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Boolarra Open Gardens Bonanza

'The township of Boolarra is on one of the prettiest situations that could be found for a bush township.' So wrote the 'Travelling Correspondent' of the Traralgon Record, way back in March 1886. And today ... it still is! In 2007 Boolarra won the Victorian Community of the Year (Under 5,000 People) Award in the Victorian Rural Achievement Awards.

See Boolarra for yourself on Sunday 2 November, when between 10.00am and 4.30pm, the Inaugural 'Boolarra Open Gardens Bonanza' will have a diverse range of the town and district's gardens open to the general public.

A \$10 ticket will provide access to any and all of the 10 gardens participating this year. Children will be admitted free, however dogs cannot be permitted. Tickets may be purchased on the day in

The Boolarra Shop, the Bullfrog Café or from the Boolarra Plant Nursery, and will be issued with an accompanying garden location map.

The event is under the auspices of the Boolarra Community Development Group. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to Boolarra's Wildlife Assistance, CFA and Kindergarten.

While visitors will be welcome to use the picnic table facilities in Boolarra's picturesque Railway Park for Lunch, the CFA will hold a sausage sizzle in the park and the nearby Boolarra Shop and the Bullfrog Café will have sit-down and take-away food for sale.

Visitors may also wish to browse through the monthly community market held in the park between 9.00am and 1.30pm



Gippsland Medical School Successful First Year

By Ruth Place

The end of the first year of the Gippsland Medical School's operation is fast approaching. The students began in January, and will sit their exams in November.

Professor Chris Browne, Head of the Medical School, said he was very proud of this group of students who have all worked very hard and shown a huge commitment to the course. With half living on campus and half nearby they have formed a tight friendship and support group.

One student has been elected to attend an international medical conference in Jamaica. She is the Royal College of Surgeons Student Representative for all women training for Women in Surgery - a national body which represents all Australian students. The aim of the

conference is to study ways to make a surgeon's life more friendly and suitable to the lifestyle and hours of women.

The Federal Government controls the set up of new medical facilities in Australia. Monash Faculty of Medicine Clayton put in a bid to the Howard Government in late 2005 to set up a medical school in Gippsland. They were granted initial places in April 2006. The Federal Government gave \$5 million to renovate the old engineering section of the campus, with Monash putting in \$1 million. Professor Chris Browne came to Gippsland to set up the school, arriving in July 2006.

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Professor Chris Browne

Above left: Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser visits the Medical School



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Koorie Footprints to Higher Education Wins Wurreker Award

Koorie Footprints to Higher Education program took out the University Pathways Award for 2008 at the Wurreker Awards held at the Aboriginal Advancement League in Melbourne on the 17 of September.

From small beginnings the program has been growing in momentum and interest within the Koorie community of Gippsland. The program is run through DEEWR funding acquired by the Gippsland Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies here at

Monash University, Churchill.

The objectives for the program are clearly defined as being to identify and support Indigenous secondary students and potential students who are willing and able to make the transition to university education within a rural environment. The program has also been able to raise the aspirations, confidence and educational outcomes of Indigenous secondary students and TAFE students through an immersion in art practice within

the university campus. The program has identified a Best Practice model that is having positive outcomes towards successful pathways into further education.

Koorie Footprints has also forged stronger links between organisations working in all levels of the education sector for the future of Koorie education. Positive changes within the system support encouraging outcomes for our student participants.

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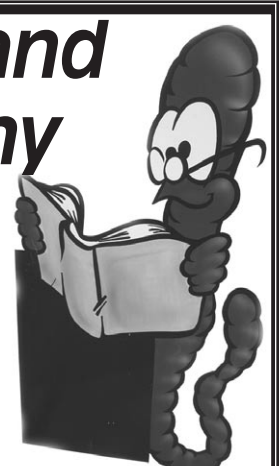
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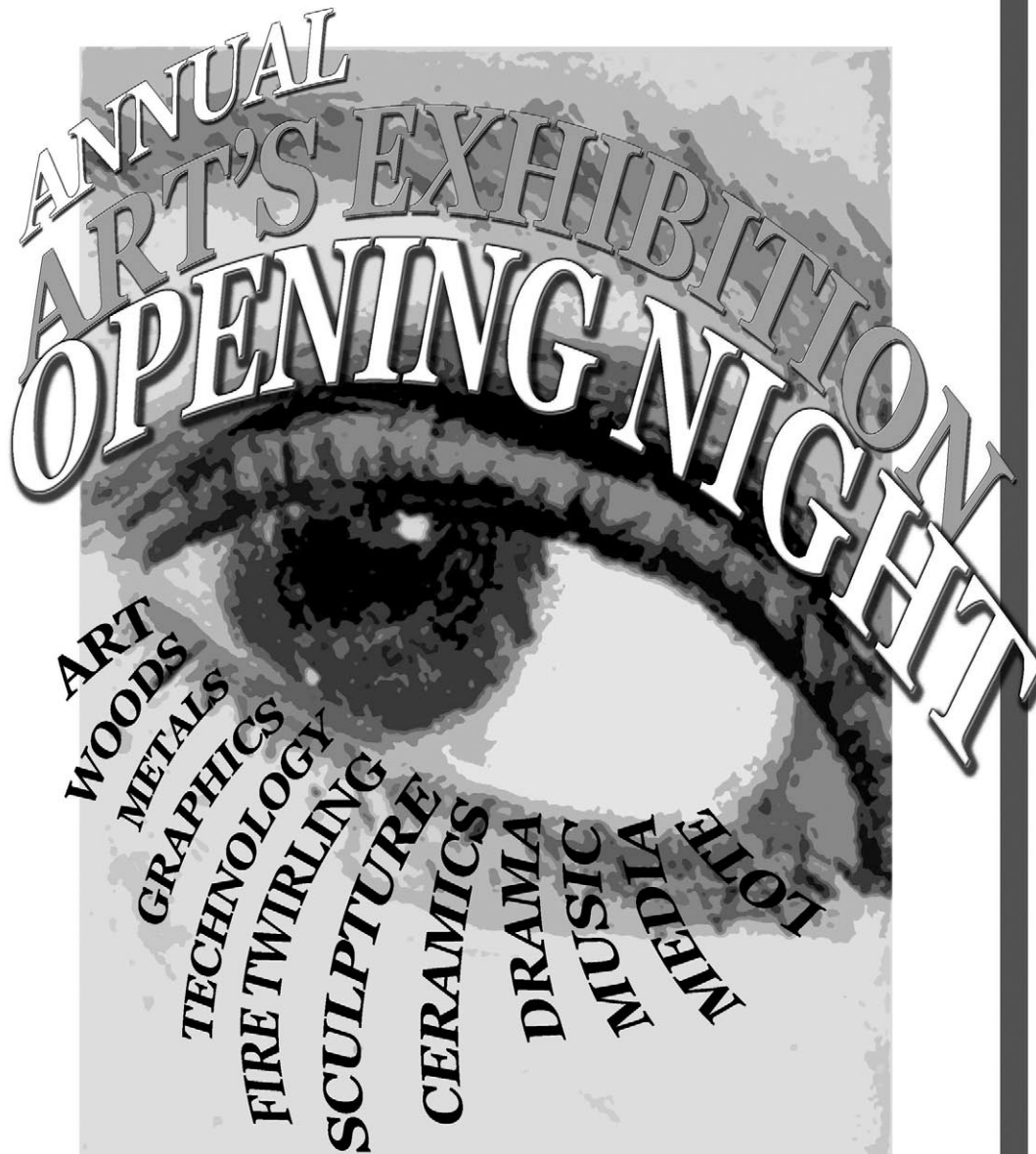
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On the 28th of October at 7pm at the Gippsland Education Precinct Kurnai College will be opening its Annual Art Exhibition.

