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## 2008 Writing Competition 'Out of this World'!



Cr Doug Cauflied presents talented young writer, Chloe Morley, with first prize for her entry 'A Country Boy'.



Maddison Boulding reads her winning story 'The Three Little Wolves' to guests at the Prizegiving Ceremony

### Gippsland Through Your Eyes Quilt Challenge



The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre Quilt and Craft Exhibition was an outstanding success with

many stunning exhibits.

Pictured above winners in the Quilt Challenge 'Gippsland

Through Your Eyes', from left to right Peggy Fisher, Patricia Symes, Christine Luck and Irene Stirling.



Cr Darrell White presents Adam West with first prize for his entry 'Salamandrae'

Congratulations to all the winners in our 2008 writing competition! Some of the winning entries are on pages 13 - 18, with more to be published next month. A list of all the winners is on page 2.



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Peter McShane and Peter Gray

# Neighbourhood Watch AGM

Churchill Neighbourhood Watch held its AGM on 21st August.

Peter Gray was re-elected into the position of Co-ordinator with Peter McShane as Assistant Co-Ordinator, Sherryn Gray as Secretary and Ruth Place as Assistant

Secretary.

Peter Gray thanked the committee for their support over the last twelve months.

Meetings are held on third Thursday of each month at 7.30pm at Churchill Neighbourhood House. All are welcome to attend.

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## Writing Competition Winners

Thank you to all those who entered our Short Story and Poetry Competition. Judging was very difficult as there were so many good entries.

Thank you also to all those who came to our presentation night. It was a terrific evening. Congratulations to all our winners.

We would like to thank our sponsors: International Power Hazelwood, HUM-CASS, Monash University Gippsland, Hazelwood Rotary, Latrobe City Council

### Category 1: Under 7 Short Story

1st Lauren Akers  
2nd Kayla Welsh  
3rd Maggie Clancey  
Special Awards Gabrielle Medew  
Hannah Dal Pozzo  
Ben Taylor

Best Illustration Rachael Pendlebury

### Category 2: 8 - 10 Short Story

1st Maddison Bolding  
2nd Courtney Vella  
Isis Tylor

Special Awards: Brenton Clissold

Ayen Anyieth Zach Campbell  
Emily Vella Kristen Schumann  
Murdo McKay Matthew Davison  
Declan Gillan

Best Presentation Brenton Hodson

Jazmyn Wilkins  
Michaela Telford

### Category 3 8 - 10 Poetry

1st Hannah Linton  
2nd Brittany Smart  
3rd Alessandra Hardy

Best Presentation Stacey Webster

### Category 4: 11 - 13 Short Story

1st Isabella Scott  
2nd Brett Sebire  
Emma Telford  
3rd Cassandra Hooimeyer  
Meagan McKelvie

Special Awards: Zoe Hibbert  
Tayla Smith  
Shane Collins

Best Presentation Annie Reggardo,  
Emma Telford and Isabella Scott

Jessica Smart & Celeste Beale

### Category 5 11 - 13 Poetry

1st Cassandra Hooimeyer  
2nd Daymon Marriott  
3rd Sarajane Ballard

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Thanks also to Russell Northe, Cr Darrell White, Cr Doug Caulfield, Ray Beebee from Hazelwood Rotary, Neil Lawson from International Power Hazelwood, George Telford and Dr Susan Yell from Monash University for presenting the prizes at our ceremony.

A big thank you also to the school teachers for their help and support.

Special Awards Achan Anyieth  
Melissa Head Zoe Kilpatrick  
Ngor Anyieth Sturt Notting  
Alex Lawson Shaun Langanke  
Isaac Van Rihine Gabe Olver  
Josephine Slater

### Category 6 14 - 18 Short Story

1st Vicky Daddo  
Monika Holmwood  
2nd Chloe Morley  
3rd Giorgia Scott  
Erin Tatlow

Special Awards Giorgia Scott

Sarah Aquilina  
Vicki Daddo

### Category 7: 14 - 18 Poetry

1st Jessie Willis

### Category 8 Adult Short Story

1st Sandra James  
2nd Carol Campbell  
3rd Des Bennett

Honorable Mention Kevin Jackson

Peter Papathanasiou

### Category 9 Adult Poetry

1st Des Bennett  
2nd Kay Ruane  
3rd Bill Jordan

Honorable Mention Sandra James  
Miriam Withers

### Category 10: Local History

1st Chloe Morley  
2nd Sandra James

### Category 11: A Children's Story

1st Gloria Whalan (Yarrowalan)  
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### Category 12 Out of this World

1st Andrew West  
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## Cool Club 4 Kids

Jenny McKellar

As you are all aware we have just had the Olympic Games in Beijing, China. We are all very proud of our athletes, and their achievements.

Well everyone at Cool Club 4 Kids, also went to China (in our imagination). The children made their passports and tickets, and boarded the plane. Once there, we visited the Movie Theatre to find out about China, and toured China and the surrounding places.

Then we had our Opening ceremony and lit the cauldron with our

Olympic Torch.

The next four weeks, we had a variety of sports games in teams, each team being a colour of the Olympic Rings. The children had a really exciting time trying different sports.

Week Five we had a Chinese Feast, where they tried yummy chicken and sweet corn soup, fried rice, boiled rice, prawn crackers, rice crackers and fruit. Have you tried to eat these with chopsticks? The children had a wonderful time trying to eat.

Last week, we had our closing ceremony and boarded the plane to come home to Australia.

Everyone got a true sense of friendship and working together as a team.

After School Club is now called Cool Club 4 Kids and is run each Wednesday at the Shed at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill from 3:30pm- 5:00pm. It is open to school children from Grade 2-6.

Everyone is welcome.



**Michaela Wilkie reading the Olympic Oath on behalf of the athletes**

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breath and their families. People who require home oxygen are invited. The meetings are friendly and informal and everyone is welcome. The Community Respiratory Nurse attends the meetings and is available to answer questions.

Helen McAdam from Consumer Affairs will be the guest speaker at the September meeting. Helen will

be speaking about consumer rights generally and what you need to know when considering retirement village living. The meeting will be held on Thursday September 18th from 1pm to 3pm at Latrobe Community Health Service, 42-44 Fowler Street Moe.

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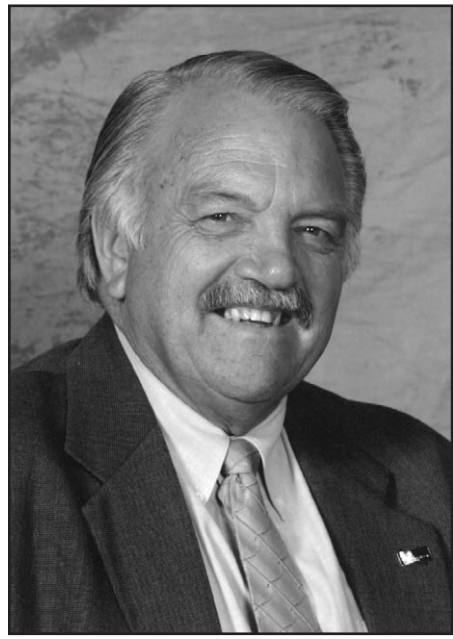
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# Churchill Town Centre Plan

Cr. Darrell White



Council is currently working through one of the most important planning exercises in Churchill's history

The expansion of Ritchies Supermarket, redevelopment of West Place and construction of the Community Hub are now taking place, within the context of the Churchill Town Centre Plan that was adopted by Council in August 2007. It is now necessary to build on the ideas in the concept plans developed last year, in order to prepare detailed engineering plans. Council has appointed Steve Thorne from DesignUrban and Jim Higgs from TTM Consulting to prepare new plans.

A community consultation session was held at the Churchill Football Netball Club Social Rooms on 27th August last, in conjunction with the Churchill District Community Association's Annual General Meeting. About 35 residents attended, and the meeting considered alternative designs and explored themes to be addressed in subsequent detailed design workshops.

These Design Workshops were then held on 1st and 2nd September last. The aim was to provide a further opportunity for the community to comment on the alternative options for the Churchill Town Centre Plan, and to refine the

details. About 30 residents and business operators attended over the two days, providing more local input. Items that were refined included improved car parking, stronger landscaping, and a clearer role for a plaza and civic space to connect the parts of the town centre.

It has been impressive to see the enthusiasm and interest shown in the planning to date. The fact that there has been such a mix of Churchill residents and businesses who have been so willing to provide an input means that the final plans will have a truly local flavour.

Thanks are extended to everyone who participated in the consultation sessions. In particular, the Churchill District Community Association, who willingly included the consultation session as part of their Annual General Meeting, this was much appreciated.

Further information on the Churchill Town Centre Plan project can be obtained from Ian Gibson, Place Manager, Churchill Town Centre Plan, Latrobe City Council, on 5128 5444.

## Progress Continues At the Churchill & District Community Hub

Over the past few weeks, construction of the Churchill & District Community Hub has been gathering pace and the building is now taking shape. The steelwork and wall frames are complete and the roof has been erected over the new building, giving it a shape and presence. At the same time, work on refurbishing the town hall is nearing completion, with a new kitchen and toilets to be installed upstairs and community workshops and new toilets created downstairs. The builders, W. Parnell Constructions are confident the building will be complete by the end of December 2008 and ready for use in late January 2009.

A new management committee is being established by Latrobe City Council to provide oversight and direction for the Hub into the future. Nominations have been received from a number of people with a strong involvement in the

Churchill community and membership of the committee will be announced shortly.

In addition to the construction work, representatives of Latrobe City Council and the Architects for the Hub, have recently met with the "design team" working on the Churchill Town Centre plan, to ensure there is a strong link between the Hub and the town centre and to coordinate landscaping and design features.

Further information on the Churchill & District Hub Project can be obtained from David Welch, Manager Child & Family Services, Latrobe City Council, on 5128 5603.

## Southern Towns Outdoor Recreation Plan

Latrobe City Council has appointed Sykes Humphreys Consulting to undertake the task of developing an "Outdoor Recreation Plan" for the southern towns of the municipality. Part of the process associated with this project has been the scheduling of a meeting on Wednesday 10th September last, at the Churchill Soccer Club for the community to contribute their thoughts to the project. The Consultancy team will also be randomly selecting one hundred households to survey by telephone as well.

The ten recreational reserves for the southern towns of Latrobe City include Boolarra Recreation Reserve, Callignee Recreation Reserve, Andrews Park West, Gaskin Park, Hazelwood South Reserve, Flynn Recreation Reserve, Hazelwood North Tennis Club, Warren Terrace (Hazelwood North), Traralgon South Recreation Reserve and the Yinnar Recreation Reserve.

The "Plan" will be similar to those developed for Traralgon, Moe/Newborough and Morwell.

A large number of sports are currently being played at these reserves including football, netball, cricket, tennis, soccer, baseball, hockey, badminton and equestrian activities and these reserves also play a key role in providing passive recreation opportunities for residents and visitors

such as walking, playing and picnicking. Improving these sporting reserves will encourage more outdoor recreation and will align with the healthy by design concept which Latrobe City Council has recently adopted.

It is intended that all activities will be considered in the preparation of the plan and individual master plans will be developed for each reserve. These plans will identify opportunities for improvements at each reserve to ensure that future needs are understood and catered for in the longer term. As some of these facilities are also used by playgroups, residents associations and other community groups, their needs will also be taken into account as part of the process.

For further information contact Carol Jeffs, Manager, City Planning and Development, Latrobe City Council on 5128 5497.

Residents and community groups are also invited to forward submissions to the Coordinator Recreation and Open Space Planning, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell. 3840.

## Gum leaf quilters - "2008 biennial quilts and craft exhibition"

It was a privilege for me to have the opportunity to officially open the Gum Leaf Quilters "2008 Biennial Quilts and Craft Exhibition" at the Yinnar and District Memorial Hall on the evening of Friday 29th August last.

A key highlight of this year's biennial event was the "Quilt Challenge" which had as its theme "Gippsland through your eyes". A fantastic array of entries was on display for the event that was held over the two days, Friday and Saturday. Well done to all involved and to all of the entrants.

The "Gum Leaf Quilters" Group are based at and have the support of the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre for their regular activities.



By Margaret Guthrie, President

At our AGM last month, CDCA was pleased to host the Community Consultation session for plans to re-design the Churchill Town Centre. Local residents came along to have their say about what's needed to revitalise and improve the central activity district, particularly in light of all the construction that's happening at present.

Residents were asked what they liked and disliked about the town centre now and what they'd like to see in future plans. A question was asked "if you could have one thing - anything - in the town centre, what would it be?" Overwhelmingly, the response was an attractive green space or plaza, with shade, shelter, seats and tables, somewhere close to the shops.

The session commenced with a short presentation highlighting the principles of good urban design and the shortcomings of Churchill's current retail precinct. Four design options were presented as things that 'might' be done to make the town centre more attractive and 'user friendly' for shoppers.

These concept sketches focussed on where roads should be, particularly Georgina Place. The first route was to connect Georgina Place to Balfour Place on the western side of the new West Place development as the only through road. Other options included a straight road from the current intersection at Monash Way through to Phillip Pde or a curved road through the shopping centre car park down the hill to the Hub.

All the options included a narrowing of Phillip Parade (from the Churchill Skate Park to the LCHS site) in front of the new Community Hub, in order to slow traffic and provide better pedestrian safety for Hub and Town Hall users.

On Sept 1st and 2nd, the consultants held further design workshops at the Churchill Footy Club rooms. Residents, along with other stakeholders, such as representatives of Churchill's commercial developments, retail businesses and Monash University, were able to sit down with the consultants and view the new design in

its development stage. Feedback was invited, with particular attention to what might work and any perceived problems with design elements like pedestrian access, traffic, parking, etc.

It seems very likely that the final design recommendations will include a narrowing of Phillip Pde on the Town Hall side to create a larger green civic space linking the Hub and Town Hall. Also likely is the creation of a "pedestrian spine" to enable people to walk safely from the southern car-park to the entrance of Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre, via the new arcade built at West Place and a new path that continues the arcade along the eastern edge of the centre car-park. This pathway might intersect an 'outdoor café' area that is being looked at as part of the concept plan.

Georgina Place may still connect Monash Way to Phillip Pde, with a 'sweep' (or southerly curve) through the car-park, with suitably raised pedestrian crossing ramps to slow traffic. It's been suggested that the bus stop be sited mid-way along, to locate it in the centre of the shopping centre precinct. The road may also link to Balfour Place on the western side of the West Place redevelopment and remain open to Marina Drive (perhaps to be renamed Marina Lane), which might be narrowed at the Town Hall end to discourage through traffic, whilst still allowing use as a service road.

The slope from Phillip Parade to the shopping centre presents a challenge for pedestrians, prams, wheelchairs and shopping carts that the consultants believe can be met by zigzag type pathways up the hill.

