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Thank you to all who took part in our Writing Competition. We had a terrific number of entries which are currently being judged. All winners will be notified shortly. Everyone is invited to join us at our Presentation Evening.

I would also like to thank Carol Scott for her work in cataloguing the 450+ entries - it is a huge job but much appreciated.

Ever thought about volunteering? The CFA is currently recruiting and would appreciate a call from anyone who is interested. If you have ever thought about working with the CFA give them a call - you may decide to give it a go or that it really isn't for you - either way they will be happy to hear from you.

Our new Festival Co-Ordinator,

Dianne Moore, would also like to hear from you if you would like to help with planning the 2010 Festival.

It is exciting to watch the progression of the Hub and the redevelopment of West Place and Ritchies - I could not resist putting some then and now pictures on the front page for the record!

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Churchill Festival - Invitation

The Churchill & District News has appointed a new Festival Co-ordinator - Dianne Moore. We would like to welcome Dianne on board and offer her our support. Dianne has extended an invitation to all residents and community groups to become involved...read on.

Invitation to Participate in the Working Group for the Churchill Festival - Free Fun inFormation for Families - an ongoing community event

By Dianne Moore

After another successful Churchill Festival in March 08, we now have the opportunity to decide what the next festival in 2010 will provide for the community and build on the strengths of the past four festivals.

Invitations are now extended to all community groups and exhibitors to take part in the next Churchill Festival. The venue will be Gaskin Park, Churchill.

Our aim is to bring together our local community and provide something for everyone. As in previous years, the Churchill Festival is a free event; some community groups can have fundraisers on the day.

A working group is now "brain storming" for the next festival. If you have any ideas that would help ensure the success of Festival 2010, please contact Dianne on 0419586142. We want to provide something for everyone and bring together the diversity and wealth of experience of Churchill and district residents. We are also looking to expand our working group to approximately 10 people. The following are the positions that will need to be filled:

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Time: 7.00pm

Winning entries will be read out on the night by the authors.

All Welcome to attend.

Boolarra Environmental Festival

Winner of the Best Small Community Award 2007, Boolarra is the small town nestled at the foot of the Strzelecki ranges not far from Churchill.

The area is renowned for its dairy and beef industry, Raspberry, Blueberry, Protea and native herb farms to mention just a few. It is famous for the Boolarra Folk Festival held every year, which draws thousands of visitors to the area and also its community markets.

The Boolarra South Landcare Group are running an Environmental Festival on Sunday 7th September, between 10.00am and 4.00pm, with free admission and giveaway's in the newly renovated Boolarra Memorial Hall.

There will be a community market in the railway park, and the Boolarra Museum is also open on the day.

We hope to cover a range of diverse interests encompassing:

- o TAYLEX Recycled grey water systems,
- o Field naturalists,
- o TNN industries,
- o Native herbs,
- o Local wool group and spinners,

- o Latrobe city,
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- o Brighton Bio diesel,
- o Landcare,
- o Local producers stand,
- o The Outside Bit, Koonwarra,
- o Water wise plants and gardening,
- o Farming in a changing climate.
- o Gippsland water factory,

There will also be speakers on various environmental subjects.

Food stalls will be at the market, and the local Bull Frog Cafe and Newsagency will be catering for meals and snacks.

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National Tree Day Planting In Churchill

Latrobe City Council is very appreciative of the terrific effort put in by members of our community at the National Tree Day event held in Churchill. The community, along with Latrobe City Council and Greening Australia staff turned up at the Eel Hole Creek Reserve to the north of Mackeys Road, Churchill to plant trees, shrubs and grasses in what started out as lovely sunshine but later turned to rain. Despite the rain, approximately 3,000 locally indigenous plants were planted.

Latrobe City Council identified the Reserve as a priority area for conservation enhancement works. Plains grassy woodland and swampy riparian woodland are the two different ecological vegetation classes present in the reserve, and both vegetation communities have significantly changed from what would have occurred prior to European set-

tlement. Both of these communities are listed as having a Bioregional Conservation Status of endangered within the Gippsland Plain Bioregion.

The planting of around 3000 locally indigenous seedlings in the Reserve will help to restore and enhance the native vegetation that is currently found there, as well as stabilise the banks of Eel Hole Creek. 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.

Planting events such as this one provide a great way for our community to contribute to the local environment and society in which we live and they are a good social occasion to boot, bringing together peo-

ple with a common interest. It was fantastic to see so many children participating on the day, and great helpers they were too!

Special thanks is given to the excellent Churchill and District Lions Club who again provided a great barbeque lunch to all the workers. The Lions Club lunch certainly made the day more enjoyable and productive.

Member for Morwell Russell Northe, lending a hand in Churchill and Traralgon has commended all those that took part in National Tree Day planting events across the Latrobe Valley.

Once again, thank you to all those who helped to make this planting day such a success. With some ongoing maintenance, within a couple of years we will all start to reap the benefits of a good days work.



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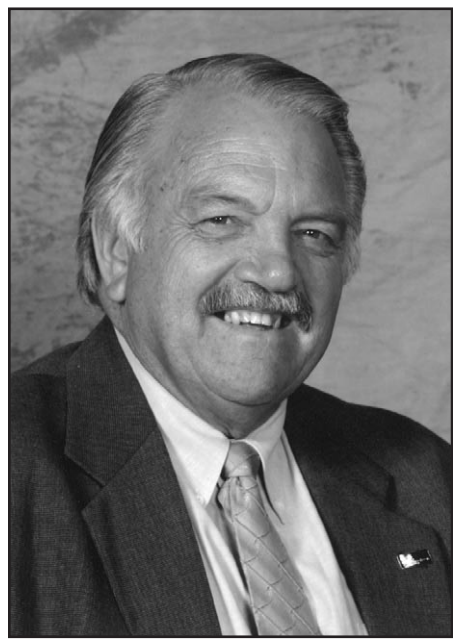
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Churchill Shopping Centre Update

Cr Darrell White



moving. All those who have "moved" into the new Shopping Centre, no doubt are looking forward to the future with a positive outlook as they eagerly await the opening of the new 3,000 square metre "full-line" Safeway Supermarket.

It is understood that over 80% of the available retail floor space has already been tenanted.

The "Old Shopping Centre" is continuing to be demolished with local recycling companies being the beneficiaries of the tonnes of concrete and steel

being recycled as result of the demolition.

Once demolished and levelled, construction of the new Supermarket will commence on the "Old Shopping Centre" site. It is understood that the Supermarket aims to be operational by February/March, 2009.

In addition, work is also proceeding on the redevelopment and expansion of the existing Ritchies IGA Supermarket, which will be another significant benefit for residents of Churchill and district.

During this same period, new roads and car parks are planned to be constructed. To progress the redevelopment

of the roads, car parks and bus terminal, Council has appointed Consultants, TTM & Urban Design, to design and develop themes and styles for the new Churchill Town Centre Plaza. They will be consulting with the community, local businesses and the developers, so that a safe and vibrant new Town Centre is designed to "signal a sense of arrival" and to give a major boost to community pride within the Town. Community consultation sessions will be notified and held in the near future as part of the process to engage with the community and to have the benefit of this input into the final design of the Plaza area.

Latrobe City Council - 2008/09 "Community Grants Program"

Recently, Council Staff delivered a "Community Information Session" to announce the opening of the 2008/09 Community Grants Program and to provide an overview of the guidelines and what the Program means to the citizens of Latrobe.

The "Session" attracted approximately 250 people to the seminar. There was a great turn out with many local community groups and not-for-profit organisations represented at the seminar.

This year, the process of applying for a grant has been streamlined by creating "Individual Forms" for each

of the four categories of Grants available - Minor Capital Works; Community Development; Events and Community Venue hire.

This new structure eliminates unnecessary paperwork in the application pack. Groups can simply select the form that is appropriate for their grant application.

Council has also set a \$5000 limit on each Grant, and due to the Council Elections to be held in November this year, Council will be in "caretaker mode", therefore no late applications can be accepted. All applications will be processed by the October Ordinary Council Meeting.

Community Grant application forms can be downloaded from Council's Website www.latrobe.vic.gov.au or collected from any Service Centre.

All completed application forms must be received by close of business on Friday 29 August 2008 and should be sent to Carol Bolding, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell, Vic 3840, or they may be left at any of Council's Service Centres', or emailed to carolbo@latrobe.vic.gov.au.

For further information on community grants, telephone Carol Bolding on 1300 367 700.

Eel Hole Creek Reserve - "National Tree Day"

It was a pleasure to see so many people, including many family groups, in attendance on Sunday 29th July last at Eel Hole Creek Reserve to participate in National Tree Day, Australia's biggest community tree planting event. The purpose of the Day was to educate and inspire Australians from all walks of life to participate, and this was clearly realised.

The planting of 3000 local native trees, shrubs and grasses will help to restore the banks of Eel Hole Creek leading to an improved local environment and better habitat for local birds and animals. It will also enhance the on-going development work being undertaken by the Mathison Park Advisory Committee and help to further enhance this important active and passive corridor of Churchill. On the broader scale, planting trees offsets greenhouse emissions which are impacting on climate change.

Thank you very much again to the Churchill Lions Club for cooking the BBQ Lunch for the participants and Greening Australia for helping with coordination of the day. Thanks also to Latrobe City Council's, Environmental Planner, Michelle Hutchins, and all of the other Council Staff who volunteered for the day.



Town Centre Plans

By Margaret Guthrie, President

Latrobe City has engaged TTM Consultants to formulate designs for Churchill's Town Centre that reflect the Churchill Central Activity District Plan previously adopted by Council. This will incorporate pedestrian links from the new Community Hub in Phillip Parade up to Marina Drive and into the shopping centre car park. The rerouting of Georgina Place will also be considered.

CDCA is pleased to advise that Steve Thorne (DesignUrban), one of the consultants working on this project, will be the guest speaker at our AGM on Wednesday August 27th (7pm at Churchill Football and Netball Club, Gaskin Park).

TTM Consultants are to hold a public consultation meeting and design workshop in Churchill to receive input to their work to progress the Town Plan. These sessions are to be held in the near future - possibly around the end of August. Advertisements will be placed around Churchill.

Currently the consultants are working on more detailed survey data and are reviewing the implications of the current construction projects in the town centre. The consultants are also talking to

Councillors and Council officers. For further information, contact Ian Gibson at Latrobe City on 1300 367 700.

CDCA has also been advised that design work for the reconfiguration of Philip Parade is currently under way and road works to improve the connectivity with the Town Centre precinct are expected to commence before Christmas.

Our community Christmas celebration will be held on Saturday 6th December. A number of proposed sites have been suggested: the new Community Hub (construction is scheduled to be complete by November and is currently only 2 weeks behind); the soon-to-be-renamed Marina Way, below the new shopping centre; or Gaskin Park Stadium, the potential home of the Churchill Lawn Bowls Association. A final decision is to be made in the coming months.

Churchill's War Memorial is taking shape. The concrete memorial has been poured but is still in the mould. It is being constructed in a studio at ARC Yinnar by Paul Jesse.

The finished memorial is to be placed in the Churchill Civic Gardens which are to be sited at the old nursery site behind the

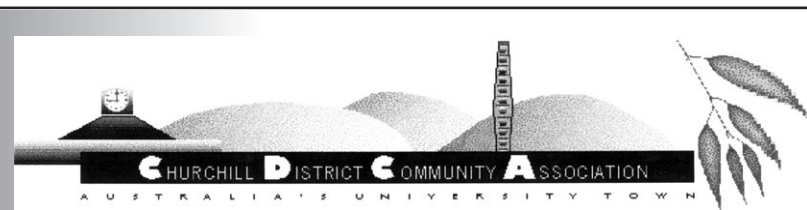
Town Spire. The Gardens are another project being considered as part of the redesign of Churchill's town centre.

Residents of Churchill and district are encouraged to attend our AGM later this month to hear about plans to redesign the town centre, ask questions and voice opinions. Visitors are always welcome at our monthly meetings too.

Russell Northe, the State Member for Morwell, was a surprise guest at our July meeting, and provided some up-to-date information on the push to obtain 24hr policing in Churchill.