Kurnai has three campuses, each of which will have a variety of arts represented including, wood and metal technology, drawing, painting,

sculpture, ceramics, drama, music, and media. The VCAL students at the GEP will be providing supper on the night and students will be performing a number of dramatic and musical items.

Everyone is invited to attend. Other viewing times are 29th, 30th,

and 31st of October from 9am to 4pm.

The Gippsland Education Precinct is located on Northways Road, Churchill, on the edge of Monash University.

'CLASS ACT' at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

'Class Act' is the title chosen for this year's anthology of stories, personal anecdotes and poems by the Creative Writing Group at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. Editing is now under way and Sheila Walters, a long time member of the group, is working on the illustrations.

This friendly class meets every Tuesday morning during school term time. Activities include writing workshops, experimenting with different styles of writing, the occasional guest speaker and regular readings

of members' own work. An anthology is published annually.

There are a few vacancies now available for men and women who have an interest in books and writing. There are no pre-requisites for the class and people of all ages are welcome.

For further information please contact Coordinator Henry Parniak on 5122 2955 or call in at the centre for a chat. Email: churchillnc@bigpond.com.au

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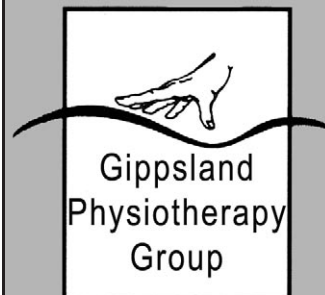
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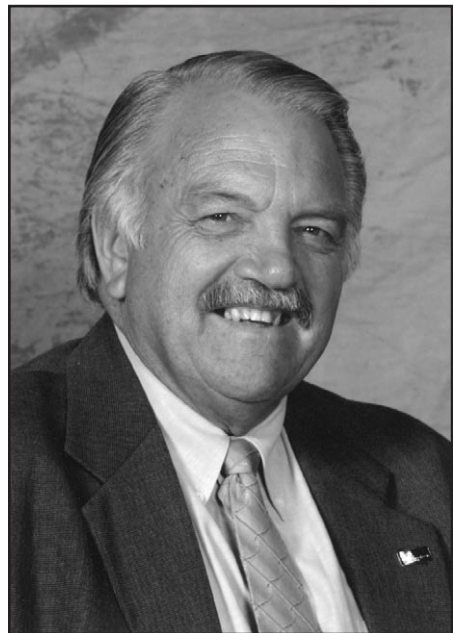
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Jayco Herald Sun Tour and Australia Day Cr Darrell White



Jayco Herald Sun Tour 2008 Latrobe City to host the Opening Stage

Traralgon will be the location for the opening stage of the 2008 Jayco Herald Sun Tour for the first time in the event's 57-year history.

The Tour will run from 12th – 18th October, starting in Traralgon, travelling through Churchill, Yinnar and Boolarra and then to other towns such as Inverloch, Warragul, Alexandra, Marysville, Mount Buller and the Yarra Valley, before finishing in Melbourne.

The 2008 Tour will host 14 teams of seven riders making up the 98 rider field and based on previous years, is expected to deliver a significant economic impact for our region, as well as major national and international media exposure.

The opening stage of the Jayco Herald Sun Tour in Traralgon will include the following cycling features:

Sunday 12th October - a criterium circuit in the CBD of the town, with many activities occurring around the Kay Street garden precinct throughout the day; and

Monday 13th October - the opening stage of the ride departs from Traralgon at 10.30am for Churchill, then goes to Yinnar via Hazelwood Estate Road and then to Boolarra before commencing its journey to Inverloch.

Motorbikes to "lend a hand"

Gippsland Ulysses Motorcycle Club members will converge on Kay Street, Traralgon on Sunday 12th October to accelerate the Jayco Herald Sun Tour celebrations and lend a much

needed hand in traffic management when the criterium event associated with the tour is held.

In addition, the local CFA will also be assisting in traffic duties, under the control of the event traffic management personnel. Members of these two community organisations will be positioned at entrance points and walkways around the circuit. With the event sure to be well-attended, meaning thousands of people, bikes and cars flocking to the CBD, there is a requirement to ensure that safety is a top priority.

The Gippsland Ulysses Motorcycle Club will also create a motorcycle display as part of the activities in Kay Street. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the club to promote the annual Gippsland Motorcycle "Toy Run" which will be held on 3th December.

There will also be a Fire Brigade vehicle on display in the Kay Street Gardens and the CFA will be promoting their fire safety and volunteer programs.

On the day, there will be many other family-orientated activities as well as local food providers in attendance.

For entertainment outside the spectacle of the bike race, there will be other activities including music from the Latrobe City Youth Band, roving theatre group 'The Regenerators' and the Latrobe City Cycling Club.

Experience the thrill of the Race with a "Go for your life" community ride

A feature of the day's activities will be the opportunity for local bike riders to experience what it would be like to be a cycling professional by taking part at the start line of a bike race and be "flagged off" with other competitors. The Jayco Herald Sun Tour criterium circuit will be open for local riders from 3.10pm until 3.30pm. The "Go for your life" community ride is a chance for the riders taking part in the Jayco Herald Sun Tour to warm up.

Whilst the ride is open to members of the public, the more serious riders will also take the opportunity to ride the criterium course to get a feel for the circuit. Members of the public can ride alongside these cyclists and imagine what it would be like to hurtle round the circuit in an actual race.

The "criterium road race" actually takes place from 3.50pm to 4.50pm, and is a thrilling specta-

cle. By entering the community ride, entrants will also be eligible to win a Giant Elwood SE hybrid bike, courtesy of Mallards Cycles.

Registrations for the "Go for your life" community ride are free and open to anyone. Registrations can be made either on the day or at Mallards Cycles, 23-25 Franklin St, Traralgon, prior to the event. Please note, only those people who register prior to the day are eligible to win the bike.

For more information check out www.jayco-heraldsuntour.com.au.

Nominations Open for the 2009 Australia Day Awards

The Latrobe City Council Australia Day Awards pay tribute to local individuals and groups who have made an outstanding contribution to the community. Any individual or organisation can make a nomination and all eligible nominees are acknowledged.

Latrobe City Council administers the Australia Day Awards on behalf of the National Australia Day Council of Victoria. The Awards will be presented at a ceremony to be held at Kernot Hall, Morwell on Monday 26 January, 2009.

To be eligible to be recognized in these awards:

- *All individuals must be Australian Citizens;
- *Nominees for Latrobe City Council's Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year must be a resident of Latrobe City;
- *Events nominated for Community of the Year must have been held within the Latrobe City municipality;
- *No self nominations will be accepted;
- *Only one person may be nominated per nomination form; and
- *Organisations/groups must reside in the Latrobe City.

Criteria Citizen of the Year

Latrobe City Council's Citizen of the Year recipients are people who have demonstrated through their hard work and dedication that they:

- *provide a significant contribution to the community in the current year or over a number of years;
- *demonstrate outstanding leadership skills

and/or are a role model for their community members or organisations; or

*excel in one of the areas of: arts or culture, sport and recreation, business, the environment or community service.