Also under consideration is to site parking bays in east-west rows throughout the retail precinct, creating more uniformity, along with lots of new trees, extra footpaths, green areas

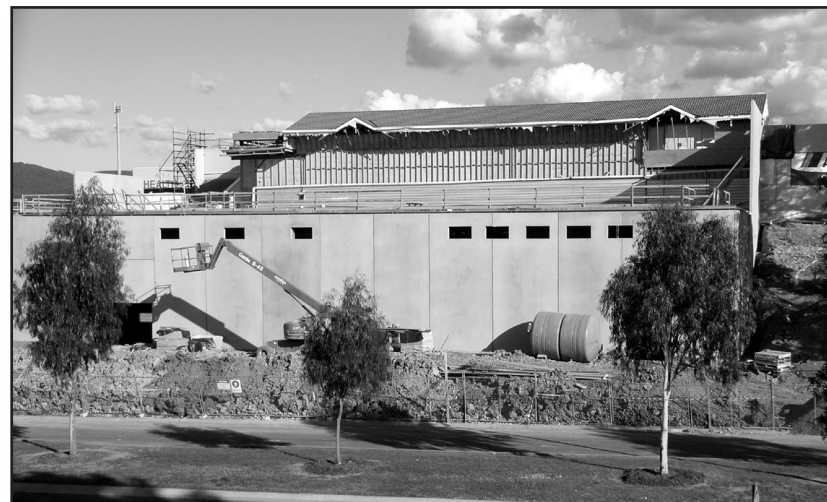
# Re-Designing our Town Centre

and an outdoor space where locals can enjoy a cup of coffee or a bite to eat.

Latrobe City Council adopted a Town Centre Plan for Churchill in August 2007 and has appointed consultants Jim Higgs (TTM Consultancy) and Steve Thorne (DesignUrban) to progress detailed designs. The consultants will present a final report to Council for consideration later this year. For further information, contact Ian Gibson at Latrobe City Council on 5128 5444 or email [iangi@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:iangi@latrobe.vic.gov.au)

At the next CDCA meeting (to be held at 7pm on Wednesday 24th September at Churchill Football and Netball Club), an update will be provided on the progress of the town centre design plans. All Churchill and district residents are welcome to attend.

CDCA can be contacted at PO Box 191, Churchill or by phoning the Secretary, Rob Whelan on 0427223602 or via email: [robwhelan@eftel.net.au](mailto:robwhelan@eftel.net.au)



Work progressing at Ritchies IGA





# Monash Open Day

More than 3500 people attended Monash University's Gippsland campus during its busy Open Day on August 2.

Prospective students and their parents were provided with information on the wide range of undergraduate and post-graduate courses in a range of faculties, including Arts, Medicine and Health Sciences, Art and Design, Engineering, Business and Economics, Education, Science and Information Technology.

There was strong interest in Monash's Education courses, including the opportunities to work as a student teacher in places such as Korea, Cook Islands and the Northern Territory.

There was also interest in the "middle school" study option, available only for Gippsland campus students studying the Bachelor of Primary Education course, which enables students to teach years seven to 10, in addition to primary school stu-

dents.

Kate Anderson said the Gippsland campus had unique features that continued to make it attractive to students, including a friendly, community-feel campus and environmental awareness.

"Students appreciate the free parking and onsite student accommodation," Kate said.

More information on Monash's Gippsland campus can be found at [www.gippsland.monash.edu.au](http://www.gippsland.monash.edu.au).



Students helping at the 'See the World' interactive Display at the Switchback Gallery, Monash University

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## Lionesses Spring into Hazelwood House Rose Garden!

By Margaret Dawson

It's spring again and the Rose Garden at Hazelwood House which has been planted and maintained by the Lionesses since it's inception is in need of more than the usual maintenance. The Lionesses have allocated \$500 from funds and will provide the labour required to replace some of the plants and the watering system.

Recently the Club donated 36 hand made blankets to the Open Family for homeless youth along with a cash donation of \$500 from our raffle drawn at the Changeover

Dinner in July. Kilmany Family Care also received 10 blankets.

Lionesses Marilyn Grisotto, Lyle Haustorfer and Margaret Dawson attended the Daffodil Day Luncheon at the Waratah Restaurant to assist in raising funds for cancer research.

The Treasurer, Wendy Steenbergen, reported that the Club made cash donations of \$5,500 in July/August. The recipients are as follows: Open Family \$500, Palliative Care Gippsland \$2,500, Lifeline Gippsland \$1,500, Centenary House (Rotary) \$500,

Hazelwood House Rose Garden \$500.

"The Club is delighted to be able to assist in making a difference in our community and is appreciative of the support offered to us by family and friends" said Media Officer, Margaret Dawson.

Any member of the community interested in the work of the Lionesses can contact President, Sue Lowick on 51222502.

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# Chaplain's Contemplations

By FR HUGH BROWN

One of the great strengths of our community here at Monash as well as within the Latrobe Valley is the presence of some many members of the Islamic faith. There is no doubt that we live at a time when suspicion and even prejudice can cloud our judgements of the values and practices of different faith traditions - this can and often does happen between any and every religious tradition at different times. Now more than ever there is need for greater dialogue and building up a culture of mutual trust and understanding between us.

The month of September, the ninth month of the Muslim lunar calendar, is a particularly important month for members of the Islamic faith. It is known as Ramadan and, in its own way, corresponds somewhat with the traditional Christian period of Lent in the way that it is designed to help Muslims deepen their faith through fasting and prayer. For Muslims throughout the world, Ramadan requires a special commitment to prioritise their spiritual over their physical lives.

During Ramadan, Muslims refrain from eating, drinking, smoking and sexual relations during the daylight hours - this "fasting" is a way of directing their attention to the demands of Allah (God) as laid down in the holy book, the Quran, and revealed through the prophet, Mohammad. When you come to think of it, this

demand of fasting has a lot to teach us who live in a society where obesity and consumerism are more the rule than the exception. The very concept of fasting from food, drink and other human pleasures, while something we don't normally think of as inviting, is a discipline that can remind us that the human person "does not live on bread alone" and that values beyond the merely physical can be life-giving and rewarding.

Another important aspect of Ramadan is prayer - 5 times a day a Muslim is called to direct his or her attention to God - dawn, noon, mid-afternoon, sunset and evening. This prayer is preceded by ritual ablutions and the individual faces Mecca (the East) and with set movements recites the call to prayer and makes a personal prayer. Again, prayer, in a world where scientific rationalism almost reigns supreme, is a humble acknowledgement that we live in a world guided by a power greater than the human and a creation that invites both reverence and awe.

In a recent book on Islam, Hans Kung, a Christian theologian, somewhat simplistically characterised Judaism as a religion of hope, Christianity as a religion of love and Islam as a religion of faith. We need all three - faith, hope and love - to live a fully human life.

# Church Snippets

This past month has been a month of visitors. The first Sunday we had Liz Sulley and two representatives from Fusion join us.

They spoke of their work, and aspirations for the future, and thanked the church for their support of the breakfast programs at Kurnai.

Linda Mink the CRE (Christian Religious Education) Support Officer was also present and explained to the congregation the great need there is for more CRE teachers to make sure all children who want to hear, are able to hear about the love of God.

The second Sunday, we welcomed John Maynard to lead our service, while Rev Bob was on leave.

Then we had John Lawrence who is the CEO of Kilmany Family Services, come to speak to us about the services offered by Kilmany, and of the very detailed precautions they employ to ensure that all who work for them are checked for suitability.

After the service John spoke to Parish Councilors, and other interested people, about ideas for making connections with the local community, to think about ways to help make a positive difference.

This month has also been an opportunity to focus on our stewardship.

In a letter to the congregation Rev Bob reminded us that "Stewardship is about making choices, as individuals and as a congregation. It is more than giving money to the church. Stewardship is about being faithful disciples, caring for and managing all that God has given us."

So the last couple of weeks we have focused on celebrating what is good about our church, in its past and present, the faithfulness and good work carried out, and also celebrating the great things that are happening now, giving thanks with grace-filled gratitude to God who has been our guide through the last 42 years, and will continue to guide us into the future.

## Lumen Christi Baptism

Earlier this year one of our Year 5 students, Bronwyn Slater was baptised.

This was a wonderful occasion for her, her family and the school.



## Hazelwood House Happenings

The residents joined in the spirit of the Olympic games by holding a mini Olympics at the hostel.



Velta enjoying a game of Quoits



Volunteer Dawn makes the most of a sunny day taking resident Julius for a walk around the rose garden



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Alan enjoys a game of chess with a friend who visited the hostel



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## Brett Akkerman-Outstanding Country Apprentice

Brett Akkerman has been awarded Outstanding Country Apprentice of 2007 in Certificates 1 and 2 in Butcher.

Brett Akkerman grew up in Churchill attending Churchill Primary School and Kurnai College. After finishing Year 12, he began working part time at Big W, followed by Moe Abatoir when a full time job was offered. He worked as a labourer for 8-9 months. It was good experi-

ence he says, but he wanted a qualification, so he applied for an apprenticeship at Ryan's Family Butchers at Heyfield and was accepted. It is a four year apprenticeship, working in a shop under supervision, and eight weeks in two week blocks, at the William Angliss Institute in Melbourne.

Brett started on a three month trial period, which was extended to one and a half years, and has seen Brett complete Certificates 1 and 2, with three completed since he came to Oliver's Butcher's at Mid Valley a few months ago. He will graduate in June 2009, at a ceremony at the William Angliss Institute.

Brett has really enjoyed his apprenticeship learning new skills including the various cuts of meat and how to prepare them. He says you see meat in a supermarket or shop and don't really appreciate the skills it takes to cut and present the meat. It has been a real eye-opener, but one he has enjoyed.

Other skills learnt include how to use different types of knives, cleavers, and other machinery such as a band saw, mincer, sausage making machine. How to sharpen, maintain and clean this equipment is also learnt.

In Trade School, apprentices learn about food handling laws, hygiene, and customer service. He has also picked up many cooking tips, and looks forward to trying them out on his family and friends. Brett says it is a very good course. The lecturers from William Angliss visit the apprentices in their work situations and make sure they are doing the work correctly, and assess how they are performing.

Brett has been enthusiastic in learning the trade work. He says he now has many skills, and has worked with a great group of guys.

Brett, in winning this award, has been presented with a trophy, a certificate, and a \$100 cheque. The awards are sponsored by Food Processing Equipment Pty Ltd (FPE).

Brett plans to complete his time, work and get some more experience and then consider the possibility of owning his own butcher shop.

Brett is very thankful to his family for their support of his career path. He has appreciated their encouragement. He would also like to thank Craig Ryan, where he started his apprenticeship, for his encouragement.



## La Trobe Country Credit loan rate is tops

*National newspaper recognises local Credit Union as one of the cheapest mortgage loan interest rates in the state.*

In an article written by James Campbell "How the rates Stack up" in the Making Money Section of the Sunday Herald Sun dated 31 August 2008,

La Trobe Country Credit's Basic Variable Home loan rates in the top 10 in Victoria for the cheapest mortgage loan rates.

La Trobe Country Credit CEO Mr Colin Cofield said "it was good for La Trobe Country Credit to receive recognition for our Basic Home Loan which is extremely competitive, not only locally, but also in the national market".

Mr Cofield went on to say "We have kept our loan interest rates low for our members and have resisted additional rate increases over and above the Reserve Bank's rises despite declining margins".

Mr Cofield also said "It's great news for those locals who are in the market to purchase a home or are even looking at refinancing their existing loan knowing that they would be getting a fantastic deal with La Trobe Country Credit. We are here for our members and try to provide the best possible loan products and prices we can with out putting too much financial hardship on members".

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Sunday 21st	Ken & Alice Rae
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Coming Attractions:

- \*\*October 31st: Fancy Dress Halloween Fright Night
- \*\*November 9th: Over forty's Debutante Ball.
- \*\*Book your table at reception for the New Years Eve Party  
Featuring "The Hound Dogs."



# Lifeline Shop News

The daffodils are blooming, spring is here and, hopefully, the warmer weather is just around the corner.

So if you are planning a bit of spring cleaning and find things at the back of the cupboard you haven't used for years, why not drop them into our Lifeline Shop and at the same time have a look at restocking your wardrobe and house from our great range of clothing, books, toys, crockery, craft items, linen, etc.etc.

Our Churchill shop has been servicing Churchill and the surrounding towns and districts for twenty years. We are now

happily settled in our shop located in the Hazelwood Village shopping area, right next to Churchill Chiropractor. We have moved a number of times over the years. The shop is open each week day from 9.30am - 4pm. If you would like any further information please call the shop on 5122 2606 during shop hours or call 5133 7512 to arrange a pickup of any large items.

*Pictured above: Lifeline Churchill Shop Celebrate the recent Olympics.*

## Parents Without Partners

All are welcome to attend. You don't need an invitation!  
Calendar of Events

September

Saturday 13th: Frankston Branch Cabaret, Cranbourne Hall

Sunday 21st: Ten Pin Bowling Morwell starting at 1.00pm.

Tuesday 23rd: Afternoon Tea at Peckish at 2.00pm, Coffee & Cake \$5.00.

Address 80 Buckley Street Morwell.

Friday 23th: Tea at Moe R.S.L Club 6.00pm, 63-67 Albert Street, Moe.

October

Sunday 5th: Family Day: Ring for Venue.

Thursday 9th: Information Session for Single Parents Nights starts

7.00pm. The General Meeting 8.00pm. Newborough Hall.

Friday 10th: Latrobe Valley Cabaret, Newborough Hall, 7.15pm Members \$8,

Guests \$10.

Saturday 11th: Frankston Branch Cabaret Cranbourne Hall.

Tuesday 14th: Afternoon Coffee at Muffin Bar, Traralgon 2.00pm.

Saturday 18th: P.W.P. State Ball see Solo for details.

