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Churchill Hub Four Positions on Board

The building of Churchill and District Intergenerational Hub is progressing well and is expected to open in January next year.

Latrobe City Council currently seeking expressions of interest from community members to fill four positions on the Hub special committee, or 'The Board' as it will be known.

Responsibilities of the Hub Board will include:

* Promotion of and planning for the future use of the Hub

* Convening a committee of Hub users and tenants to consider future use of the facility

* Development of and enforcement of policies for use of the Hub

The Council is looking for people who have a keen interest in the area, who have an awareness of past and present community issues and are able to consider these issues in a wider community context.

For more information please about submitting an expression of interest please turn to page 5.



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For more information and to meet some of the team please turn to page 7.

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Editorial

Welcome to our mid winter edition! The Churchill and District News Writing Competition closes at the end of this month. We have some great prizes so get those entries in. If you need a little more time please contact us as soon as possible and we may be able to extend the deadline for you.

Our Looking Back for this month is 'Syd's Memoirs'. Syd Hedley's daughter, Carol Scott, compiled his memoirs and they make fascinating reading. Thank you Carol for sharing Syd's story with us.

We would like to invite any and all residents of the district to submit their 'story'. It may be that you were born here or you may have only recently settled here. We all have a story and we would love

to hear yours!

If you would like some more information or maybe some help writing your story please do not hesitate to contact us. You can ring Ruth on 5122 1961 or myself on 5122 2589.

For new and old residents alike there are many opportunities to become involved in our community. The Churchill CFA are looking for volunteers (p. 7), the CDCA would welcome your input on Churchill's Christmas festivities (p. 4) and Mathison Park are always looking for volunteers (p.3). Alternatively there is the Neighbourhood Centre, the GO Club or one of the many sporting clubs! Give it a go!

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Stressed Out - Survey Sparks Call for Urgent Change

Results of a Newpoll Omnibus Survey commissioned by Lifeline Australia indicate that an alarming 91% of adult Australians feel stress in at least one important area of their lives.

The survey also found that almost half (47%) of adult Australians feel very stressed about one part of their life.

The survey was commissioned by Lifeline Australia in the lead up to its national stress down day on 24 July, known as Stress Down on 24/7.

72% of respondents in full and part-time work cited work as a cause of stress. Around two thirds of respondents indicated that they felt stress caused by Finances (67%) and Thoughts about the Future (65%). Health (55%) and Personal Relationships (41%) were the other life factors polled.

CEO of Lifeline Australia, Dawn O'Neil, said that while some level of stress in our lives is normal, the degree of stress we are now dealing with should not be something that we take

for granted as a culture.

"These figures reveal an alarming rate of stress. We need to look at ways we can take responsibility for our stress levels before prolonged stress causes harm to our physical and mental health," Ms O'Neil said.

Commenting on the results, Professor Ian Hickie, Executive Director of the University of Sydney's Brain & Mind Research Institute and supporter of Lifeline's Stress Down on 24/7, said that Australia needs to urgently address the toll that stress is taking on our physical and emotional wellbeing.

"Prolonged exposure to chronic, unrelenting stress is a killer. We just cannot function under this sort of pressure. We need to urgently address the issue of stress both as individuals and as a society.

"We must develop strategies, today, to deal with and reduce the level of stress in our lives. We have to bring balance back into our lives.

"Just admitting that we feel stress and being aware of what causes it, is a

good start. Being more physically active, reducing our intake of alcohol, connecting with people socially, planning for time out, are all things we can do immediately.

"As a society we must talk about stress, highlight the issue in the public arena and give people the techniques to deal with stress," Professor Hickie concluded.

Ms O'Neil went on to say that all Australian's need to take control of managing their own stress levels - to know how much stress is normal, when stress is doing harm, and how to take control.

"That is why Lifeline devised the idea of a national stress down day - Stress Down on 24/7. On 24 July we want all Australians to stop and think about developing positive habits to reduce stress and remember that help is available when stress becomes overwhelming.

"The campaign supports two goals for Lifeline. Firstly to create aware-

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ness about emotional health and wellbeing and secondly to call for public financial support to ensure that we can continue providing vital, low cost services to the whole community.

"Lifeline's 24 hour telephone counselling service continues to answer

around 1,200 calls every day across Australia," Ms O'Neil said.

For more information on Stress Down on 24/7 or to make a donation to Lifeline, go to stressdown.org.au

Join in the National Tree Day event at Churchill

Latrobe City Council is holding a community tree planting day in Churchill to commemorate National Tree Day on Sunday 27 July from 10am to 4pm.

The day will include entertainment, a free barbecue lunch and will provide people with the opportunity to learn about suitable local plant species that residents can plant in their own backyard.

Latrobe City Council environment planner, Michelle Hutchins, said the project is being organised in partnership with Greening Australia and follows a highly successful tree planting day in September 2007.

"To celebrate National Tree day this year we aim to plant a further 4000 seedlings to revegetate a northern section of Eel Hole Creek at the Eel Hole Creek Reserve," Ms Hutchins explained.

"The Gippsland plains grassy woodland and swamp scrub vegetation communities that are found along this section of Eel Hole Creek are now classified as endangered.

By undertaking plantings in the reserve we will help protect and enhance the remnant vegetation and stabilise the creek bank," Ms Hutchins said.

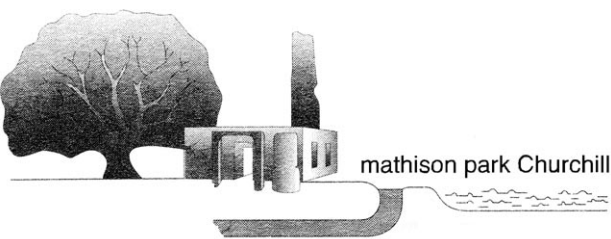
"One of the added benefits of enhancing this creek line is that the area acts as a natural corridor providing connectivity for both native animals and plant communities. The planting of native seedlings will also help offset carbon emissions.

"Since 1996 over 11 million trees have been planted at National Tree Day sites. The aim of National Tree Day is to inspire Australians to actively care for our unique land, and to create future generations of committed environmental custodians.

This is an opportunity for the Churchill community to come together to enhance and beautify our natural environment whilst being part of Australia's biggest tree planting event," Ms Hutchins said.

"Participants are encouraged to meet at the northern end of Lake Hyland at the playground on Mackey's Road from 10am to join in the fun," Ms Hutchins added.

For more information on the Eel Hole Creek Reserve planting day contact Michelle Hutchins at Latrobe City Council, telephone 1300 367 700.



It was with great sadness and disappointment that members of the committee and the public noted the vandalism carried out in the park recently. Thank you to those members of the community who reported the damage.

Can we also appeal to you to keep your eyes and ears open and report to the Police or committee members, whose names appear on the notice board near the car park.

However it was with great joy that we completed the edging and filling of the new eastern pathway, to complete the circuit of Lake Hyland.

There is still some filling in on the path where the sand has settled and some work to finish off the outer slope off edges of the path.

Our next working bee will be on Saturday 19th July, from 9:30am. We would welcome your help.

A huge thank you, to those who put in a long day's

Eastern Pathway Completes Circuit of Lake Hyland

work, at last working bee. Some stayed until just after three o'clock. We enjoyed the new BBQ shelter for lunch, noting how sheltered it is from the wind.



Winter Blanket Appeal

The Victorian Winter Blanket Appeal is one Australia's longest running appeals.

Since 1934 the Appeal has helped thousands of disadvantaged Victorians to battle the winter chills.

Conducted by VicRelief Foodbank - with the assistance of community partners such as Country Women's Association, the Country Fire Authority, Melbourne Fire Brigade and the Lord Mayor's Charitable Fund - the 2007 Appeal raised over 16,000 blankets for distribution to those in need.

In 2008 we aim to raise 20,000 blankets. The Appeal will run from June 18, 2008 to July 31, 2008.

What happens to the donations? 100% of all money donations to the Appeal go towards the purchase of blankets and other forms of bedding.

Because these donations enable VicRelief Foodbank to buy blankets in large volumes we are able to buy good quality blankets from

Australian suppliers - such as Creswick Mills - for as little as \$10 per blanket.

All blankets received at collection centres during the Appeal are checked for quality and cleanliness and - along with purchased blankets - are then distributed to registered emergency relief agencies across Victoria to enable them to meet the needs of their clients.

These blankets are distributed to these Agencies free of any charge. Where blankets are donated within local rural communities we endeavour to ensure that these blankets are distributed back into those communities to meet their needs.

Who receives the blankets? Recipients of the blankets include many people who are currently experiencing financial hardship or some other form of social distress.

They include the homeless, single parents, refugees and asylum seekers, pensioners, disabled per-

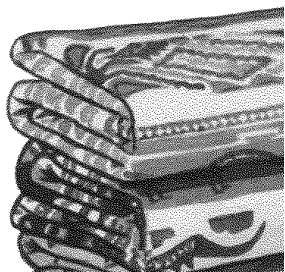
sons, and people living in drought affected areas of Victoria.

Your donation will enable us to purchase new blankets and help bring comfort to the homeless as well as vulnerable families and individuals.

Where to donate blankets: Collection Centres CFA, 26 McDonald Street, Morwell.

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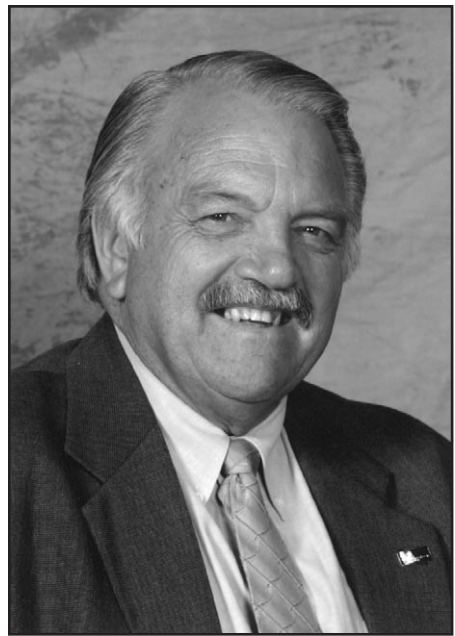
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Cr. Darrell White Council Budget 2008/2009

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In addition, the March 2008 quarter CPI for Melbourne All Groups 4.4% was a key point of reference in the overall preparation of the budget. It was also noted that material costs have been increasing at a higher level, especially bituminous products which have been increasing in the order of 15% per annum.

Capital works spending is once again the largest ever allocated, increasing to \$35 million. The Capital Works Program provides for the completion of Projects currently underway, as well as a range of new projects. Some of the key Projects included in the Capital Works Program include the new landfill facility at Traralgon South, the Churchill Intergenerational Hub Project, the Churchill and Moe Activity Centre Plan actions and the Moe Newborough Sports Centre upgrade.

During the 2007/2008 year, a revaluation of all properties within the municipality has been carried out and will apply from 1st January, 2008 for the 2008/2009 year. Overall, property valuations across the municipality have increased by an average of 15%. The most significant increases have been for commercial, industrial and farm properties.

The Council has determined to maintain the existing differential rate for the farming properties and cultural recreation land for the 2008/2009 year. Therefore, in aggregate, total rates and charges will be increased compared to

2007/2008.