Young Citizen of the Year

Latrobe City Council's Young Citizen of the Year recipient is someone who:

- *must be under 25 years of age or under, on 26 January 2009; and
- *either lives, works or attends an educational institution within the municipality;
- *has either made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or has given outstanding service for the local community over a number of years.

Community Event of the Year

Latrobe City Community Event of the Year:

- *recognises a person or group which has staged a noteworthy community event within the municipality during the past year; and
- *must demonstrate that they are a community event and not a profit making venture.

Community Service of the Year

Latrobe City' Community Service award for the Year is awarded to a resident or community group who:

- *have demonstrated that they have performed outstanding community service to the local community, either during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years;
- *have demonstrated that they meet a community need or priority and have provided exceptional service to the community;
- *are a not-for-profit community based groups which consist of 4 or more members; and
- *operate within the municipality.

Nomination forms and conditions of entry for all categories can be downloaded from:

<http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Events/Events/AustraliaDay/>

All nominations must be received by 5.00pm on 31st October, 2008. Entries should be addressed to: Latrobe City Australia Day Awards, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, MORWELL 3840

Alternatively they may be forwarded to directly to wendyhr@latrobe.vic.gov.au.

For further information please contact Wendy Hrynyszyn, Senior Events Officer, on 5128 5618.



By Margaret Guthrie, President

A Churchill Town Centre Plan titled "Option from Consultation" was presented to our September meeting. Project Manager, Ian Gibson, from Latrobe City advised that the design had arisen from the community consultation session and workshops held a month ago.

The design includes significant landscaping works and tree-planting, a covered pedestrian spine linking all retail businesses, centralised bus-stop, re-shaping Georgina Place, safe pedestrian crossing treatments and alignment of all

car-parking with multiple access points to each car-parking area. Also included are sites for further retail expansion and the provision of an outdoor seating area.

Long-time Churchill residents and CDCA members viewing the design option were heard to remark that this was the best plan they'd ever seen for our town centre. Such a plan, if it comes to fruition, may solve the long-standing problems of disconnection, pedestrian safety, and the unattractive look of the current layout.

Other suggestions put forward by residents

for inclusion in the plan include the provision of bicycle racks, clearly marked bike lanes (particularly in Phillip Parade), separate truck parking or loading zones outside Hazelwood Village shops and a 'drive-by' post box facility (similar to that at Morwell mail centre).

TTM Consultants, engaged by Latrobe City Council to progress detailed design plans for the town centre, are working on final details as they consult with landowners and other stakeholders. It is hoped that an "in principle" design will be presented to Council for adoption later this month. The "in principle" design will then be subject to a further community consultation process.

For further information, contact Ian Gibson at Latrobe City Council on 5128 5444 or email iangi@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Progress on the construction of the Churchill Community Hub was also high on the agenda. It was reported that membership of the new Board of Governance is soon to be announced by Council, while a 'walk-through' inspection for user-group representatives is hoped for by the end of this month.

Council officers and user groups have been meeting to make final decisions in regard to signage, security access and children's play equipment for the kindergarten and childcare facilities. It is expected that Pooh Corner childcare will move into their new premises at the Hub over January, ready to begin operation in February 2009.

External works such as drop-off areas, off site landscaping and pedestrian access are being

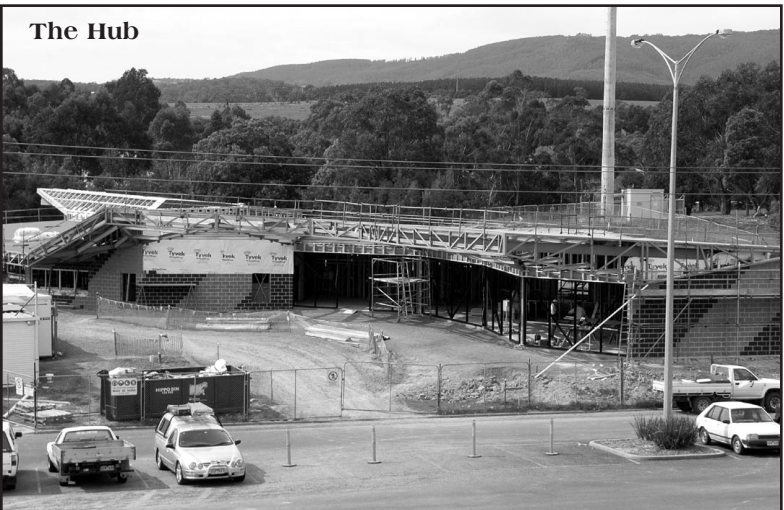
designed by TTM Consultants as part of the Town Centre Plan. A priority is for the finalisation of the Phillip Parade works (road narrowing between the Hub and the Town Hall), but unfortunately this is not likely to be completed in time for the Hub opening.

In other CDCA news, a small working group has been formed to develop a submission to the State Parliamentary Inquiry into Regional Centres of the Future. The submission will compliment those made by Council and Monash University, focussing on Churchill's place in Latrobe City.

Council has requested CDCA comments on the location of shared (bike/pedestrian) path signage along the Eel Hole Creek pathways. It was resolved that a walk with the responsible Council officer was the best way to identify suitable sites.

CDCA also noted congratulations were in order for premierships wins by the Churchill Cougars (football) and Churchill United (soccer). Churchill Lawn Bowls Club has announced the introduction of their indoor carpet bowls program at Gaskin Park stadium, which commenced on Wednesday 1st October.

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



The Hub



Gippsland Medical School Successful First Year

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The re-vamp took most of 2007. The first 40 students started on 29/1/2008, with the builders moving out in March 2008.

To qualify for this course, candidates must have a minimum of a Bachelor degree with high credits.

Most of the initial intake was from health and medical science areas, but they have also come from engineering, journalism, arts, law and a few other health professions like pharmaceuticals, physiotherapy, radiography, nursing and ambulance paramedics.

This degree is a four year course, with the first year spent at Churchill Campus. The second year is to be spent at hospitals in the region - Sale, Latrobe Regional Hospital, Warragul and Frankston. The third year will be centered in general practices from Orbost to the Mornington Peninsular, and from Maffra to Foster. Thirty practices will take the students. These plans are in the negotiation stage at present.

Large group practice will be preferred, which are close to health services, where two doctors can take the lead of mentoring the student placements.

In the fourth year the students have a series of 6x6 week rotations, which they can choose to do in hospitals, general practice, or community based facilities. They must do two in the country and two in the city, with two wherever they wish. Often 70-80% of the students will choose an overseas posting, such as the Congo.

The Medical School stipulates that the place must be safe, and the reason medical. Students in the past have been to African countries, Asia, Pacific Islands, and the USA. These places give the students opportunities to see AIDS patients, gun shot wounds, tropical diseases, liver transplants etc. It is an interesting and widening exercise.

Monash is in a unique position, having a Medical School in Malaysia. It is hoped to arrange exchanges for students between Gippsland and Malaysia, with students forming buddy friendships. This is also possible with Clayton Campus and Gippsland Campus, to give each a taste of city and country practice.

The final six weeks of the year is for the students to take a break. Some students choose to do that by adding on those six weeks to their overseas posting.

To help with the training of the students in patient care and delivery, community members have been invited to be and trained to be patients and show symptoms etc, so the students can practice their skills. At present 35-40 people have trained, but more are needed. Please contact the Medical School if you would like to volunteer for this very special and important task.