Friday 31st: Morwell Club, Helen Street, Morwell at 6.00pm

For further enquires please contact: Fran on 5127 5951 or  
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# CFA Hot Spots



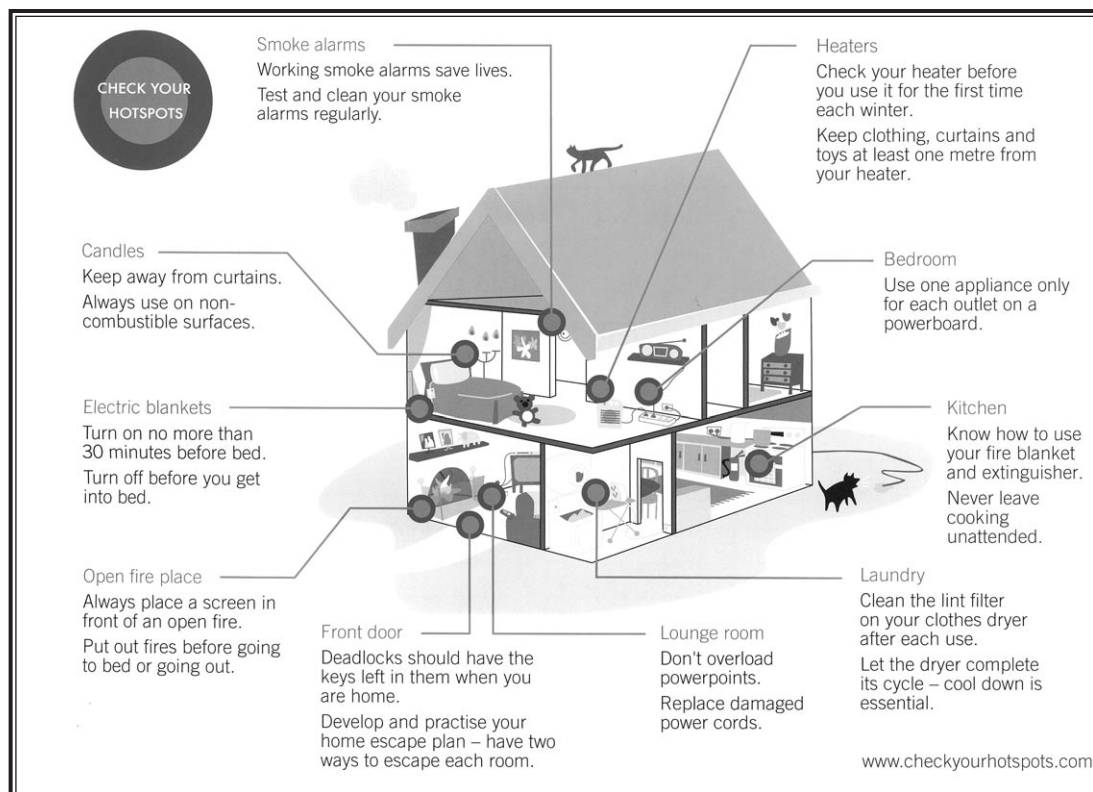
The fire brigade has been out and about giving the public the opportunity to talk to members about volunteering for the CFA. The truck and firefighters have attended soccer and football matches and the Monash University Open Day. Monash invited the brigade to be part of their

Open Day and a stall was set up in the hallway leading from the new auditorium to the Knuckle. The brigade would like to thank Monash for the opportunity of being present.

## Hot Spots

There are many 'hot spots' in our homes. The diagram bellows high-

lights them and gives you an opportunity to check your homes to see all is well. We can never be too careful. This is another service provided by your local volunteers fire brigade.



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# Northe's Natter

It is so important that residents have their say on future projects which will shape the town such as the hub, shopping precinct developments and proposed road alterations. Having met with Latrobe City Council on the town development plans just prior to penning this column, I am pleased to hear that further public consultation will occur as a result of the feedback received from community members.

Council and water rates notices have begun arriving in the mail and I am aware that some residents may face difficulties in reaching these payments. Both organisations have hardship policies and I urge you to contact them directly should you wish to discuss alternative payment plans.

Congratulations to Churchill United on back to back GSL championships - a top effort. It's finals time for a range of sporting associations and I wish all those participating, good luck. A big thank you to Macca and his boys for inviting me to take a Cougars training session recently - it was great to get out on the track with the players.

Thank you to those who have written to me with their views on legislation currently before Parliament. Information pertaining to these Bills is available at [www.legislation.vic.gov.au](http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au) and I welcome you to send your feedback to me at PO Box 214 Morwell VIC 3840 or [russell.northe@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:russell.northe@parliament.vic.gov.au)

*Russell Northe*

The Churchill Town Development Plans were recently put on show at the Churchill FNC and I am pleased that many of you took the opportunity to view the options currently under consideration.

There is a lot of activity occurring in the township at present and by all accounts, this looks set to continue for quite some time.

## Major contemporary exhibition at Monash



Opening Tuesday 9 September at Switchback Gallery, Monash Gippsland, is **FLECTIONS** an exhibition of works by major contemporary Australian artists.

Presented by Monash University Museum of Art (MUMA), the exhibition will feature a wide range of contemporary works from the Monash University Collection and selected loans, including work by Petr Herel, Moya McKenna, Philip Hunter, Nick Mangan, David Noonan, Greg Harrison and James Morrison, among others.

Says exhibition curator Kirrily Hammond, "Works in the exhibition draw on a myriad of sources including literature, art history and the fantastic, suspending our everyday realities and prompting contemplation of the

nature of creativity and imagination."

The exhibition runs from 10 September - 9 October 2008.

Switchback Gallery is at Gippsland Centre for Art and Design, Monash Gippsland Campus, Churchill. For more information please ring 03 51226261 or email [gippsland@artdes.monash.edu.au](mailto:gippsland@artdes.monash.edu.au).

*Pictured above:*

*Das Einhorn 2007, mezzotint by Gregory Harrison (Courtesy of the artist)*

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## Olympic Games at the Wattle Club

August at Wattle Club has been a wonderful month, according to Kellie one of the two facilitators.

The Wattle Club staged their own Olympic Games with discuss, using disc balls, shot put using a bean bag, and javelin using magnetic darts. They also had synchronized swimming. Imagine that if you will! The clients came dressed in green and gold, and all left with Aussie tattoos on them.

Red Day saw the folks dress in red, and having red jelly with cherries. Red gerberas were made and decorated with faces.

A novel idea was an Op Shopping trip to Morwell. Some good bargains were procured, including lots of books.

A day to reminisce was very pleasant. It was good to recall the good old days.

A visit to Warragul Country Club for lunch is a favourite outing. They have discovered that there is a chocolate dispensing machine which they love to raid.

Lunch at the Top Pub in Morwell is also an enjoyable outing.

This month has seen several of the clients celebrate birthdays. It has been a party month.

On top of this two new members have joined, but there is still room for more. If you, or someone you know, would like to join this happy crew, please ring Ann Riley on 51365087.

She would love to hear from you. It is a wonderful way to have a happy time with a cheerful bunch of folks and their facilitators who plan a varied and interesting program.



# World Renowned Musicians in the Valley

## A special evening of Jazz, Wine & Cheese - Friday 12 September

### David Jones - Drummer

David Jones is one of the world's great drummer/percussionists and one of Australia's virtuoso musicians. He is taking the art of drumming and percussion to a new level.

To see David Jones in action is to witness a wizard weaving spells, a master at work achieving the seemingly impossible. His arms move in fluid Tai-Chi-like motions, his face is relaxed and transmitting his joy to the audience, and if you closed your eyes, you would swear there were at least 2 drummers on stage.

### Phil Turcio - Keyboards

Throughout his career Phil has worked with Australia's most accomplished musicians and has accompanied many Australian and International artists. He recently was involved in two recording projects: the first one with US bass player, Ric Fierabracci (Chick Corea Electric Band), and US drummer Joel Rosenblatt (Bill Evans Band/Spyro Gyra) with their band Hemispheres. The other was his first solo album featuring US drumming great Will Kennedy (Yellowjackets/Johnathon Butler), and US sax player Gary Meek (Dave Weckl Band).

### Craig Newman - Bass

By the time he reached 16 years old, Craig had developed a considerable interest for the bass guitar. Since the completion of his Diploma of Jazz studies at Victorian College of the Arts, his talent has taken him in many different directions. Craig was the resident bass player for "Hey Hey It's Saturday" backing many Internationals including Tom Jones, Jackson Browne, Thelma Houston, Barry Manilow, Martin Taylor, Roger Daltrey, Ernie Watts, Trisha Yearwood, Joe Cocker, James Morrison, Keb Mo, Errol Brown, Venetta Fields and Eric Burdon.

### Peter Cupples - Vocalist

Peter career really started in 1975 as lead singer and songwriter for the soul band Stylus which created hits as 'Summer Breeze' 'World of Make/believe' 'So much Love' and 'Work out fine. Stylus became the first all white band to be signed by U.S. Company Tamala Motown. Peter was a regular with 'Hey Hey it's Saturday' 'Tonight Live with Steve Visard' 'I.M.T.' 'G.M.A.' still today, and fifteen years of 'Carols by Candlelight' Christmas Eve at the Myer Music Bowl. Peter has done many main events, none bigger than opening for Frank Sinatra at sanctuary cove.

### Ron Peers - Guitarist

From 1971 to 2000, Ron has had a diverse repertoire of experiences in Live Playing and touring with numerous Artists and Bands throughout Australia including: Stylus, Steelite, Lee Ritenour, John Farnham, Renee Geyer, Tommy Emmanuel, Boz Scaggs, Thelma Houston, Errol Brown, WJAZ, Cover Up, Jabulani., and various cover bands.

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## Monash University's Gippsland campus welcomes new Pro Vice-Chancellor

The newly appointed Pro Vice-Chancellor at Monash University's Gippsland campus, Professor Helen Bartlett is looking forward to the role and lists regional engagement as one of her top priorities.

Professor Bartlett comes to Monash with 25 years experience in the education sector, having worked in senior leadership roles in health and social sciences at universities in the UK, Hong Kong and Australia.

Her most recent role was Foundation Director of the Australasian Centre on Ageing at the University of Queensland.

Her research interests focus on health and community care with current projects addressing the challenge of Australia's ageing popula-

tion such as social inclusion of older people and healthy ageing.

Professor Bartlett said it was an exciting time at Monash with many opportunities for the Gippsland campus to strengthen its relationship with business, industry and the community.

"It is important for Monash Gippsland to contribute to the development of the Gippsland region by working with government, business and industry through its courses and research,"

Professor Bartlett considers the campus has the benefit of picturesque surrounds and leading expertise in specialist areas, which contribute to a quality student experience.

She stated, "I am keen to explore new ways of communicating these benefits not only within Gippsland, but also to other regions and a targeted international market"

"It is timely to create a future with a new vision for the role of the Gippsland campus."

Professor Bartlett will continue her leadership role on the Australian Research Council Ageing Well Research Network, membership of the Australian Association of Gerontology, Associate Editor of the Australasian Journal on Ageing and membership of many other International editorial boards.



## Red Cross Long Service Awards

At the Annual Meeting of the Morwell Red Cross on 13th August, the Region 9 Chairman, Mrs Isabell Ough, presented several members with Long Service Awards.

50 year service Laurel Wreaths were awarded to Evelyn Jackman, Kath Hunter and Mavis Thompson, who originally began their service at the Traralgon Blood Bank, 50 years

ago.

Awards of the 30 Years Service Bar were made to Shirley Jordan, Ruth Place and June Jobling. Joy Haney and Lyn Lagerway received 20 year awards.

The Annual Meeting was attended by visitors from Red Cross Units in Traralgon, Boolarra, Warragul and Erica/Rawson.

Adam Dent and Jen Walsh from the Emergency Services Department in the Melbourne Office addressed the meeting.

Adam spoke of future plans for the Victorian Emergency Services and Jen spoke about the Red Cross in Chicago, USA.



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## Joey Scouts in Churchill

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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.

If you are interested in joining any of



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Joey's: Caroline Tait 5122 3421

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We look forward to seeing you there.

## Frogs and Rubbish!

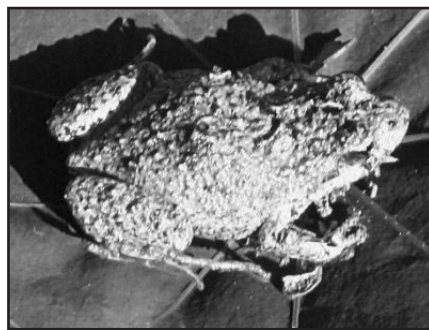
Ken Harris

It is Spring again and frogs can be heard around the Lake Hyland in Mathison Park. There are at least six different frogs to be seen or more likely heard in the park. The smallest of these is the Common Froglet - *Crinia signifera*. These although small are very numerous and their calls can be heard all the time, like a continuous series of clicks. This Common Froglet was found while we were working on the new path last July. Next in size are the two tree frogs, the Brown Tree Frog - *Litoria ewingii* is also common and is one of the most familiar frogs, often climbing house windows at night after insects attracted to the lights. Their call is more drawn out "creee creee creee" and is a very familiar sound. The other tree frog, the Whistling Tree Frog - *Litoria verreauxi* is much less common but also present in the park. Its call is similar to the Brown Tree Frog, but with a higher note with a whistling quality. The other three frogs are all marsh frogs in the genus *Lymnodynastes*, which translates as Lord of the Marshes.

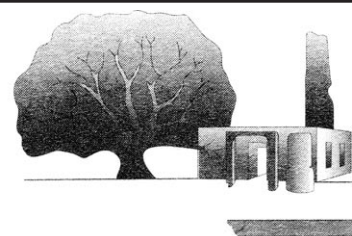


*Lymnodynastes tasmaniensis*

The Spotted Marsh Frog - *Lymnodynastes tasmaniensis* is quite common and its call is a single sharp "click" or "plock" - similar to the sound made when two stones are struck together. As its name suggests, it has large spots of dark olive to brown on its back. Here is a Spotted Marsh Frog that was found by the lake during a working bee last February. Its larger cousin, Peron's Marsh Frog or Striped Marsh Frog - *Lymnodynastes peroni* is also common in the park. It has the spots on its back joined together so that it appears striped. Its call is very like the Spotted Marsh Frog's, but a bit louder and firmer "tock" or "poc" somewhat like a hen's "cluck". The last of the frogs in the park is the Pobblebonk or Banjo Frog - *Lymnodynastes dumerili*. This is quite a large frog and often burrows into the earth. The Banjo Frog call is a resonant 'bonk', which is likened to the plucking of a banjo string.



*Crinia signifera*



mathison park Churchill



The next working bee will be on Saturday 20th September. There is some more work to be done on the pathway, as well as some planting. Thank you to those who turned out on a very cold windy day for the last Saturday working bee.

A lot was achieved with more work on the pathway, digging some drainage, and staking and tree guarding the plants put in

last year on the eastern side of the lake. It was good to see how many had survived. A lot of rubbish, bottles and wrappers, were collected. Some of them had been washed down by the creek, but many had been dropped by people walking through and using the park. There is a rubbish bin located on the pathway near the toilet block. Please deposit rubbish there.



WAS A BEAR. HE WAS A  
SUPERHERO BUT NOT A  
GOOD ONE.



Superhero  
Bear by  
Brenton  
Hodson



The Cursed Money and Superpaws by Isis Tyler

Once upon a time there were four fairies, their names were Ruby, Violet, Sunshine and Forest. They lived in a magical place called Fairy Land. In Fairy Land everything was beautiful. There was a magical castle surrounded by flowers and giant trees.