Dan Jordan, Executive Officer from Monash University Gippsland Student Union, is a regular attendee at CDCA meetings and this month we were pleased to congratulate Dan on his appointment as a Justice of the Peace. As a J.P., Dan is available to the general community. Appointments can be arranged by telephoning Monash and asking for ext. 26621

CDCA can be contacted at PO Box 91, Churchill or by phoning the Secretary, Rob Whelan on 0427223602 or by email: robwhelan@efel.net.au



C.D.C.A.

Annual General Meeting
7pm, Wednesday 27th August 2008
Churchill Football & Netball Club,
Gaskin Park, Churchill

Guest Speaker: Steve Thorne
Topic: Redesigning Churchill's Town
Centre

Latrobe City Council has engaged TTM Consulting to provide designs for Churchill's town centre, including links from the Phillip Parade Community Hub site and Town Hall, the shopping centre car parks, pedestrian access and through roads to Monash Way. Steve Thorne (from DesignUrban) is part of this team and was previously one of the consultants that developed the Churchill Central Activity District Plan, including the East-West Link.



Information Pack For Carers

Anne Rhodes Andrews works for Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) as a Gippsland's Mental Health Resource Worker.

There are 13 Resource Workers in Victoria. Some rural regions have two workers while Melbourne areas can have up to three. With only Anne to cover the whole Gippsland area she has to continually prioritise and feels she that is just touching the tip of the iceberg.

One in five people at some time in their lives experience a mental illness, and many have a carer. There is a shortage of services for people living with a mental illness, but an even greater shortage of services for carers.

Carers and people living with a mental illness often ring Anne up with queries about their health, the services available, and sometimes just for a chat. Carers often need re-assurance, support and a listening ear.

Ann also answers questions from allied health workers about mental health, symptoms and treatment.

Questions often asked include what services are available, what programs are being run, and how to manage certain illnesses. It was from these questions that the Information Pack for Carers Providing Support to a Person with a Mental Illness was born. It is a joint initiative between Mental Illness Fellowship Victoria, and Latrobe Community Health Service.

It contains information on:

- o LCHS Commonwealth Respite Centre and fridge magnet with contact details
- o MIND Australia - a residential facility for young people aged 16-24. It runs courses on how to cope with mental illness and live independently.
- o MIND Personal Helper and Mentor Program, which offers support for people with a mental illness.
- o GROW which runs programs for people with emotional distress, depression or anxiety
- o Barrier Breaks - a mental health advocacy group, who lobby for better conditions, services and quality of life for those with a mental illness.
- o Gippsland Accommodation and Rehabilitation Support Service (GARRS) - a mental health service for those living in Latrobe City and Baw Baw Council areas. They offer day programs and one-to-one support for clients to live independently.
- o Latrobe Regional Hospital pamphlet outlining their services.

o LCHS's Creative House, who run day programs for people with mental illness.

o Yarram and District Health Service, who offer one-to-one support for clients.

o Commonwealth Resource Centre Fact Sheets- Taking Care of Yourself, Taking a Break and Services for You.

o Mental Illness Fellowship (MIF) leaflet: What can friends and family do? Family and carer supports and services, as well as frequently asked questions.

o Useful contacts sheet containing phone numbers, web sites, and groups. Each area of Gippsland has its own sheet so it is relevant to a particular region.

o Evaluation/Feedback sheet, which if returned will help the compilers know if their efforts are worthwhile and effective. (If you have an information pack please return this form)

The information in these packs is continually being updated.

Nearly 2000 copies of the information pack, which was compiled with the help of carers, have been distributed. Another 1000 copies have been ordered. If you would like a copy of this folder you can contact Anne at LCHS on 51365400 or 1800 242 696. She would love to hear from you.

Carer's Support Group

One of Anne's duties is to run a support group for carers of people with a mental illness (depression, schizophrenia, personality disorders, anxiety, bi-polar disorder and manic depressive illnesses) which started in January 2008.

It is an informal group which meets over lunch. They share coping strategies, experiences and enjoy some social interaction. As carers suggest a topic of need within the group, Anne can try and arrange an appropriate guest speaker to address them

Before working with carers, Anne had seven years experience working directly with people with mental illnesses, running day programs and working one-to-one to achieve independent living.

If you would like more information about this group, or the work that Anne does, please contact her on 5136 5400 or 1800 242 696.

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Toy Library Opens Doors

The Churchill & District Toy Library opened its doors for the first time in its new location at The Churchill Leisure Centre on Saturday.

The renovation work on the Town Hall in Phillip Parade resulted in the need for a 'last minute' relocation to the Leisure Centre, where a new room has been built especially to house the Toy Library until the completion of the Hub.

The receipt of last year's Community Grant has allowed the purchase of many new toys which makes this a very exciting time for the Toy Library and its members.

If you would like to come in and have a look we are easy to find; just inside the entrance of the Leisure Centre. We will be open next on August 23rd from 10.00am - 12.00pm. and alternate Saturday mornings after that.

The Toy Library loans items for a two week period and families can borrow 3 items on each occasion. Additional toys may be borrowed for birthday parties. Many of our members find that this is a great way of providing an interesting variety to their children or grandchildren without the expense. Borrowing toys from a toy library is also a great opportunity to encourage children to develop responsibility and respect for things, as well as offering some fun and educational toys that kids don't become bored with.

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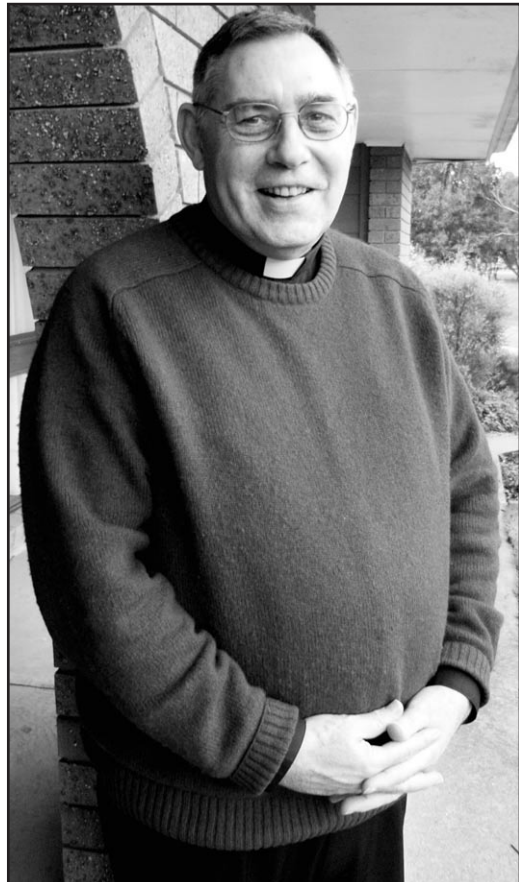
Lumen Christi Catholic Church
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Tel: 5122 2226
Rev. Hugh Brown
Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm
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New Chaplain at Monash University



Following this, he was appointed as Principal of White Christ College, for secondary boys in Melbourne, where he stayed for eight years.

Parish work was next and he was appointed Parish Priest at Middle Park and Port Melbourne.

This was followed by further work in the education field, as Hugh was appointed Secondary Education Consultant at the Catholic Education Office in Warragul.

18 months ago, Father Hugh came to Churchill as Parish Priest at Lumen Christi.

When asked what Father Hugh liked about Churchill, he said he had been told Churchill was the town with no heart, that is, it has no main street lined with shops. However, Father Hugh says its heart is its people, and that is what he has come to like and appreciate. He remarks that Churchill people are a mix from a variety of backgrounds- farmers, ex SEC employees, present power station employees, ordinary genuine folks, and the strugglers, as well as those involved with the University.

Hugh says people have been warm, welcoming and kindly. This was a relief to him as he confessed he was a bit nervous coming to a country parish for the first time. However, he says it is a refreshing experience.

Behind Hugh's application for University Chaplain was his enjoyment working with students, their energy and exuberance. He is enthusiastic about academic pursuits and excited about a community where people are continually exploring and finding answers. "They keep you young, but age you at the same time," he says, and smiles.

Hugh hopes that people would see the Chaplain as someone who helps them create space to find meaningful answers in their lives, other than their immediate stresses.

He has learnt a lot about other religious traditions other than Christianity, especially Buddhism, but he particularly wants to become more knowledgeable about Islam, and seeks to know how Islam and the western world can meet positively.

"We can learn a lot from other religions which can apply to our way of life," he concludes.

Father Hugh Brown has been appointed Chaplain at Monash University.

Hugh was born in Sydney in 1951. Hugh grew up, and began his schooling there. He completed his schooling Hobart, all within the Catholic Education System.

On completing his secondary education, Hugh joined the Noviciate for the Carmelite Order, in 1969 in Sydney, made his Vows, and then moved to Melbourne for his Priestly Studies, being ordained in 1975.

For his post graduate studies, Hugh went to New York, Rome and Jerusalem.

He returned to Melbourne and taught in the Seminary for five years. Then it was off to Brisbane to the Catholic Teachers College to lecture to secondary teachers for four years.

Lumen Christi

The highlight of this month has been the visit of our 87 French Pilgrims aged 18 to 35.

The Pilgrims had been in Australia for World Youth Day in Sydney and decided to take their time and see as much of Australia on their way back to Melbourne Airport.

They arrived in Churchill at 7.00 pm on Thursday 24th July and left at 11.00am on Saturday 26th. We used the Church and the library to sleep them and kept the Eco-centre free for catering and meetings.

With a great deal of help we fed them a roast dinner on the first night and a BBQ on the Friday; many thanks to Peter and Emma Pooley and Sandra and Colin Fitts from the Parish for their help with

catering, cooking and organising. We were lucky to be able to have a Mass together which was celebrated in both French and English. Our choir sang during Mass and the Pilgrims also performed for us. The children, staff and Parishioners were very excited about our visitors and felt it was a privilege to have them stay with us.

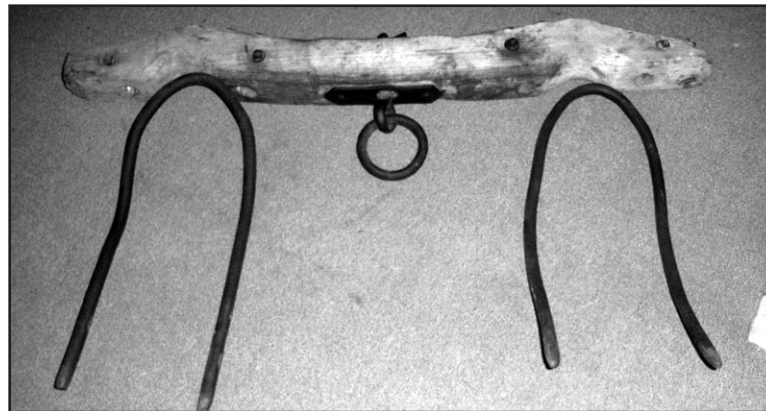
Some of the comments from the children were "this is wonderful we will remember this forever" and "Can you believe they chose to stay with us?"

Thankyou to Churchill Leisure Centre allowing the Pilgrims to use their facilities and to Ritchies IGA for their donation of milk; it was terrific to have the support of the community on this special occasion.

Church Snippets

A genuine old yoke was part of the symbols presented for the All Age Worship Service held on the first Sunday of the month.

representative, helped prepare the service and arranged for Mrs. Joan Good to speak about refugees, their work with them, and their lobbying for better condi-



The theme was "Jesus says: "Come to me, all who are battling on under a heavy load, and I will give you rest. Take your yoke upon me and learn of me for I am humble and lowly and my burden is light.""

A special thank you goes to Tom Lawless for the supply of the yoke which was his father's.

A party of ladies and some of their husbands attended the production by the Latrobe Theatre Company of "A Chorus Line".

This was a very professionally produced show, which showcased the wonderful talents we have in the Valley.

Refugee Sunday was held on the 13th July. Keith Enders, as our social justice

tions for refugees. It was a very informative, but also sobering experience to hear.

The Winifred Keik Service was held this year with a retiring offering going to support a woman in the Philippines. Rev Brenda Burney was the guest speaker, whose message was well received.

Twelve people attended a Coffee Afternoon held on the 21st.

They had a lovely, interesting time sharing their first childhood memories.

A sleep in on such a cold winter's morning was much appreciated, with the cancelling of Saturday Breakfast for July.

However, one is planned for August. Please contact Keith on kbenders@net-tech.com.au for details.