Special prostheses are strapped to patients. This gives the student the experience of injecting into a plastic arm which has veins, and bleeds. Patients are also trained to express pain, apprehension and anger, to give the students experience.

Standardised patients are used for students to access patients in exams conditions also.

Early in September, the School held interviews with 103 candidates for next year's intake. Chris hopes to increase the intake to 65 students for 2009, compared to 40 for 2008. The interviews were conducted as a series of panels made up of personnel from Monash Medical School, Monash Campus and the community. There are multiple mini interviews with rotations happening in ten minutes cycles.

Each interview presents the candidates with a scenario. They have two minutes to read it and eight minutes to do the interview. This technique is one which has been pioneered in Australia. This method gives ten discreet samplings, from a diversity of interviewers, who represent a reliable estimate from a cross section of society.

These scenarios are not knowledge based but test non-cognitive attributes of the candidate such as honesty, ethical behaviour, reasoning, ability to be non judgmental, empathy, and the ability to deal with difficult situations and uncertainty, all of which are things which doctors are faced with continually. It helps to assess their ability to consider and see multiple ways to approach a situation. It also brings out their views on disability.

Doctors must learn to make decisions under pressure of time, without, in some cases, the full amount of medical knowledge. The interviews enact classic medical situations.

Doctors do not always get a clear account of patient's symptoms. Patient's memories may be hazy about when a symptom first appeared. They may not think to tell the doctor they have been to another alternative medical practitioner eg. a physiotherapist naturopath etc.

Part of the training of the students is to take very good patient notes, and information from their conversations with the patient. This is imperative as doctors can see up to 25 patients in a three hour session.

A message to all those reading this, is to tell your doctor everything you have done for this condition. Record symptoms, so you can give your doctor an accurate picture of your health issue.

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Type 2 diabetes

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- The most common form of diabetes.
- People with type 2 diabetes are more likely to have high blood pressure and cholesterol and be overweight.
- Develops gradually.
- Can often be controlled with diet and exercise, but sometimes tablets and then later, insulin may be required.

Signs and symptoms

These may include:

- Passing more urine
- Increased thirst and/or hunger
- Tiredness - loss of energy
- Weight loss (type 1)
- Itching and skin infections (e.g. thrush)
- Blurred vision
- Slow-healing wounds
- Tingling and numbness of feet.

People with type 2 diabetes may only notice symptoms after their blood glucose levels have been high for many years.

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Risk factors for diabetes

More than 500,000 Australians have type 2 diabetes and do not know it. Take the tick test below. If you tick one or more of the boxes then you are at risk of diabetes. Take this information with you to the doctor and ask to be tested.

- I am over 45 and have high blood pressure
- I am over 45 and am overweight
- I am over 45 and have a family member with diabetes.
- I am over 55
- I have heart disease or have had a heart attack
- I had high blood sugar levels while I was pregnant.
- I have had a borderline high blood sugar test
- I have polycystic ovary syndrome and am overweight
- I am over 35 and am an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, a Pacific Islander, of Chinese cultural origin or from the Indian sub-continent.

If you are at risk of type 2 diabetes, don't rely on the presence of symptoms to know if diabetes has developed. Be tested annually in order to detect diabetes early. You may have diabetes without feeling any symptoms.



Northe's Natter

Monash Gippsland will this month host a regional sitting of the Parliament of Victoria - just the third occasion the House has sat outside Spring Street.

The sitting affords us a wonderful opportunity to showcase all that is great about our region and also call for support to implement desired changes. I welcome all members to the Morwell electorate and encourage the community to join us at the university on October 16th.

In addition to the regional sitting, Parliament will sit twice this month and I look forward to continuing to provide a voice for this region on important State Government issues. As always, I invite your feedback on these matters and would be pleased to receive corre-

spondence via mail (PO Box 214 Morwell 3840) or email: russell.northe@parliament.vic.gov.au.

At the time of writing this column I am still awaiting advice from the Roads Minister on funding for the Monash Way/Bastin Street intersection. The Boolarra community have campaigned long and hard for their safety concerns to be addressed and we are all hopeful funding will be allocated through the latest greyspot program round.

Further to the township's success in the soccer, Churchill has taken the premiership flag in the North Gippsland Football League. I congratulate the senior squad, coaches and club volunteers on this fantastic achievement.

I look forward to meeting with members of the community when I attend the Boolarra & District Historical Society meeting and the Yinnar Primary School later this month.

Russell

Yinnar-Yinnar South Landcare Group Meeting



20th October 2008
RSL Hall Yinnar 7.30pm

Guest speaker will be Ken Harris

Ken has been studying and photographing natural history subjects over more than 40 years and has photos of 6000 species of plants and animals taken in many countries, including a year in Canada and a brief visit to the US including California.

Special interests: The flora and fauna of Morwell National Park.

Followed by a short meeting.

Please bring a small plate of supper to share

Church Times

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

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Saturday Breakfast with Jo Smylie

Jo Smylie, Manager of Radiotherapy at the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre was the guest speaker at September's Saturday Breakfast held on the 27th.

Jo gave an overview of the centre, how it is organised and an indication of the number of patients that use the centre and where they come from.

The centre now operates from the new buildings and services moved in June 2006 (chemotherapy) and radiotherapy commenced on 24 July 2006.

The Centre is a regional integrated cancer service with all services under the one roof:

- Specialist Clinics
- Radiotherapy

- Chemotherapy
- Allied Health
- Pharmacy

The Centre is associated with the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne and where permanent local medical people are not available, people come from Melbourne on a part time basis.

Most patients come from within a 50 km radius of the centre with about 20% coming from Bairnsdale, Leongatha and Warragul, with these centres having chemotherapy units that operate for one day per week.

Jo outlined the types of treatment and equipment available for treating various types of cancer in the radiotherapy and chemothera-

py units. 7,500 patients attended the radiotherapy unit from 2006 to 2008.

The estimated cost of the Centre is \$24,500,000 with funding coming from the Australian and State governments and the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre Appeal.

The next Saturday Breakfast will be held on Saturday 25 October at 7.45 am. The guest speaker will be Johanna Bartels from the Latrobe Regional Gallery.

People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders by WEDNESDAY 22 October on 5122 1148 or at kbenders@net-tech.com.au

Chaplain's Contemplations

As I pen these few words, the campus is very quiet – students are in their mid-semester break and the GEP students are on holidays – so this time to reflect and slow down is a golden opportunity to ponder the mystery of silence.

Universities, schools, shopping malls and even families can be rather noisy places. Everyone going about their business or leisure can be very "loud" and even boisterous affairs. Yet it strikes me that the one commodity that is so rare in our lives and experience is the opportunity to savour moments of genuine silence and peace.

Youthful students in groups are often a joy to watch – there is never any lack of movement or laughter or plain horsing around; households often have the radio or TV going on from morning to late evening and shopping malls are abuzz with trolleys, checkouts and the inevitable "muzak". Shortly we'll be saturated with Christmas carols and flashing lights and the endless queues to visit Santa Claus as well as the joy and trauma of buying presents.

Yet here in Churchill we have a wonderful environment to just sit quietly and marvel at the beauty of the Jeeralangs, the green fields dotted with cattle and goats and the occasional alpaca, and to hear the sounds of nature whether it is the distant hum of people at work, the

plaintiff screech of the plovers, the frolicking of birds, the lowing of cows and even the dreaded whoosh of magpies that can ruin the most peaceful of walks.