Gippsland Tourism Awards 2008

The Gippsland Tourism Sector recently celebrated a great year in tourism at this year's Gippsland Tourism Awards, held at Bis Cucina, Sale. These prestigious Awards acknowledge the fantastic efforts of businesses and agencies who entered. There were 8 winners, 1 certificate of merit, 4 finalists and 8 certificates of commendation awarded across 10 Categories.

The evening was marked by a real sense of optimism among those present for the future of the tourism industry. Geoff 'Coxy' Cox entertained those in attendance with a series of very funny anecdotes about his travels and some advice for the future of regional tourism in Victoria.

It was especially pleasing to note that the Latrobe Visitor information Centre and Montfort Manor were Winners of their categories. Congratulations were offered to all short-listed participants, as follows:

Tourism Wineries

Winner- Brandy Creek Wines and View Café
Finalist- Wild Dog Winery
Commendation - Toms Cap Vineyard
Commendation - The Gurdies Winery

New Tourism Development

Commendation - Lakes Explorer
Commendation - Nickelby at Darnum

Tourist Attractions

Winner - Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort
Finalist - Candalaraine Alpacas

Tourism Marketing

Winner - Prom Country Regional Tourism

Hosted Accommodation

Winner - Stringybark Cottages Bed and Breakfast
Finalist - Lakes Entrance Waverley House Cottages
Finalist - Cypress Hill Bed and Breakfast
Commendation- Springbank Bed and Breakfast

Luxury Boutique Accommodation

Winner - Montfort Manor

Deluxe Accommodation

Commendation - Frog Gully Cottages

Visitor Information and Services

Winner - Latrobe Visitor Information Centre
Merit- Prom Country Visitor Information Centre
Commendation - Wellington Visitor Information Centre

Tourist and Caravan Parks

Winner - Toora Tourist Park
Commendation - Inverloch Holiday Park

Tourism Education and Training

Winner- Gippsland Tourism Industry Leadership Program

Gippsland Touring Map

The 2008 Gippsland Touring Map was launched recently as part of Gippsland Tourism Week and is now available throughout the Region. Anyone interested in obtaining some copies should contact the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre situated in the "Old Church", Princes Highway, Traralgon. Tel. 1800 621 409.

The recently adopted Council Budget 2008/2009 was determined on the basis of constraint with a minimal increase of 4% in general rates and the municipal charge. The principles that have been applied to the Budget 2008/2009 include:

- * Existing fees and charges to be increased in line with CPI or market levels;
- * Grants to be based on confirmed funding levels, or estimated at a maximum of 1% less than CPI;
- * Service levels to be maintained at 2007/08 levels, with the exception of expansion due to demand for growth, with an aim to use less resources with an emphasis on innovation and efficiency;
- * New staff proposals to be justified through a business case;
- * Contract labour to be minimised;
- * Consulting costs to be minimised; and



By Margaret Guthrie, President

Saturday 6th December is the date CDCA has earmarked for a community Christmas celebration in Churchill.

In recent years, CDCA has hosted a community celebration and market in West Place plaza, but with the redevelopment of the West Place shopping centre this is not an option for 2008.

CDCA is calling on members of the Churchill community, including schools, clubs, businesses and not-for-profit organisations to suggest what this year's community Christmas celebrations might include.

In previous years CDCA has also supported the making of

Christmas decorations by local primary school students for display in public locations and funded the purchase of items for Christmas carol services, Advent parades and other community Christmas activities.

At CDCA's next meeting - 7pm, Wednesday 23rd July at the Churchill Football & Netball Club, Gaskin Park - everyone is invited to attend to put forward suggestions and assist in putting together a program for community Christmas celebrations in Churchill this year.

Alternatively you can forward your suggestions and/or intended involvement by contacting our Secretary Rob Whelan on 0427223602 or at PO Box 91, Churchill or at robwhelan@efel.net.au

One of the suggestions put forward at our last meeting was for a candle-lit walk around the newly-completed path that circuits Lake Hyland, along with carol singing and commu-

nity BBQ at the Mathison Park facilities.

Note that CDCA has some limited funds available to assist non-profit groups willing to participate in this year's festivities.

Another important item of business tabled at the June CDCA meeting was news that the long-awaited appointment of a consultancy firm has been made by Latrobe City Council to develop the Churchill Town Centre Plan design. CDCA has requested that the community be kept informed with regular updates.

We have been advised that community consultation on elements of the proposed development is expected in the near future, once some designs have been formulated. This includes the landscaping and links from the new Community Hub in Phillip Parade up to the shopping centre and car park.

CDCA meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Churchill Football & Netball Club. Next meeting is on 23rd July. Tea and coffee supplied. All Churchill and district residents are most welcome to attend.

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Northe's Natter

Garnaut Climate Change Review Draft Report is just days from release. There is much confusion and concern about carbon trading within our community and the effects any such scheme would have on jobs in our local industries and the price of everyday items.

Given both State and Federal governments acknowledge the significant impact a carbon trading scheme will have on the Latrobe Valley, it is imperative that locals are given the opportunity to have their say. The Government must commit to a thorough consultation program throughout our region and deliver the appropriate support mechanisms to assist locals with any transition.

Preparations are well underway for the regional sitting of State Parliament at Monash University on October 15. This year Monash celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Parliament of Victoria passing the

legislation to establish the university, so it is fitting to host this special sitting in its jubilee year.

During the last parliamentary sitting, a Private Members Bill was passed in the Upper House relating to Victoria's smoking laws. We are one step closer to improving health outcomes for our youth as we move to ban smoking in vehicles with children and modify smoking laws in relation to minors. Students at Kurnai College had a key role in shaping this legislation, as they provided valuable feedback to Damian Drum MLC when he visited the GEP earlier this year.

A reminder to all P-platers that Victoria's new Graduated Licensing System (GLS) has now taken effect. Further information is available on the VicRoads website: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

Russell Northe



It is with great pleasure that I welcome Darren Chester to the local parliamentary team following his recent win in the Gippsland by-election. Darren will be a strong voice for our region in Canberra and I look forward to working closely with him to ensure that State and Federal Governments deliver the services and projects required to support our community and facilitate growth and prosperity.

As I write this column, the



New Clients Welcomed

There are some vacancies at Wattle Club. The regulars would like some more folks to come and join them and make their party even more enjoyable.

If you would like to participate please ring Ann Riley on 51365087. She would love to hear from you. It is a wonderful way to have a happy time with a cheerful bunch of folks and their facilitators who plan a varied and interesting program.

This last month the Wattle Clubbers have had Games Days where they have played carpet bowls, bean bag games, puzzled over Trivia, had a Memory Basket-

box of items to evoke memories of the past, played Pick-A-Box and Pass the Parcel, cross words and bingo, to name a few. They also had a card games day where they learnt new games like UNO.

They have also had two mystery outings. One was to Inverloch where they just loved sitting by the water, feeding the sea-gulls and eating fish and chips, with a Drumstick for dessert. The sun was out and it was so lovely, nobody wanted to return home!

The other outing was to Fish Creek where they went to the Orange Roughy for lunch.

Reflexology

By Fiona West

Relaxation is the first step to better health

Reflexology is becoming increasingly popular in the world of complementary therapies. Subtle yet powerful, it is widely being used in cities to combat stress in the workplace. Stress is not unique to city dwellers. Reflexology can be beneficial to all ages within rural communities as well. But what exactly is Reflexology?

Reflexology is based on the principle that certain parts of the body reflect the whole. Reflex points, which relate to all parts of the body, can be found in the feet, hands and ears. These points respond to pressure, stimulating the body's own natural healing process. The body starts progressively clearing blockages, re-establishing energy flows and balancing itself, resulting in better health. Reflexology relieves tension and promotes relaxation.

History

Most ancient cultures had some form of foot therapy. The Native American Indian cultures, Egyptians and Chinese independently developed methods which were all based on the same principle. Centuries and social change saw much of these techniques lost to time. Reflexology as we know it today began in the USA in the early 1900s.

Benefits and effects

Regular reflexology has many beneficial and lasting

effects. Some are of a more general nature, balancing and restoring systems for better function, and some are quite specific, addressing the client's particular conditions.

Some general benefits are that reflexology:

- * reduces stress and tension
- * improves circulation
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- * boosts lymphatic function thereby reducing oedema, reducing toxicity and improving immunity
- * stimulates sluggish, congested systems
- * reduces pain
- * enhances the body's natural healing process, improves sleep, increases energy and vitality
- * promotes body awareness

Relaxation is the first step to better health. Reflexology, due to its profoundly relaxing nature, can bring relief directly to the area of the body where tension is held thereby easing and relieving symptoms. Regular sessions work gently to bring the entire body back to a state of wellness.

Fiona West is a member of the Reflexology Association of Australia and practices in Churchill and Morwell.

Information sourced from the Reflexology Association of Australia website: <http://www.reflexology.org.au>

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- Members of the Hub Board should be able to demonstrate:
- a passion to work with the Churchill and district community;
 - an ability to consider issues in a wider community context;
 - the capacity to value add to the direction of the Hub;
 - an awareness of community issues, past and present;
 - being part of the key stakeholder network and able to offer an additional perspective

(Please refer to the 'Expressions of Interest Form' available from council for more detailed information on the role and responsibilities of the Churchill and District Intergenerational Community Hub Special Committee. These are voluntary unpaid positions).

All applications need to be submitted on the expression of interest form which can be obtained from council's services centres in Traralgon, Morwell and Moe, from council's website www.latrobe.vic.gov.au, or by telephoning 1300 367 700. Applications close Monday, 28 July 2008. For further information contact Caroline Flake telephone 5128 5657 or email carolinefl@latrobe.vic.gov.au



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Church Times

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 Tel: 5122 2226
 Rev. Hugh Brown
 Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm
 Sunday: Mass: 9.00am
 1st and 3rd Sundays: Yinnar:
 Mass: 10.30 am
 2nd and 4th Sundays: Boolarra:
 Mass: 10.30am
 5th Sunday: Lumen Christi:
 Mass: 9.00am

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



**Churchill Christian
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Ecumenical Gathering on Inter Church Dialogue

The Co-operating Churches of Churchill hosted an Ecumenical gathering on Sunday 22 November to allow the community to hear Dr Sandi Yule of the Australian Council of Churches speak on developments on dialogue between the Protestant and Catholic Churches.

The day began with a shared lunch which was enjoyed by all those who attended including a large group from Lumen Christi Parish.

Following lunch, Dr Yule spoke about the process for inter church dialogue and the progress being made in many areas.

He indicated that there were many positives and many areas of agreement but that the process was a long and slow one and likely to take decades rather than years to resolve some issues.

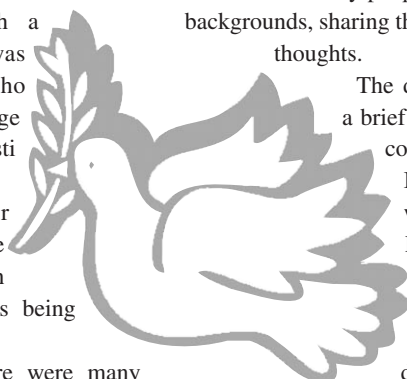
Nevertheless, there had been significant

changes in attitudes since Vatican 2 and there were many reasons to be positive about moving towards unity.