Fairy Land by Rachael Pendlebury

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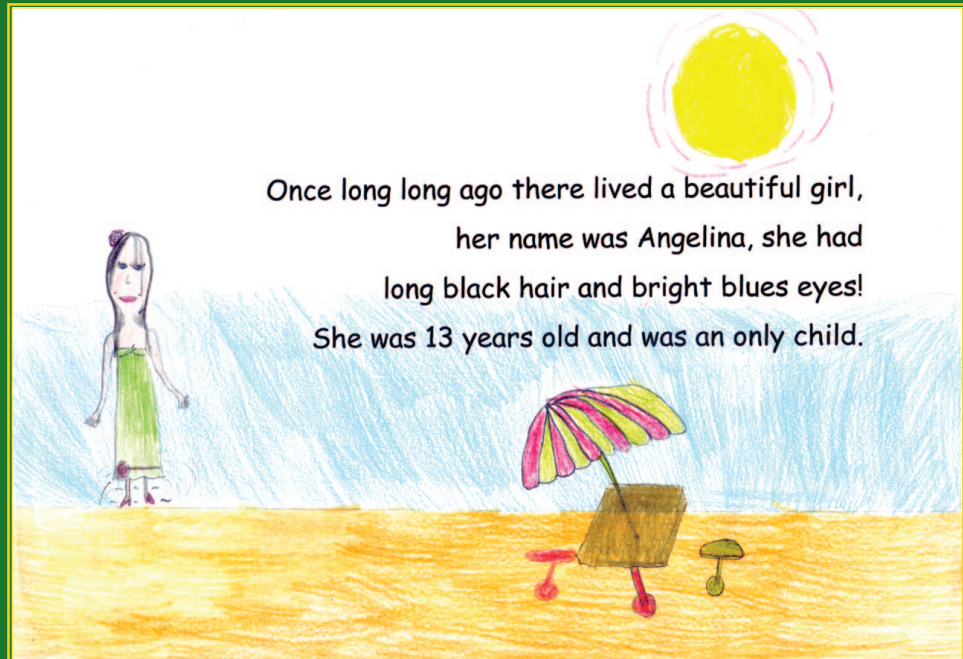
Zippy the alien from Outer Space by Courtney Vella

Where is  
Pojo?  
by  
Jessica  
Smart  
and  
Celeste  
Beale

Pojo was very active; he loved playing with his squeaky ball. Kip loved playing with a rope and Tilly loved her bone.



Once long long ago there lived a beautiful girl,  
her name was Angelina, she had  
long black hair and bright blues eyes!  
She was 13 years old and was an only child.



Baby Blue Eyes by Michaela Telford





Often when I visited my Aunt Dolly as a child, she would give me a handful of coins and tell me that I could buy whatever I wanted as long as I put some of it into my piggy bank. *Always keep something for a rainy day*, she would say. It is a habit I have continued into adulthood, always saving a little on pay day and it has helped to provide me with a good secure future.

Aunt Dolly was my grandmother's elder sister and lived through the war and depression years when even essentials were difficult to come by. It is hard to imagine when we are surrounded by supermarkets and stores that sell almost everything imaginable in unlimited quantities.

Like most people who lived through tough times, Aunt Dolly was an expert at making do with very little. She grew her own veggies, raised hens for eggs and made most of her own clothes. Nothing was wasted. She saved brown paper and string, scraps of wool and fabric were fashioned into warm blankets and she could make the most delicious meals out of leftovers. Aunt Dolly re-used and recycled everything, long before it became fashionable.

I spent a lot of time with Aunt Dolly, our shared love of books cementing a close bond. When I was very small she would read to me and as I grew I read and re-read every book in her small but well kept collection of classics. On Saturday mornings we would walk to the local library and by the time she was no longer able to manage the two kilometre trek, I had my car licence and picked her up every week.

My grandmother told me that her sister had been engaged to a handsome young soldier at the beginning of WWII but that he hadn't returned. Her family had tried to encourage her to move on, telling her that he would have wanted her to but although she had many suitors, none measured up to her first love. Aunt Dolly never spoke of her lost beau but I knew that the sepia image in the small guilt frame above the mantelpiece was of her beloved fiancé.

Gran and Grandpa passed away soon after I married and my parents moved interstate when my father was promoted in his company. As Aunt Dolly became increasingly frail I visited more often, to take her shopping and to the doctor for check-ups, but mostly so that my children could know and love their aunt as I did.

I noticed that Aunt Dolly was becoming more forgetful and at first dismissed it as an inevitable consequence of later years, but eventually I had to admit that my dear aunt was suffering from dementia and needed to be put into care. It was a difficult decision and although I

# Rainy Days.... By Sandra James

received wonderful support from my husband and lots of phone calls from my parents, I saw the sadness in Aunt Dolly's eyes as she realised during one of her lucid moments what was happening.

Even though Aunt Dolly would not be returning to her home, there was no way I would consider selling it while she was still alive but I did need to sort through her things. I began the daunting task the following Saturday morning while my husband took the children to a football match.

The refrigerator was the obvious place to start, as unused food would quickly spoil. I was amazed at what I found. Each week when we went out shopping I had encouraged Aunt Dolly to buy nutritious cuts of meat, fish and chicken but I discovered her freezer compartment was crammed full of untouched packages. A check of the pantry and her rubbish bin revealed that my aunt had been existing mainly on toast and tins of baked beans. Clearly the meat had been saved for when I visited, a return to the depression day attitude when people saved the best for guests and managed as best they could the rest of the time.

I had never suspected. Aunt Dolly, despite the insidious effects of her condition in its early stages, had ensured that everything appeared, on the surface, to be well. And there was no need for her to live that way. She owned her own home and thanks to her saving policy she had amassed a comfortable nest egg in case of her dreaded *rainy day*. I packed the frozen food into an esky and defrosted the refrigerator, then called in to the nursing home on my way home.

Aunt Dolly was asleep when I arrived but the matron was grateful for the food. "Don't worry," she assured me, "there wasn't much you could do. It's common in older people who have lived through things like the depression. They grew up having to be so careful and it's hard for them to change. We'll make sure she gets the very best care and comfort from now on."

Her reassurances were comforting but I still found it hard when I returned to my aunt's home a few days later to continue sorting. The pantry was well-stocked with staple foods and the high shelves loaded with jam jars, egg cartons and carefully washed margarine containers even though it had been many years since Aunt Dolly had been able to make jam or keep hens. At least the local opportunity shop would be grateful for them.

It was her bedroom I found the hardest to face. In the wardrobe was her best dress, neatly covered with plastic and looking like new even though it was years out of date. I carefully packed it into a case to take to the home. Although Aunt Dolly would scarcely be aware most days, I knew the staff would respectfully do their best to help her dress in her nicest clothes. Sadly, there would be no more best occasions.

Then I opened her bottom drawer and to my dismay found boxes and boxes of unopened handkerchiefs, talc and beautifully perfumed

soap sets. How could I have not realised? I had given Aunt Dolly many of the gifts myself and if ever I noticed that there was only plain soap in her bathroom, assumed that she had used up all her gifts so bought more on the next special occasion. But Aunt Dolly had been saving them all for her *rainy day*.

Thanks to the matron's kind words I understood but couldn't stop my tears. My dear aunt who had lived a sad life had denied herself a little luxury in her later years. What use was all her frugality? Her *rainy day* had certainly arrived but there was no way she would be receiving any benefits from her efforts.

Sadly I gathered them all up and placed them in my car.

The matron comforted me again with a welcome cup of tea and an understanding ear.

"Leave a few things here," she said, "but many of our other residents' families have found similar situations and at the moment we have a cupboard full of things to share out among those without families. Why don't you take the ones you can't use yourself down to the hospital?"

Thankfully, despite my sadness, Aunt Dolly was oblivious, happily in a world of her own, talking to me as though I was still seven years old and we were preparing for a walk to the library. It was my turn to read to her now and her obvious enjoyment as I read from one of her classics helped lift my spirits.

The hospital was on my way home, so keeping a few things to send to my mother and a pretty pink set I knew my young daughter would enjoy, I approached the information desk. The busy receptionist took my name and thanked me, and I left, hoping the packages would bring some happiness to some of the patients.

Over the following months I tried to put all thoughts of the packages out of my mind and concentrated on my growing family and visiting Aunt Dolly as often as possible. She had good days and bad although it was sometimes difficult to know which was which. On the good days she recognised me and often called me by name. She would tell me what she had for lunch and how kind the nurses were but I would see the tears and fears in her eyes. I could try and distract her with another chapter of a favourite classic and pray that she didn't beg me to take her home.

On the bad days she looked right through me as if I wasn't there. I would sit beside her chair, hold her hand and tell her the latest news, talk about the weather and how much the kids had grown. They were the days when the tears and fears filled my eyes but at least she had no idea of her condition.

Despite the excellent care in the nursing home, I could see Aunt Dolly becoming frailer. One day, almost twelve months after she was admitted to the nursing home, I sat holding her hand as she slipped away; I could only hope to a very happy place...perhaps even to re-unite with her fiancé.

Sad but glad my aunt was at peace, I came



home to find a small envelope in my mail box, addressed in handwriting I didn't recognise. Once inside I made myself a cup of coffee and began to read.

*Dear Ms Cameron,*

*The receptionist at the hospital gave me your name as I wanted to write and thank you. You don't know me but I was one of the people who were given a box of beautiful perfumed soap and talc from some you left at the hospital. At first, I ignored it and the lady who brought it in to my room because I was feeling very sorry for myself. I was only seventeen and had just given birth to a baby girl. My boyfriend dumped me as soon as he found out I was pregnant and my dad had pretty much disowned me. I felt so alone and was going to give my baby up for adoption but as I lay there I could smell the lavender from the soap and it reminded me so much of my mother who died when I was twelve. She always wore lavender perfume. I started to feel like she was watching over me and when I looked at my little girl, I knew I couldn't give her up.*

*Next week Lucy turns one and we're going to have a small party. At my dad's house - we've worked things out and he's been a great help. I wanted to invite you. I hope you can come.*

*With sincere thanks,*

*Hayley Andrews.*

Amazed, I sat staring at the letter. It seemed Aunt Dolly's preparations for a rainy day had indeed been fortuitous for Hayley when she experienced a very rainy day. I looked forward to attending little Lucy's birthday party.

Ironically, it was pouring with rain the day of the party. My daughter had helped me choose a pretty doll for a gift and we wrapped it in bright paper and drove to the next suburb to Hayley's father's home.

"Thank you," said Hayley, hugging me tightly, "you have no idea what this has done for me."

But I did. Aunt Dolly had given us both an incredible legacy.

Just then a cute blonde moppet toddled into the room and gave us a beaming smile. I handed her the parcel and she grinned again and shyly whispered "Ta!"

With a little help from her grandfather, Lucy tore open the paper and hugged the doll tightly.

"We'll have to think of a name for her," said the proud grandfather.

"Oh..." said Hayley, reaching out to squeeze my hand, "I think we'll just call her Dolly."



I have viewed the hills of Wicklow  
Beneath autumn Irish skies  
Seen the soft green fields of County Mayo  
Watched as white swans floated by  
I have marvelled at the beauty  
That reflected in my eye.  
I have listened to the brogue  
And the soft greetings that it gave  
The singing and the music

The Hills of Wicklow  
By Kay F. Ruane  
Are memories that I will save  
I have traversed the roads, or bore-een's  
Followed stone fences up and down  
Viewed scenes of Connamara  
That are, a part of Ireland's crown  
I've seen thatched roofed cottages  
Built across that emerald land  
Shared the cosy warmth, of peat fires  
With the gentle folk of Ire-land

I have experienced the touch of family  
Seen their smiles, heard the sad goodbyes  
Always I'll remember  
Those magical fey, family ties  
I return to Australia  
Settle in my homeland once again  
But those far off hills of Wicklow  
In my heart, will long remain.



They say that when you live in a place you don't go around and visit all the attractions. So it was as a newcomer to the area that I found myself exploring the green Strzelecki hills on the last day of April 2008, to hopefully catch a few glimpses of Australian wildlife and perhaps stumble upon a hidden waterfall. Of course, I hadn't expected to lose my bearings and spend the afternoon climbing hill after hill in an attempt to find signs of civilisation. So, while at first my eager spirit of exploration enjoyed the sense of being alone in the forest, a sense of agitation came to the fore as the daylight began to fade and my searching became somewhat more frantic. The depth of the forest had prevented me from orienting myself to the setting sun, and as the last remnants of light withdrew, I began to resign myself to a night under the trees. I was on a logging track, of that I was sure, so I resolved to follow the track for a few more miles as a final attempt at getting out.

After no more than twenty minutes, I heard the distinctly unnatural sound of a vehicle over a ridge on my right. I clambered through the bush and saw a local 'ute' driving along a separate dirt track that wound downwards alongside the opposite hill. Naturally, my spirits immediately picked up and I threw myself down the slope, across the gully and along the track in pursuit. With hindsight, a night in the forest would have been the better option, but at the time I thought it fortunate that after a minute or two I could make out a farmhouse of sorts, or at least its lighted windows and could see the 'ute' parked outside. I ran up what seemed like the entrance to the property, although still some thirty yards away. I don't know if it was a sudden cold change or some other force that made me do it, but for some reason I stopped where the track bridged a small creek and took a few steps off to the left into some ferns.

The house was clearly old, dilapidated and it didn't appear as if anyone could live in it at all. The small gardens around the building were equally unkempt, and the only sign of life was the single light from what was probably once a kitchen window. Having emerged from the depth of the forest, my eyes could also now make out a strange looking structure outside the house, where the overgrown lawn sloped down towards the creek. It seemed to consist of a rough, rectangular stone slab supported by two concrete pillars, and on top of which was piled wood and debris probably taken from the surrounding forest. At some point in the past this

isolated house was no doubt an ideal retreat in a picturesque wood. Behind and on the right the hill rose steeply, while the creek marked its border on the left, providing an idyllic sanctuary from the wild of the forest. It had now, however, fallen into complete disrepair and it was a wonder that anyone could have a use for it.

As I contemplated the scene, I saw four people emerge from the building and walk towards the stone and wood structure. There were two men and two women, and all looked as dishevelled as the house itself. The men were both tall, well over six feet, and thin, and the women of a normal height but equally thin. They all looked to be in their sixties or seventies. I couldn't put my finger on it, but there seemed to be something distinctly unsettling about their features, as if they were somehow malformed. Of course, I couldn't see clearly, and it may have simply been an unusual gait, but the feeling kept me from approaching them and I maintained my secluded position.

I heard some muffled conversation as the four approached the structure, something about 'little ones maturing in time' and 'bigger than 2007'. The talking stopped, however, when they reached the slab and spread out around it, one person at each side, all facing each other, but with no-one closer than two metres from the edge. After about another half a minute of silence one of the men began a low, monotonous chant. As it increased in volume he was joined by the other man in the group, and then by the women in turn. I looked on in amazement, wondering what sort of strange ritual I had stumbled upon - was this some sort of perverted religious rite, or the night-time escapades of the insane? If it wasn't for the unnatural features of the chanters I would have thought it amusing. Just as the last woman's chant reached the same volume as the others, however, the first chanter began introducing various guttural sounds, which were repeated by each of the others in turn. These sounds are barely repeatable, and seemed no more than a profligate succession of hard consonants. I felt a shiver, however, when I realised that each chanter was repeating the sounds perfectly, and that these seemingly garbled voicings were, in fact, words, and that some language that I have never heard, nor hope to hear again, was being spoken.

The chanting continued for the better part of thirty minutes, and I observed every change closely as sometimes the group stopped to allow the initial chanter a minute on his own, after which they returned in unison. The volume and pitch of the chant began to vary also, almost as if they were searching for some elusive chord. Suddenly, their chants combined and it seemed that they must have found what they were looking for, as their voices seemed to double in strength and reverberated across the gully. Instead of achieving a united harmony, however, the chant was now decidedly discordant, like an out-of-tune instrument. The dissonance grew

louder and louder and I began to feel physically uncomfortable. I was on the verge on turning back to the forest just to rid myself of the sound when I saw a blue flame licking the underside of the stone slab. I hadn't seen who had lighted it, but I steelled myself to the sound and, letting my curiosity have the better of me, watched as the debris on the slab began to catch and burn.