Many people are fearful of silence. We can feel guilty that it signifies we aren't doing something; we often dread silence because when the external noises of our lives are quietened, the inner cries of our memories and worries start to play their interminable songs; we sometimes fear that silence brings questions we would rather avoid asking because we are fearful of the answers.

Yet silence is golden! It is a friend to cultivate, a time to enjoy, a moment to let go of the need to be continually busy, a space to really hear the sounds of creation and most of all, a place to remember that each of us is unique – we are the marvellous expressions of a God who loves us with all our busyness and timetables, with all our fragilities and fears, with all our restless hearts and most importantly, with all our stories and memories and disappointments and successes. We are indeed precious to the Lord – but, we need occasionally to be silent to really hear and believe that!

Fr Hugh Brown
Ecumenical Chaplain
Monash University Gippsland.

Co-Operating Church Snippets

Our stewardship campaign was very successful with a celebration of our talents and the many programs and activities in which we are involved. We were given the opportunity to review our giving to the church both financially and though our time and talents. The four week program ended with a service of celebration, followed by some wonderful local entertainers and then a sit down lunch.

Sincere thanks has been expressed to the committee who organized it, for the huge amount of work put into the planning and execution of the program, and acknowledgement of the work which will continue to be done to complete the event.

Throughout this month we have been collecting items for our auction, food and fair event. To run such an event takes many hours of preparation and planning. We are all hoping the results are outstanding. Our church congregation thanks the Community Life Panel for its hard work.

Our all age worship service was very engaging of all sectors of the congregation. It was based on the Lord's Prayer and as the service proceeded the Lord's Prayer was explained. Woven into the service was a series of activities which resulted in a rainbow of colours representing God, in the form of a mat, a woven wall hanging and a tree of praying hands. There was included much singing and movement.

Saturday Breakfast was on again this month after a rest over winters coldest months. The guest speaker was Jo Smilie from the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre. Jo spoke about the setting up of the centre and the huge workload which is carried out within its walls. A donation of the breakfast money was given to Jo for the GCCC.

The Cool Club 4 Kids team has been spending the holidays planning next term's program. We are looking forward to having all the kids return to the Shed on 8th October. New members are welcome. Just turn up at 3:20pm.

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For further details contact Elsie on 51271313.

Tickets are available before or on the day.

Council Hopefuls

Gunyah Ward

Ed Vermeulen

Having lived in Gunyah Ward for 15 years, Ed Vermeulen, believes he can actively represent its residents in the upcoming Latrobe City Council Elections.

Ed has a strong community involvement, and is at present an Executive Member of the Hazelwood North and District Community Association,

President of the Latrobe Valley U3A and has been involved for 26 years in community radio.

The policy areas that Ed is keen to promote include recreational and sporting access for residents of rural areas, roads funding for rural roads, farming and environmental issues.



Linda Reid

After dumping a load of rubbish on the forecourt of Latrobe City's Headquarters, council hopeful, Linda Reid made the front of the headquarters building a 'temporary hard waste collection point' to highlight the plight being faced by many Latrobe City residents since the withdrawal of both the regular hard waste service and the voucher system earlier this year.

"I think it's important that we had some rational discussion about the service since the voucher system was dumped earlier in the year by Council," Ms Reid said.

"This rubbish my husband and I collected from the bush nearby and from residents who do not have a vehicle/trailer. Dumping of rubbish

in Churchill, Hazelwood, Traralgon South and the outer lying districts of Latrobe is just part of the problem caused by the rabid and reactionary response to hard waste changes made by Council after a consultation with a 'narrowly based' group of community organisations over an extended period stretching to some 18 months or so."

"What needs to occur now is for the council to undertake a simple and quick survey of the ratepayers to find out what we want."

The candidate in the upcoming Council elections said the Council needed to be 'clear and up front' and outline the costs and legal restrictions of a curb side service before asking if ratepayers want a 'user pays' service or one 'incorporated in

rates'. She said any candidate or group claiming to be able to provide a 'free hard rubbish service' were simply 'playing ratepayers for fools'

Ms Reid said while she supported a reintroduction of the annual curb side service it was important that Council let everyone know the real costs of a service and consulted widely across the whole community before agreeing to "implement the community's wishes".

"If they won't then, if elected, I will," she concluded.

To ensure everyone and everything including the environment was a winner out of her actions, Ms Reid and her husband gathered the waste and took it to the Council's transfer station at the conclusion of the Council meeting.

Have you got a question?

Voting in Local Council Elections is on Saturday 29th November 2008. The Churchill and District News, as it has in previous years, will ask all candidates three

questions and publish their answers in the November Edition of the paper. If you would like to submit a question please email cdnews@dcsi.net.au by 17th October.

Trebuchet for Medieval Society

Churchill teenager, Owen Guthrie, has built a working model of a trebuchet.

"A trebuchet," Owen explained, "is a type of medieval catapult that was used for breaking down castle walls during siege warfare. Its sling would be loaded with large rocks that would be hurled at the castle when the firing pin of the trebuchet was released."

Owen's model is made of mild steel tube, which has been welded and bolted together and uses an old transformer, which weighs approx 80kg, as the counterweight.

"It's not an authentic recreation," said Owen, "as trebuchets were constructed of wood in medieval times. I just wanted to see if I could build a working model out of scrap metal. I looked for other models on the internet, and then drew my own design."

"I'm pleased with the result," he went on. "I've tested it by firing plastic bottles filled with water and they travel quite a distance with a fair degree of accuracy."

The trebuchet has now been donated to the Leongatha Medieval Society.

"It's not the sort of thing that Mum wanted kept in the back yard," explained Owen. "The Medieval Society has a Restricted Weapons Permit and is licensed and insured to use medieval weaponry. They even own a 14th century bombard canon which fires 7" iron balls."

Because the trebuchet is not an authentic model, it won't be used for public exhibitions or displays. However, club members plan to put it to another use.

"We're going to try using it for moving target practice," said Society President, Morgan Fisher. "We hold regular archery events at Mossvale Park on the last Sunday of each month. We'll be able to fire old basketballs and soccer balls from the trebuchet for our archers to aim at. We have static targets, including animal models, but a moving target will help us to further develop our skills."

Club members make or buy an assortment of medieval weaponry, armour and clothing. Owen has previously constructed a chain mail

shirt and coif (head-piece) which he hand-made from links he manufactured from fencing wire. Morgan has hand-made gauntlets, but prefers to buy his armour.

The Society has a forge at its clubrooms for the use of members. Owen has pursued his interest in medieval weaponry at ARC Yinnar by attending tool-smithing workshops, where he has begun to learn how to fashion blades. He would like to make his own swords in the future, but will need a licence for prohibited steel weapons to do so.

The Leongatha Medieval Society is based on a free company of the English Army in the mid to late 14th century. The club has a strong focus on traditional archery, whilst members portray English Archers, Knights and Ladies and Men-at-Arms.