Chaplain's Contemplations

by Fr. HUGH BROWN

Chaplain, Monash University Gippsland.

One of the most genuine challenges in life occurs when we change jobs or take on new responsibilities.

This is what has happened to me in the past few weeks - I've moved from a role dealing with secondary education into the exciting and somewhat daunting role of Ecumenical Chaplain at the Gippsland Campus of Monash University.

Although it has been a challenge to continually meet new faces, remember names and learn new protocols, there is a genuine sense of welcome and friendliness here at Monash.

It is a youthful community, full of exuberant and, sometimes boisterous young students, and staff members who retain a youthfulness yet bring both wisdom and experience to the lives of

these students.

What is an Ecumenical Chaplain? I've asked myself that question quite a lot over the past few weeks and I guess that I'll still be asking myself that same question till my departure or demise.

My background is as a Catholic priest and a member of the Religious order of Carmelites.

I am also privileged to be the Pastor of Lumen Christ Parish in Boolarra, Churchill and Yinnar. With this background and current responsibilities,

I'm finding that the role of an ecumenical chaplain is about providing an avenue for people of any or even no faith to explore the deepest questions and yearnings of the human heart.

In such a pluralistic community as Monash we are blessed with individuals from not just different cultural traditions but also different reli-

gious traditions.

It's also true that, just as Australian society does, our community has people for whom religion has little or no relevance and, in some instances, there is antipathy to organised religious traditions.

This is all part of the tapestry that constitutes the Monash community.

To be truly ecumenical, a chaplain has to learn from these traditions and experiences as well as bring to bear his or her own faith tradition into the lives of those to whom we minister.

From this, glimpses of truth can be discovered, treasured and shared.

One of the most profound Jewish thinkers today, Jonathon Sacks, the Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, wrote in 2002 in a work entitled The Dignity of Difference:

"Nothing has proved harder in the history of civilisation than to see God, or good, or human dignity in those whose language is not mine, whose skin is a different colour, whose faith is

not my faith and whose truth is not my truth...

(yet) the way I have discovered in the contexts of the tragedies of the 20th century and the insecurities of the 21st century ... is that God transcends the peculiarities of culture and the limits of human understanding."

Sacks then goes on to ask what would faith be like if we took this understanding seriously. He writes:

"It would be like being secure in one's own home, yet moved by the beauty of foreign places, knowing that they are someone else's home, not mine, but still part of the glory of the world that is ours"

Monash University is part of the glory of the world that is ours - its people, its traditions, its energy, its learning, its laughter and youthful exuberance - these are God's gifts here in Gippsland. Let's thank God for that!

Churchill Lions President Inducted for Second Term

Tom Quinn was recently inducted for his second term in the role of president of Churchill & District Lions Club at the club's annual Changeover Dinner function.

Also presented on the night was the President's Award For Outstanding Service for 2007/8. This award was given to longstanding Churchill resident Reg Grisotto. Reg is a charter member of the Churchill club and received the award in recognition of his many years contribution to the club's fundraising efforts and commu-

nity projects.

In accepting the honour of continuing the role of club president, Mr Quinn stated that he planned to continue the club's commitments to providing support for numerous causes throughout the community.

"Our primary strategy of raising money for worthy causes through catering continues to be very effective, and we have no plans to change this" Mr Quinn said later. "We raised over forty thousand dollars in the last year, providing a vari-

ety of hot foods at numerous events, including the Great Victorian Bike Ride and the Barry Sheene Memorial ride, and of course at Bunnings about once a month. This money has been distributed to schools, youth projects and local charities, as well as in response to other special requests from the community."

In addition to raising funds, the club also has been involved in a number of local community projects.

"We get involved in tree plantings, carrying out maintenance at Camp Quality, and various other community projects." said Tom. "Recently we helped out a Churchill couple whose garden had really got out of hand, as they had suffered ill health in recent years and could not keep up with the maintenance.

Trees needed trimming or removing, garden beds were completely overgrown and generally the garden that they once were so proud of looked a mess. Working together with the Churchill Lioness's club a team arrived with the all tools and the motivation needed, and cleaned it up in about three hours. The couple really appreciated it, and now the garden is one less thing for them to worry about. Everyone involved loved doing it - it was a great project." he said.

Tom has been involved with the club for four years. "I am honoured to accept the position of president again this year" he said. "The club

has a great bunch of blokes willing to get out there and doing something for the community, and we all enjoy doing it."

Tom is especially looking forward to the EsCarpade car rally later in the year. "The club has been involved in the rallies for about fifteen years" he said. "In recent years we have raised about thirty thousand dollars each year for Camp Quality, and we get to meet some fantastic people and see some beautiful parts of the country as well. This year is my second rally, and we will be touring from just north of Sydney all the way to Gympie in Queensland."

If you are looking to meet new people and do something really satisfying with your time, Churchill & District Lions Club welcomes enquiries from potential new members.

"If anyone is interested in finding more about what we do and how to get involved I ask them to contact on 5166 1448," said Tom. "It's a fantastic way of getting out there, meeting new people and really helping in the community".

For enquiries regarding Churchill & District Lions Club catering, please contact the secretary, Bill Hurenkamp on 5174 4221.



Churchill & District Lions Club annual Changeover Dinner (from left): Bill Hurenkamp, Tom Quinn, Robin King, Geoff Brick, John Tipping, Wally O'Such, Kevin Rennie, Peter North, Andre Ng, Bob Lowick, Ray Medew.



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Vacancies at the Wattle Club

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

If you would like to participate please ring Ann Riley on 51365087. Ann would love to hear from you if you want to have fun with a cheerful bunch of people. The facilitators plan a varied and interesting program.

This last month the group went by their bus to the Italian Australian Club for Morning Melodies with a Roy Orbison Tribute. They enjoyed humming along to the favourite tunes.

The weather has been cold this year, so they have opted to stay inside, but they have been active with games like

Shuffles, doing crosswords, and continuing to learn card games like 500. The clients are trying to teach the staff how to play!

Moe PAG joined them for a musical day. They had instruments to play, and musical games like musical bingo and trivia. Of course Lyle played the piano and they had a great sing-a-long of their old favourites.

One day the video "Kenny" was played, which was enjoyed with lots of laughs.

A progressive raffle held a lot of fun and good-hearted frustration for the clients.

A mystery trip was held on the last Friday of the month.

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'CLASS ACT' at Neighbourhood Centre

The Creative Writing group at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is currently working on its annual anthology of poems and stories. "Class Act" is the name chosen for this year's collection which will include a contribution from Churchill resident Rosie Williams, who has been in Ireland for the last few months, but stays in touch with the group by e-mail. The illustrator will be Sheila Walters of Jeeralang, a long time member of the group.

On 15th May, the day after Bastille Day, the weekly class had a French flavour; a translation of a short story by the famous writer Guy de Maupassant was read and

discussed, a reproduction of a Degas painting was displayed, and a somewhat discordant version of the French national anthem was sung.

There are still a few vacancies available for men and women with an interest in books and writing. This friendly group meets on Tuesdays at 10.00 am to 12.00 pm, there are no prerequisites and people of all ages are welcome.

For further information please contact Henry Parniak, Coordinator at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre on 51222955 or tutor Cora Pal on 51221611.

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in these community groups. Attending such meetings affords you the opportunity to become better informed about your community and also gives you an avenue by which to share and develop the ideas you have for your town's future.

The new Township Welcome Packs are an example of the great work these groups undertake and it was wonderful to be present for the launch at Boolarra. The Yinnar and Boolarra communities were both involved in the initiative, which is designed to provide newcomers with information about the services, groups and facilities within their

towns. Sunday July 27 was National Tree Day and I commend all those who pitched in at the planting session along the banks of Eel Hole Creek. The turnout was impressive and I am sure the works undertaken will have a significant impact on bank stability and improve the condition of the remnant vegetation already present.

I look forward to catching up with many of you at the C&D News writing comp presentation evening in the coming weeks and wish all those heading towards winter sports finals all the best.

Russell

Over the few weeks, I have been pleased to attend the Boolarra Community Development Group, Churchill & District Community Association and the Yinnar District Community Association general meetings. I cannot encourage you enough to become actively involved



Lionesses Changeover

Margaret Dawson, Media Officer

Les Twentyman, AO, representing Open Family, was guest speaker at the Churchill & District Lioness Club Changeover and Presentation Dinner at the Traralgon Golf Club. Les has been working with young people for about 30 years. The Lioness Club presented Les with another 16 hand made rugs along with a cash donation. Churchill Lions also made a cash donation on the night.

Among other guests were representatives from Palliative Care Latrobe Valley, Lifeline Gippsland and Gippsland Centenary House who were each presented

with donations to assist their very worthwhile causes.

Incoming office bearers are Sue Lowick serving another term as President, Mandy Ellis, Secretary, Margaret Barker, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer/Catering Officer, Wendy Steenberg, Assistant Treasurer/Catering, Vicki Burgess, Lioness Tamer Pauline Prowse, Tail Twister Merrilyn Grisotto and Media Officer, Margaret Dawson.

Pictured above L to R Vicki Burgess, Sue Lowick, and Wendy Steenberg: below Mandy Ellis congratulating Les Twentyman



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They meet every Monday night between 5 and 6 o'clock with lots of other friends under the supervision of trained Joey Scout Leaders and their helpers. They wear a special shirt and scarf to show that they are a Churchill Joey Scout.

Joey Scouts are taught sharing, about nature and the world around us. They develop a sense of belonging and learn ways for creative expression. Most importantly, Joey Scouts are taught to jump in and help. Their theme is 'Help Other People (HOP)'.

Mums and Dads are welcome to venture out with their Joey Scouts and help us to make new discoveries together on our road to adventure.

Joey Scouts is the first jump into the

Scout Movement. When a Joey Scout turns 8 they can move straight into the Cub section, then the Scouts and later still the Venturers and Rover sections.

Scouting is a world wide organization offering the opportunity for young people to discover the world beyond home and classroom, tapping into the skills of others, learning and passing that knowledge onto others.

Joey Scouts is a great way to take that first step towards a code of living that helps young people grow into capable, self-reliant individuals.

If you are interested in joining any of the Scout groups please contact the following leaders:

Joeys Caroline Tait 5122 3421
Cubs Peter Tait 5122 3421
Scouts Jeff Kemp 5122 1293
Venturers Barney Farrell 5122 1993.
We look forward to seeing you there.

Home Burglary



Home burglary is one of the most common crimes in our community. Being burgled can have a devastating impact on families whose privacy has been violated and household belongings stolen. Most home burglars are spur-of-the-moment opportunists. They just see an opportunity and take it. In a large number of burglaries, offenders enter through an unlocked door or window.

Facts about home burglars

Most burglars want to take as much out of your house as they can and sell it as fast as they can, for as much money as they can get.

Their primary targets are expensive items that are highly portable and easy to dispose of. They are not usually shy. They'll walk right in if the door's open or unlocked, as many of them don't really care if you are busy, or elsewhere in the house.

What can you do?

Think about how you can make it harder for a thief to find and sell your valuable property.

Keep in touch with your Neighbours. They are your most valuable security asset as they can keep an eye out for your property and report any suspicious behaviour.

Always lock up

Don't overlook the obvious. Doors and windows should be locked, not only when you leave the house but when you are elsewhere in the house, on the phone, in the garden, or otherwise pre-occupied, away from points of entry.

Cut away the camouflage

Cultivate a garden, but not a burglar's paradise. Plant trees and shrubs and build walls and fences so an intruder can be clearly seen in your front or

back yard, and keep bushes around doors and window trimmed.

Deadlock internal doors

The main door is the most likely point of entry and should be your first priority. A key-operated deadlock on a solid timber door is the safest option. Reinforce the dead lock whenever possible with a security screen and a peephole. Sliding glass doors are particularly vulnerable and should be bolted top and bottom or fitted with a specifically designed deadlock.

Secure all windows

No window is too high or too small for burglars. All windows should be secured with keyed locks or security grills.

Light up at night

Keep doors, window, and pathways well lit at night. Movement activated sensor lights are highly recommended.

Lock garden sheds, garages and side gates. Sheds and garages are usually the repository of tools and other implements burglars use to assist in a break in. Keep them padlocked as well as side gates.