The address was followed by a question period and then discussion in small groups where many of the issues raised by Dr Yule were discussed by people of different faith backgrounds, sharing their experiences and thoughts.

The day concluded with a brief ecumenical service conducted by Rev. Dr. Bob Brown who, with Lumen Christi Parish Priest Father Hugh Brown, expressed delight with success of the day.

Proposals were put forward to continue regular ecumenical services between the churches, at least on a quarterly basis.



Rev. Dr. Sandi Yule, Rev. Dr. Bob Brown and Father Hugh Brown

CHURCH SNIPPETS

Our All Age Worship service for the first Sunday in June, saw the story of the wise man who built his house on the rock and the foolish man who built his house on the sand well illustrated. The children from the After School Club were welcomed to the service and all the children were involved in a wonderful array of activities.

The Mangers arranged a happy Trivia and Fun Night for the enthusiastic crowd who attended. Not only did they tease our brains with questions you know but just couldn't think of just then, they also had arranged, through many local businesses, a large range of lucky draw prizes. But it was a night for all the family and some spe-

cial activities had been prepared for the children and the youngest on the table (who wasn't always that young). One of these was the duck slalom race, where the competitors had to use a straw to blow their duck through a course of posts. It was as much fun to watch as to participate.

Rev Dr. Sandi Yule was the guest speaker at a special service to celebrate the 31st anniversary of the Uniting Church. It was held at Churchill with the Boolarra /Yinnar congregation joining us.

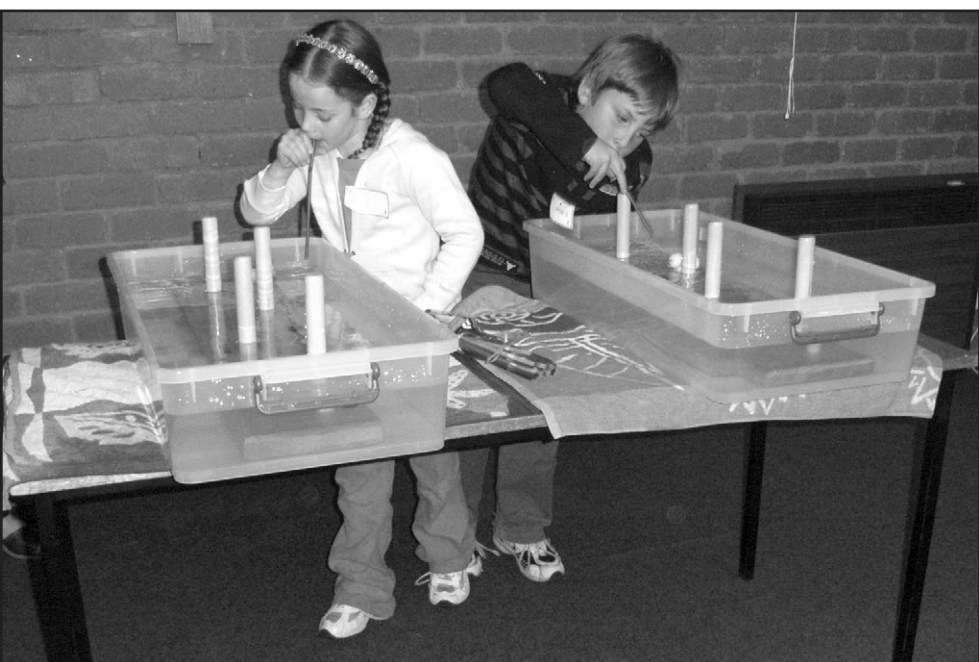
Following the service, many folks from Lumen Christi joined us for lunch followed by a talk and workshop about the dialogues which are

happening between all the Christian Churches including the Roman Catholics, regarding unity, and acknowledgement and recognition of each others differences and agreeing to disagree. It was a marvellous time of sharing. Each congregation agreed that continuing this association was something which we should be diligent in pursuing.

The June Saturday Breakfast was held on the 21st and the guest speaker was Lili Hayati a qual-

ified audiologist and speech therapist from Iran. Lili has worked and studied in a number of countries including Germany, the Netherlands, India and middle eastern countries.

Lili also worked in Afghanistan for the United Nations setting up an audiology centre and her talk was mainly about her experiences there and was accompanied with photos from Afghanistan.



Fun at the Trivia Night



Saturday Breakfast guest Lili Hayati

Churchill CFA Call for Volunteers

Churchill Brigade Needs More Members!

What sort of people join the fire brigade? Meet some of the team.

Steve is our Captain and has been in the brigade for 22 years. He guides the brigade, keeps them up to date with relevant information from a variety of sources. He is also the Treasurer and is responsible for the overall running of the brigade, making sure that all members are completing their required training, and learning how to be safe at fires.

He also encourages members to continue to improve their training by attending further courses when available. Steve has attended numerous local and campaign fires, like the ones in East Gippsland. Steve works at Monash University in Student Services, commuting to the Clayton campus for three days each week.

Darlene has been a member of Churchill Brigade for 19 years. She is the Second Lieutenant, the brigade secretary and a mother of three. The brigade has become a big part of her life and she loves her involvement. Darlene is responsible for arranging training sessions for members and social activities for the brigade.

She has obtained a heavy vehicle licence, so she can drive the brigade trucks. Her First aid training is kept up to date. She is also trained to wear breathing apparatus, which means she can enter burning buildings. There are many other training opportunities of which Darlene has availed herself. Darlene has attended many fires also, both local and campaign fires.

Shane has been a member of Churchill Brigade for 9 years. In that time he has trained to do the minimum skills, as well as obtaining his heavy vehicle license, and wearing breathing apparatus.

Shane has also trained as a Brigades in Schools presenter, and together with Darren and Ruth, carries out a program of teaching primary school children how to be safe with fire, how to prevent fires, what to do to prepare in case of fire, and about firefighters and their equipment.

Shane has attended many fires both local and campaign. He fits in all these brigade activities as well as working.

There are others who have full time jobs and also find time to serve their community by turning out to fires when they are not at work.

Ruth is retired person and works as a Brigades in Schools presenter, not turning out for fires.

Another member is studying for a double degree. He is a fully trained member, who also manages to attend further training courses when he can. He is also a Brigades in Schools presenter and also does Fire Equipment Maintenance (FEM) work. That involves servicing fire extinguishers, and checking hoses and reels and other fire equipment at the various places like the Leisure Centre, schools, shops, churches and Monash University.

Another member is the mother of baby twins. She joined the brigade, took time off to have her twins and is now back on duty.

If asked why most of the members joined the brigade, they would immediately reply that they wanted to learn new skills that would help them throughout their lives, but they also wanted to help their community. They have found that the members are like a family who works together and helps and supports each other. It is a wonderful way to meet and make new friends and have fun too.

Interested?

What's the time commitment?

The brigade attends about 250 calls a year. About half of these are in the daytime, so the daytime turnout is on average about 1-2 times a week.

There is also a significant training requirement, to ensure you are skilled and know how to handle yourself safely on the fire ground.

What Training is Provided?

The basic training is called minimum skills. This includes learning basic fire ground practices, pump operation, fire safety awareness and fire equipment (hoses, reels and branches) use and maintenance, map reading, basic communication with radios, wild fire behaviour and suppression, and types of situations in which you might find yourself.

What Further Training Possibilities are There?

There are many other courses to do including endorsed truck licence, first aid training, leadership training, breathing apparatus, communications and FEM (Fire Equipment Maintenance) training, and much more.

Are There Other Brigade Activities In Which I Can Participate?

- o Brigades in Schools: Churchill Brigade visits schools and when the truck visits, other members are called on to help.

- o There are kindergarten visits to the station.

- o There is FEM work on a monthly schedule to complete.

- o The brigade is called on to attend community fun days.

- o There are brigade social functions.

- o At Christmas time, the brigade does Santa runs to kindergartens and play-groups.

- o On Christmas Eve the brigade takes Santa on a tour of the town, helping him distribute a large bag of lollies.

How Will I Contact The Brigade To Say I Am Interested, Or To Ask For More Information?

The brigade can be contacted by ringing our Captain Steve Barling on 0407 828 625.

Or call into the station in Phillip Parade on Mondays 7:30pm-8pm, or Sunday mornings 9:30am - 11am.



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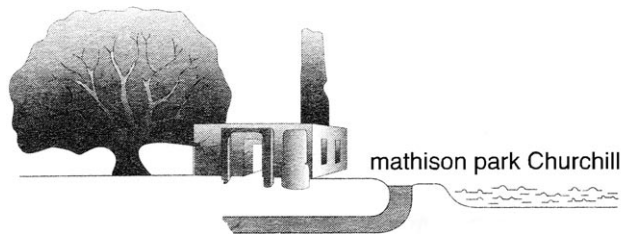
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By Ken Harris

In nearly two years of regular walks in Mathison Park I have not seen very many birds of prey in the park. Altogether five species of raptors and one owl have put in an appearance, although there are many others in the area. Much the commonest species is the beautiful little Black-shouldered Kite. This is a bird that hunts over open grassland, and able to hover, holding its place in the air while it scans the ground for the movement of its prey. I have several times seen them in the Park, sometimes perching on exposed branches of trees. Here is a Black-shouldered Kite photographed in Mathison Park.

The next most frequent species is the Collared



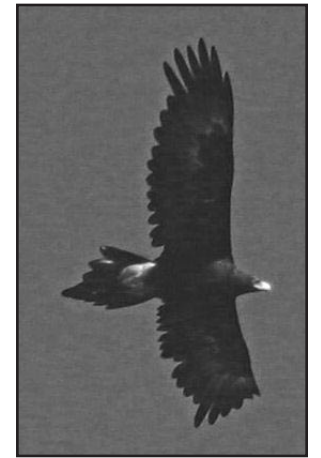
Sparrowhawk, but this bird has never sat still for its portrait! Its prey is mostly small birds and it hunts by flying low through the trees, hoping to surprise its prey.

The other species have all been seen on only a very few occasions. The Wedgetailed Eagle is a magnificent

Raptors in Mathison Park

bird and I have seen it flying over the Park on 2 or 3 occasions. Here is one I photographed flying over Morwell National Park.

The White-bellied Sea-eagle is much less common in



the area, although they do nest near the Morwell River. Just once I was lucky enough to see a Sea-eagle flying over Mathison Park.

The last raptor seen in the Park is the Australian Hobby, a small falcon, looking rather like a small Peregrine Falcon. I have seen two of these in the Park, but surprisingly its cousin the Australian Kestrel has yet to put in an appearance, at least not when I have been in the park.

One last predatory bird in the Park is our commonest owl the Southern Boobook. For some time I have thought I should try a few night walks in the park, but the first Boobook I saw was in broad daylight. I heard several small birds making a lot of clamour from a blackwood tree and went over to investigate. As I approached the tree a Southern Boobook flew out mobbed by the smaller birds and flew across the creek and out of my sight.

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There's leadlighting, Chit & Chat groups, Yoga, folk art, and Adult Literacy - so if you are having trouble with spelling, reading, writing, these basics are so much a part of your everyday life, let us get you up to speed.

There's also On line Learning - study areas that suit your needs - Ebay, genealogy. Internet for research, learn to draw, study English / Maths - its up to you - what do you want to learn?