The club has done a number of exhibitions, from parties and fetes to educational displays for schools, and can be booked for events. Further information can be obtained from the website - www.lms.asn.au





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Owen & Morgan Fisher with long bow at Mossvale Park

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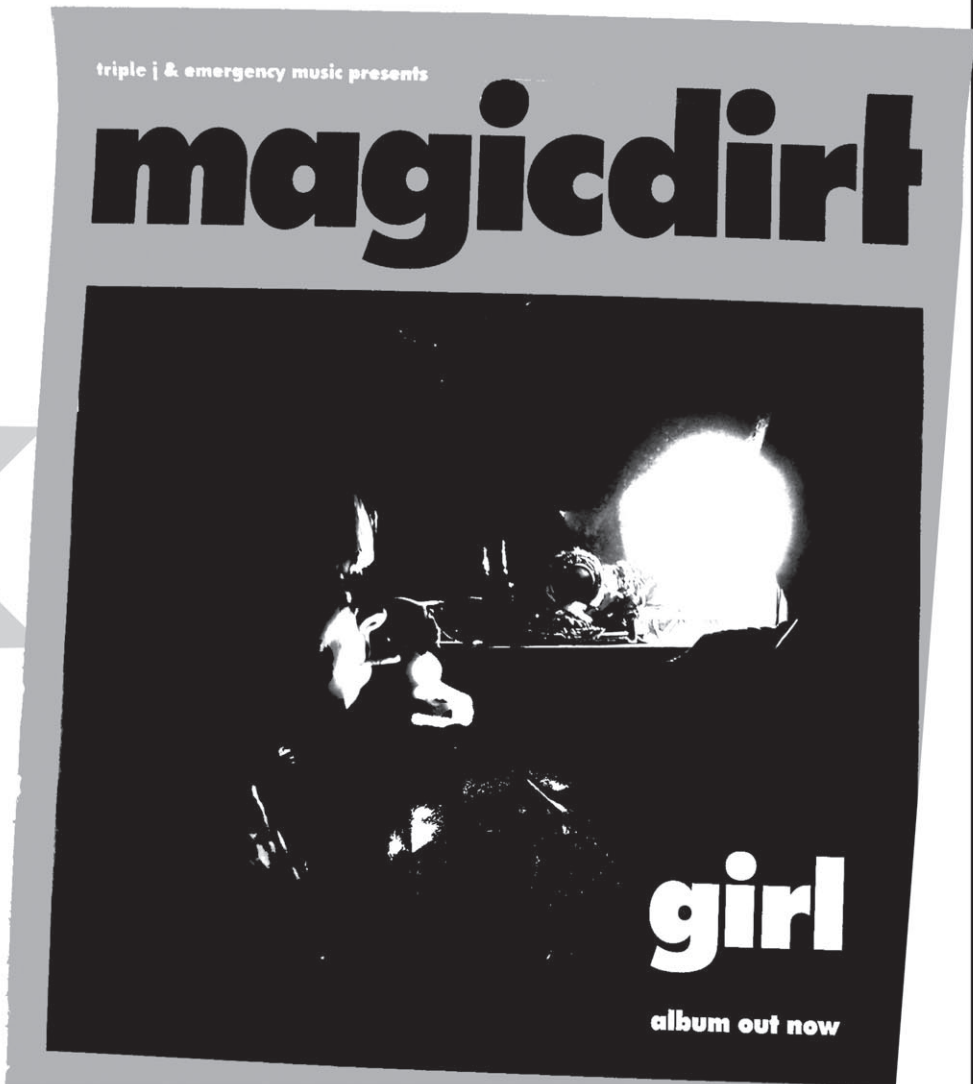
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Thursday October 16
Little Red & special guests

They've been touted as one of the best new bands in the country. Triple J made their debut record a Feature Album on the station, 5 young guys from Melbourne ready to cut to the chase, the core of the moment, to that exact second that makes you feel alive. This is hands in the air, dance like no one's watching kinda stuff. A simple celebration of what was, is and will continue to be, good about rock 'n' roll, R&B, pop, whatever you choose to call it. There is no formula, no master plan, just an honest desire to engage and entertain. Treading the boards and breaking hearts around Melbourne and beyond since 2005, Little Red have built a word of mouth following that has steadily developed into a throaty, resonant roar, with many a discerning punter claiming them to be one of Melbourne's finest. Dressed to kill, three lead singers, tight in harmony, riding heavenly hooks, chiming guitars, and a primal rhythm that makes all the girls dance. Listen to Little Red and just try to stop from smiling – we dare you.



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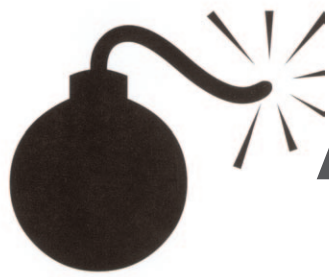


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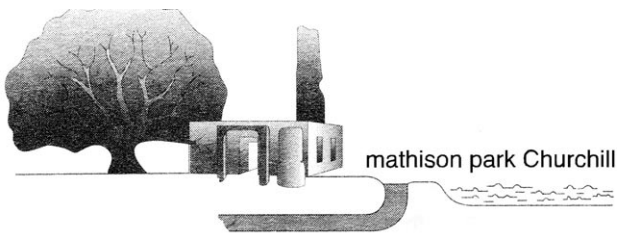
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mathison park Churchill

September Birds in Mathison Park

By Ken Harris

During September a few special birds put in appearance in Mathison Park. The cormorants are great fishers and they appear periodically on Lake Hyland. The most frequent visitor is the Little Pied Cormorant, and one paid a few visits during September. This one let me get close enough to photograph it swimming in the lake.

The Great Cormorant has been seen a few times in the park, but not recently. In September we had a rare visit from a Little Black Cormorant and it allowed me close enough to get its picture. Notice that the back feathers give it a scaly appearance, which helps to distinguish it from its larger cousin the Great Cormorant. Little Blacks are fairly common in lakes and lagoons in Victoria, but we have had few visits from them in Mathison Park.

The Cormorants' cousin the Darter is a fairly frequent sight on the lake, but it has not been around just recently.

Another special bird put in an

appearance in September. The Buff-banded Rail was seen several times in the park last year, including one sighting of one with 5 tiny chicks. I was very pleased to see one in the park again recently and it may not have been just one. I thought I saw 3 or 4, but they are so secretive that I cannot be sure that it wasn't the same one reappearing several times. They may be in the park all the time, but they are very secretive and it is

very difficult to observe them.

I can also report that the Olive-backed Oriole has returned to the park again after wintering in warmer climes. We heard their lovely bubbling call in the park in mid-September.



Wattle Club Celebrations

The Wattle Club celebrated its 24th Birthday at the beginning of September. Like any birthday celebration there was a cake, food and games.

With the better weather the clients have been venturing outside the centre to the grassed area. There they have enjoyed a BBQ with outdoor games. Kerri, the Program Leader, reported that the day was so enjoyable, they didn't want to return indoors!

Fish Creek was the venue for the day out. There they joined Moe Planned Activity Group for a big day out. Being near the sea they all had a delicious meal at the Orange Roughly where the highlight was the

desserts, platefuls it is said- of sweets like lemon meringue pie, chocolate torte and ice-cream.

Musical Teddy is the Wattle Club's version of musical chairs. The folks stand up in a circle and pass the teddy around to the music. When the music stops the person with the teddy sits down. The last person standing with the teddy has the pleasure of keeping it. This game would lend itself to many variations.

The Mystery Outing saw the Wattle Club members traveling down to Port Albert. It was a beautiful day out, and for lunch? Yes good old fish and chips. The best around, it is reported.

Unwanted "treasures" were

brought and traded at a Bring and Buy Auction. It provided a bit of fun for all.