Lock up the meter box

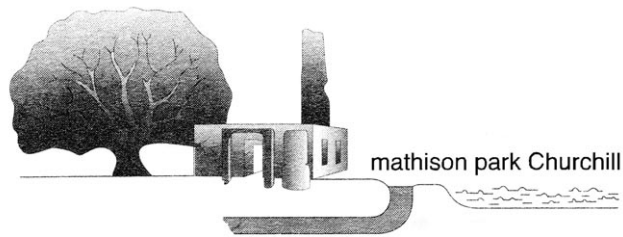
Locking up your meter box prevents thieves interfering with your power supply or security sensor light systems.

Install burglar alarms

The best alarms to complement other forms of household security are highly visible, audible/monitored alarms.

Property inventory

You should keep a detailed inventory of all your valuable property, includ-



mathison park Churchill

Ducks at Mathison Park

By Ken Harris

"Like a duck to water"! Where ever there is water, the first birds one thinks of are ducks. Mathison Park has Lake Hyland, so Mathison Park has ducks!

There is good habitat for ducks in Mathison Park, but only two species are at all regular in the park. The first is the Black Duck - *Anas superciliosa*, which is true dabbling duck, often upending to feed on plants on the bottom of the lake.



Its name is surprising as it is not really black, but when it flies, its upper wing has no white patch or bar like most other ducks, so its outline is all black. Numbers in the park vary greatly, sometimes as few as half a dozen, but occasionally up to 80 appear on the lake. Some certainly nest in the park and they have been



seen with little ducklings swimming on Lake Hyland.

The second common duck in the Park has a lot of different names. It is known as Wood Duck, Maned Goose or Maned Duck - *Chenonetta jubata*.

The Maned Duck is a grazing bird, with a beak more like a goose's than a duck's. There are usually to be seen

in the park, often feeding in grassy areas, but if disturbed will fly to the lake where they feel more secure. Male and female are different but are often seen together. The name Wood Duck comes from their habit of nesting in a hole high in a tree, usually a Eucalypt.

The baby ducks jump out of the nest when a day old and parachute to the ground and are then lead on a walk of up to 1.5 km to the nearest water. Young Maned Duck have been seen on Lake Hyland, but whether they nested in the park is uncertain. There are only a limited number of suitable trees in the park.

Although only 2 duck species are regular in the park, seven other sorts of duck (I am including the Black Swan as it is in the same family) have put in an appearance during the last two years.



The Black Swan - *Cygnus ater* is seen occasionally. Two were on the lake briefly in both June and July this year.

The other duck seen in the park are:

Grey Teal - *Anas gibberifrons*
Chestnut Teal - *Anas castanea*
Hardhead - *Aythya australis*
Australian Shelduck - *Tadorna tadornoides*
Pink-eared Duck - *Malacorhynchus membranaceus*
Plumed Whistling Duck - *Dendrocygna eytoni*

The last of these the Plumed Whistling-duck was the most surprising, when it turned up for a brief visit last December. It is almost unknown in Gippsland, being usually found much further north. Its picture was in the December 2007 Churchill News.

Mathison Park Working Bees More Volunteers Needed

The committee is very grateful to all those who turned up for the last working bee. We were able to complete the filling and levelling of a long section of the new pathway. Many thanks! There is still a lot of work to be done to finish off the pathway, but it is well under way. We are all thrilled to see how many people are already using the pathway and boardwalk areas, and saying how much they are enjoying the park.

The anglers are there every day, drowning worms and throwing in corn pieces to try to catch a fish. Good luck to them!

The next working bee will be on Saturday 16th August. If you are thinking of helping we would like to see you there. There are numerous community groups and individuals that enjoy the park so if you could spare a hour we would greatly appreciate it.

Morwell Rostrum Club 27 Speaking in public with confidence

Have you ever thought you lacked the confidence to speak in public, or to hold a conversation with someone in a comfortable manner? Well Rostrum may be for you!

Rostrum is a club which meets at the Morwell Bowling Club each Tuesday at 5.45pm until 7pm approximately, after which they enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

It aims to help improve people's ability to speak in public, and give them confidence to approach people and hold a conversation.

Each person is accepted and given an opportunity to speak in a small group and be heard, and not put down. It is a club for all age groups.

There is a joining fee of \$20 a

quarter, but this is not payable until after a person has been several times and decides that they want to belong.

There are about 20 members at present, but they would warmly welcome anyone interested in joining them. Their spokesperson said the club is for the average person in the street. You do not need to be in public life, or have an important position, to attend.

You will receive a warm welcome and be made to feel at home. The members know how difficult it can be, so they take particular care to welcome and encourage those who attend.

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Churchill Neighbourhood Watch Meeting
August 21st 2008, 7.30pm
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All Welcome

Daffodil Day Celebrates 15 Years

With around 4,562 Latrobe residents diagnosed with cancer since Daffodil Day began 15 years ago, The Cancer Council Victoria is urging locals to buy a daffodil on Friday 22 August, and send a message of hope to all those affected.

The Cancer Council's Community Relations and Fundraising Director, Ms Deb Stringer, said while many locals had faced the words 'you have cancer' in the past 15 years, overall survival data was reason to celebrate.

"Survival from cancer is now 13% higher than it was 15 years ago, and rates continue to improve with advances in treatment and earlier detection," Ms Stringer said.

"Our increase in cancer knowledge is a direct result of research.

"Events such as Daffodil Day are instrumental in raising the funds

needed to support our life-saving research. Ongoing investment in research is paramount if we are to continue making discoveries," she said.

Nearly \$20 million has been raised, in Victoria alone, since Daffodil Day began. As well as research, funds have been directed into education programs explaining how people can reduce their risk of cancer and support services for people affected.

"I urge all Victorians to send a message of hope to those affected by cancer. The best way to do this is to buy a daffodil this Daffodil Day, Friday 22 August," Ms Stringer said.

"With more than 24,000 Victorians diagnosed with cancer every year, most families have been touched by cancer in some way.



"Buying a daffodil on Daffodil Day provides hope. Hope that one day we will find the answers needed to end the fight," she said.

Fresh daffodils and a range of merchandise will be available at over 350 volunteer-run sites and at participating retailers across the state.

Daffodil Day is on Friday 22 August 2008. Who will you buy a daffodil for?

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Cancer! What a Word!

My Experience

By NELL HODGSON

It can strike fear in the mind and turmoil in the heart. It can challenge our resources in life. There is also a positive message that I would like to share. We cannot control the circumstances that life may bring, but we can choose our reaction to them.

Cancer! Suddenly we are faced with our humanity, life is threatened. Our family routine is disrupted. The future becomes uncertain. Cancer makes us stop and think. 'What is Life all about'?

Life is short, we can live it so fast. We hardly realize it is going! Suddenly we see that life is really a gift and we want to hold it, say thank you for it! Suddenly simple things become precious. Never again will the daily gifts of life pass by unnoticed. In this heightened awareness we give thanks with a thankful heart. Suddenly we see afresh the beauty around us, we want to hold it tightly. Suddenly, I found so many things I wanted to say 'Thank you' for. "Thank you God, for the gift of Time, we are given". So many little things became special.

A cobweb hung with dew, a rainbow in a rain-drop! The sound of children at play. We pause to feel the texture of a flower, smell its fragrance. Give thanks for the

stars in the velvet night-sky. How wonderful to be aware, to feel the early morning sunshine, to run bare-foot through the grass, to breathe deeply, to give thanks for a new day! How wonderful to watch a butterfly, and stand so still, that it rests on you! To see the summer move into the beauty of autumn, and once more roll in the piles of autumn leaves with children! To once more see the autumn change into the barrenness of winter--and wonder if you will see the spring time again! Then to thrill to the wonder of spring! And yes! To welcome the summer, once more! It is wonderful to be aware! Alive!

Every season of life has its beauty there is so much to thank God for. You remember that the most barren winter, yields to spring.

That is true of the seasons of life. Fear, can give way to faith. Hope can replace despair. Love, God's love can restore our balance and give a deep inner peace. This can enable us to face the future, with courageous joy.

Suddenly we are aware of God's Presence. He is there, with us in this situation; then, as we rest in His love with a thankful heart, healing begins.

An inner strength is found! Yes, life is a gift; time is a gift. Cancer is a word we can conquer! The future is ours to Live! Now!

My Choice

Three times I've come to this Cross-road,
Journeying on Life's way.
Three times, the signpost said "Cancer!"
And dark clouds, filled the day.
But that dark road, will not defeat me;
I choose to live with joy,
I choose to see the sunshine,
That Cancer, cannot destroy.
I choose to fill with loving,
The years that are given to me;
I choose to share in laughter.
My Spirit, I choose to free
From fears, and dark forebodings
Of Cancer's scary road.
I choose to live with courage,
And lightly carry Life's load.
For I know that God is with me,
His grace and strength, He'll give;
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Giving thanks, for each day that I live!

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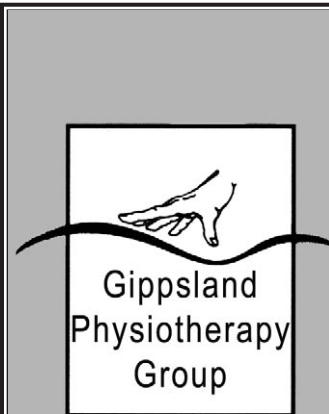
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This year Lifeline Gippsland will answer around 12,000 calls on the 24 hour counselling line (13 11 14). The counsellors who staff this vital service will respond to people from all walks of life and the calls may include issues such as loneliness, depression, relationship or financial difficulties, drug and alcohol abuse, grief and loss, and the most difficult of calls - suicide.

Not everyone will be aware of the fact that Lifeline's telephone counsellors are all volunteers and Lifeline Gippsland has recently commenced a campaign to recruit new volunteer counsellors in the Wonthaggi area.

Said Patricia Nalder, Lifeline Gippsland's

CEO 'Telephone counselling is a very challenging but an extremely rewarding role.

All our volunteers receive specialist training which will enable them to develop the skills they need to be a telephone counsellor. The training teaches skills that will enrich your whole life'. Volunteers interested in undertaking the telephone counsellor training do not need any special qualifications - just compassion and a willingness to listen. Patricia Nalder went on to say 'Telephone counsellors are fully supported in their role. There are also opportunities to train in other areas such as Critical Incident Stress Management and suicide intervention'.

For more information call Sandra Luxford at Lifeline Gippsland on 5134 8278 or email lifelinegipps@llg.org.au.

Syd's Memoirs

Part 2

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

Jungle Training

We arrived in Bombay and were then transferred to the 7th Batt. Kings Own Regiment for jungle training just as Germany capitulated. We were put on a train to go across India to Madras. This took us a week and was a rough trip. At the stations along the way we saw maimed kids begging. They used to say they broke their legs just for the begging. It was a dirty smelly place, people used to sleep on the pavements. We were in the jungle where they trained elephants. The Indian actor, Sabu, was trained there. We did jungle training, 2, 3 or 4 day schemes, even in the monsoons where it rained all the time.

We had to cut our beds from bamboo canes to keep off the ground because of the snakes. I had never seen so many snakes and scorpions. We had to go into virgin jungle and find our way back with a compass. There were also Ghurkas and Sikhs training. They brought a 15 foot python back one day. It crawled through their camp and they bayoneted it. It was still writhing when they came back.

One of the Indian soldiers hit a hornet's nest with his rifle while on a scheme in the jungle and he died from the stings. My ankle went on me one time and I went down with a full pack and grenade rifle. I was taken back to camp by truck and got three days excused duty. My ankle has never been any good since, although they made me A1 when I was demobbed.

We went to a place called Khalyan where there was a gold mine. We got the chance to go there and go down the mine - anything to get out of drills. (I wouldn't go down the pit at Wollaton where Dad used to take parties. I used to hear them scream as the cage was dropped). We went down 6,000 feet in one drop. It was quite an experience. After the first movement there was no sensation of dropping. When we got to the bottom it was like being in a factory with concrete and lights. We had a look around and saw the gold reef in the walls. The mine went down further where the Indians worked.

We all had Dhobiboys to do our washing. It cost us a rupee a week, which was about 2/6 then. We went on leave to Bangalore which was a pretty place, nice and green. Indians used to come round in the morning, 'Shave Sahib' and you'd hang your head out the mosquito net and they'd give you a shave. I also went to Bombay and did a 'Calling Blighty' film which was shown to the folks back home. We were on leave in Bombay when they dropped the atom bomb. We were going to Burma and thank goodness we didn't get there. Most of the Kings Own Regiment were regulars who had been in India for years.