It didn't take long for the fire to take and in a minute or two it towered a good five feet above the tallest man. Both the chanting and the fire raged on, and I stood enraptured. I had by now decided to give up on the idea of approaching the group, and, allowing myself a brief look back to ensure that I had an escape route if necessary, I continued to observe the ritual. I noticed the chanters begin to sway as they reached an unnatural rhythm, and then spotted something move within the flame. It was near the base of the fire, on the slab itself that I could see some of the burning debris and ash moving about and then slowly a creature appeared. It was small, probably the size of a domestic cat, but it moved within the fire. Slowly, it seemed to crawl through and I could make out a lizard-like thing - four legs, but with a flat and bulbous head. It was clearly no ordinary creature and seemed comfortable within the fire, almost tentative as it moved out from the centre. Eventually, it leaped out, off the slab and onto the lawn. In a few seconds it had hurtled down towards the creek and disappeared, the whole time bathed in a fiery orange glow, as if it itself was burning. I stood gaping at the point where I had last seen it, but by the time my gaze returned to the fire, there were two more of the creatures in the blaze, also slowly climbing out from the centre. I watched as these too leaped and sprinted towards the creek. This time, I could make one out as it dived into the water and could see how it lost its fiery glow on contact with the water. Where they went from there I couldn't tell.

The chants continued, the fire raged, and one after another these fiery lizards appeared from the fire and leaped towards the creek, in one instance passing no more than three yards from my position in the ferns. This was clearly no innocent ritual or gathering of the insane. Once again making sure that I knew where the track was leading away from this place, I continued to watch, intrigued as to the outcome of this strangely hellish ceremony. There must have been at least fifty of the fiery lizards emerge from the flames, before the chanting abruptly ceased. I squinted to try and see what the group was doing, and noticed some more manoeuvring in the fire. As the lead chanter raised his arms and began to talk in his unnatural speech, I saw another of the creatures gradually emerge. This time, however, the creature was enormous, as it climbed out of the flames it stood over the entire fire, its body must have been at least eight feet in length, and its tail hung over the edge of the slab onto the ground. The sheer size of the creature

meant that I could observe it in more detail. I could see that it was intensely muscular, and, like the others, consumed and unharmed by the fire. The fire, in fact, seemed to flow from the creature itself rather than from any wood left on the slab.

As the chanters began their discordant hymn once more, I felt increasingly uneasy. I had thus far managed to allow my curiosity to prevail over the nagging fear and itching to leave that I had felt since the chanting began. With this huge creature, however, my curiosity was expended and it was time to remove myself from the disturbing scene. Just as I turned and began my way out the chanting again ceased abruptly. I looked over my shoulder to see the creature turn its burning head towards me. I could see its eyes. Through the flickering red of the flame, they were pitch black and deep, they were malevolent, and they were looking at me.

I turned and ran. From that moment I felt the full force of fear and adrenalin through my body, and with every moment feeling like an age, I pushed my legs, sprinting down the track through the dark. I was aware of the heat, I could feel it approaching. I was aware of the orange glow of the flame that lit up the forest around me. Worst of all, I could feel its eyes boring into me. They were grasping at me, catching me, trying to pull me back, and I could feel something fundamentally evil about them. I thought of nothing but escape and hurled myself along the forest track. I don't know for how long the creature maintained its pursuit, and I have no idea how long I ran or how far. My last recollections are feeling the tar of a sealed road beneath my feet and seeing the blinding brightness of vehicle headlights rushing past me before I collapsed.

You know the rest. I was found at about 10:30pm huddled at the side of the road in open farmland, shivering and mumbling gibberish. I spent a week recovering in hospital, where my complaints were listed as 'relating to an event of high stress'. What you may not know is that since I returned to my house I have not slept through an entire night once, for fear of visions of the creature chasing me down. I still do not know how or why it didn't catch me, perhaps it wouldn't leave the forest, perhaps it saw some headlights? Of course, I haven't returned and I have no intention of doing so, it is hard enough walking outdoors at night. I am writing this now, and re-living this painful episode, only because of the catastrophic fires of last week that have caused ruin to so many. According to the newspaper reports, the fires began in the Strzelecki hills on the night of January 31st 2009. I make no claim to know what these creatures are, where they came from, or what exactly they were doing, but I cannot help but notice that January 31st is exactly nine months after I was lost in the forest.



# Mermando

By GLORIA WHALAN (Yurrawalan)

Mermando the hairy spider lived at the bottom of Grandma's garden on the farm where lots of other creatures lived.



He didn't live in a web like most spiders, but under the edge of the tin on the wall of the chicken house.

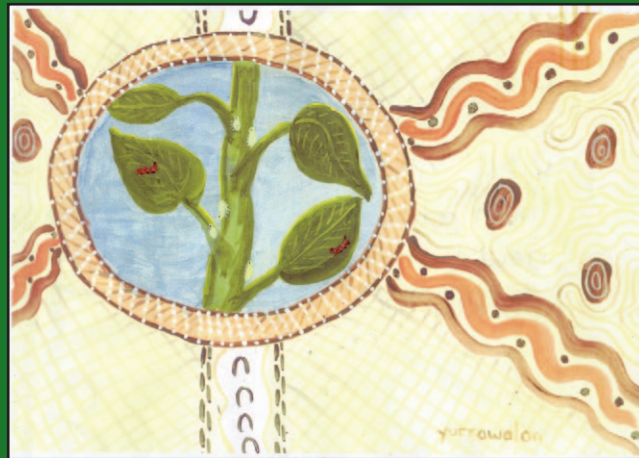


Mermando's job was to catch insects and other bad bugs that would eat Grandma's garden or get on the chickens.



One day the children came to the

farm for a visit. Grandma took them down to see the baby chickens and ducklings.



Mermando was sunning himself on the wall. One of the boys saw him and yelled "Quick! Quick! Get a stick and kill the spider before he jumps on us."

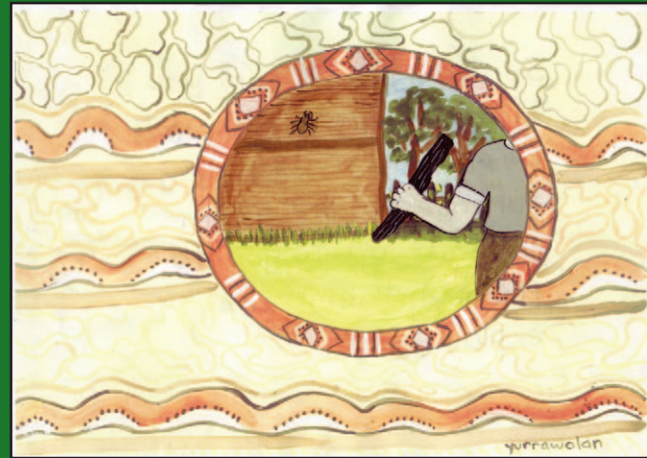


But Grandma yelled "No! Mermando is my friend. He eats all the bad insects that would get on the chickens and also in the garden."



Spiders won't hurt you if you leave them alone. Every creature has a purpose on

earth and its up to you to protect them," she explained.



Every time the children came to visit they would go down and see Mermando. It wasn't long before they loved him as much as Grandma did.



Mermando thought as he sunned himself on the wall 'What a good place to live'. He knew he was safe at Grandma's and always would be.



## Baby Dolphin By Lauren Akers

Deep, deep under the ocean a little baby dolphin was born under water. It was small, but clever. She didn't learn her tricks by her Mum, she learnt them all by herself. All other dolphins were not as good as her, she was FANTASTIC! So one day when she was one year older, her mum made a circus on Ocean Town Road. Lots of creatures came. Everyone came from Ocean Town. Some came from Sydney Harbour, some from the Great Barrier Reef, and some from other states. There were Mum, Dad, brother and sister dolphins. There were octopuses, sharks, ten whales, hundreds of angel fish. Dory, Marlin and Nemo. There were about forty lion fish and puffer fish. But baby dolphin was very embarrassed. How could anyone do tricks and things in front of everyone? She felt like she would cry or run off stage. She saw her Mum and her Mum smiled. There were three judges. Then

one judge said it is time for baby dolphin to perform. The judges nodded at her. She started doing a run up cart wheel. She did some handstands, diving through hoops, back flips. She did ballet. She balanced a ball on her head. She threw a Smartie up in the air and caught it in her mouth. She said abra-cadabra and a funny hair doo appeared. She made a star out of coins in five seconds, she juggled the sea snail shells, she threw some water up in the air and caught it in her mouth. She had finished! One of the judges said "Quiet down we have an award to give the baby dolphin." They carried a thing down to stage that had a sheet on it and they opened it up and a trophy appeared. It was gold and had a picture of a baby dolphin juggling. She was proud, very proud.

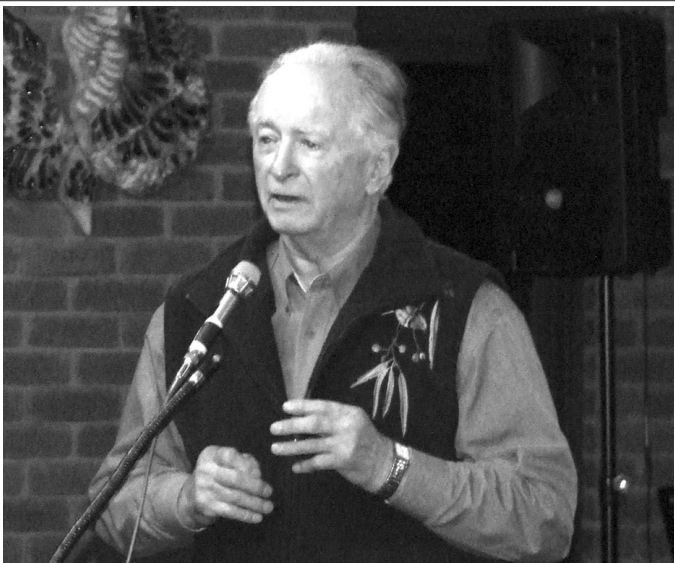


## Sleepy Cat by Hanna Linton

Hello old black and orange cat  
Why are you lying on fuzzy mat?  
With a brown baseball bat,  
I'm trying to sleep  
but you just keep  
annoying me!  
Please go!  
NO!!!  
Hey!  
old cat,  
I just want to chat,  
I'll chase you  
And scratch you  
GO!  
You've got four short legs you know  
STOP teasing me!  
Be pleasant to me!  
I hope you give the rusty key to me  
so I can sleep  
Inside.







**The Possum**  
**By Des Bennett**

The possum descended the chimney, while looking for somewhere to nest,  
he slid down the flue, akimbo askew, the missus was less than impressed.  
The possum was feeling bewildered, and more than a little non-plussed,  
he'd hit with a thud, as would a dud skud, was dizzy and lightly concussed.

The time had now come for reaction, of positive nature and more,  
and so with great speed, regardless of heed, I opened the fire box door.  
I lunged with a towel and I grabbed him, but suddenly springing to life,  
he led with a roar, deep throated full bore, an ominous prelude to strife.

He twisted and squirmed and he bit me, he struggled and clawed with his paws,  
I let out a yell, cried out 'what the hell', while fielding repeated encores.  
I threw off that possum with gusto, I had to admit my defeat,  
and then man oh man, things king hit the fan, he made a rampageous retreat.

He landed quite high on the mantle, and flew into gear at top speed,  
he rampaged along, a midget King Kong, intent on a jungle stampede.  
My prized mantle treasures went flying, in every which way and then some,  
he flew through the air, in manic despair, the wife was about to succumb.

He savaged poor Felix our feline, who'd seen fit to enter the fray,  
as both of them fought, I had the wild thought, that blasting would not go astray.  
They scratched and they clawed at the lounge suite, the damage was starting to mount,  
when into the room, came wife with a broom, determined to bring to account.

I scrambled to open the doorway, to let this tornado pass out,  
I wasn't to know, this wouldn't be so, with Bluey the heeler about.  
He shot through my legs at that doorway, at not quite the warp speed of light,  
he entered the fray, caused more disarray, as down came the curtains from height.

A tumble-ball quickly developed, or was it a scrum I'm not sure,  
whatever the case, they soon picked up pace, and cartwheeled at speed to the door.  
They landed quite hard on my roadster, wide open and parked down below,  
this thumping mistake, unloosened the brake, with ev'rythig now set to go.

And go it sure did with a vengeance, as freed from its shackles and chains,  
it first hit the drive, and then with a dive, the freeway's conglomerate lanes.  
The crash that came next was almighty, with ev'rything so far implied,  
I fell out of bed, fair square on my head, a nightmare, but boy what a ride.

**Fools Gold**  
**By Bill Jordan**

Searchers' voices  
through ghost gum trees  
moved ever closer  
on an icy breeze.

In a two-up school  
with grog made bold  
he'd told a larrikin mate  
of his large cache of gold.

Dobbed in to troopers,  
warned by his dog:  
with his precious gold  
he escaped into fog.

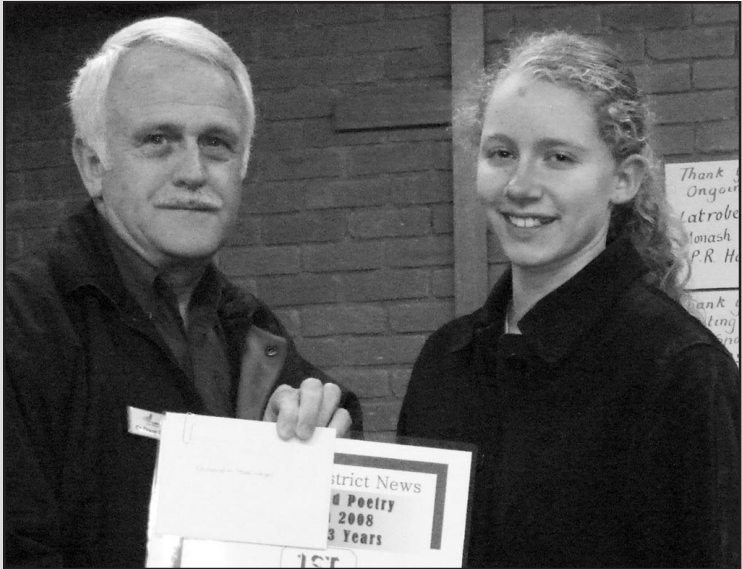
Lying in reeds;  
trembling with fear

holding his breath  
as troopers drew near.

His dog's quiet whimpering  
became a low growl,  
Setting to wing  
disturbed waterfowl.

He submerged slowly  
in Billabong deep,  
a reed in his mouth  
held firm in his teeth;

freezing water and  
the weight of gold,  
ensured the young digger  
would never grow old.



**Treasurers of the Dawn**  
**Cassandra Hooimeyer**

Before the sun had risen to herald a new day  
As a pinkish colour fringed the fluffy clouds  
I stepped outside to watch the first bright ray  
Touch the dewy leaves and colourful flowers

The sharp air stung my cheeks with its frosty bite  
And I sat upon a stone to watch the morning dawn  
All around me all was dark and silent, as if waiting  
Waiting for the transforming moment to come

Suddenly all became bright and sparkling as the star  
Shot forth its first, pulsing ray over the horizon  
The dark silent world became a vibrant living picture  
As sunlight mingled with the frost to beautify creation

All along the fence webs sparkled with tiny droplets  
Each blade of grass was decked with grains of frost.  
All strewn with jewels, to which diamonds can't compare  
A sight one wouldn't sell at any cost.