Footy Grand Final Fever was a special part of the month's activities. The particular day of celebration saw the serving of hot dogs and pies with sauce, and footy tipping. Dot Rowley won the tipping and received a lovely bunch of flowers.

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.

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Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



A Country Boy By Chloe Morley

Winner: Local History, Churchill & District News Writing Competition 2008: Local History

My great grandfather, Charles Victor Clyde Morley fought for Australia during World War One and survived. He and his brother, Robert Herbert Morley, enlisted together and fought together, but only one of them survived. This is Charlie's story.

Charles Victor Clyde Morley was born on the family farm on 6 October 1894. He attended the Gormandale state School, and after leaving school worked on the family farm. Charlie was the last of 17 children and he and his brother Robert were inseparable mates. The two enlisted together for overseas service in the A.I.F. in Melbourne on 28 June 1915.

'It was a beautiful day in the latter end of the merry month of June 1915 when my brother and I decided to enlist and do our part in the world's great war...When I asked my mother if she had any objections to my enlisting she said no, I was very pleased for I would have been disappointed if she had not given her consent as many of my friends were going to fight and do their little bit to bring this war to an end...'

After their basic training, the brothers set out on the 'Palermo', which was heading for the Middle East on 29th October 1915. Charlie said in his diary that he slept on the ship's deck and got wet through from the waves. On the ship, they had lots of games and reading matter, but couldn't help getting into a little mischief.

'It was a great game playing practical jokes on one another and throwing water was one of the favourite games. One night they let a lad get nicely asleep in his hammock then poured a bucket of cold water on him. It gave him such a shock that he jumped right out of bed, fell on one of the mess tables and nearly broke his leg.'

When the two arrived they went to many different places in Egypt. On such place was Tel-al-Kabir. In his diary there is a whole section dedicated to his visit here, yet most of it was complaining about the amount of dust.

'I had seen a good deal of dust in my time but nothing like it was there.'

He often said that he was unable to see the houses that were 4 feet in front of him. However, not long after their arrival in Egypt, both brothers contracted the mumps and spent a short time in the military hospital in Cairo. After discharge, their military service continued with the 4th Light Horse in the Middle East.

During this time the war had reached its peak. These were tough times both on the battlefield and back home. By October 1917 the brothers were serving in Palestine, and on 31 October 1917 they were part of the historic charge by the 4th Light Horse Brigade at Beersheba, in which Bob was killed.

In early 1918, Charlie applied to return to Australia on compassionate grounds. This was granted and he embarked on 12 July 1918 on the 'Port Darwin' for return to Australia, and was discharged on 3 September 1918. Things weren't good back at home. During the time Charlie was overseas, his mother Sally

and brother Albert were left to run the family farm. The war years were not kind to Sally:

- Daughter Sarah died on 13 August 1914 leaving six young children
- Daughter Mary Elizabeth died on 6 April 1916
- Grandson Norman died on 25 July 1916 (as an infant)
- Son George Thomas was killed in action in France on 5 August 1916
- Grandson Gordon Herbert Cleaver was killed in action in France on 21 August 1916
- Son Archie Cartnage was severely wounded in France on 28 April 1916
- Grandson Ernest Edward died of wounds in France on 14 May 1917 leaving a widow and three young children
- Daughter Annie died on 12 June 1917 leaving a family of ten orphans (the youngest aged four)
- Son Jesse died on 12 August 1917 leaving a widow and three young children
- Son Robert Herbert was killed in action in Palestine on 31 October 1917
- Son Albert, previously reject for military service due to eyesight, required an urgent operation to save his sight.

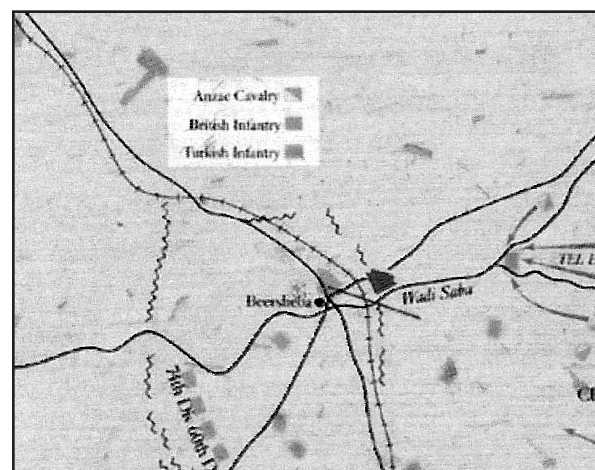
On 8 December 1920, Charlie married Gladys Mary Coulson (born 1898 at Brighton, Victoria) and the couple made their home at 'Clovernook' at Gormandale. The couple had two children, Victor Thomas (born 1921) and my grandfather, Robert Vivian (born 1923). Robert could very well have been named after Charlie's brother who died in Palestine. Sadly, Gladys died only 8 days after the birth of Robert and was buried in Traralgon.

On 24th November 1954, Charles died and was interred at Traralgon cemetery with his wife. In the Morley family we have a strict belief as to why he died. Prior to his death, Charles was in the garden when he came across some white trumpet lilies. He cut them from their roots and brought them inside. Later that week he died. In my Nan and Pa's back yard there are some white trumpet lilies and I've always been told never to pick them. "Don't pick the 'death lilies' Chloe, or Pa'll die!" my Nan says. According to Robert, his son, Charles never spoke much about the war and not much was known about his service in the army as a private.

My great grandfather Charles Victor Clyde Morley fought in the First World War. He came out alive but his brother, Robert, did not and his sacrifice and the sacrifices of all those who died in the Great War will never be forgotten. Not long ago we found a large chest under my Nan and Pa's house. It contained all of my Great Grandfather's documents and certificates that he received after the war, an old violin, and the diary that I have used quotes from in this assignment of my great grandfather, Charles Victor Clyde Morley.



Robert Morley



The families of soldiers who did not return were given this special medallion to commemorate them



A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Ready to Fly – My history at Churchill Sandra James

Runner Up in the Churchill & District News Writing Competition: Local History

Growing up in nearby Traralgon I was aware of the development of Churchill but it had little impact on a shy primary school student. Petrol was much cheaper in those days and often on weekends my parents would take us for a Sunday drive which sometimes included a sticky at this new town. My parents would inspect the new houses and the shopping centre but my brother and I were much more interested in the ice cream treat that always followed our Sunday drives. And if we were really lucky a chocolate bar as well!

When I finished high school in the seventies I scored a job on the local newspaper, The Latrobe Valley Express. I was very shy and lacked confidence but the editor soon put me to work. He called me into his office to show me a copy of the Churchill and District News. The then editor of that small community paper, the minister at the Co-Operating Church, had written an article condemning the many singles clubs which had sprung up, claiming they were often a venue for immoral activities. My editor told me to contact a group which had begun in Churchill called the Latrobe Valley Singles Club, and ask for their reaction.

I nervously rang the number he gave me and had almost given up when it was answered by a sleepy voice. I explained my mission and asked if she had any comment to make. "Not really," she said, "I had a late night and I've only just

woken up. I haven't read the paper yet."

I thanked her and reported to my editor. "No luck; she hasn't read it."

He sighed and rolled his eyes. "It's your job to get a story. Ring her back and ask her to read it...then, get her comment. And remember the deadline is in an hour!"

I rang back and found that with her curiosity aroused the woman had by then read the story. "Would you like to comment on the allegations?" I asked.