If you love words and like writing! Here's your chance to join a group of friendly creative people who share your passion, all here on location at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

Would you like to do scrapbooking, card making, or if you would like to do night classes in any of the activities mentioned above, then ring the right location, the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre - 5122 2955 or Email - churchillnc@bigpond.com

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Churchill & District News

Short Story and Poetry Competition 2008 - Out of this World!

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.
7. Writers will be credited whenever their writing is reproduced

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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CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS SHORT STORY & POETRY COMPETITION 2008 ENTRY FORM

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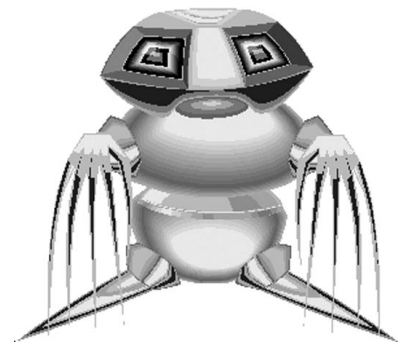
Telephone: _____

I have entered: _____ Short Story(s) _____ Poem(s)

Title of Story(s): _____

Category _____

Title of Poem(s): _____



I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them. I certify that this is an original unpublished story or poem, written by myself. This entry form can be completed on behalf of U12's by a parent, guardian or teacher.

Signature _____

Entry Fee to be included with Entry Form. Please make Cheques or Postal Orders Payable to the Churchill & District News. No cash or stamps please: Mail entries to: PO Box 234, Churchill 3842



A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Syd's Memoirs

Syd Hedley migrated to Australia in 1950. His memoirs are collated by daughter, Carol Scott.

I was born on 17th July 1917 at 24 Elizabeth Road Radford, Nottingham, England and christened at All Saint's Church of England, Cyril, after my uncle. I was very weak when I was born, very delicate. The doctor didn't give me much hope, as Mom had to queue for food during the war and must have been deficient. Mom told me when I grew up that the had doctor told her that I would be lucky to reach 21.

I went to a special school where delicate children were looked after. I don't remember much about it, but if you did anything wrong you were sent into a cellar where you could hear frogs croaking. I spent one spell down there when the nurse caught me in bed with a little girl. I would have been only six or seven, so she was safe. I remember coming home from this school on a tram, stepped off before it stopped and fell flat on my face. It was facing the wrong way. As I got older I was taken from this school and went to Radford Boulevard School.

I was the third child after Bob and Ada. Bob worked down the mine until he damaged his knee and then he worked at Raleigh, making bicycles, from which he retired. He was married to Bertha and they had five sons, four are still living. My sister Ada worked at the lace factory and didn't marry until after the war. She was in her forties and had one daughter, Doreen. I didn't take to her husband Jon. After a few years he went to Singapore with the Air Force and didn't come back to Ada until he was sick. She nursed him until he died.

She was very religious and taught at Sunday school and the Girl Guides. Molly, the fourth child, was a year younger than me and we got on well. She worked at the Players factory. She met up with Norman Jollands, a local who was a regular in the Navy. He was a torpedo letter writer on the Rodney and was in the convoys going to Malta. I used to tell Mom that Molly and I were going to the pictures where she would meet Norman. I did this quite often as Mom would have been mad.

Molly eventually married Norman and they had two daughters, Ann and Norma. Maurice, my younger brother, never married and he died when he was about 50, I think from a heart attack.

We were always fighting. I remember



1937

when I was about seven or eight we had an argument in the washhouse and I put a hot poker on his leg. Did I get a walloping! Mog was in the Merchant Navy during the war and he came to Australia but he didn't like it. He said it was too hot.

Saturday Afternoon Pictures

I remember the cat's whiskers radios, as they were called, with headphones. We used to fight over it and Dad gave it away. We used to visit our Aunt's and Uncle's every Sunday, some at Radford, Woodhouse, alongside a canal but was called Sodom. My Granddad on Mom's side lived there. I never knew my Dad's parents. I knew he had half brothers and sisters. We always got a penny, tuppence or threepence.

I remember going to the pictures at Radford, watching silent cowboys and Indians. It was a noisy Saturday afternoon picture house, full of kids and a pianist playing music for the film. I remember when I was about six or seven playing doctors and nurses with the girl next door. The Booth's had two daughters about my age. The elder one finished up marrying a sheik who used to come to Nottingham University. She was a rather snotty sort, as we used to say. I had a few sweethearts at school, Queenie Lancaster, a gate keepers daughter at Wollaton Park and Nora Taylor, a farmers daughter, but it was only platonic. I would have loved to have met them when I was older. I wondered why I was attracted to the fairer sex? I know now!

1926 Strike

One thing which has always stuck in my memory was the 1926 strike when everyone was out. Hundreds of people lined the streets. Dad worked down a coal mine at Wollaton and he used to go out and clean the fields after the wheat crop had been gathered, bringing home corn that had been left behind. All we had to eat was bread and lard. My Dad got promoted to deputy at the colliery and we moved to Wollaton, to a colliery house alongside the mine with a canal running along just over the road. By the time that time the family had grown and Molly a year younger than me, and then Maurice. A long while after came Clarice. I think she came during Mom's change of life at about 40.

We settled in well at Wollaton, at 19 Bridge Road. I used to go fishing in the canal before and after school. There were roach, finch and pike. I used to go fishing with my brother Bob but we didn't keep the fish. We kept them in a net and released them when we finished - in competitions too. Down at the lock warm water was coming from the pit and running into the canal. It was good standing where it came out. I couldn't dive but could do the dog paddle which started me off swimming, first under water and then breast stroke. It was a while before I could do it on top of the water, float on my back and do the back stroke.

We went to a little Church of England school in the village. It was a pretty place



19 Bridge Road, Wollaton

with a village square with a big pump in the middle, the Admiral Rodney and a church, all within a hundred yards of each other. It was a lovely old church. We went to morning service, Sunday school in the afternoon and church at night. I was in the church choir at All Soul's Church in Wollaton.

Mom and Dad were very strict Victorians. We were ruled with an iron rod and punished for anything we did wrong. We had to be home and in bed by seven o'clock. I remember going to the pictures and missing the last bus. I ran all the way home from Radford to Wollaton which was about four miles.

I didn't have much of an education as it was only a small country Church of England School. The parson, Mr Thornton, came every day to preach religion. He was not a bad bloke, talked rather la de da. The choir boys used to raid his orchard when we went to the scouts, as it was held in his grounds, and he used to chase us off. He used to take the choir boys to the seaside at Skegness once a year for the day. He gave us each a shilling. He used to visit most of the parishioners and knock on the door and say "May I come in? May I have a cup of tea?"

At school we only learned reading writing and arithmetic. There were six classes, including toddlers. The only subjects I liked were drawing and history. I didn't know other subjects like algebra and maths until I left school and went to be apprenticed to a builder as a brick-layer. I had to go to night school for three years but couldn't cope so I gave it away.

How my Mom coped I don't know. I only earned ten shillings a week for the first two years, then 16 shillings when I was aged between 16 and 18 and then 27/6 aged 18 to 20. At 21 the full rate was £3 19 shillings and 6 pence. My Mom had to clothe and keep me. I used to get 5 shillings a week spending money, then 10 shillings, then 15



Syd in 1943

shillings. When I came out of my time I gave her 30 shillings for board.

Accident Prone

I was interested in sport and played cricket and football (soccer as it became). I was prone to accidents. We were playing cricket one day - I was wicket keeper and I was standing up to the wicket when the batsman (George Hardy) gave me a swipe with the bat and knocked me out. I woke up at home. Another incident at cricket, I was batting and got hit in my private parts - was it sore! I ran to the hedge and held it in my hand! Playing football my ankle used to go. Reg Simpson who played for England when he grew up, played at our oval at Wollaton and I used to get a game.

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



I was apprenticed to Gilbert and Hall, a building firm whose yard was just below the castle. We built the Hollins Factory just below the rock, the first concrete and glass building built to about five storeys. When they dug the foundations about 30 feet down they came across the River Lean, which ran behind the factory at Road Lenel. An old boat was found there with a hammer.

This put the time-table back while the concrete was poured. I was allocated to a German to rawl plug the concrete, to carry tubes which assistants used to take the money to the cashiers. This was just before the war. The old fellow that I worked with was a nice bloke, but he didn't like Hitler. This was before he came to power. The other German who did the cutes were really arrogant. I remember when the factory was nearly finished, I was up about four storeys pointing the stone under the windows when I stepped on a plank which gave way and fell two floors onto another plank which saved me from going down to the ground. I was lucky there.

I came out of my time as an apprentice in 1931. All apprentices were sacked once they finished their time so they could get more experience. I had plenty of jobs on factories and houses, all solid brick. I went to Tollerton, building houses, bay windows, arches over the doors and bulls eyes with red bricks layered in white mortar. Just before World War 2 started I was directed to go to building houses for the Air Force, just outside Tollerton on the outskirts of Nottingham.

I didn't go out much. I used to read a lot and bought myself a bureau with lead light doors and a pullout desk which was full of books when I left for Australia. I think Clarice still has it. I bought that in 1935. I built myself a good library. I liked mysteries, detectives and adventures. One of my favourites was Simon Templar, The Saint.

I took piano lessons with a classical teacher for three years, until I was fourteen.

I was learning 'Poet and Peasant' overture at the time and one night she had the music for a hit tune of the time. I played that straight off and she said to go and learn syncopation. I had rhythm in me and didn't know it. After I left school I practically gave it away. I did learn some by heart but the only one I knew how to play without music is 'In the Mood'.

I as a jazz fan. What started me off was listening to next door's radio through the walls. I got fed up with this. One of my uncles taught me how to build a short wave radio and I took the tone arm off our wind up gramophone. I had headphones which had two magnets. I took the needle holder, put it across the magnets held with rubber and I had my first radiogram. I used to listen to Harry Roy from the Mayfair Hotel, Henry Hall's Band, Billy Merain, Lew Stone and any band that was playing. One of my first favourites was Ella Fitzgerald. We were both the same age, 18, when I first heard her. I started collecting records and brought a few with me when I came to Australia.

In my teens I was very reserved or shy, probably because I was so small. I used to stay in at weekends reading. Mom used to say "Why don't you go out?" I said "I've been outside all week". I decided to take dancing lessons over at Beeston once a week and I enjoyed it. It was 10 shillings for half an hour. I had a lovely teacher. I did get my bronze medal and was going for the silver when war broke out.

I was still shy and used to get knocked back by the girls I asked to dance until they saw I could dance. I didn't smoke until after the war started and I think it was only queuing up to get cigarettes for Dad that eventually started me off, although I didn't enjoy it and never took it down. It was the same with drinking. Seeing my mates off to war started me off and then I started on cider, which used to make me laugh. As each mate was called up we used to give them a send off and I started off on cider and graduated to Taddy's ale, something like stout.

I used to ride a bike to work and practically lived on it. I went to work, had tea and went out again. I rode from Wollaton to Beeston with no lights across country and many times didn't know how I got home. I remember nearly running into a motor wheel which must have dropped off a car. I had a racing bike so I took the wheel home hooked under my arm. The next morning when I saw it I couldn't pick it up. Dad took it to the pub and I got 5 shillings for it. I used to walk home from Ted Cawthornes' house where I left my bike. We were always late and more than once had to dodge shrapnel from the A.A. guns firing at bombers. We used to dodge into a house door porch.