**A Letter From War**  
**Isabella Scott**

Dear My Loving Mother,  
I write to you today not to  
repeat the pain and bad  
experiences of this dreadful  
war, but to tell you that I am  
injured. But, I am going  
through a type of pain, much  
worse than anything I have  
felt before. A type of pain  
called guilt. The guilt of killing  
young, helpless men who have  
barely begun their lives. I  
know that this is probably  
not something you want to hear while you are going through a  
stage of despair and the feeling of helplessness. I just need  
to let it all out.

I promise that from this day forward I will listen to what you  
say. In now know that war is not something one should do. I  
also know that it sucks every bit of nice memories out of your  
body, leaving you feeling helpless and horrible. When I left to  
war I thought I'd be made a hero and it would be exciting, life  
changing and full of reward. It's the opposite, apart from the  
life changing part. I thought it would be life changing in a  
good way, but it changes my life by leaving horrible memories  
and images in my mind.  
Life here's rough. We occasionally sleep in trenches, though  
usually in a tent. The food is scarce, but there is no need to  
worry, I'm surviving. All of my friends are still alive, except poor  
Josh. He got shot in the leg and then died from disease.  
Every night I pray that the war will end, it hasn't worked yet.  
The war has to end soon.  
It is time for me to say goodbye. I know I'll stay safe. I don't  
deserve to die. Just as long as you wish me luck!  
Love your son, Alexandra  
XOXOX





# Waiting By Monika Holmwood



I noticed the boy first, sitting by himself on the crumbling veranda in his frayed jeans and faded shirt. His hair was thick and tangled, as though no one had bothered to remind him to brush it. The couch he was sitting on was so ripped and neglected that the inner stuffing was exposed and leaking. The boy's dirty feet dangled over the edge of the bare concrete. I tried to look at his face, but all I could see was dark shadows. It was hard to tell how old he was because I could not see his eyes, but I estimated he would have been high school age like me. It was as though he was waiting for something.

After I saw the boy I became aware of his surroundings. First, the rotting wood holding propping up the roof, then the partially broken windows. I took in the wildly growing grass and weeds. Rubbish and broken bottles were scattered around a burned metal barrel. The only plant was the black, twisting wisteria that was taking over the western side of the house.

All this I saw from the window of our Mercedes as we waited at the traffic lights on Crossing Street. Normally I sat on the right side of the back seat, but we were taking John's friend to school, so I sat on the left. I wondered why I had never noticed this home in the housing trust area before. The main road we take to get to St. Dominic's Grammar School each morning passes straight through the housing trust area. I'd travelled by hundreds of times before, yet had never noticed the boy.

The next day, I sat on the left again. The boy was on the couch, in the same position, wearing exactly the same clothes. It was as though he hadn't moved. His face was in the shadows again. I thought about how cold he must be sitting there on a frosty August morning. The sun moved beyond the clouds, and I glimpsed the boy's face. His skin was dark, and his nose was long and narrow. Then I saw his brown eyes. They were glazed over, almost lifeless. The boy was staring at something in the middle distance. I turned to see, but Mum accelerated through the traffic lights.

The third day, the boy was still there. I tried to see what he was staring at. His gaze was higher than the housing trust buildings across the road. I twisted my head, but the roof of the car was in the way. I put down the automatic window and stuck my head out. Perhaps a plane was writing in the sky. But the sky was empty, except for distant rain clouds. I wondered who was living in the house with the boy. It was consistently dark inside.

The rotting, fishy smell that was flowing through the window attracted John's attention. My thoughts were interrupted.

"Mum, Adam is staring!" John yelled. Mum turned around from the driver's seat.

"John's right, Adam," she said.

"Can't you see the boy there, Mum?" I asked her.

"Where?" she asked looking around.

"Yeh, I don't see anyone," John added.

"He's there, sitting on that couch on the porch, see," I said, pointing.

"Adam don't point," Mum yelled at me. She reached over to the back seat, grabbed my blazer collar and pulled me around so I was facing the front. A car behind us beeped and Mum sped off. From then on, it was difficult for me to look at the boy. I sat on the right side for a few mornings, and Mum and John soon forgot about the incident. I am ashamed to say I forgot about the boy too.

Six months later in the summer holidays Mike and Dean came over to my place. We were bored of playing Nintendo Wii, so decided to walk to the shopping centre. It was when the houses became increasingly decrepit and I smelt the slightly fishy smell of the area, that I remembered the boy. A tingle of anticipation and fear travelled my spine. The boy was right there, exactly the same, except his jeans looked too short now, and his discoloured shirt was stuck to his skin so that his scraggy frame was visible. I slowed my pace. Dean and Mike pushed past, engaged in an in-depth conversation about whether Diablo III was better than Diablo II.

I stopped walking and looked at the boy, who was sitting in the meagre shade of the now green wisteria. I looked at his eyes; they appeared older than before. The boy stopped staring into the distance and moved his eyes to me. I froze on the spot. The boy stayed seated, and I watched as a struggle occurred between the muscles of his face. When the struggle finished, his expression had changed from a frown to a kind of painful upturning of the sides of his mouth.

It was only when Dean and Mike called and I walked away that I realised the boy was trying to smile. I suddenly felt embarrassed. Embarrassed by my Lacoste shirt and Ralph Lauren shorts, but most of all embarrassed that I had forgotten about this lonely boy. He was obviously waiting for something. But what?

I was deep in thought at the shopping centre and disinterested in things I normally loved like computer games. All I could think about was the boy. Mike and Dean walked close to me on the return journey. As we walked past the boy, all I could do was wave. I knew he would see it. His expression changed as he saw me. I noticed the wisteria had some purple flowers that I didn't notice before.

"What are you waving at Adam," Dean asked.

"Just fanning myself," I replied.

That night, I lay awake, not because of an annoying mosquito, but because I could not get the boy's last look out of my mind. When I had waved to him from across the road, his expression was questioning. I knew what he was asking. He was asking why I was afraid, why I was scared of such a vulnerable being. I myself didn't know. The hours passed, and still I couldn't think of an excuse. It was 5am, and the sun was just rising when I made up my mind. Almost automatically I pulled on my sneakers and a shirt. My feet took me silently and purposefully out the front door.

So here I am now. One house away from the boy's. I am not at all nervous or afraid now. He is my age. He is the same as me. Exactly the same. He just hasn't been as lucky as me. I tell myself this as I begin walking down the boy's driveway. We are exactly the same. The boy is not waiting anymore. He recognises me. As he struggles out of his rotting seat, he smiles. This time it is not a struggle. As we stumble into each others bodies in the semi dark, I realise what the boy had been waiting for. He had been waiting for someone, anyone, to come and help him.

## The three little wolfs.

One day the three little houses to hide from they made three themselves. The straw house, the made a wood house, wolf made a brick little wolf and the were twins and the the oldest. The



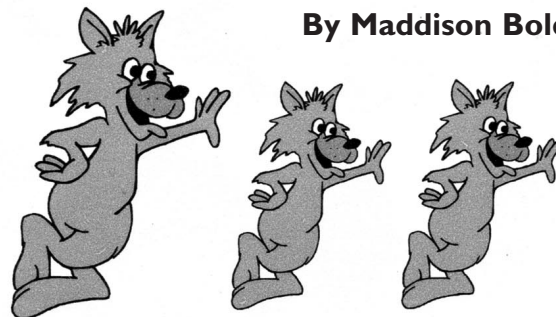
wolfs were making the big, bad pig! So little houses for first little wolf made a second little wolf and the third little house. The first second little wolf third little wolf was twins hadn't really

heard of the big, bad pig, they were only building a house because their brother was. The twins thought that they were perfectly safe, but the oldest wolf knew that the pig was around and would come and get them soon. He tried to warn them but they wouldn't listen. The oldest wolf knew that they mustn't have known about the danger as the houses they were building could easily be blown down by the big, bad pig. The big, bad pig had strongest breath in the world. The three little wolfs couldn't even blow a dummy out of their mouths, they were so weak. That was why the oldest little wolf was so scared of the big, bad pig. The three little wolfs all had names and they were all boys. The first little wolf's name was little Ben, the second little wolf's name was Little Bill and the oldest little wolf was Nathan. They were on their own as their mum and dad were killed by the big, bad pig. The big, bad pig (Bruce) came to eat the three little wolfs. The oldest little wolf was prepared though as he had stayed up all night working out heaps of plans for when the big, bad pig came.

The big, bad pig came and blew down the straw house, but there were no wolfs in it, he was amazed! He blew down the second house made of wood, still no wolfs! The three little wolfs were safe and well in the brick house. The oldest wolf's plans had saved them.

## The End.

By Maddison Bolding



## A Poem About A Witch

I am a witch  
Watch me fly  
I can go up really high  
I only come out at night  
Because you might get a fright  
But don't worry I don't bite

My name is Stella  
And my sister's Bella  
We hate our other sister Cinderella  
We don't know why  
She's very plain  
Sometimes she can be such big a pain

That's all for now  
I say goodnight  
Now don't get a fright  
It's Halloween night!

By Brittany Smart





# Gum Leaf Quilters Quilt and Craft Exhibition 2008

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre Gum Leaf Quilters would like to thank and acknowledge the following businesses for their sponsorship:

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## Quilt & Craft Exhibition Category Winners

Overall most popular People's Choice Award: Irene Stirling

### Category A Quilts

Pieced Hand Embroidered: Margaret Whitelaw

Digital machine Embroidery: Lyn King

### Category B Small Quilts

Table Runner/Wall Quilt/Lap Quilt: Jean Baudendistel

### Category C Hand Embroidery

Lace Work - Crochet, Tatting, Bobbin Lace: Anne Hogg

Dimensional - Ribbon Embroidery, Stump work: Jean Baudendistel

Any other Embroidery not mentioned : Lois Cousins - Trusler

### Category D Decorative Painting: Yvonne Marland

### Category E Beading : Yvonne Byrne

### Category F Dolls: Carol Smith

### Category G Bears: Jacqueline McLure

### Category H Paper craft: Yvonne Byrne

### Category i Bags: Cal Phelps

### Category J Other craft not listed: Yvonne Byrne

### Category K Junior entrants: Stephanie Seddon & Sarah Watson

### ' Gippsland Through Your Eyes '

Quilt challenge - Sponsored by Morwell Art & Framing

1st prize Irene Stirling - 2nd Prize Peggy Fisher

Highly Commended Patracia Symes & Christine Luck

Major Raffle Winners: 1st Prize Ticket No. 0465 R. Pendlebury

Churchill, 2nd Prize Ticket No. 0364 H. Krajewski Boolarra, 3rd

Prize Ticket No. 0983 G. Brien Churchill

Irene Sterling  
"Having lived in Gippsland  
all my life (82 years) I can  
clearly remember the early  
days of tall timber and horse  
drawn jinkers, and driving  
through Gunyha area, so  
I've tried to make a picture  
from a mental image."



Lorraine Andrew  
'This quilt illustrates  
the area from the  
Great Dividing  
Range to the ninety  
Mile Beach, to the  
rugged shore of  
Bass strait, to the  
beauty of the High  
Country that is  
Gippsland.'



Margaret Whitelaw  
'Gollyville'





# Lumen Christi Primary School

## Yr 5 Deemed Great Role Models

The Yr 5 children at Lumen Christi have taken on new roles as buddies for the up-coming preps for 2009. They recently - over a two-day period - guided the 'now kindergarten children' around the grounds of Lumen Christi, introducing them to primary school life and fun activities.

On completion, the Yr 5's praises

were sung and as a result were invited to the South Street Kindergarten, played outdoor games and read to and with the kinders in further preparation and practice for next year.

The kinder kids and Yr 5 thoroughly enjoyed their time together and look forward to their responsibilities next year. Well done guys and girls!



## Book Week



We celebrated Book Week with a day of activities using the theme Fuel Your Mind. The day began with a dress up parade of the children's favourite book characters and teachers dressed as fuel attendants. Children then went on

to do activities relating to the book that was read to them. They painted boats on stormy seas, night gardens, girls with outrageous hair, green monsters, puppet mice and made hats and swords, as well as dancing.



## Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod

On Wednesday the 27th August Grade 3/4 performed in the Group Speaking section of the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod. The grade recited two pieces; "Hairy Maclary from Donaldsons Dairy" and "Nasty Little Dragon Song" and were thrilled to come first! They recited the pieces in unison with lots of expression. The sound effects and actions they used made the performance very entertaining.

Congratulations 3/4B!

As well as this our Yr 5/6 came first in the Play section beating our Yr 3's by half a point, our Preps, ones and twos came second in the Choral section and our Yr Fives received an honorable mention in their Choral section. We are so proud of all our students and teachers for all the time and effort they put into their performances.



## Lumen Christi AASC students walking to Beijing

The Australian Sports Commission's (ASC) Active After-school Communities (AASC) program operating at Lumen Christi is generating a lot of interest with students, and even more now that they are on their way to Beijing!

To celebrate the 2008 Olympic and paralympic Games, The Australian Sports Commission has given a pedometer to every child at Lumen Christi participating in the AASC program so that they can tally their steps in a theoretical 'walk to Beijing.'

Each school has been supplied with a wall map so they can record their progress.

"Our children are really excited about walking to Beijing. It's wonderful that we can take a world event like the Olympics and use it to motivate kids to get active and encourage fair play and teamwork. The Olympic spirit is all about getting people together and enjoying being active, and that's what the AASC program has done for our children," said principal, Cathy Blackford.

The AASC program operates three nights a week at

Lumen Christi, and is an Australian Government initiative. The program is free for primary school children.

AASC regional coordinator, Sandra Ashford, said 'this program encourages children to become physically active, learn more about healthy lifestyle choices while experiencing a range of sports and activities. The challenge of walking to Beijing has heightened the enjoyment the children gain from attending the AASC sessions.'

Lumen Christi is new to the AASC program and already have a fantastic program planned for their children with Multi skills and games on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Baseball on a Wednesday.

'These are all activities that encourage children to become more involved in the local sporting community, and offer children a sense of achievement through the AASC Playing for Life Philosophy' says Ms Ashford.

To find out more about the AASC program in our local primary schools contact Sandra Ashford on 0437 700 428 or visit [www.ausport.gov.au/aasc](http://www.ausport.gov.au/aasc)



## 150 Years of AFL

On 7th August to celebrate 150 years of AFL, Lumen Christi had a school football day. Children dressed up in their football colours and had a special lesson of football that day.

The children were very enthusiastic and enjoyed making a people graph to see which team was the most popular. Essendon proved to be the favourite of the day.

## Investigation Play in Preps

The Grade Preps have been having a lot of fun in Investigation Play. Investigation Play allows the children to explore topics that are of interest to them. Learning occurs naturally throughout the sessions and there are lots of opportunities for the development of oral language, personal and social skills, thinking and

problem solving. Role-play is always very popular and recently the children have been having lots of fun being policemen and women. We have been investigating the role that police play in our community and we were very lucky to have a visit from our local policemen.