We did go to Poona in case of riots. What a hot place - 99 in the day, 98 at night. We used to shower to try to keep cool. Most of the regulars were low numbers for demob. Most of them went back and their positions had to be filled. To save going on route

marches etc. I volunteered for the cook house. We didn't do any training so it was a 'Good move'!!! Being in the building trade we were needed to build the place up again. I was number 39 but got out early on class B being a bricklayer. We were given priority and got early release in July 1946.

Demob

I had been in India for 15 months. In the meantime Bett and I had our first baby, a daughter Carol Ann, a blonde. She was lovely! We were married on 8 July 1944 and Carol was born on 26 June 1945. I was glad to get home. We stayed in Betts home, in Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. I was building council houses but couldn't get one.

I got 68 pounds at demob so I brought an auto cycle to get me to work and used to go to Nottingham. Later I got a motor bike and sidecar. Often we all would go to Wallaton. Bett's Dad was rather deaf and liked classics. He used to turn the radio up when he wanted to listen. Anything else he would turn the volume down. I bought a radio and we lived in the lounge until I was talked into going to Australia.

Going to Australia

Friends of Betts were going so we tried to get with them, which we did. We left in July of 1950 on the Dorsetshire, an ex hospital ship from the First World War. We went out from Liverpool in a gale. They closed the port after we left. Was it rough, everybody was sick!

The Irish Sea was very rough but it was just as bad in the Bay of Biscay. It was calm in the Mediterranean and overall it was a good trip. We passed Malta and stopped at Suez but we were not allowed off the boat as trouble was brewing.

We had a good trip through the Red Sea and Canal. We had a break down and it was very hot. Bett was in the cabin with Carol and I was in one with the men. We used to meet after Carol was asleep in the drying room, as did most of the passengers! We were allowed ashore at Colombo, Ceylon for the day. It was very good. We called in at Fremantle in Western Australia where the people were very good. We couldn't keep our eyes off the shops, butchers and fruit shops.



Bett, Syd and Carol aboard the Dorsetshire on route to Australia in October 1950

We hadn't seen any like that for years. We had a rough trip to

Adelaide but didn't land. The same happened at Melbourne.

Then we had a rough ride through the Bight to Sydney. Not many went to breakfast as the boat was swaying from side to side. We were met in Sydney by some people my brother Maurice knew during the war.

They took us around the city sightseeing. From there we were sent to Bathurst Migrant Camp, where we stayed two weeks till we decided where we wanted to go.



Outside the Nissen Hut at Yallourn in November 1950



Monash Street in Morwell December 1951



Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Move to Yallourn

We had the choice of Adelaide or Melbourne. We went to Yallourn in the Latrobe Valley, where the S.E.C. was expanding. I got a job and worked seven days a week. We lived in Nissen huts at the Migrant Hostel, which were very hot in summer. We stayed there for just over a year, and then we got a Commission house in Monash Street in Morwell. Tricia and Linda were born while we lived there. Then we moved to a three bedroom house in Churchill Road. I must mention the Williams family.

I met Frank, who was a bricklayer, as were his sons, George, Basil and Bill. He took us home with him for tea. I worked with them for years. Frank introduced me to the Buffalo Lodge, Buffs for short. It was an eye-opener for me as in those days I was very reserved. It certainly brought me out. I went through all the offices, up to the top, 4th degree to a Right Honorable and was Presidents of the Knights Chapter. I had some wonderful times. It brought me out of my shell and taught me how to conduct meetings. I was also Delegate at two conventions in

Mildura and Wangaratta. I had to give it away when I stopped bricklaying and went to the S.E.C.

We got our first cart in the sixties. We used to go to Seaspray for holidays, till we bought the 'shack' at \$5 a week. We certainly had some lost weekends there. We had a few cars in our time. Austin 1800's, two of them, one of which I wrote off on a fishing trip to the Bemm River.

Bett had a Datsun 120Y, that was traded in for a 180B station wagon, which took us to Hervey Bay, Queensland, where Tricia was living. We went as far as Port Douglas on that trip, which was my long service leave.

I used to use my sickies up going to Narooma in New South Wales. We were there a lot, so we bought this caravan which was on a site so that saved taking a lot of stuff up every time. I joined the bowling club which was good exercise. Bett joined the following year. Then we sold the house in Morwell and got a mobile home in Van Village, Narooma. We moved there in August 1987.

Syd passed away in 1996 and is buried at Narooma, overlooking the sea.



Syd in Narooma in July 1987 (above)
Syd and Bett in 1991 (left)



New Facilities Complement Fishing At Lake Hyland

Anglers heading to Lake Hyland in Churchill will be able to enjoy several new facilities thanks to funding from the Go Fishing in Victoria initiative, Executive Director Fisheries Victoria Peter Appleford said today.

Dr Appleford said an extra fishing platform has been installed by the City of Latrobe, complementing the four platforms already installed by the council.

"The platforms are spread evenly around the lake, almost guaranteeing a good spot and there are also plenty of comfortable bank access areas for really busy days," Dr Appleford said. "A large undercover electric BBQ has been set up for those planning to incorporate some cooked lunch options into their day. The rotunda includes seating and can accommodate several families at the one time.

"A new boardwalk has been built over the wetland area on the northern side of the lake. The boardwalk is incorpo-

rated into a sealed walking trail that now encircles the lake."

This year also saw Fisheries Victoria upgrade the stocking plan for Lake Hyland to match its Premier Lake status. The lake is now stocked up to four times a year if water conditions are suitable, including before the second and third term school holidays.

Lake Hyland is one of only five lakes across the state that receives large 'Premier' size rainbow trout over a kilogram in weight.

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

Premier Lakes also host annual Family Fishing Festivals. Forthcoming festival dates include Kennington Reservoir (Bendigo) on 10 August, Lillydale Lake on 20 September and JubileeLake (Daylesford) on 18 October 2008.

Churchill and District News will also hold a junior fishing competition on Saturday, 1 November with support from Fisheries Victoria. This event is well attended every year.

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

Grant Applications Open For Volunteer Groups

Local volunteer groups are being urged to look closely at applying for extra financial support through the Victorian Volunteers Small Grants program.

Eastern Victoria MP, Peter Hall, said the program had new guidelines and also had been extended.

"It is a good opportunity for not-for-profit volunteers' organisations to obtain support to undertake a recruitment drive or a special project," Mr Hall said. "I encourage groups to have a close look at the program so that Gippsland gets a share of the funds available."

Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for organisations to attract new volunteers from diverse backgrounds, such as Indigenous people, newly arrived migrants, people with disabilities; create new volunteering opportunities; and strengthen existing volunteering programs to engage new volunteers.

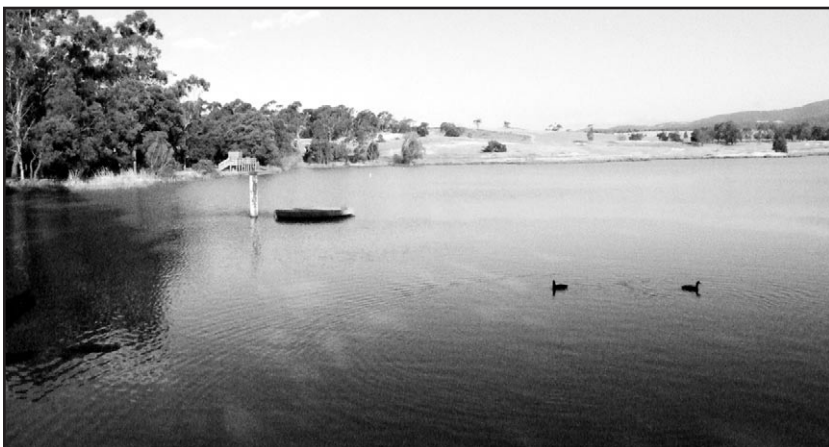
Community not for profit groups can apply if they involve local volunteers. They do not need to be an incorporated body or, if not, can apply through another organisation that can manage the grant funds. The grants are not available to meet existing

debts or budget deficits, projects that have already started or have been completed, for things like purchase of prizes for fundraising events or staff salaries and general operating costs.

"The aim of the program is to help groups increase the diversity of volunteers in their sector and involve and encourage new volunteers," Mr Hall said. "It is important to reinforce interest in volunteering because of the vital role volunteers play in our community and also the opportunities volunteering opens up for individuals."

Grant applications may be submitted in a number of ways including online at www.grants.dpcd.vic.gov.au, by email to grantapplications@dpcd.vic.gov.au, by fax to 03 9208 3680 or by mail to: Department for Planning and Community Development, Grants Unit, GPO Box 2392 Melbourne Vic 3001.

Applications can be submitted at any time. For more information, call the Grants Information Line on 1300 366 356 on any weekday between 8.30am and 10.00pm (except Public Holidays).





Regional Universities the Answer to High Education Costs

Students studying in metropolitan Universities are feeling the effects of rising costs of education and housing, compared with regional campuses that offer the learning outcomes within a far more cost effective environment.

Local regional universities are being forgotten as affordable top quality tertiary institutions as students suffer from the high costs of metropolitan living and education.

Studies have shown that each year many of the students from the Gippsland region are leaving the area to pursue higher education in the city. However, they are said to be struggling to make ends meet and often "hot bed" (a form of bed swapping) as a way of finding somewhere to sleep, as they struggle to make financial ends meet.

In order to pay for their accommodation, many students are resorting to working full time hours while still studying full time, and not going to classes in order to pay their bills.

Regional campuses such as Monash University at Gippsland offer both on and off campus housing that is affordable for students, and can range from \$50 to \$110 a week for a 3 bedroom house, compared with up to \$200 a week in the city for a one room apartment.

Due to the low costs of living in the Gippsland region, students do not have to struggle to balance work, study and their social life.

Gippsland resident Raechelle Schaefer chose to study at Monash University Gippsland because it allowed her to remain close to home and her friends, while also providing her with the experiences and the knowledge that she wanted to gain from university.

"The environment at Gippsland is fantastic. It gives me the opportunity to stay home and save money, while also giving me a range of unique opportunities to have fun, while I also develop my career. I have never felt like I'm missing out because I chose to stay in Gippsland.

I actually think I'm better off."

Monash University Gippsland campus Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Harry Ballis says that while metropolitan universities are seen as the most prestigious; the facilities and academic opportunities for students at regional campuses are also at the top of the tertiary ladder, with world recognised degrees.

"Monash Gippsland is often the first choice for education for students both local and metropolitan. Here at Gippsland we offer a wide range of degrees and work experience opportunities, all while being in a small supportive environment.

We have many students who come from the city who choose to study here, because they know that in the long run they'll come out of this campus with a prestigious degree, and a bit of extra cash in their pockets.

Students should never rule out their regional counterparts when considering their future."

Gippsland Leading the Way On Tourism

Gippsland should be incredibly proud of their contribution towards a Rural & Regional Tourism Report tabled in Parliament today, according to Nationals MLA Russell Northe.

A member of the Rural & Regional Committee (RRC), Mr Northe said the report makes several important recommendations to the Government to assist Victoria's tourism industry to thrive well into the future.

"I am pleased to say that the No. 1 key recommendation stems from a model already in place in Gippsland, that is, "providing rural and regional leadership by supporting the development of peak tourism bodies" in each of the ten regional campaign areas," Mr Northe said.

"The Committee believes this could be achieved by Tourism Victoria working with industry representatives and local governments in regional areas to place senior staff on the ground, the success of which is evident locally through the work of Chris Buckingham and Gippsland Tourism."

Mr Northe said the local contribution towards the Inquiry was particularly pleasing as Gippsland had originally been omitted from the Committee's tour of public hearings and the Morwell MP fought to enable our region to be heard.

"In fact, the desire for locals to appear before our Committee was so great that we ended up sitting in Gippsland on three occasions, highlighting both the range of tourism opportunities and the breadth of knowledge and experience held within this part of the state,"

Mr Northe said.

"The implementation of the RRC's 39 recommendations will assist regional tourism to go from strength to strength and I commend all those that have contributed to the process."