Bombing Nottingham

I was under age by three months when the Militia was called up otherwise I would have been at Dunkirk. Being in a reserve occupation I was directed to work where they were building air raid shelters and pillboxes around the aerodromes.

I also had to do air raid precautions and fire watching. We had an office alongside Midland Railway Bridge just before the station. I was off duty when they raided Nottingham and watched the planes turn round at Wollaton and go on to bomb Nottingham. We had a gun sight about a mile away and I remember a Dornier bomber came below the clouds and it dropped a bomb not far away. They were after the Rolls Royce factory at Derby, about thirty miles away.

Called Up

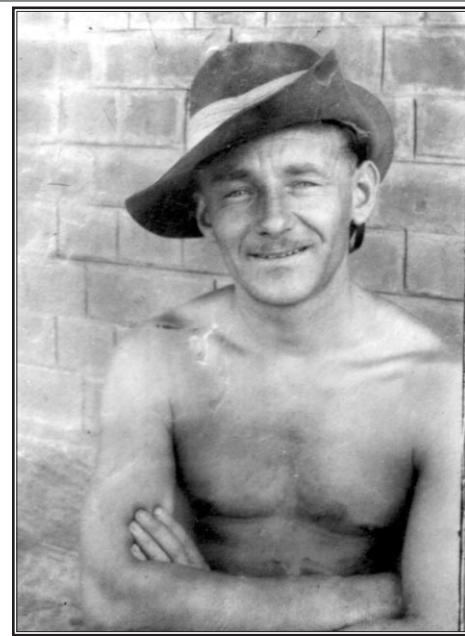
I was called up during the Battle of Britain. Most of the builders went to the Anti Aircraft (A.A.). I was posted to the Army for basic training and went to the 552 Heavy A.A. Battery. We were on 4.5 H.A.A. guns with Sheila's and went to different firing camps, before going to Seaforth at Liverpool near the docks. Most of the damage had been done by then but we did fire some shots.

This is where I met Betty. We were in a mixed Battery. She worked on the radar and command post feeding information to the guns. I was No. 4 setting the fuses, and giving the words ready, set, fire. Betty first came to my notice while I was watching her play hockey. What struck me was 'What lovely legs'!! I was hooked. It was quite a while before we got going together. She was a good dancer and could follow easily.

We were transferred to Eastleigh at Southampton on the south coast. The Germans were sending Buzz bombs over. We heard them heading to London and fired on them. The planes used to drop silver paper, which confused the radar and we were going round in circles. When you heard the motor stop you had to get under something quick. If we were off duty we dived under the bed. But we were lucky. We got leave for a week in July 1944 and were married at Sutton Coldfield where Betty lived. When we got back most of the men had been sent to combat at the Doodle Bugs, as we called them, further down the coast.

I remember seeing the smoke from the V2 rockets going up from the French coast and hear the thump of them exploding in the distance. Betty got her discharge from the A.T.S. and I was transferred to the Infantry. I went to the East Lancashire Regiment for training and was sent to India.

Part two in next issue.



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Edinburgh Festival Fringe

1999 Bone Idle - Solo Show

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

1998 Revolution - Solo Show

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

1997 Facing Reality - Solo Show

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

1996 Hughesy And Friends Are Lying To The Government - Solo Show

Melbourne International Comedy Festival

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Churchill & District Community Association (CDCA) is calling on members of the Churchill community including organizations, businesses, clubs and schools to participate and indeed suggest items for this years program that commences Saturday 6th December.

The program is being put together at CDCA's meeting on Wednesday 23rd July 2008 at Churchill Football Netball Club, Gaskin Park and everyone is invited to attend the meeting that starts at 7:00pm.

Alternatively you can forward your suggestions and/or intended involvement by contacting our Secretary Rob Whelan on 0427223602 or at PO Box 91, Churchill or at robwhelan@efel.net.au

Note that some funds are available to assist non-profit groups willing to participate.



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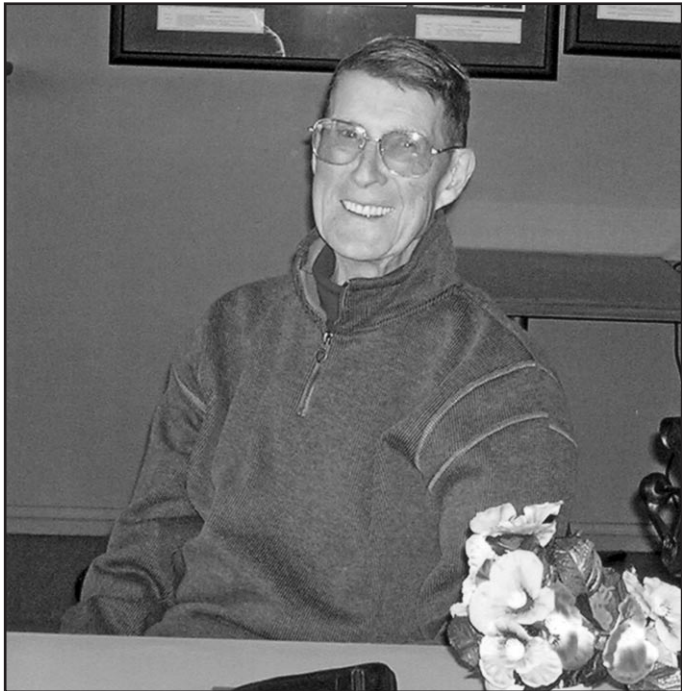


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GO Club

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Are you looking for somewhere to go with a warm atmosphere on a cold winter afternoon? If so, do come to the Churchill Football/Netball Rooms at Gaskin Park, Manning Drive, Churchill on a Thursday afternoon. We meet from 1pm to 3.30 pm every Thursday and you are most welcome.

It is a chance to meet new friends, catch up with old friends, play cards, rummykin, enjoy craft, go on special out-

ings, attend special events or to just sit and chat and enjoy a cuppa and afternoon tea.

For more information please phone Betty Wyatt (Co-ordinator) on 5122 1691 or Joan Gardner (Assistant) on 5169 1623

Above: Eddie Gilchrist - club member and well known Churchill identity celebrating his 89th birthday at the club with his friends.



Glad Giles celebrated her 90th birthday with family and residents at the hostel. Four generations of Glad's family were present to help her cut the cake and sing Happy Birthday.

Hazelwood House Happenings



Hazelwood House celebrated its 11th birthday on 4th June. To help us celebrate was Coco the Clown. Coco made animals and flowers from balloons and presented them to the residents. His magic tricks had us all amazed and his jokes kept everyone in a wonderful party mood all afternoon. Vin Walker assisted staff members to cut the birthday cake.



Nell Young celebrated her 86th birthday with staff and residents on 27th June

Parents without Partners

Parents without Partners meet on the second Thursday of each month at 8pm. We meet in different venues, each month. For venue details please contact ran on 5127 5951 or Shirl on 5122 1291.

New Members Nights are now held before the General Meeting at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend meetings, you don't need an invitation.

Our social events for July and August are as follows:

July: Saturday 12th - Frankston Branch Cabaret, Cranbourne Hall.

Wednesday 16th at 7.30pm - Coffee and a Chat at Sue's, at 58 Beattie Cres, Morwell, please bring a plate.

Tuesday 22nd at 2.00pm - Afternoon tea at Donut King, Mid Valley.

Friday 25th at 6.00pm - Tea at Morwell Bowling Club.

August: Sunday 3rd - Morwell Cinema Approx 1.30pm.

Thursday 7th at 8.00pm - General Meeting at Newborough Hall.

Friday 8th at 7.15pm - Latrobe Valley Cabaret, Newborough Hall, members \$8, Guests \$10.

Saturday 9th - Frankston Branch Cabaret, Cranbourne Hall.

Tuesday 15th at 2.00pm - Afternoon Coffee at McDonalds Moe.

Friday 29th at 6.30pm - Nando's Restaurant, 21 Post Office Place Traralgon.

For further information please call Shirl on 5122 1291

Gippsland Education Precinct

Melbourne Uni Trip

On Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd May, Year 12 students participated in the Melbourne University Trip. This trip allowed students to experience first hand what it would be like to be a student at the various institutions in the Metro area.

Students were given an opportunity to ask questions, see the facilities on offer and better inform themselves when making a decision on their post secondary education.

On the Thursday students visited Monash University Clayton where they had a tour of the campus as well as heard a past Kurnai student speak about her experiences at the University. We then went on to La Trobe University (Bundoora Campus) for a tour of the campus and our last destination for the day was Melbourne University.

This was a very valuable and worthwhile trip and the staff thanked all students who participated, making this a very stress free and relaxed

excursion.

GEP Students attend 2008 MUNA Conference

Year 11 students Hayden Jarrett and Ben Huke, participated in the Rotary MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) conference at Phillip Island in April.

It was a great experience for the boys to broaden their understanding from other countries and culture's perspectives. It also enhanced their confidence and self-esteem.

Ben, Hayden and a group of teachers attended a dinner hosted by Morwell Rotary to acknowledge the boys' participation and success - they were the best researched team!

Thanks to the boys and Morwell Rotary, especially Damian Maddaluno for providing the opportunity for Hayden and Ben to link with the community.

First Semester Exams

Over the last couple of weeks all Year 11 and Year 12 VCE students have been completing their first

semester examinations. Some Year 12 students had mid-year external exams and worked extremely hard in the lead up to the examination period.

Teachers ran extra classes to assist students in their preparations. In many ways the preparation for exams is rather like training for a big sporting event; if you don't prepare well, train consistently, eat the right food, get the right amount of sleep, and remain in peak condition, you will not be properly competitive. Most students recognise this and they prepared very well for their exams. These exams were in Accounting, Biology, Physics, Psychology and Chemistry, for our students.

Any student studying a Year 12 subject, including many Year 11 students, also had to complete the General Achievement Test (GAT). This is a tool used by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) for statistical moderation to



Year 11 students Hayden Jarrett and Ben Huke at the Rotary MUNA conference

make sure that all students completing the VCE are assessed fairly.

The mark from the GAT is sometimes used to help calculate a student's study score if they are ill when an external examination takes place, or if some other disaster occurs in their life. It is really important to do as well as you can in the GAT although it is not an exam that you can study for.

Students had to complete two writ-

ing tasks over one hour of the time and complete seventy multiple-choice questions on a range of topics from such areas as Mathematics, Science, Technology, the Arts and Humanities. All the information needed was included in the GAT, and questions were often quite tricky, requiring careful reading and analysis. Students who took the paper seriously used the entire three hours well.

Kurnai College Churchill Campus

Performing Arts- A New Strategy

To give the students opportunities to have practice in public speaking and performance, and to give them opportunities to work effectively in a group, the school has, over the last two years, deliberately brought in qualified people from the industry to "pump up" the Performing Arts Curriculum, allowing the students to build their self-esteem and broaden their experiences in these fields. The results have indicated the effectiveness of the initiative, in providing a vital, modern, innovative curriculum.

Kline, as everyone calls him, has his own theatre, the Eye-to-Eye, in Stratford, and is a professional in the drama field. He believes that the entertainment industry is one of the fastest growing industries in Victoria. Demand for performances and technicians are very high. So this program aims to train performers and technicians for future work opportunities, and to supply the industry.