Gippsland Education Precinct

GEP MENTORING PROGRAM

The Plan-It youth mentoring program got underway last week with eight students and their mentors.

The mentors who are all medical/social welfare students were really excited to be able to link with our students.

Our Year 11 students have been equally enthusiastic with many commenting really positively about the initial meetings with their mentors.

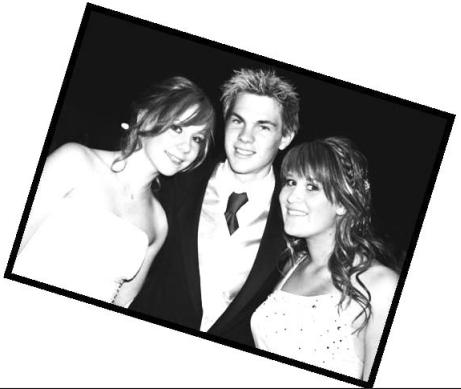
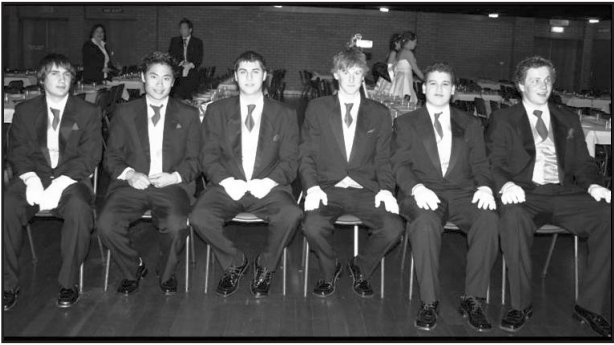
The program aims to bring together successful University students with Year 11 students who are interested in getting advice on how to succeed at school, how to succeed at University, how to succeed in the work place and how to be suc-



cessful in life more generally.

A big thank you to David Shields (Year 11 Advocate), Coral Walker (Plan-It Youth Mentoring) and Lyn Simmons (Berry Street) for getting this program up and running.

We look forward to the continued success of the program.



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Churchill Primary School

LAP-A-THON

On Friday 8th August, Churchill Primary School held its Lap-a-thon to coincide with the opening of the 2008 Olympic Games. The weather was kind to us for the day, allowing all students the chance to get outside and run or walk to their heart's content, all in the effort to raise funds for our school.

We are delighted with the support

of our school community for the day, raising over \$3,700 to be used towards new furniture for the Art room and classrooms.

A huge "Thank You" is extended to our organizing committee, fundraising teams, staff, students, and Latrobe Business Solutions (Morwell) for their generous support of this event.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Over the past few years, students and staff have worked hard at promoting the importance of regular school attendance. This has resulted in student attendance figures being better than statewide averages. Our success stems from the ability of teachers to engage and motivate students, linking learning to the real world, and making school life and learning meaningful

and enjoyable. Each and every student is encouraged to be at school "All Day, Every Day".

In our latest efforts to further support students, we are running "On Time Awards" to recognize those students who are regularly on time for school and developing the wonderful habit of being punctual.



ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Friday 29th August, 27 students headed off to represent our school at the Yinnar and District Athletics Championships Day at Newborough. This was an outstanding achievement for our students and as always, they were fantastic representatives of our school.

**Congratulations and well done to our Athletics Team of:**

Riley Flanigan, Kalisha Henshaw, Bradley Sands, Bevan Kemp, Lani Murdoch, Jeremy

Davern, Talicia Sokaluk, Bonnie Kearns, Ellis Hayes-Hills, Jazmyn Wilkins, Ben Lewis, Tearnna Schumann, Robert Gemmell, Shanasai Iorangi, Rowan Flake-Farrell, Jack Butler, Jaymee-Lee McIntosh, Nathan Slusser, Aidan Zakic, Tarna Flake, Nicole Hoogendoorn, - Hudson, Meagan Kearns, Dylan Akkerman, Tristan Turpin, Luke Collinson, Damien Campbell and Amy Smart.

CHURCHILL AND DISTRICT NEWS WRITING COMPETITION

Recently students from our school entered the Churchill and District News Writing Competition and it is with great pleasure and pride that we congratulate the following students who have received special mentions or awards for their contributions.

**Congratulations and well done to:**

Gabrielle Medew, Hannah Dal Pozzo, Rachael Pendlebury, Kayla Welsh, Brenton Clissold, Jazmyn Wilkins, Zoe Kilpatrick, Ayen Anyieth, Kristen Schumann, Sarajane Ballard, Zach Campbell, Achan Ayieth, Gnor Anyieth, Brenton Hodson and Melissa Head





## Churchill North Primary School

### Swimming Program



Students in grade 1/2 J have just completed their 6 week swimming program at the Churchill Leisure Centre. All children enjoyed their time at swimming, with many of them progressing well. The weather was also accommodating, allowing the students to stretch their legs and walk down to the pool each Thursday. Grade P/1 D are now beginning their program.

### Grade 3-6's Keeping Active

Students from grade 3 to 6 have had the opportunity to participate in a very successful electives program running every Tuesday. Tennis, Walking, Yoga and Aerobics are offered on a 3 week rotation. All students appear to enjoying the change in activities and have commented on how much fun they are. Grade 6 students also have an added bonus of taking part in weekly rock and roll lessons as a way to keep fit and stay active.

### District Athletics

Students in Grade 3- 6 participated within zone athletics on Friday 29th August at Joe Carmody Reserve; the weather was just perfect and we achieved some great results with Ainsley Browne coming 1st in 100 and 200m sprints, Corey Harding 2nd in High Jump, Yong Le Ting 2nd Long Jump, 200 and 1500m 4th, Bryan Duffell 3rd 800m and 100m 4th & Zac Mangion 1500m 4th.

### Free Breakfast

A big thankyou to our dedicated group of parents who assisted in another successful breakfast. The children always enjoy participating in these. Many teachers have commented on the positive effects of a shared breakfast.

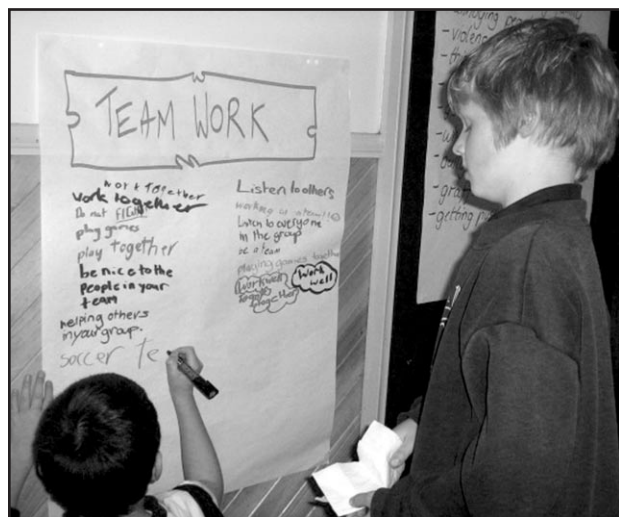
### Book Week

Book week has been and gone however, it has not gone unnoticed. The week commenced with a whole school parade on Tuesday where all students got into the spirit by dressing up as their favourite book character. Students had the opportunity to parade their wonderful costumes as well as listen to a few of the short listed books in a read aloud. Students then broke up into their houses to take part in multi-aged activities based on some of the



other short listed books. A big thankyou to out Art Teacher, Mrs Algie who always puts in a lot of effort in organising the great activities and ensuring the day runs smoothly.

### Resilience Training



Students in grades 4 to 6 recently had the opportunity to participate in resilience training at the nearby Churchill Cricket Grounds. A very rewarding day was had by all involved. All students walked away with valuable life & leadership skills of cooperation and team work. Students also identified feelings and ways to deal with negativity and behaviours that put them in the red zone. Students looked at reasons why students bully and were empowered with strategies to deal with difficult situations.

### Pie Lunch Day

The Parents Association has successfully put on another special lunch day. This time the Pie Lunch Day was a big success and a treat enjoyed by all students.

## Boolarra Primary School

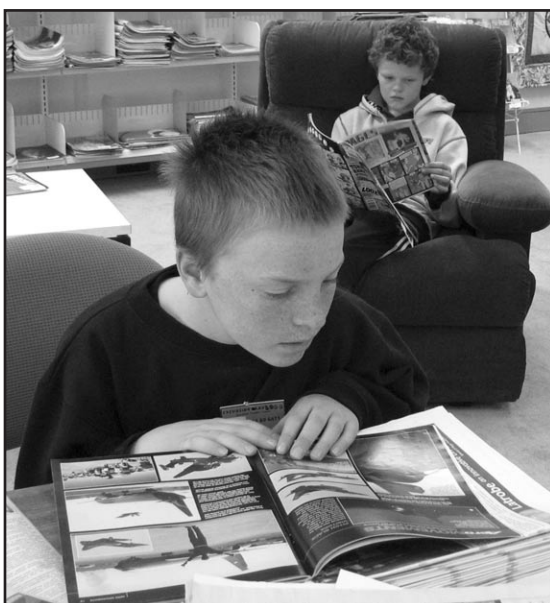
### SSO Week



Teacher Aides and School Business Managers are employed as School Support Officers (SSOs). They are such valuable, hard working members of staff that a week is set aside each year to celebrate and acknowledge the huge contribution they make to schools. During SSO Week we were delighted to have the opportunity to spoil our fabulous Business Manager Ms Wendy Jones with a lavish lunch and convivial company that our grade 5/6s students provided. Our Teacher Aide Ms Val Henderson received chocolates as she was not able to attend the luncheon.

### Whole School Excursion

During Book Week everyone from our school travelled to Morwell. We shared a picnic snack at the play-ground and visited the Art Gallery and the Morwell Library. This built on the work we have been doing to develop deeper thinking in our students particularly with regard to literature and art appreciation. A great day was had by all!



### Girls' Footy Team Equal 3rd in the State!

Six of our grade 5/6 girls combined with Yinnar girls to form a football team that competed at the Gippsland selection trials. The girls did brilliantly and won all of their matches to become the Gippsland representative team at the State finals. We travelled to Melbourne expecting to have a hard time against opposition from much bigger schools than Yinnar & Boolarra. We were delighted when our girls won 4 of their 5 matches to be placed equal third in Victoria. This was a spectacular achievement!

### Bike Ed Program

Some time back we determined that road and bicycle education were vital areas to focus on to help ensure our students' safety. Our Bike Ed program is an important part of our school program that runs for an intense two weeks each year. We check all our students' bikes and helmets against rigorous safety standards. A measure of our Bike Ed program's success is the fact that we have been L.V. Bike Ed champions so many times we have lost count - we've only missed out 1 year since it commenced! We didn't expect to be L.V. champions again in 2008 as our team had very little time to practice because the competition was 3 weeks earlier than we expected. We were amazed and delighted when our team out-scored all the other schools competing to become LV Champions yet again! Our victorious Bike Ed team comprises Rosie Twomey, Dana Flahavin, Emma Hassett, Tessa Anderson, Kyle Heusmann, Ryan Potter, Billy Mazou, Kyle Alexander with Maddi Papa and Bryce Hall as emergencies. Rosie was declared the overall best girl rider at the L.V. competition, which was a fabulous achievement. Our team will now go on to compete at the Regional Bike Ed final later in October.

### Literacy / Numeracy Week

There has been fierce competition to select our chess and scrabble teams to travel to Thorpdale Primary School to compete in a games tournament to mark Literacy / Numeracy Week. Every child at the school has worked hard to produce some fabulous work to showcase at our Celebrating Students' Achievement Exhibition. We are hoping that lots of Boolarra folk will enjoy viewing the magnificent work that will be displayed throughout the school. Our next Breakfast at School will be a "Blokes, Books & Breakie". As it falls during Literacy / Numeracy week, we are inviting dads, brothers, uncles and so forth to bring along a book they enjoyed as a child and eat breakfast with us.





# Kurnai College Churchill Campus

## SCHOOL SERVICES OFICERS (SSO's)

Kurnai Junior Campus has a wonderful group of SSOs, who are appreciated by the staff for their dedication, and willingness to hop in and do whatever needs to be done, with a happy smile.

Principal Nello Carbone says they are invaluable to

Pauline says that you develop a lovely relationship with the students, and it is very special when you meet them later in life and learn about their progress after years away from school. "That is what makes it so rewarding, to see your hard work has paid off," she declares.

Pauline has introduced and used the literacy program called Soundway, which helps with spelling. This has been used with the Year 7's with great results. Another program, Toe by Toe, has been used successfully with dyslexic students. She hopes to implement it soon.

Pauline's is the Co-Ordinator of the First Aid roster, and is the first point of call in case of need. She has Level 2 First Aid training.

Sally Sandy, and Phyllis Wilson work in the Study Club and report that it has been very successful.

Phyllis and Margaret Hanson interchange

between working in the classroom in English and Maths. and working in the school office sharing such duties as receptionist, chasing attendances, phoning parents of children absent to ascertain reasons.

Sally, Phyllis, Margaret H. and Pauline work in the classrooms, where some students are funded, but where they work with all the students, and support the teaching staff.

Margaret M and Sally like to prepare resources at home to be ready to help the students.

Sally loves to initiate new programs, and is at present instigating a gardening project.

The ladies say that they are constantly trying new programs to obtain the best results for their students, learning as they go.

They quip that they are expected to know something about everything!

As well as those above there are other SSO's engaged throughout the school.

Scott Boddy works mainly with the boys at the Junior Campus as well as at the GEP. His role is to encourage the boys in their learning and application.

Ronnie Schuback is the kitchen aide. She prepares for the lessons, helping during them. She orders the necessary supplies.



the running of the school, and shouldn't be taken for granted.

Recently, it was SSO's Week, and the staff at Kurnai, recognized the efforts of these people and the contribution they make to the school.

When asked what sort of tasks they do, they replied, lots including preparing morning teas, collating reports, sending out reports, making sure the heaters are turned on and working, supporting each other and stepping in where needed, supporting staff in the classrooms, helping any student in a classroom who needs help, and helping at Cordial and Study Clubs.

Margaret Monahan aides an autistic Year 8 student. This is the second year she has worked with him. Permission has now been obtained to take the student out of the school ground, so that he can participate in activities designed to give him life skills such as shopping, and finding where and how to read bus timetables. Shortly, this student will become a volunteer at a Lifeline Op Shop in Morwell.

Pauline Martin is a literacy aide. She runs the Cordial Club, which is a time when students have the opportunity to catch up with school work such as assignments, and homework. The club also provides some social interaction. Pauline says that students who attend usually get lots of work done.

## 2008 Thinking Olympics

In week 5 & 6 of this term Year 7 competed in the Thinking Olympics. The activities included logical/mathematical, bodily kinesthetic, visual/spatial, linguistic, and interpersonal intelligences. Students worked in a team (country) and participated in events requiring them to remember, analyse, apply, evaluate and create. There was over 34 events for team and individual medals.