Mr Northe also drew attention to Recommendation 14, which stated:

The Government should consider development and support of the following as a priority:

- b) Connection of the Gippsland Plains Rail Trail network and development of infrastructure on the trail;
- c) Establishment of cycle ways linking the Latrobe Valley townships of Morwell, Traralgon and Churchill; and
- d) A Latrobe Valley science trail, developed in conjunction with major industry partners

"The establishment of a system of trails linking our towns was something I advocated prior to my election and I will continue to offer my support to Council and the Gippsland Plains Rail Trail Committee of Management as they work to secure funds and develop these important assets."

A copy of the Final Report on the Inquiry into Rural & Regional Tourism is available online at http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/trc/inquiries/tourism/our_report.html. For a hard copy of the report, please contact Mr Northe's electorate office (ph: 5133 90880) or the Committee Secretariat (Ph: 1300 202 787).



Residents enjoy a game of Rummykub. During the winter months our residents often play Rummy, scrabble and cards when its too cold to go outdoors.



Care Manager Gail Dudley ready for the Dalkeith Hostels second birthday party in Traralgon. The quests were asked to wear bright clothing and have their face painted. The entertainment for the afternoon was CoCo the Clown.

Hazelwood House Happenings



Bill Watkinson celebrating his birthday at the hostel with family and residents



Elva and Jim enjoy a game of Bingo. Thank you to Reg Selwyn who runs the Bingo in the activity room each Saturday. His time is very much appreciated by all the residents.



What Do You Expect of Churchill Fire Brigade?

By Ruth Place

Is it to be there when needed? There when your house is on fire? There when the bush next door is on fire?

I think most people would expect that, but Churchill Brigade needs more people available to turn out, especially during the daylight hours when many of our regular members are at work. Work is their priority, their work with the brigade is voluntary and they are not always able to turn out during the day.

A shortage of trained volunteers means that your expectation may not be met as quickly as you need in an emergency.

Maybe the question is not what they can do for you but what you can do for them!

If you are a housewife, part-time worker, student (over 16), retiree, local employer who will support workers helping us, work at home, local employee, self employed, a teacher, and are available during the daytime, we can use your services in the brigade. All have a role to play, whether in the front line or behind the scenes.

What would be expected of me if I joined?

The brigade attends about 250 calls a year. About half of these are in the daytime, so the daytime turnout is on average once or twice 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.

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includes learning:

- o Basic fire ground practices,
- o Pump operation,
- o Fire safety awareness and fire equipment (hoses, reels and branches) use and maintenance,
- o Map reading
- o Basic communication with radios,
- o Wild fire behaviour and suppression and
- o Types of situations in which you might find yourself

It all sounds very daunting but we want you to come and talk to us. Don't think it isn't for you because it just may be! The Churchill Fire Brigade truck and brigade members will be visiting sporting venues and the shopping centre on various days over the next two months. Come and talk to the members and see what it is all about.

Being a fire fighter can be exciting and heart pumping stuff! You will be well-trained, at no cost to yourself, and supported as you learn. It is a great way to gain personal satisfaction, and inspire your community spirit.

Who knows, it may be your house that you can save in an emergency? It is worth thinking about.

For further information the brigade can be contacted by ringing our Captain Steve Barling on 0407 828 625, call into the station in Phillip Parade on Mondays 7:30pm-8pm, or Sunday mornings 9:30am - 11am or talk to us when you see us at shopping centre or at the sports events.



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Monash Gippsland 80th Anniversary Charity Concert

This year Monash Gippsland celebrates its 80th anniversary. In 1928, Sir John Monash established the Yallourn Technical School which evolved into the Gippsland Campus. To celebrate this landmark Monash Gippsland is holding a charity concert in its new auditorium on 23 August. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the community to hear wonderful music in a brand new venue.

The concert program will feature the Latrobe City Youth Band and the Monash Academy of Performing Arts Orchestra. Latrobe City's sister city in Japan, Takasago, will also have its High School Jazz band visiting Latrobe City that week and they will be part of the program. The music program will feature a selection of classic and contemporary jazz and concert band arrangements played by Latrobe City Youth Band and the Takasago High School Jazz Band.

The Monash Academy Orchestra will play the Bach's Concerto for Double Violin and Oboe and finish with Tchaikovsky's exhilarating 1812 Overture.

The concert will raise money for the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund. This local charity, staffed entirely by volunteers, has provided so much help to people affected by the Gippsland bushfires of 2002/3 and 2006/7 and the 2007 floods. For last year's floods alone, the Fund has distributed \$508,000 to 261 households and businesses, with most of this money coming

from donations.

In keeping with this theme, the concert will be hosted by Gerard Callinan, ABC Gippsland Morning Show Presenter. The ABC, as the emergency services broadcaster, has played a vital role in keeping people up to date with weather information, emergency services bulletins and the variety of human interest stories associated with these natural disasters.

This is a great opportunity to showcase the musical talent of artists from the Latrobe Valley, Monash University and our Sister City guests before an expected audience of 400. Perhaps this collaboration may inspire Youth Band members to consider studying music. More significantly in the 80th year of Monash Gippsland, the concert will bring together a wide range of people to help celebrate the Campus's newest building which will serve future generations of university students and the community.

Tickets can be purchased from the Latrobe City Box Office Tickets available from: Latrobe Performing Arts Box Office Cnr. Grey Street and Breed Street, Traralgon, Phone: 5176 3559, Fax: 5174 2077 Email: boxoffice@latrobe.vic.gov.au Monday - Friday, 10am - 5.30pm. Tickets are also available from: Latrobe City Moe Service Centre, or Latrobe Regional Gallery - Morwell.

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MUGSU provides a wide range of services, facilities and representation to the Monash Gippsland Campus. There is provision on the Board for a Community Representative that is currently vacant and we are seeking expressions of interest (EOI) from members of the community who may wish to fill the role. It is preferable that people interested in this role will be able to bring some expertise or experience in finances or legal matters or being on Boards of not for profits and an understanding of the Churchill and District Community. EOIs should be no more than one page plus a CV.

There are usually 10 ordinary meetings a year and the Community Representative would be expected to attend these meetings as well as Special Board Meetings from time to time to find out more about the role please contact the President Ms Leslie Anne Schmidt on 0412 556 857 or email mugsu.president@general.monash.edu.au

To find out more about MUGSU please visit our website www.mugsu.org.au
Closing date for EOIs is Friday 29th August 2008

**Come and join
Peter Cupples
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Jazz, Wine & Cheese

Friday Sept 12 @ 8pm
Monash University Gippsland
Student Union Lounge.

Table of 8* - \$40 per person
(includes refreshment package)
General admission - Students - \$15
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Peter first came into prominence in 1975 as lead singer and songwriter for the blue-eyed soul band Stylus. Peter has done many main events, but none bigger than opening for Frank Sinatra at sanctuary cove.

In 2006 Peter put a show together with friend and college buddy Jon English called 'Uncorked' a wonderful show of nostalgia and good humour, which has been delighting audiences through out Australia. MUGSU Inc hope to to have the 'Uncorked' show in 2009 to play in the Student Union Lounge

In late 2007 Peter released 'About Time' an album of standards with some very fine original arrangements, once again to show his incredible versatility. 'About Time' was an instant success both here and over seas, with Peter going to Japan in November to perform at a large jazz festival, he is now in negotiations with other major jazz festivals around the world.

In Peters band will be Phil Turcio who is well respected here and over-seas. Phil has an international band called 'Hemisphere'. He just did all the music for the Popes visit and also wrote the song Nicky Webster sang at the 2000 Olympics. Craig Newman on Bass Graig. Known as The King, he use to play in the 'Hey Hey' band and does the two channel seven shows, 'It Takes Two' and 'Dancing With The Stars'.

The Peter Cupples story is one that is ever changing, the latest project Peter is working on, is a musical, so if the past is any indication of the future, this will be really something to look forward to.

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Churchill Primary School

"Show Time At Sea".

As part of the school's performing arts program, a concert is being staged from September 9-11. "Show Time at Sea" is shaping up as a wonderfully positive project involving all students in the school, and with considerable learning at personal growth opportunities for all.

Through their involvement in the concert, the students will

- * Develop their skills and knowledge in the performing arts of dance, drama and music.

- * Increase their self-esteem, confidence and poise, as they learn the skills involved in performing for an audience and for each other.

- * Further develop their social skills as the cast and crew collaborate on an exciting and creative project.

- * Develop an understanding of hard work, commitment and dedication by being involved in a long term project that ultimately reaps wonderful rewards.

- * Enhance their school pride, as staff, parents and students work on a fantastic positive project together.

- * Participating in fun and challenging event that becomes an important and memorable part of the school's program, with other students staff and parents.

Ticket sales will commence shortly, and be available from the school office at \$8 per head. Limited seats will be available so get in quickly to secure your seats, for this wonderful performance.



Churchill Primary Breaky Club

Churchill Primary School's breakfast program has been operating for over four years, with thousands of breakfasts having been served. Many students enjoy having breakfast at school for a variety of reasons, with the obvious social benefits being among them. Children can enjoy a choice of cereals including porridge, some fruit or yoghurt, toast and of course a nice warm Milo on these cold mornings is much appreciated.

Churchill Primary School is a part of a Breakfast Program

made up of four schools that receive financial support from The Morwell Bowling Club Recreation Centre and MECU. We are very fortunate to have this support which extends for the next three years. There is no cost to the families of the children attending the program but any donations are gratefully accepted. Breakfast is served between 8.00 and 8.30 each morning to an average of 30 students.

We are lucky enough to have the assistance of many

wonderful members of the community to help each morning and some of the older students enjoy helping out at Breaky Club as well.

One child who has become a regular helper is Grade 6 student, Damien Campbell, who is pictured serving breakfast to his sister Jessica who is in Prep. Jessica was reluctant to come to school at the start of the year but being able to start the morning with Breaky Club made coming to school fun.

Developmental Curriculum or "Investigation Time"



The Prep-2 grades have settled back into the third term. In Investigation Time, the students can choose an activity and work with other students.

This term, many students have enjoyed being a reporter for our "Churchill News". They have a photographer accompanying them, and below are examples of their reporting, about the busline which has been set up in the classroom.

"Buses." by Tom S.

The driver drives all the other people. A bus has wheels. They have a door. They have seats, some have toilets and they have roofs. They have steps to get up onto the bus. tickets are \$1.

"Churchill Buslines." By Tayla. K.R.

Brianna, the bus driver is taking people where they want to go. Brianna is doing her job properly and sensibly as well.

Hayley and Racheal are our photographers. They are doing a very good job of taking photos.

The Pet Shop/Veterinary Surgery is proving a popular activity this week.

The vet has to write reports on each of the 'patients'.

Bailey F. wrote:

Type of Animal- duck

Symptoms- sore throat and cannot talk.

Treatment- I gave the duck some medicine and he spat it out, so I gave him some more. He didn't spit that out.

The Prep/One Classrooms have been also very busy. The Post Office has had lots of business. A lot of students are choosing to write stories.

One story gives us some friendship tips:

A Book about Megan, Renee and Kayla.



If you share your lollies with people, they will share with you.

If you are nice to others, they will be nice to you.

If you are nice to others, they will be your friends.

The students can choose any number of activities which range from writing, reading, and maths, to building locks, box construction, making collages, and a variety of outside activities during winter months.

Recently there has been a huge improvement in oral language development, problem solving strategies and improved social development.

The school has been using the Developmental Curriculum Approach to Teaching and Learning, for eighteen months in the Prep-2 Section.

If you would like to learn more about our approach to Teaching and Learning, and how it can support your child, please do not hesitate in contacting the school on 51221343, to organise a school tour or alternatively, drop into the office, as every day is an open day at Churchill Primary School.



Western Bulldogs Football Clinic

On Wednesday 23rd July, Grades 3/4Henry and 3/4Maiden were lucky enough to attend a football clinic run by the AFL Western Bulldogs. The students travelled to the Morwell East Football oval, where seventeen of the Western Bulldogs players ran activities with the students,

teaching them to handball, kick, tackle and bump like the pros. The students met all the players, asked them questions and got signatures. The students had a fun day, learnt lots of new skills and played on a very muddy oval.