It is an ambitious vision, but has been successful and practical, creating work that the public can watch and enjoy. And enjoy they have, as packed houses for performances have proved.

Over 2008 the students involved have performed at the Stratford Shakespeare Festival.

Two casts performed a wild, new, inventive version of Mid Summer Night's Dream and Romeo and Juliet, with a sharp new style. They did very well. The Mid Summer Night's Dream cast won an award for the Best Adaptation-Director's Nod.

They have performed Street Theatre in various locations in Churchill. This involved what Kline called an 'underground style' which is over the top, graphic and confronting.

The Year 7's performed their original play to a packed house. This exercise involved writing, acting, choreography, lighting, sound and multi-media including digital and film projection.

The vision of the school is for drama and music to be used together to provide great productions for the public community. This program will establish new skills in the students, especially building of self-esteem, public poise and the ability to think creatively. It will invigorate the school scene.

Kline is passionate about the theatre, saying that the Arts have a fundamental importance to our culture. Culture holds us together in times of trouble and restores the basis of human life with, within all the troubles which surround us in our world today.

Joseph Bonnici is the head of the Kurnai College Music Team. He and Kline will be working together to achieve the outcomes in Performing Arts, set by the College. The college is part of the pathway of education provided in Churchill from Primary, to Secondary, then Tertiary with GippsTAFE.

Joseph has been a Kurnai, working across the three campuses, for five years now. He is enthusiastic and keen to say that music has become a popular part of the college curriculum, with 1 in 4 doing music at the Churchill Junior Campus.

The attitude of the students is positive. They are up front and punctual, and students who do not enjoy other subjects,

find music and drama suited to them. It is an extra-curricula subject so the kids have chosen to do it, and want to be there.

The music program offers instruments such as woodwind, percussion, guitar and base guitar, keyboard and voice. The team has four staff across the three campuses.

In the classroom elective, the students experience, making music in a band, learning theory, reading writing and creating music.

They are introduced to different styles of music in the VCE syllabus - widening their horizons of the variety of music and expanding their knowledge and appreciation.

The choir has given the opportunity for the participants to work as a team with instruments, resulting in a great response from the students.

The rhythm, woodwind and percussion ensembles have performed for the community with events at Mid Valley Shopping Centre where they received a great response from the shoppers who stopped and listened and clapped.

They have also visited the primary schools, participated in the Traralgon Community Christmas Carols and the Churchill Festival.

Joseph believes that the out of school performances give the students the encouragement they need as well as enhancing their experience, and overcoming nerves.

The students have created their own ensembles as well, with the teachers being their mentors. It is noteworthy that those students who did well at the Idol concert were those who spent much of their lunch times practicing.

Kurnai has always been a fore-runner in taking up the challenge to implement an innovative music curriculum.

Joseph would like to acknowledge Don Louis Pizza Table Tops which has helped with fund-raising. AMP Electronics which gives 10% discount at the music store in Keilor; KP Noisemakers, and Ready Mr. Musig. These businesses have their logo on the College music trailer. Other businesses are also welcome to contact the College and become involved with this tremendous program.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

It was with great excitement that the SRC was launched. It had been in recess for quite some time, but recently was resurrected.

Eloise Porter is the teacher in charge, and she was pleased to report that the students were being very conscientious in their responsibilities.

They meet once a fortnight, with the students arranging their own agenda. "They have been responsive and proactive," said Ms., Porter

Earlier this year the Year 9 and 10s attended a forum from which they returned with great ideas and feeling totally empowered and motivated to make the SRC work.

So far the students have organized a Casual Clothes Day as a fund-raiser for sporting equipment. \$248.50 was raised.

They have identified the issue of collecting the rolls as wasteful and are working on a strategy to address this.

A survey of the grounds has been carried out to find things that need attention like the maintenance of the toilets.



Kurnai Music Program



Kurnai Drama Teacher, Kline, with his drama class



Kurnai Student Representative Council

Churchill Primary School

Life Education Van Visit

In late Term 2, the Regional Life Education van visited Churchill Primary School with programs for focusing on Healthy Community and Healthy Individual, supplementing the school's regular health curriculum.

All students had an opportunity to visit the van and participate in a structured program, aimed at improving their understanding and awareness of health related issues.

Zone Cross Country Results

Congratulations are extended to Terna Schumann, Shanasai Iorangi, Ellis Hayes-Hills, Riley Flanigan, Tristan Turpin, Ben Lewis, and Robert Gemmell, who all competed extremely well at the Zone Cross Country held at Gaskin Park. The students were once again fantastic ambassadors for the school, displaying exemplary sportsmanship and great attitudes throughout the event.

Special congratulations go to Ellis who ran 3rd in his age group, and is now heading to the State Cross Country Finals. The school wishes Ellis good luck at the Finals.

ICAS Competitions

Students from Churchill Primary School achieved outstanding results when they participated in the University of New South Wales International Competitions and Assessments for Schools.

Those students whose achievement was outstanding were rewarded with Certificates of Credit, Distinction and High Distinction.

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), of the University of New South Wales, and are conducted annually across Australia and in 12 other countries. There are over 1.5 million entries worldwide.

The Competitions are for students from Years 3-12, and assess their academic ability in aspects of Mathematics, Science, English, Writing, Computer Skills and Spelling.

"ICAS are excellent independent assessments of the skills that students need in education, the wider commu-

nity and the workplace of the future," said Dr. Peter Knapp, Director of EAA. "All students from Churchill Primary School who participated, are to be congratulated on their outstanding efforts."

"One of the special benefits of ICAS is that schools and students receive detailed diagnostic information about their overall performance. ICAS allow students to monitor their progress from year to year, and identify individual strengths and weaknesses."

General information about ICAS and other assessments used throughout Churchill Primary School to inform teaching and learning is available by contacting the school on 51221343.

Fund-Raising News

Throughout 2008, the school fund-raising team has been extremely busy, running numerous events for the school community.

Over the July school holidays, there will be new blinds installed as a result of the fantastic efforts of the fund-raising team.

The fund-raising doesn't stop there with more events planned for August, with a Lap-a-thon on Friday 8th August, Vision Portraits on Saturday 16th August, and a shopping tour on Saturday 23rd August.

Any community members interested in supporting these events can contact the school office on 51221343, for more information

Prep Enrolments 2009

It has come to that time of year, when parents are looking to enrol their children for Prep for 2009. The school would like to warmly welcome any interested families to come and tour the school on the Open Days, which are being held on Tuesday 22nd July and Friday 25th July.

If families are unable to come on those days they can contact the school office to organize a time for a tour, and more information.

As well as offering dynamic and engaging programs for students, the school is also encouraging parents to enrol, by offering a \$50 uniform voucher.



Winter Sports

On a cold and blustery day, the Churchill Primary School Football and Netball teams travelled to Yinnar for the annual Winter Sport's Carnival.

The sportsmanship and level of par-

ticipation by all the students was fantastic and real credit to the school families and local community.

Congratulations to all students who were selected in these teams in 2008.



Lumen Christi Primary School

It's been another busy month for Lumen Christi, with teachers very busy with assessments and report writing and students working hard. Two highlights including Italian Day and Interschool Winter Games Day with the local schools.

Italian Day

On Italian day we started by saying a prayer in Italian and then the children worked in multi-aged groups and rotated through six activities; pasta making and eating, bocce, gondola making, Carnivale activities, outside games and pasta art.

The day was a wonderful success due to the dedication of our Italian teacher Mrs Carolina Manuele and our very supportive parents. Mrs Manuele has only been with us for the term and she is extremely impressed with the students progress considering Italian has only been introduced this year. Parents are also commenting on how enthusiastic the children are about the language lessons.

Tony Attwood Asperger's Conference

All staff and some parents attended the Tony Attwood Asperger's Conference held at Kernot Hall on Friday 13th June. This day was also a great success with 450 people hearing the same message about children

and adults with ASD and how to help them reach their potential in a positive way. As a society we need to be able to recognise the value of having people with Asperger's syndrome in our multi-cultural and diverse community. The feed back from many of the participants was so encouraging and positive that we hope to have him back in 2009.

Safety Club

Our Safety Club has been busy making sure the school is a safe place to be and reporting anything that may need looking at. They show great reliability and responsibility by using their initiative and their own time to be on the lookout around the school.

The Mass of the Holy Spirit

Our Year 6 students, who made their confirmation this year, attended 'The Mass of the Holy Spirit' at the cathedral in Sale which was another great experience for the students.

Winter Appeal

The students of Lumen Christi took part in the 'Winter Appeal' for St Vincent de Paul collecting many non-perishable items of food and blankets for the society. It was a wonderful effort by our community and 'Vinnies' were extremely appreciative of the efforts.



Winter Sports

On Tuesday June, 24 our Senior Football and Netball teams competed in the Yinnar and District Winter Sports. Even before our first game the players were in good spirits. They were eager to get out on the ground and represent their school.

As coach of the football team and a staff member of the school I was very pleased with the attitudes and actions of all the players involved. Throughout the day they displayed maturity, self discipline, enthusiasm and good sportsmanship. They constantly competed to the best of their ability which I think they should be very proud of. At the end of the day we came away with a win and perhaps were unlucky not to win another two as they were very close games.

Both our Football and Netball teams finished 6th overall which was pleasing for all involved.

A very big Thankyou to Mr Ken Hutchinson (umpiring) and Mr Gavan Lack (timekeeping) and all the families and friends who gave up their time to come out and support us, it was greatly appreciated.

Also a special mention must be made to all the local businesses that have supported both our Football and Netball teams through very generous donations in which we were able to give



awards to our players:

*Churchill Fish Shop - kids serve of chips plus choice of a dim sim or potato cake (x2).

*Future Flicks Video Store (Churchill) - \$5 off Vouchers.

*Churchill Newsagency - \$5 vouchers. *Churchill Chicken Shop - 6 nuggets and chips .

*Latrobe Leisure Churchill - swim passes and court passes.

*Latrobe Leisure Morwell - swim passes.

The Awards: Football:

Play of the Day - Corey Stewart, Cameron Ryan, Liam Hutchinson, Joshua O'Brien

Goal of the Day - Nick Phillips

Encouragement Award - Bronte Spark, Sam Lack, Regan Webster, Olivia Bodycomb, Luke Middlemiss, Rickie Stewart.

Army Award (Courage, Initiative and Teamwork) - Kaitlin Nardino and Cameron Ryan

Most Courageous - Joshua

O'Brien, Brody Turner & Michael Price

Coach's Award - Matt Lack, Corey Stewart, Nathan Prezioso and Ben Lack

Most Improved - Daniel Smith-Blakeley and Caitlin King

Leadership - Matt Lack and Lachlan Griffiths

Player's Award - Kaitlin Nardino

Most Consistent - Michael Price, Nathan Prezioso, Lachlan Griffiths, Nathan Barrett, Kaitlin Nardino, Cameron Ryan, Liam Hutchinson, Matt Lack, Ben Lack and Corey Stewart. Netball:

Player's Award - Tiarnah Nicola and Olivia Morgan

Thankyou again to all involved. The day and the process leading up to it has been successful because of you. I wish you all a safe and happy holidays and am looking forward to see you again next term. Mr. Peter Stokes.

