 pts. DTL: B Barnes (25) 36 pts. Ladies Winner: H Croft (37) 34 pts. NTP: 12th A Percy, 14th M Musgrave.

**J Stableford-Young Australian Trophy.**

**22/04/08. AWCR: 70.**

A Grade K Moroney (19) 41 pts. B Grade: S Cooke (39) 47 pts, DTL: T Buxton 41, D Thomas 39, Y Wotton 38, E D'Alterio 38. NTP: 12th K Moroney, 5th/14th 0-32 D Scurlock, 33-45 S Cooke. Eagle: 17th K Moroney. Lost Handicap: S Cooke 39-33, T Buxton 38-36, K Moroney 19-18, D Thomas 23-22.

**Stroke -Monthly Medal. 26/04/08. CCR: 69.**

Scratch: R Scurlock (10) 78. A Grade: R Scurlock (10) 68. B Grade: J McCafferty (19) 68. C Grade:/Medal F DeBono (24) 65. DTL: G Miller 68, H Martin 69, C Lesiw 69, A Van Vliet 69, T Webb 69, R Welsh 70cb. NTP: 3rd G Beyer, 12th T Webb, 12th T Sterrick. Birdies: 12th P Jordan. Eagle: 13th K Van Vliet. Putts: K Garlick 24.

**Stableford. 27/04/08.**

Mens Winner: M D'Alterio (32) 43 pts. Ladies Winner: M McConville (33) 36 pts.

**Split Six. 29/04/08. AWCR: 70.**

Winners: Y Wotton (26), L Ollquist (36) 60. DTL: J Leslie (21)/L Casey (34) 68/1/2. K Moroney (18)/E Baker (45) 68/1/2. NTP: 3rd B Beebe, 14th K Moroney.



## Club Colours

This year the Churchill and Monash Ladies Pennant teams are thrilled to be wearing embroidered vests and visors in the club colours of royal blue and gold. These uniform accessories were purchased via a \$990 grant from the Department of Planning and Community Development. Churchill and Monash Golf Club have

teams entered in three division of the Pennant this year and all have received their club vests and visors.

Pictured above: Division Three team prior to playing Warragul: Left- right: Yvonne Wotton, Karin Raber, barb, Beebe, Jill Beck, Susan Jeffrey and Jan Blizzard

## Keep Fit - Play Tennis

Elaine Andrijczak

Wednesday Night Social Tennis

Social night tennis is held on Wednesdays at 7-8.30pm. The cost is \$4 for 3 sets of tennis.

If you are interested in playing, please arrive at 6.55pm so that matches can commence promptly.

### Latrobe City Draft Tennis Plan

The Club is reviewing the recently released Latrobe City Draft Tennis Plan for the municipality which sets out current facilities at all tennis clubs and recommended future directions at these clubs.

Comment needs to be submitted by Friday, 16th May.

The Draft Tennis Plan is available on the Council's website and the Club would be pleased to receive any comments.

## Monash University Lunchtime Concert Series

WEDNESDAY 28 MAY

achievers in their 2007 recitals.

### Chamber Music

Selected students from the chamber music program perform a diverse recital.

WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

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SEMESTER 2

WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST

### Sally Mays - Piano

London-based, Australian pianist returns to Melbourne to perform.

WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

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WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST

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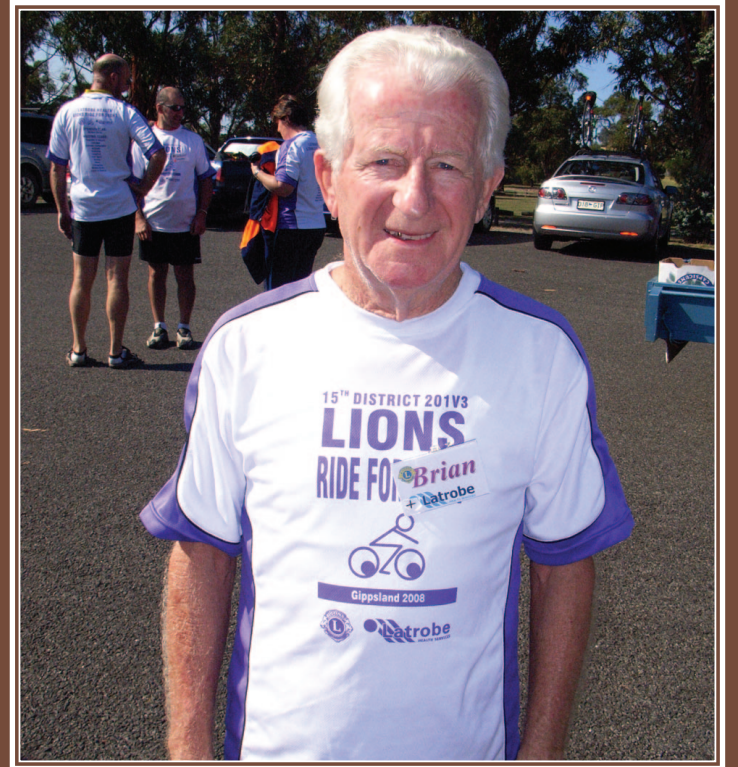
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