Churchill North Primary School



Pet Responsibility

Children across the school participated in the annual pet responsibility program. Within these sessions children learned about how to behave and treat dogs and what to do if they

meet a strange dog in the street. All children had the opportunity to test out their newly acquired skills with the presenters dog, Cabe, the Boston Terrier.



Kinder Visit

Children from Glendonald and Watson Park Kinders made their visits during the last week of July. The Children experienced using the Interactive Whiteboard, Playing with the

Parachute and Story Time. Parents had the opportunity to have a tour around the school, see the classrooms and meet some of the staff.



Kinder Prep Transition Program

An exciting transition program has been developed to ensure a smooth transition for our 2009 prep students. Please mark the following dates in your diaries:
 Friday October 24 (2:15 - 3:15),
 Friday November 14 (9:00 - 10:30),

Friday November 28 (2:15 - 3:15) &
 Tuesday December 9 State-wide Orientation (9:00 - 10:30).
 Please contact the school on 5122 1976 for further information on our transition program.

Story Teller

Story teller Hendre Roelink visited the school on July 28th and 29th for a creative writing and story telling session. Children in the upper grades had the opportunity to participate in a creative writing workshop, with the aim to better equip students for creative writing.

Children from the lower grades were involved in a very exciting and interactive story telling session. Children heard stories about crocodiles, animals and teddy bears and met Boofy Bunny the puppet.



1/2 Scarecrows

Children from grade 1/2 J have finally finished their class project of making scarecrows. The four scarecrows now overlook the under-cover area of the school and greet passers by.

The children are now working on their next project - a Churchill North Spooky News Video Production.

School Open Day

A very successful Open Day was held last Friday, with several enrolments and school tours being provided.

know of any families with school age children please encourage them to visit the school and place an enrolment.

If you we unable to attend on this day or

Language Program

Our school has an extensive Integration program with highly trained and capable integration aides. Of significance is the newly developed language room, this enables support for children in the areas of articulation, receptive &

expressive language. Should you have concerns with your child's language development please contact the school as 2008 - Kinder Prep programs operate in Term 4 and positions are filling quickly.



Boolarra Primary School

Fantastic Art Program



Emre, Leah, James, Lauren and Tilly pictured with the computer cover they decorated

Our students are very lucky to have the opportunity to participate in a fantastic art program with our Art teacher Mrs Karen Twomey. Karen comes up with lots of great art lessons for our students to complete.

Students have recently been working in

small groups made up of students from different grades. In these groups students painted fabric to create some very decorative computer covers. The covers will be used in our Thinking and Learning Centre and will provide some colourful decoration for the room.



Boolarra Primary School soccer team Soccer Tournament



Rosie and Dana plan team strategy

We entered a mixed soccer team in the Yinnar and District Sports Association soccer tournament during the first week of term three. Our team was made up of students from grade 3 to 6.

All our students tried their best and did an excellent job out on the field. Students competed in 6 matches and as a result were feeling a little tired by the end of the competition.

Our soccer team drew two games, won one and lost three. Two very skilled soccer players from grade 6 provided excellent coaching.

Keep Fit Don't Sit Program



Grade 3 to 6 students doing the Keep fit don't sit program

Our students from grades 3 to 6 enjoyed a visit from some local basketball players who brought the 'Keep Fit Don't Sit' program to our school. The aim of the 'Keep Fit Don't Sit' program is to motivate and educate students about the benefits of regular physical

activity. Students were taught a variety of new and exciting games which they enjoyed so much that they have continued to play them regularly with their classroom teachers.

Spelling Competition

We will stage our first spelling competition during term three. The competition is open to students from grades 3 to 6. Results from this competition will help us determine which students will represent our school at the Gippsell Spelling Competition.

The Gippsell competition is only open to students

from year 5 to year 8. We have opened our school spelling competition for grade 3 to 6 students to give our younger students a chance to experience a spelling competition, and prepare them for their possible entry into the Gippsell competition in the future.



Lauren, Brianna and Ella skipping with Mrs Tatto's help

Jump Rope For Heart

Boolarra Primary Schools Jump Rope For Heart program came to a spectacular end with the staging of our school Jump Off on the last day of term 2. During the Jump Off a number of excellent skipping routines were performed followed by some small group skipping activities where

each student got a chance to show how much their skipping had improved. Our students managed to raise over \$800 for the Heart Foundation which is an outstanding result considering we only have 73 students at our school.



Tilly and Kayla skipping at the Jump Off



Maddi skipping at the Jump Off

Gippsland Education Precinct (GEP)

Information Night for 2009

A large number of parents and students attended the GEP Information Night on Tuesday 29th July at Monash University. Parents were informed about the many options that exist for students as they make the transition into their senior studies at the GEP. Pathways Coordinator Matt Jobling discussed VCE, VET and VCAL as well as the operations of the campus.

Later parents and students engaged with staff at the twenty different information

booths finding out all VCE studies such as Art, Media, Maths, Literature, IT, Accounting, Chemistry, Music and Physics to name but a few.

It was also a chance for many non-Kurnai parents to come and find out about the Precinct campus and the wide variety of options it offers to Year 11 and 12 students. For more information about enrolling at the Precinct Campus call the school on 51323800.



Art Teachers Heather Lukjanov and David Shields showing students some of the folios produced in Art units this year



Les Ponton discussing Physical Education and Sport and Recreation with the Kearns family



VET Coordinator Heather Slater discusses one of the over 30 VET Courses available students at the GEP

Kurnai College Churchill Campus

Wendy Ruddell School Nurse



School Nurse Wendy Ruddell works in all three campuses of Kurnai, and is at Churchill Junior Campus on Thursdays and Fridays. Her role is in Health Policy Development, [at present she is working on a policy for anaphylaxis], and Health Education in the school, with such programs as Quit Smoking, Self-Esteem Building and Behavioural Management, all programs which promote health and well-being.

Wendy will make referrals to community and allied health care groups for extra support services if necessary. As the School Nurse, she supports the teachers with resources and helps to run health classes.

Wendy's services are available free to any student of the college and their families, with the offer of family support. There is no need to ring for an appointment. Wendy encourages families to work together with her and the school for the best outcomes for each student.



Ben Swift Teaching Technology

Ben is a Career Change teacher. After leaving school, he worked in sporting warehouse. At age 20, he joined the Army for a four year period of service.

He was a member of the Armoured Corps, working on ASLVS- 8-wheeled vehicles as seen in Afghanistan. Ben says he enjoyed every facet of the army life, but decided to try a different road. In 2004 he undertook an apprenticeship in Darwin in roof plumbing, which he completed in 2007.

In September 2007 he moved to Gippsland for family reasons, and continued to work in his trade with plumbers.

Then in April of this year he decided on a new pathway and applied for the Career Change program. He is now working at Kurnai in Technology- wood-work and metal work. Ben says he is finding the work challenging but rewarding, and is enjoying having the students

respond well at both the Junior and GEP levels.

He says there is an overwhelmingly enthusiastic response from students. They are interested in learning manual skills, putting them into practice and make physical objects incorporating designing and construction.

The junior levels, for example are making pencil case's, metal trays, a spice rack and a DVD rack. The older students have made skateboard ramps, bike jumps, a grind box and motor-bike stand.

This subject is compulsory for Year 8's, but is an elective at the GEP, where Ben says the students are mostly boys, but where girls are welcome. He finds the girls are focussed on listening and do the job correctly.

Ben says the staff have been very supportive and welcoming, like a big family led by a fantastic principal team.

Study Club

This club is designed to give all students the opportunity to work with teachers and volunteers, either to keep up with everyday work and assignments, or to do some accelerating and advancement work.

Parents and community members are encouraged to come and assist the teachers and SSR's .

Parents, brothers and sisters can also come and take advantage of the available facilities. Parents are welcome to join in or just have a cuppa while they wait.

Principal, Nello Carbone, wants to develop a sense of community within the school, one of support and encouragement, an atmosphere of friendliness and openness, and

above all provide an opportunity for students to succeed.

"This is an important initiative," he said, "because at the end of semester we find there are students who for a number of reasons have not finished assignments or set work. This is not because they can't, but because they haven't".

He and the staff, who are equally interested in this proposal, would dearly love to see it take off, as they want to give these students a chance to achieve.

Study Club is being run on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm in the Library for a trial period of one term. Nello realises that they need to rely on the parent's support

and encouragement to get the students along, but he believes a change of environment may produce the required result.

Light refreshments will be provided.

The Study Club will be running at the same time as National Even Start Tutorial Program, also in the Library, but in a separate section.

Students in Even Start receive a set number of hours with their tutor, but both groups can come together for refreshments.

Nello reports that he has made personal contact with many families to encourage their participation and he is very hopeful that the program will be successful.

Kurnai College Churchill Campus



Nello Carbone and Laurel Kane looking at the playground equipment brochures

Playground Facilities

For Year 7's there has been no playground facilities to engage them in positive and active play, and to give them a follow on from the brightly coloured, engaging, playgrounds now found in feeder schools. A start has been made, however, to address this issue with the installation of the chess board. Plans are also under way to construct more volleyball courts and four-square courts around the school yard.

The development of the playground was the initiative of teacher Laurel Kane.

Laurel saw the need for Year 7s.

She has done some lobbying on behalf of the students, and has procured plans of playground equipment which will be attractive and challenging, helping the students to burn up some of their boundless energy.

HVP Plantations plot money- \$3400, plus other monies will pay for the equipment.

Preparations are under way, and work will commence soon, on the area at the front of the Library.



Students get hands on with DNA

Learning about DNA in the laboratories at Monash University Gippsland Campus drew VCE students from 14 schools across the Latrobe Valley Gippsland, including Kurnai College, Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon Secondary College and Trafalgar High School.

Students were able to perform the basic techniques required for genetic engineering and DNA fingerprinting, which is relevant to the VCE Unit 4: Biological Continuity and Change.

These techniques are essential tools in the rapidly expanding field of molecular biology. DNA fingerprinting enables genetic diseases to be diagnosed before symptoms occur, enabling treatment to be commenced at an early stage. Genetic engineering techniques are used to produce many new drugs and pharmaceuticals.

Kurnai College Biology teacher Zoe Burney explained the workshops provide local students with an opportunity to experience university

culture and participate in scientific activities that are not typically available at VCE level.

"Our students were excited to have this experience in a real laboratory situation with qualified demonstrators. Overall, it was a highly educative event." said Ms Burney.

Using the equipment available in university laboratories gives students a taste of what it may be like to study and work in areas that require advanced biological knowledge and techniques.

Hazelwood North Primary School



Soccer Tournaments

On Friday the 18th of July there was a Yinnar and District soccer tournament in Morwell at Falcons ground. The boys team played six games against Thorpdale, Yinnar, Lumen Christi, Churchill and Churchill North. We won all games except one. In the grand final {Hazelwood North vs Yinnar} no one scored so Hazelwood North won on points and now we go to Zones.

By Jaye, Darcy and Dale

On Friday the 18th of July some students went to the Falcons soccer ground to play in a soccer round robin. We had a girl's team

and a boy's team. The girls played Churchill first and lost 1-0. Then the girls played Thorpdale and lost 1-0. We had a long break and talked about our team tactics. We then played Yinnar. We fought a strong match but lost 1-0. We had a short break, and then played against Lumen Christi.

We came a draw nil all. The last game we played a terrific game as a team and showed great improvement in their soccer. Thank you to Mrs Blythman for coaching us, Mrs Duncan for coaching the boys and Jaye Anders for umpiring the girls.

By Chloe S and Zoey H



Grade 4's, 5's And 6's Excursion to Werribee and Scienceworks

On Wednesday the 16th of July grades 4, 5 and 6's drove down to the Werribee Treatment Plant. Mrs Foster's grade and the grade 6's from Mrs Duncan's grade went on a bus together. I sat next to Stacey and we played I-Spy. It took about 3 hours to get to the treatment plant. We had to cross the West Gate Bridge to get there.

When we got there we split into groups. First the tour guides told us some of the rules. Then my group and our tour guide Richard went on a bus tour to see how our sewerage got turned into class C recycled water. We visited 10 different lagoons. One lagoon had bacteria that eat the sewerage and another lagoon had air turbines in it. I learned that once the bacteria have eaten the sewerage the Treatment Plant kills it.

After that we had our snack and of course before that we washed our hands.