Some events included the Maths pentathlon, Ad making, Microworlds presentations about their country, Wii Sports comp, Gravity, Marshmallows and toothpicks, Mousetrap cars,

English detection, Soccer, Circuit, Speed test, Cooking, Pictograms, Brainteasers, Rocket pressure, Mensa puzzles, Theatre sports, Orienteering, and Wordles.

Students have celebrated their country by flag and banner making, participating in an opening ceremony where the Participant's oath was taken by Shannon Lovell and the Olympic cauldron lit by Genevieve Blakeley. The medal tally leaders were Sierra Leone with 6 Gold 4 Silver and 2 Bronze followed closely by Denmark with 6 Gold, 2

Silver and 2 Bronze. All 21 countries won multiple medals. The closing ceremony featured the year 7 choir and band plus medals for the best individuals, team players and a special award for the country that worked well together for the whole two weeks and not forgetting a BBQ lunch!.

Outstanding individuals were: Gold- Jackson Chin, Silver- Kaitlyn Turner, and Bronze- Amy Fancke. Best team players: Gold- Hayden

Skinner, Silver- Carissa Elgar, Bronze- Ben Webster. The Best team was Denmark, Kaitlyn Turner, Carissa Elgar, Mitchell Whelan and Ebony Kootstra-Denton.

### Boolarra Science Experiments

Recently Churchill year 7 team members Ross Fitzpatrick and Nicole Pryor went to Boolarra primary school to do some science experiments with the grade 5 &6 class based on the Earth. The students discovered how gas and lava react in the atmosphere, exploded volcanoes and tried to predict lava flows, and determined how gas pressure building up can blow the top off a mountain. The experiments involved a lot of red food dye and there were some interesting pink hands at the end of the afternoon.

### Lumen Christi visits Churchill

Grade 6 students from Lumen Christi visited the Churchill Campus on Monday the 18th. The students joined in the Thinking Olympics filling in for team members who were away. The students played soccer, solved word puzzles, did rocket doubles, played Game 31(Maths Game) and heaps more. The grade 6 students helped their teams to victory with many of the teams winning medals or moving through to the next heat.

## PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The playground equipment is installed and being well used by the Years 7's who are enjoying the new

activity. There is a rush for it when the bell goes for recess. Stage 2 will be erected in 2009.



## “INTRODUCING "NOT NEGOTIABLES"

"Not Negotiables" are a set of standard rules, by which every classroom is to be run. They are the basic rules such as Students and teachers must be punctual.

Students and teachers must be well prepared.

There are other rules which will apply to various classrooms which are specific to that room. The "Not Negotiables" apply to every classroom.

These "Not Negotiables" have been devised and are to be presented to SRC (Student Representative Council), and the Parents Club for approval, before they are implemented at assembly.

This will change the way things are done and will set a standard for all classrooms for both students and teachers, and are to stop petty arguments about what is and isn't allowed.

## STUDY CLUB

Study Club is functioning very well. The first night 21 came and with the National Even Start Tutorial Program students, made a total of 31. The second week, 40 came and with the Tutorial students made a total of 50. The third week there were 38 and 6, and the fourth week Year 9s were away so the total was 23. Principal Nello Carbone says the program has been a great success. He says that the dedication of the staff and the co-operation of the parents have made the effort well worthwhile.

Most kids are entering into the spirit of the Study Club, and one student was heard to say "I've never done so much work in my life".

One of the fantastic outcomes is the fact that some parents are coming along to involve themselves, and help their child with their homework. Nello says this is to be encouraged, because students really value knowing their parents care and want input into their child's education.

## WATER TANK

The first of the water tanks is now in place near the gymnasium. It will soon be plumbed in. The tank is to collect rainwater from the gym roof and feed the toilets and showers in the gym. The money for this and other water projects came through a government water grant. The old water taps have also been replaced to

newer water saving ones. Churchill Campus is doing their bit to save as much precious water as possible.

The school would like to acknowledge Leonie Mackie, College Facilities Co-Ordinator, for submitting the application for the grant and carrying out the organization of the installation.

## BEACH VOLLEY BALL

The new volley ball court has been completed and lunchtime activities will begin soon.





# Hazelwood North Primary School

## Police Band

Last week, our whole school went to Traralgon South Primary School to see the police band. Several other schools went there.

Everyone had fun. They played lots of popular tunes and lots of people sang along.- by Damon



## Ambulance Visit

The infant department are learning about communities and the people who help us. Mrs Vesty's brother, Stephen Allison brought an ambulance for everyone to see. He told us about his job and showed us how to put on splints. Byron was on the stretcher and we got to look in the back of the ambulance. It was great fun.

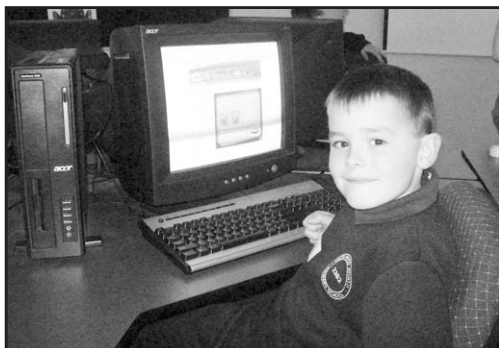


## The V Team

On Wednesday some grades from our school went to the GEP in Churchill to have a go on the computers. We went to learn how to use the program 2Animate. We got to make two slides.

They were the Olympics and Community and we had a good time. We learned it from the Kurnai students.

By Alison.P and Rhys.I



## Cooking and Computers

The grade 3/4A went to the GEP for cooking and computers. Half the class learnt about eating healthy food on the PC, while having fun at the same time. On the computers people played some games and did a quiz and a small project. The other half of the class learnt about it through cooking. They cooked sausage rolls, tortillas, pancakes, muffins and lots more. The VCAL cooking students helped us. Everyone had fun.

By Alison, Damon and Rhys.



## Soccer Zones

On Friday 8th of August our proud soccer players went to Sale to play the semi finals. They played 4 games. First they went against Sale and won 6-0. Then for their next game they went against Inverloch 2-0. Then they played Warragul and won 3-2. In the grand final they defeated Bairnsdale 1-0. The players were Brett, Damian, James, Zoey, Jacob, Jarryd, Dale, Jaye, Mitchell, Toby, Alex, Sam, Mark, Riley, Joey and Shane all coached by John Johnson.

Then our Hazelwood North soccer players went to play in the state finals. They played against Swan Hill and drew 1-1 and against Hampton they lost 2-0. Against King Davids they drew 1-1. They didn't make the finals but they did really well for getting to state championship. By Caitlin and Jade.



Brett, Damian, James, Zoey, Jacob, Jarryd, Dale, Jaye, Mitchell, Toby, Alex, Sam, Mark, Riley, Joey and Shane



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### BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Breanna Ameerberg	5	8	
Ryan Baxter-Boehm	9	Nicholas Cook	12
Jedd Britton	11	Bruce Tylah	12
Bailey Lewis	7	Ellis Hayes-Hills	10
Bonnie Kearns	9	Bevan Kemp	11
Taiesha Post	10	Gemma Laidlaw	10
Emily Lugton		Kerry Rosewell	10

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U10-Tristan, Broden and Josh



U12-Damian Yates, James Allen, Reece Smee

## Churchill Junior Football Club Presentations



U16 Floyd Haines, Jack Wyhoon and Dale Skinner



U14-Dylan Weir, Ben Kearns and Harley Lowrie

Churchill Junior Football Club had their presentation day at the Senior Club rooms on Sunday 24th August, 2008.

A great day was had by all. It began with the presentations followed by a b.b.q and a family game of footy.

2008 Club winners are as follows;  
U10

Best & Fairest Tristan Turpin  
Runner up Broden Cheney  
2nd Runner up Josh O'Brien

Most Consistent Tyson Key  
Coaches award Cameron Beale  
Clubman award Joel Mason  
Quiet achiever Jordan Taylor

U12  
Best & Fairest James Allen  
Runner up Reece Smee  
2nd Runner up Damian Yates  
Most Consistent Brendan Mason  
Coaches award Bradley Tyas  
Clubman award Matthew McMillan  
Quiet achiever Darcy Kearns

U14  
Best & Fairest Ben Kearns  
Runner up Dylan Weir  
2nd Runner up Harley Lowrie  
Most Promising Ben Hocking  
Coaches award Jed Mudge  
Clubman award Ryan Pither  
Quiet achiever Rodney Croft  
Most disciplined Jayden Hawkins

U16  
Best & Fairest Jack Wyhoon  
Runner up Dale Skinner

2nd Runner up Floyd Haines  
Encouragement award John Kelly  
Coaches/Clubman award Dan Hale  
Most promising Regan Lockett  
Quiet achiever Matthew Harvey  
Most Consistent Stephen Koslowski  
Brooke Hornsby Memorial Shield was presented to Cheryl Mason for Best clubman.

Thank you to Traralgon Apex, Traralgon RSL, TTU and Traralgon Football/Netball Club for sponsoring; The Clubman, Quiet Achiever, Most promising and Most Consistent awards.

## Bowling at Boolarra



Spring is here and with it looms the commencement of super sporting activities. At the Boolarra Bowling Club preparations are under way with most of the maintenance and greens preparation completed.

Sporting Clubs and organisations within our communities would not exist without members, and it is with this in mind that I again appeal to people in the surrounding district to take up a sport over the coming summer. The Boolarra Bowls Club is no exception. We are in great need of new members, both men and ladies. Without people who are prepared to commit to an organisation or sporting club etc they would cease to exist and the community would be the loser.

If you are a bowler who has not been bowling for a while and would like to start again this season we would really make you welcome. I would like to repeat my invitation in the last news release, which was to anyone who has not bowled before but would like to try lawn bowls to come down to the club. I can also assure you that you would be made most welcome.

Remember you do not need a set of bowls to get

started, only flat soled shoes. The Boolarra Club is very friendly and the bowling and social side is great, so no excuses. Just come on down and the members and coaches will only be too ready to help. Always remember that this is a great way to exercise outdoors and to socialise and meet people. Practice starts after opening day.

### Dates for the Diary

14th September: Boolarra Bowls Club Season Opening Day. Be there by 12.30pm

Starting in September there will be ladies bowls on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuesdays will be penant match days and Thursdays is social bowls starting at 1pm.

Monday 22nd September: Men's Triples will begin at 12.30pm and will continue through the season. There will also be Men's triples on every fifth Monday of the month when this occurs.

On 4th November (Melbourne Cup Day) there will be a social day held at the Club starting at about 10.30am with sweeps organised, an early lunch followed by a bowls game with a break for a cup, then afternoon tea.





11&U Premiers



15 17&U Premiers



13&U Premiers



Sharon Middlemiss

## Churchill Indoor Junior Netball Grand Finals

Churchill Indoor Junior Netball Association held its Grand Finals on the 9th of August. All games were closely contested - a reflection of many games played during the season. Kaye Hill was MC for the day and did an outstanding job introducing teams and umpires before games and co-ordinating trophy and award presentations after each game. The umpires did an excellent job and were presented with flowers for their hard work. Junior players who umpire regularly during the season were also recognised for their great contribution to the association.

There was also a prestigious Coaching Recognition Award from Netball Victoria presented to local coach and hardworking CIJNA volunteer, Sharon Middlemiss at the Grand final presentations.

Sharon has worked tirelessly with the CIJNA for a number of years often coaching up to 3 teams at a time, with some of the girls she is currently coaching having been with her since their very first netball game some 8 years ago. Sharon has worked hard to develop the junior players skill levels and to promote the club's profile through entering local regional Squad tournaments with U13 and U15 teams for the past couple of years.

Sharon has also co-ordinated umpiring for the weekly games and finals, she umpires every Saturday and has dedicated herself to the skilling up junior umpires. Sharon also umpires at the Morwell Indoor Netball competition, at the Squad tournaments and for local school netball games.

Sharon's Award from Netball Victoria is an important recognition of her outstanding contributions to coaching, the association and for the wonderful role model she provides to our junior netball

players.

In the 17/15 & Under section, Cougars and McLovin fought a great battle, with McLovin drawing ahead in the last quarter to take the win 32 to 25 - the biggest break of the whole game. There was only a goal in it at each quarter change; McLovin used their taller players to their advantage whilst Cougars made great use of their fast team members.

Two Yinnar teams met in the 13 & Under Grand Final - Crazy Magpies and Pretty Pandas. This game was full of excitement from the onset. Scores were level at quarter time; there was only a goal in it at half-time, scores level again at three-quarter time. Pretty Pandas took the match by a goal. Both teams displayed great passages of play, utilising all their team to the best.

After the preceding games, no-one was surprised that the 11 & Under Grand Final between Tricky Tigers and Running Rhinos was another evenly matched game. Scores remained close for the entire game and were level at full-time, requiring the match to be decided in extra time. Running Rhinos came out charging in extra time and ended up victorious over Tricky Tigers by 4 goals.

The day ended with an exhibition match between adults and juniors. This game was played for fun and kept in that spirit. The adults finally took the game 19 to 18 (but were ably assisted by some very talented juniors!).

CJINA wishes all its players, members and their families a wonderful safe break and looks forward to another great season in 2009!

For enquiries in relation being part of CJINA contact: - Kim Hogarth (Secretary) Ph: 51222482 or Kay Hill (President) Ph: 0419 118 510.



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in Australia.

Churchill and Monash Golf Club held their L'Oreal Paris Ladies Cup on Tuesday 26 August. The winners were Dianne Thomas in Division One and Ann Hibbert in Division Two. Down the line were Maureen McConville, Chris Ellis, Jill Beck

and Linda Casey.

Pictured with their prizes, consisting of packs filled with skincare, cosmetics and haircare products are L-R Chris Ellis, Sianne Thomas, Maureen McConville, Ann Hibbert and Jill Beck.

## Churchill Football Netball Club Golf Day

The Churchill Football Netball Club had a very successful Golf Day at the Churchill Monash Golf Club on August 10h. Although the weather wasn't the best the ones that played had a most enjoyable day. The winners on the day were the group consisting of Murray Hutchinson, Jason Murdock and

Travis Brighton they had the Great score of 5836ts to win in a count-back.

We would like to thank the Golf Club for hosting the day and also the volunteers who helped out on the day. We would like to thank the many sponsors for the day. Who were:

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## Churchill Bowls

The Churchill Bowls Club has secured the Gaskin Park Hall for our long awaited Carpet Bowls program; which will commence on Wednesday the 1st of October 2008 at 7.30 pm at the Gaskin Park Hall Manning Drive Churchill. An invitation is extended to all members of the community, who wish to be involved in an enjoyable, sporting, and social activity, so come along, meet new friends and have a fun night out at the Churchill Bowls Club, and be part of the new era in social and sporting interaction in the Churchill community. Coaches will be available on the night for those who haven't played before, or require some assistance. Initially the price will be

\$2.00 per person, with a light supper included.

The Churchill Bowls Club attended the Southern Towns Recreational Planning meeting which was held in Churchill on the 7/07/008 and presented its case for a Lawn Bowls Facility to be established in the town. A further meeting will be held on September the 10th, where additional ongoing negotiations will be carried out.

The Churchill Bowls Club AGM will be held at 7.0 pm on the 30th of September 2008 at the Gaskin Park Hall Manning Dr Churchill All are welcome to attend.



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