Boolarra Primary School



Erin & Maddi enjoy breakfast at school

Breakfast At School

We continue to have a good number of students enjoying our free breakfast at school program. Our R.E. coordinator, Ms Elizabeth Black, and one of our stu-

dent's grandmothers, Ms Lois Thornton assist our fabulous Junior School Council with the catering.



Footy / Netball Tournament

We entered a football and netball team in the Yinnar & District competition that was staged at the Yinnar recreation reserve on Tuesday 24th June.

Our football team won 3 games and lost 3 games whilst our netballers won 2 of their 6 games.

Although we struggled for numbers and our teams featured a lot of younger, smaller players, everyone had a great day and enjoyed the experience.



Jason at the footy



A dance group entertains at assembly

Dance Routines

A number of our students developed dance routines during their lunch and recess breaks. They recently performed their dances before an appreciative

audience at an assembly. We were all very impressed with their initiative and endeavour in organizing this.

Monday Assemblies

Some of our Junior School Councillors are now conducting our Monday morning assemblies. They are doing an excellent job.

Excellent Playground Behaviour Rewarded

Recently a group of students, who were spotted regularly doing the right thing at play-times, enjoyed making and eating pizza with some year 11 St. Pauls students who provided community service at our school.

Jump Rope For Heart

We decided to support this program as it is a great way to foster fitness whilst raising funds for the Heart Foundation. The students have enjoyed performing a range of skipping routines in the lead up to the Jump Off scheduled for the last day of term 2. This undertaking highlighted how enjoyable skipping can be whether it is to music, in circular formation or in races against the teachers.

The Great Debate

The grade 3/4 and 5/6 students have been working on developing their formal debating skills. To conclude this unit of study we staged a public debate in the school's multi-purpose room. The topic was "Wealthy people are more likely to be happy people". Some excellent debating skills were showcased.



Students participate in visiting show performance

Visiting Show

Our students recently enjoyed the term 2 visiting show well with the drumming work Steve Shulz has done with that featured a PVC music demonstration. This linked in us in the past.

Hazelwood North Primary School

Water Watch By Nikki



On the 26th of May students from grade 4, 5 and 6 all went down to Waterhole creek. A man named Bryce from West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority told us some really interesting facts. Bryce told us that the creek ends up at the Latrobe River.

There are a lot of creatures that live in the creek. We had to go in groups and find animals in the water. We dragged nets near the reeds where creatures feed and hide. The most common things we found were blood worms and mosquito fish. It was a fun day to learn about Waterhole creek and the animals that live there.



Bessie Froud Netball Competition

On Friday the 6th of June, 4 netball teams from Hazelwood North entered in the Bessie Froud Netball competition at the Vary Street Courts in Morwell. Our school had 4 teams: 2 girls, 1 boys and 1 mixed. One girl's team was undefeated and got into the semi-final but lost.

The other girl's team did very well in their section, but didn't get into the finals. The boy's team got into the semi-final but lost against our mixed team. The mixed team won the boys/mixed team's grand final. Thank you to all the coaches, umpires and people who supported the teams. Also thank you to Mrs. Blythman who took and organised the students.

By Zoey and Nikki

Zone Final for Cross Country

On Thursday 22nd of May, 8 of our students participated in the zone final for cross country. There was Stacey, Jessica, Toby, Rose, Luke, Tony, Tyler and Jarryd. It was held at Gaskin Park in Churchill. There were the 12 and 13 year olds then the 11 year olds then the 10 year olds and the 9 year olds. Thanks to Mrs Blythman and the organisers of the event. Everyone enjoyed themselves. By Stacey



Journalism Club

For one of our clubs we have a journalism club. In this activity the people that are chosen get to write all different articles to go in the Churchill News. In the club there are 9 people- Zoey, Nikki, Stacey, Sha-e, Brodie, Peter, Clare, Callum and Ellie.

They are of all different ages between 9 years old and 12 years old. We write

about all different things that happen at the school. This year there has been all different things that we have written about, like Clubs, Bessie Froud netball competition, the Life Ed Van, soccer clinic and lots more. We also take photos. The people in journalism put all their time and effort in journalism and have learnt a lot.

By Nikki and Zoey

Life Education Van

On 16th to the 18th of June, we had the Life Education Van come to teach us. The person who taught us was Jan. She taught us about our body, our health and not to use drugs, also not to pick up needles from the beach. We got to see a giraffe called Harold. Harold likes to tell jokes and they are very funny. We all appreciate that Jan came and taught us. We learnt a lot from Jan and Harold.

By Ellie and Clare

Soccer clinic

On the 18th and 19th of July all classes at Hazelwood North Primary School had a soccer clinic. Gene was a coach and he came and showed us some soccer skills. We played games

and kicked the soccer ball around. The soccer clinic was lots of fun and everyone enjoyed it. By Stacey, Sha-e and Callum

Student Teachers

During March and May 2008 five student teachers came to Hazelwood North Primary school. They were Mrs Pursch, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Dalton and Mrs Carder and Mrs Murdoch. Mrs Pursch's favourite thing was maths. She was in 2/1V. Mrs Kelly's favourite thing was going to the netball. She was in 5/6D. Mrs Dalton loved every thing. She was in Prep/J. Mrs Carder's favourite thing was teaching 3/4A and she was in 3/4A. Mrs Murdoch's favourite thing was making water filters.

By Peter and Brodie

Churchill North Primary School

'Keep Fit, Don't Sit' program launched for 2008

The 2008 'Keep Fit Don't Sit' program was launched on Monday by Latrobe City mayor, Cr Bruce Lougheed and Latrobe City Energy's star Vashon Weaver at a ceremony held at Churchill North Primary School.

Cr Lougheed said that the aim of the program, now in its twelfth year, was to motivate and educate students about the benefits of regular physical activity.

"The program is designed to encourage primary school students to stay fit and healthy by keeping a weekly tally of the physical exercise they participate in. As such, council is extremely pleased to again be supporting the 'Keep Fit Don't Sit' program," Cr Lougheed said.

"If we can encourage students' interest in an active lifestyle while they're young, this interest and motivation in staying active is more likely to grow with them, helping them to experience an overall better quality of life," Cr Lougheed explained.

As a part of the program, grade 3 and 4 primary school students across Latrobe

City and neighbouring areas will be visited by Latrobe City Energy star Vashon Weaver and supported by other Energy players.

"The Latrobe City Energy players are certainly great role models in our community. They are held in great respect by younger people. As such, they are the ideal ambassadors to encourage physical activity in our schools.

"Educating the younger members of our community on the benefits of an active lifestyle and teaching them solid team working skills will provide significant benefits for the entire community in years to come," Cr Lougheed said.

Mr Weaver said the 'Keep Fit Don't Sit' program aims to engage with participants through games, physical education, listening programs and team building activities.

"The students are given a tally sheet to record what physical activity they take part in over a two-week period. This year, the program focuses on a balanced school career by encouraging pupil's academic and social attitudes as well as their participation in physical exercise," Mr Weaver said.

The 'Keep Fit Don't Sit' program is supported by International Power Hazelwood, Latrobe City Council, Latrobe City Energy, and Gippsport.



Junior School Council

Junior School Council has done a great job planning the end of term celebration with a whole school pyjama day and DVD. Students had the opportunity of buying a small bag of popcorn for the day as well.

Churchill North Soccer Tournament

The last two weeks of term have seen student participate within the annual Junior School Council Soccer Competition. Congratulations go to Team Gladiators and Team Eliminators who are now through to the finals. A special thanks to Frank Pezzutto from the Refereeing Association who gave up his time to help referee the tournament.

The tournament has been such a success that it is hoped Soccer will be continued at lunch time more often.

Trivia Night

A Trivia Night will be hosted by the schools Parent Association on the 9th of August at 7:30 in the Churchill Cricket Club. All welcome. Bring your friends to make a table of 8. There will be raffles, lucky door prizes, as well as a silent auction for a Matthew Richardson jumper. For more information contact the school on 51221976 or stay tuned for more information in next month's news.

In the Classroom Grade 1/2

Grade 1/2 students have welcomed two new members to their class - Hermit Crabs Nipper and Pebbles. The two new Hermit Crabs have settled in well to their 'Crabitat' and are getting along well with current residents, Dr. Zoidberg and Nibbler. The four Hermit Crabs are now being trained for the Second Annual Hermit Crab Race - a good opportunity for children to bet Smarties and learn about odds and measurement.

Children from 1/2 have started receiving their first letters from their pen pal class in Pennsylvania, U.S. and are now busy replying before the winter holidays.

Grade 4/5

Grade 4/5 students continue to plan and run their Lunch Time Links activities. This program is now in its second year and is improving and growing each term. Lunch time links is run by students, for students. The program encourages students to play together

with others through different games and activities at lunch time as well as teaching new skills. Some of the activities planned for next term include mini golf, parachute activities, twisters, totem tennis & more.

Grade 5/6

Students in grade 5/6 have been busy learning about Space and are currently hard at work on their Space Science Projects.

Students are currently working on gardening projects which will be put into place early in Term 3.

School Open Day - July 18th 2008

9:00 - 10:45 Experience an Early Years Reading & Writing Class in our Prep grade.

11:15 - 12:15 Experience Early Mathematics in action.

12:15 - 1:15 Whole School tour

Contact the school on 51221976 for further information.

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Sydney Simpson	6 on 12th July
Tien Mudge	6 on 20th July
Jarryd Downes Smith	11 on 29th July

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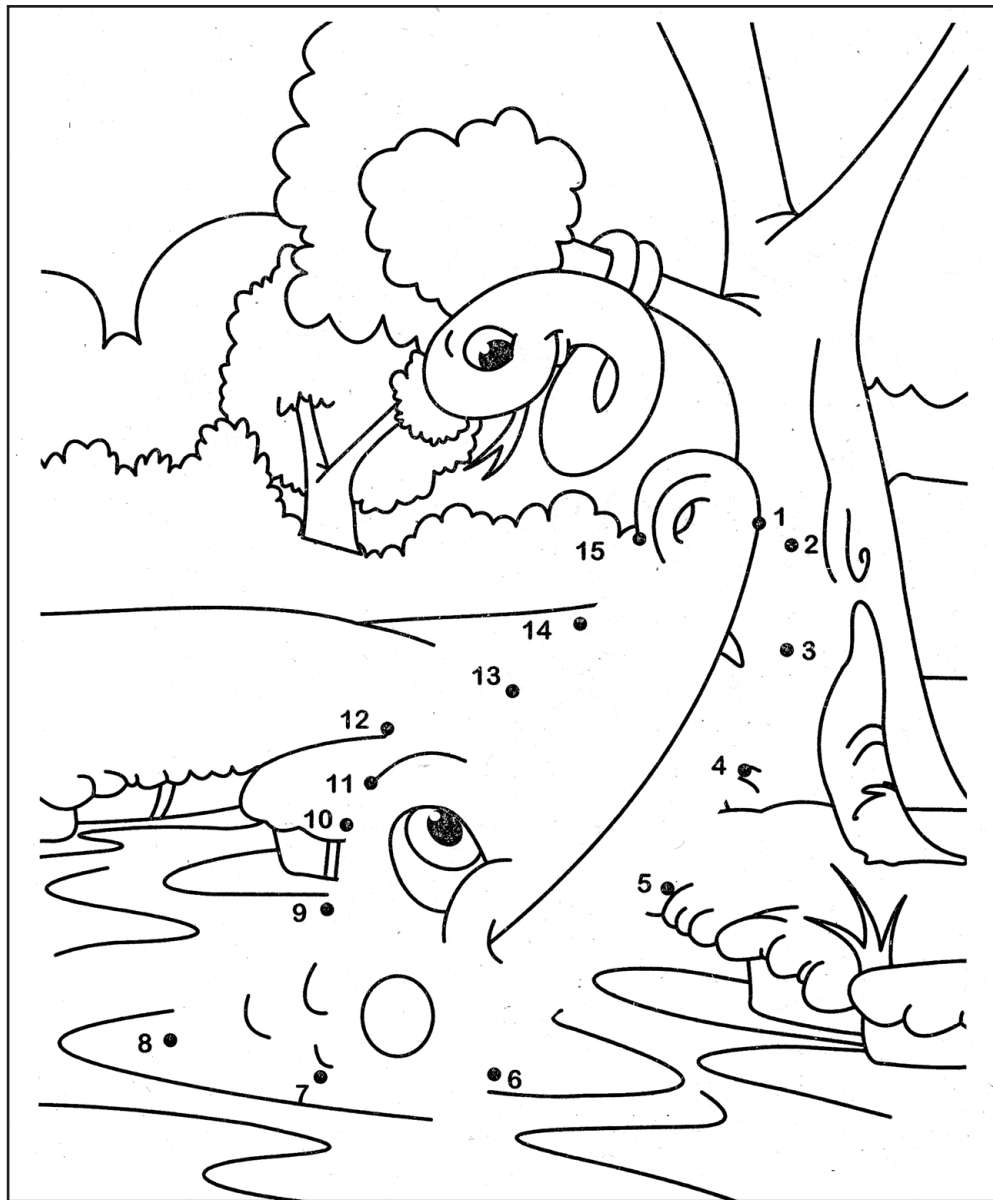
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Hi Girls and Boys