We then went into the Discovery Centre and we had to take our shoes off. Richard showed us how

much of different types of water there is. Then we went over and looked at a model of Melbourne. Richard showed us a movie about where a drop of water goes.

After the Discovery Centre we drove to Science Works and watched a show called "Where does the water go?" I learnt that Melbourne's nickname used to be Smelbourne and they used to throw their sewerage on the street.

Then Nick showed us around and told us about the old Pumping Station and we got to see how one works. There were 20 cent coins on the old Pumping Station and they didn't move a bit.

We had lunch and I went to put my rubbish in the bin and a sea gull flew into me.

It took 3 hours to drive home and we stopped twice. We arrived back at school at about 6:00pm. I had a great time but it stank.

By Amber S.



News from Grades 2, 3 & 4

On Friday 25th of July we went to Kickhorse Canyon in Traralgon. The Friends of the Reserve showed us around. We saw lots of birds there. Then we went to Newman Park, we played then had lunch. Then

we walked to the art gallery, Andrea showed us it. After that we went on a train. It was a fun day.

By Hayden R.

Teacher Professional Development

Once again this term teachers have been attending Professional Development Activities. We had a two day school closure where the teachers began an intensive computer course that will enable them to keep abreast with technology. Other courses that teachers have

attended include - Maths 300, EMU Maths, Creative Approaches to Teaching Mathematics with Charles Lovitt, Numeracy and Literacy with Andrea Hillbrick, Boys in Literacy, First Aid and Principal's Big Day Out.

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| Gypsie Griffiths 4 - August 8 | Kerry Missingham 5 - August 18 |
| Katelin Lugton 12 - August 8 | |

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Lumen Christi Playgroup

The children at the Lumen Christi Playgroup recently had fun at a Teddy Bears picnic.

All the children brought along their favourite teddy, and the children and their teddy bears joined in lots of activities.

They iced teddy bear biscuits and decorated them with mini M&M's, made teddy bear puppets and played 'Pin the Heart on the Teddy'.

Well done to Nathaniel who won the game. The

children and their teddy bears then sat on picnic rugs and enjoyed eating their decorated biscuits.

After a very busy session, the children enjoyed listening to the story 'Teddy Bear's Picnic', followed by each child and teddy receiving a special certificate and small gift.

All the children and their teddy bears went home for a well earned rest!



TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC SONG

If you go out in the woods today
You're sure of a big surprise.
If you go out in the woods today
You'd better go in disguise.

For every bear that ever there was
Will gather there for certain, because
Today's the day the teddy bears have their picnic.



Churchill & Monash Golf Club Results



Saturday Mens Comp: Stroke - Monthly Medal.
28/06/08. CCR: 68.

Scratch: P Smart (18) 82. A-Grade: /Medal: P Smart (18) 64. B-Grade: M Fletcher (19) 70. C-Grade: T Webb (29) 65. DTL: A Percy 66, S Wotton 68, G Spowart 69, M Smart 71, G Miller 70. NTP: 3rd T O'Rielly, 5th T Collins, 12th R Scurlock, 14th B Kilday. Birdies: 3rd G Down, 3rd G Miller, 3rd J Dickson. Putts: G Fraser 26.

Sunday Comp: Stableford. 29/06/08.

Mens Winner: W Judkins (19) 39. DTL: P Smart (17) 38c/b. NTP: 3rd G Down, 14th P Smart. Ladies Winner: H Croft (38) 34.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Scratch - Monthly Medal.
01/07/08. CCR: 70.

Scratch: E D'Alterio (22) 99. Handicap/Medal: E D'Alterio (22) 77. DTL: C Ellis (31) 85c/b. Putts: E D'Alterio 33. Silver Spoon: C Ellis.

Saturday Mens Comp: Round 1 Pairs Championship (Stable AGGR). 05/07/08.

Winners: P Ludlow (14), R Welsh (23) 65 pts. DTL: M Smart and P Smart 64, P Shields and M Fletcher 63, C Flanigan and H Martin 61. NTP: 3rd V Monument, 12th P Shields.

Sunday Comp: Stableford: 06/07/08.

Ladies Winner: H Croft (38) 33 pts. DTL: J Leslie (22) 29 pts. Mens Winner: R Timbs (31) 34 pts. NTP: 5th C Barnes, 14th H Croft.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: First Round 4BBB Championships. 08/07/08. CCR: 70.

Winners: J Beck (29), M McDonald (33) 44pts. DTL: D Judkins (34) D Thomas (22) 35 pts. NTP: 0-32 5th/14th D Scurlock, 33-45 5th/14th M McDonald.

Saturday Mens Comp: Second Round Pairs, Stableford Aggregate. 12/07/08. CCR: 68.

Day Winners: V Monument/F Sedjak 77pts. DTL: P Ludlow/R Welsh 69 pts, B Kilday/C Flanigan 66pts. NTP: 3rd M Fletcher, 5th B Kilday, 12th G Down, 14th P Smart. Birdies 3rd M Fletcher. Stableford Aggregate Champions: P Ludlow/R Welsh 134 pts. Runners Up: V Monument/F Sedjak 131pts.

Sunday Mens Comp: 13/07/08. CCR: 68.

Winner: R Timbs (31) 39 pts. DTL: M Smart (24) 34 pts.

Sunday Ladies Comp: 13/07/08. CCR: 70.

Winner: D Judkins (31) 34 pts.
Tuesday Ladies Comp: Second Round 4BBB Championships. 15/07/08. CCR: 70.

Winners: J Blizzard (26)/D Scurlock (15) 38 pts. DTL: T Buxton/A Hibbert 37 pts, C Ellis/L Peake 35 pts. NTP: 5th/14th 33-45 Toni Buxton.

Saturday Mens Comp: Par. 19/07/08. CCR: 67.

A-Grade: P Smart (17) +3. B-Grade: F DeBono (23) +1. DTL: H Martin +2, B Kilday SQ, D Taylor +1, V Monument SQ. NTP: 3rd P Smart, 5th H Martin, 12th R Scurlock, 14th H Martin. Birdies: 12th R Scurlock.

Sunday Comp: Stableford. 20/07/08.

Mens Winner: T Webb (28) 40 pts. DTL: M Smart (23) 37 pts. Ladies Winner: E D'Alterio (22) 31pts. NTP: 3rd V Monument, 12th V Monument.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Final Round 4BBB Championship. 22/07/08. AWCR: 70.

Winners: D Scurlock (15), J Blizzard (26) 44pts. DTL: D Judkins (31), Y Wotton (26) 39 pts, C Ellis (31), L Peake (41) 37 pts c/b. NTP: 12th J Blizzard. 5th/14th 33-45 M M McDonald. Winners 2008 4BBB Championship: D Scurlock (15), J Blizzard (26) 82pts.

Saturday Mens Comp: Stroke Monthly Medal. 26/07/08. CCR: 70.

Scratch: R Scurlock 79. A-Grade:/Medal: S McCafferty (13) 68 c/b. B-Grade: M Fletcher (19) 68. C-Grade: B Kilday (23) 72 c/b.

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Churchill Coach Anthony Collins (third from right) rallies his team during a break in play

Rams Title Favourites

Churchill United moved four points clear on top of the GSL ladder and became title favourites after a hard fought 2-1 victory over Fortuna on Sunday.

In spite of the winter weather the largest home and away crowd in recent memory was on hand to see the league heavy weights slug it out in an epic clash.

The match was punctuated with aggressive spot fires as both teams tried to physically intimidate the other, resulting in the referee handing out seven yellow card cautions.

The Rams gained the upper hand after twenty four minutes when Mark Bianconi drove a free kick to the six yard box where coach, Anthony Collins, broke through to smash the ball home for the opening goal.

Soon after Luke Cheney looped a chip from twenty yards to leave Fortuna keeper David Anderson in no mans land as he watched the ball hit his cross bar and away narrowly from danger.

The second half was an arm wrestle as both sides strove for a goal for Fortuna to pull level and Churchill to increase their advantage.

The ever dangerous Cheney thought he had scored Churchill's second when he coolly finished past an advancing Anderson in the Fortuna goal before being judged off side by the assistant referee.

Fortuna's defence began to show cracks and when a long ball found wingman Shane McColl he carried the ball twenty five yards before finishing past Anderson as he left his goal line.

The 2-0 lead sent the Churchill faithful into raptures but their joy was short lived as former Rams player Cameron Dunne threaded a needle around the defensive wall to score with his free kick.

The final minutes were intense as the Orangemen strove for an equaliser before time ran out and the Rams prevailed 2-1.



Fortuna keeper David Anderson punches the ball clear as Churchill's Anthony Collins and Paul Riess zero in on goal

Boolarra Bowls Season Opening

Betty Fox

Currently our lawn bowlers are enjoying a winter break. Boolarra Bowls Club opening day for season 08-09 is Sunday 14th September and the green is looking great. The bowling will start at 1.30pm. We will be having a game of bowls followed by afternoon tea. Friends and new players are very welcome. All that is required is a pair of flat soled shoes. Bowls are available. Come along and give it a try. We are looking forward to seeing lots of new faces.

Two carpet bowls teams are participating in winter pennant competitions and doing very well. They are also very active representing the club at tournaments, and, later this month will hold their own tournament.

Thursday afternoon is social bowls.

We will miss our valued members Joan and Ivan Flanigan who have recently relocated to Caloundra in Queensland.

Nance Robbins and Jack Richards had a combined luncheon at our club to celebrate their 80th birthdays. Nancy, one of our past presidents, who has been residing in Ballina for the past fifteen years, chose to come back to Boolarra to celebrate with family and friends, most of whom live in Gippsland. Jack has been a member for several years and a very well known and popular resident of Boolarra. Most of his family also live in the area. Nancy and Jack both went to school at Budgeree Primary and even sat together in class, so it was fit-

ting that they were able to have a joint celebration at our club as their birthdays were only one day apart.

As usual the Boolarra members did a wonderful job with catering and there were lots of compliments. A new dishwasher is currently being installed.

Please don't forget our fundraising sausage sizzle at Bunnings Warehouse on Sunday 7th September (Fathers Day). Community support will be appreciated.

A Date for Your Diaries

The Monday Men's Triples are on again this year and will be starting on the fourth Monday in September. They will continue throughout the bowls season on the fourth Monday of each month. A friendly invitation is extended to all bowlers to attend these days.

Auskick Purpose Built Trailer

Churchill and Boolarra Auskick Centres are the proud owners of a new purpose built trailer designed to transport the Centre's Auskick equipment. Churchill Auskick co-ordinator, Rob Wilkins, designed the trailer which was built with the help of a number of sponsors.

At a gathering of sponsors at the premises of 'Alternate Dwellings' in Firmins Lane, Morwell, Rob took the opportunity to thank them. In addition, Shane Collier of Quantum Support Services presented a cheque for \$1,000 from Quantum Staff Community Support Fund and Quantum Support Services.

"It is always pleasing to be able to assist community groups such as the Churchill Auskick where we can," said Shane. "Auskick is a great program for the kids and we are happy to help."

Also present was Gippsland Power

Coach, Aussie Jones and Regional Auskick Manager, Rod Connelly.

Churchill will continue to run Auskick after school from the Churchill North Primary School. For more information please contact the school on 5122 1976. Principal, Debbie Edwards was present and her school will be the first to make use of the trailer.

Thanks go to all the sponsors who contributed to the trailer: Langridge Design and Drafting (Chris Langridge), Strzelecki Plumbing (Dean Grima), ProRent (Mick Gardam), Mallard Cycles (Shane Dunn), Woody's Hardware (John Woodbridge), Boolarra Football and Netball Club (Stella the Raffle Lady), Rob's Painting (Rob Wilkins), Alternate Dwellings (Ross Gilbert), Quantum Support Services and Peter Sanders who did the welding.



Keep fit - play tennis

Churchill Tennis Club

Elaine Andrijczak, Secretary

Social Tennis on Mondays

Social tennis on Mondays is now in recess until mid-September.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on Wednesday, 13th August in the Clubhouse. Discussion took place on the teams which may be entered in competitions for the coming season.

Summer Competition

If you would like to play in the summer competition commencing

early October, please contact either Carol Scott, Glen or Sally Kirstine or Elaine Andrijczak. If you have a group of friends who would like to play together, contact any of the above to discuss the level of grade you could enter.

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 would like to encourage new members to make use of the excellent facilities at the Club.