This month we have a dot-to-dot. Join the dots then colour in the picture! This month the Word Search is about Geometry.

Good Luck!!



Word Search

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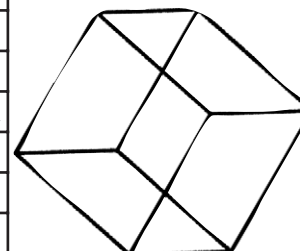
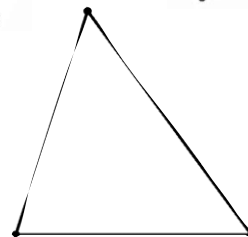
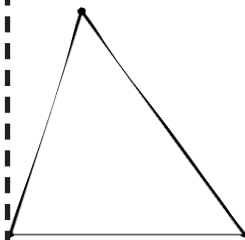
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Keep fit - play tennis



Churchill Tennis Club
Elaine Andrijczak, Secretary

Social Tennis on Mondays
Carol Scott is arranging social tennis on Mondays at 1pm. Beginners are most welcome. Racquets are available.

Night Tennis in Recess
Wednesday night social tennis is

now in recess until mid-September.

Annual General Meeting
The AGM will be held in August when discussion will also take place on the teams which may be entered in competitions for the coming season.

Summer Competition
In September the Club will be final-

izing teams to be entered in the summer competition.

If you would like to play in the junior or senior competitions, please contact either Carol Scott, Glen or Sally Kirstine or Elaine Andrijczak.

Open Day in September
The Club will be holding an Open Day for senior and junior players on a

Sunday in September when new players will be most welcome. This date will be advertised.

The Club is looking to increase membership and use of the tennis courts and facilities. So suggestions for alternative formats which suit players would be most welcome.

Boolarra Bowls Club

By John Wyatt
The foundations and framework have been put in place for the coming 2008/2009 bowling season. The Ladies Annual Meeting, the Men's Annual Meeting and the Annual General Meeting have been held over the past few weeks.

Without the willingness of people able to take part on the various committees our club would struggle for existence.

A big vote of thanks is extended to all members of the committees who worked so hard last year.

At this stage I would like to make it known that I have accepted the position of Publicity Officer for the coming year and may be reached on 5122 1691.

Although the start of the season is some months away, the Opening Day for the 2008/2009 season will be held on Sunday 14th September, so mark it on your calendars.

I have a question: 'Have you ever considered playing lawn bowls and if not why not?' It is a great outdoors activity. The people you meet are very friendly, the facilities are great and the greens are excellent. Why not try this season?

Members will be starting practice around the beginning of September. Come on down and give it a go. All members at the club will be only too happy to see you and get you started.

There are people who coach and are very ready to help. All you need is a pair of flat soled shoes. Lawn bowls are available, so give it a go. We would love to see you there. It is a relaxed form of exercise and a great way to socialize.

The club would like to extend their congratulations to two Boolarra Bowls Club identities, Jack Richards, who continues to bowl at Boolarra and Nancy

Robbins who now resides in Ballina in New South Wales but is returning to celebrate the milestone of their 80th birthdays.

They will be joining an elite group of octogenarians. Well done and may the occasion be one to remember.

Another date for the diaries is Saturday 7th September when the club will be conducting a Sausage Sizzle at the front of Bunnings in Morwell to raise funds.

If you are able to support the club on that day it would be great to see you there. If you are in the Mid Valley area on that morning, how about detouring and supporting the club?

Some advanced information for the ladies; there will be a social bowls afternoon each Thursday starting at 1.30pm at the club from September through to April 2009. All ladies are most welcome to attend.

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Sporting News



Water Ski Award winner Brianna Downes-Smith

Churchill Hockey Club

We are more than halfway through the season and all of our junior and senior teams are doing well. As of June, the ladders are as follows:

Juniors

1. Moe Green
2. Churchill Blue
3. Traralgon Red
4. Traralgon Green

Intermediate Boys

1. Traralgon Raiders
2. Churchill
3. Moe Green
4. Moe Purple
5. Traralgon Boys 2

Womens Seniors

1. Traralgon Yellow
2. Rovers A

3. Yallourn
4. Churchill
5. Moe
6. Traralgon Blue
7. Rovers B

This year we are doing a lot of fundraising to raise money for new equipment. We have had a chocolate drive, collected donations for a raffle to be held soon and held two barbeque's. A big thank you to the following businesses for their kind donations:

- *Churchill Amcal Pharmacy
- *Churchill Ritchies
- *Benson's Timber and Hardware Morwell
- *Out of Dough Bakery Morwell
- *Bahcon Steel Morwell.

With their support we have been

able to purchase new training balls and cages, and new goalie gear. We are a small club and only seek donations from local businesses every second or third year, as we understand that local businesses are approached regularly from schools and other sporting clubs. So we are really appreciative of those few businesses that supported us this year.

The next hockey meeting will be held on 28th July. Contact our President Linda Reid on 51 222072 for details. We will be discussing and organizing our presentation night, so if you would like some input, come along.

Good luck to all players and members for the rest of the season.

Water Ski Scholarships

International Power and Mitsui have been sponsors of the Latrobe Valley Water Ski Club for some time.

Last year they offered eight scholarships to young people to help keep up the club numbers.

The scholarship is offered to young people between the ages of 8-15, as an encouragement to join the club and be trained.

The scholarship includes a 2 year membership of the Water Ski Club, use of the club skis for slalom trick and jump ski-ing at the club, and coaching between November and March each Summer for the two years.

Breanna was lucky enough to win one of the scholarships and began her training in November last year.

The training was conducted by well qualified, long standing member of the club Mick Rowan who teaches the young people correct techniques, with a much patient and encouragement, spending a lot time with each person so that they have every chance of success.

Breanna had two full weeks of training before Christmas, spending the whole day, taking turns to train. The training continued for another

week in January, and then a further week in February.

Due to the lack of water in Lake Narracan, the continuation of the training may in doubt.

However the club is exploring other options. Another lot of scholarships are to awarded this coming November, so the club is hopeful of a solution.

Breanna's achievements are remarkable considering she has never been on a water ski before November last year.

Through her training she has been able to progress from 2 skis down to one, do slalom which means you weave on your ski through a course, achieve a side slide which is turning your ski at right angles to the way you are going and then turn it back; a 180 degree turn, which is turning on your ski to face backwards, and then turn back to the front; and a 360 degree turn where you turn a full circle.

All this is done while continuing to be upright on your fast, forward-moving ski.

Breanna even had a go at going over a low jump- a brave effort so early in her experience.

Churchill Bowls Club

The Churchill Bowls Club is still in negotiations with Latrobe Council regarding a site for its proposed lawn bowls facility within the town's environs. A favorable resolution is hopefully not that far off. The good news is that we anticipate commencing our carpet bowls program in the near future, once the logistics are thought through and a program put in place. Details of a starting date will be published in the Churchill News.

The Churchill Bowls Club has submitted its Community Funding Submission to Latrobe Council for its consideration in allocating a grant for the establishment of a lawn bowling facility in the Churchill district. In August Council is about to undertake the Southern Town's Outdoor Recreation Plans Review in which Churchill will be involved and hopefully some action will

emanate from the review which will create some impetus in our quest for a bowls facility in the town.

Churchill Bowls Club would like to publicly acknowledge the following businesses for their generous monetary donations and ongoing support, in assisting the club to meet its ongoing financial commitments:

- * Hazelwood Health Centre Churchill
- * Churchill Maintenance & Fabrication Pty Ltd
- * Flexitray Wet Area Waterproofing Morwell
- * The Lighthouse Morwell
- * Picton Hopkins & Sons Plaster Suppliers Morwell

The next meeting of the Churchill Bowls Club will be at 7.30pm on the 23/07/008 at the Gaskin Park Hall. All welcome to attend.

Target Rifle Victoria Victorian State Shooting Championships

Three members of the Hazelwood Small Bore Rifle Club represented their club at the Victorian State Championships held in Wangaratta on the weekend of June 27th 2008..

The team consisted of Kevin Beer, Monique Hustler and Lauren Pollock. Between them they won 12 medals over the two days of competition.

The results were:

Saturday - 20 Metre Bench Rest Competition
Sub-Junior - Silver Medal - Monique Hustler
Sub-Junior - Bronze Medal - Lauren Pollock
Junior - Bronze Medal - Monique Hustler

Sunday - 50 Metre Bench Rest Competition
Sub-Junior - Silver Medal - Lauren Pollock

Sub-Junior - Bronze Medal - Monique Hustler
Dual Range Sub-Junior - Silver Medal - Lauren Pollock

Dual Range Sub-Junior - Bronze Medal - Monique Hustler

Overall Senior - Bronze Medal - Kevin Beer
Veterans - Gold Medal - Kevin Beer
B Grade - Silver Medal - Kevin Beer
Aggregate - Bronze Medal - Kevin Beer
Duel Range Veterans - Bronze Medal - Kevin Beer

The host club Wangaratta welcomed shooters and their supporters from all over the state and an

enjoyable weekend of competition was had by all.

Monique Hustler (pictured left) did extremely well for her first State Championship Competition winning 4 medals over the 2 days, against some fierce competition.

Anyone interested in taking part in small bore rifle shooting can visit the Hazelwood Small Bore Rifle Club located on Tramway Road, next to the Hazelwood South Hall, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday nights or they can contact Kevin Beer on 5122 1236 for more information.