"Well...I don't really think he means us," she replied. "I'm sure he means all those new clubs in Melbourne. We're just a small group who meet and go out for dinner now and then."

Thanking her, I quickly typed up my report of the same on my heavy old typewriter and proudly handed it to my editor just before the deadline. He scanned it quickly without a word and then nodded my dismissal.

Later that afternoon the Express came out with a front page story and headlines reading "Local Singles Group Outraged by Minister's Comments". I guess it was a slow week for news.

My career as a journalist was short-lived as I left the following year just before the birth of the first of my four children. I was happy to be a stay-home mum and though I wrote small pieces that were accepted by magazines such as New Idea and Woman's Day, I still lacked self-confi-

dence and always used a pseudonym.

My marriage broke up in 1990, further eroding my confidence. I still enjoyed writing although I rarely showed anyone my work. With encouragement from a friend I joined a writing group in Traralgon but it folded after a couple of years. In 1999 I knew I had slipped into a rut and needed something to raise my spirits. Remembering how much I had enjoyed the writing group I rang Churchill Neighbourhood Centre to make enquiries. Yes, they had a group. They met every Tuesday morning and the tutor was Cora Pal. I had met Cora while participating in a workshop with the other group and she seemed very nice but my nerves almost got the better of me several times as I waited for the following Tuesday.

Even in the car park I was tempted to give up and drive away but finally got up the courage to go in. I found a friendly welcoming group and by the time we had completed the first writing exercise I felt as if I had found a home.

I'm still there, every Tuesday and have made many wonderful friends. Before class I visit the post office, bank and op shop and I no longer lack confidence in my work. I use my name now and submit my stories and poems to magazines and newspapers not only in Australia but overseas. I have had quite a few published. I also regularly enter writing competitions, including the Churchill and District News Short Story and

Poetry Competition.

I will always be very glad I walked into the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre that day; it has made a big difference to my life. I dedicated the following poem to all my friends there:

Ready to Fly

*fledgling on the edge of the nest
tentative wings raised
ready to fly*

*carried on the gentle breeze
lifted by the myriad souls
who have held me in their soft embrace*

*swathed in the love that
has cocooned me
nurtured and nourished
all that I am
today*

*where I go, they will go
I have been blessed
my heart is full
I will soar*

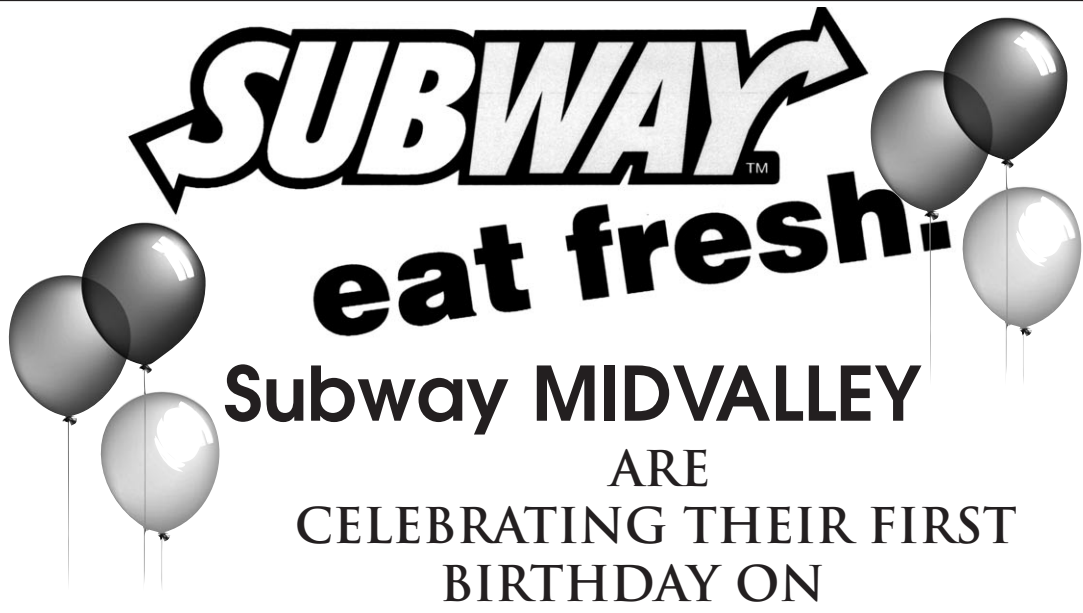
Thank you, Churchill

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Term 4

Monday 6th October - Friday 19th December 2008

	Monday 10.00am - 12 noon	Tuesday 10.00am - 12 noon	Wednesday 9.30am - 12 noon	Thursday 10.00 am - 12 noon	Friday 10.00 am - 12 noon
Room 1	Room available for meetings	Creative Writing A wonderful & stimulating group. Discover your hidden talents by putting pen to paper, and have your writings published.	Room available for meetings	Patchwork (advanced) Gum Leaf Quilters Group Learn quilting, material choice, Technique & design	Leadlighting Popular & creative class, make & create your own designs. Lamp shades, butterflies, window and door inserts.
Room 2	MS Excel Learn how to use the spreadsheet functions - writing formulas, merging data, sorting information, calculations, switching between	Time for internet/computer use for general public	Open Learning - On Line Study areas that suit your needs - study English, maths, learn to draw, use E-bay, Internet for research and much more.	Time for internet/computer use for general public	Computer Basics Gain confidence to turn computer on & understand the basic of the operating system. Learn to use the mouse, open & close programs, create files & folders
Room 3	Stitch & Chat craft activity sessions Finish UFO's socialise, have a Cuppa/chat. Plenty of help and advice from many experts.	Room available for meetings	Room available for meetings	Craft Activities/ Patchwork For the beginner & novice art/craft worker, come & develop your skills in a friendly & happy environment.	Chit & Chat Watch a movie, read a book, make new friends, cook & share lunch
	Monday 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Tuesday 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Wednesday 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Thursday 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Friday 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Room 1	Room available for meetings BOOKED: 1st Monday each month 2.00pm - 4.00pm	Maternal & Child Care 1.30pm - 2.00pm 28/10, 25/11, 9/12	Using rooms 1 & 2 Beginning Writing Having trouble with spelling, reading, writing or maths, these basics are so part of your everyday life, let us get you up to speed.	Patchwork (advanced) Gum Leaf Quilters Group Learn quilting, material choice, Technique & design	Yoga with Karen Relaxation, breathing, posture Suited for everyone.
Room 2	MS Word Learn word processing, typing skills, formatting of text. Learn to create files & folders, edit & save documents, create templates, tables and charts.	Night Class - 6.00pm - 8.00pm Intro to Digital Imaging & Photo Editing. Create, edit & manipulate images. Remove scratches, adjust colours.	Folk Art & Card Making Learn different brush techniques, create beautiful & functional items for your home & make beautiful cards.	Night Class - 6.00 pm - 7.15pm Yoga with Heather A holistic approach of postures, breathing practices & relaxation - assist with balance, strength, flexibility.	Become a volunteer at the centre or Join the Committee of Management Show your support for the Centre. Become a member - only \$2.00
Room 3	Room available for meetings	Room available for meetings		Craft Activities/ Patchwork For the beginner & novice art/craft worker, come & develop your skills in a friendly & happy environment.	



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Indigenous Garden for Glendonald Park

By Margaret Guthrie, Public Officer
 An indigenous garden is being constructed in Glendonald Park. Earth works commenced last month and the project is expected to be completed in November.

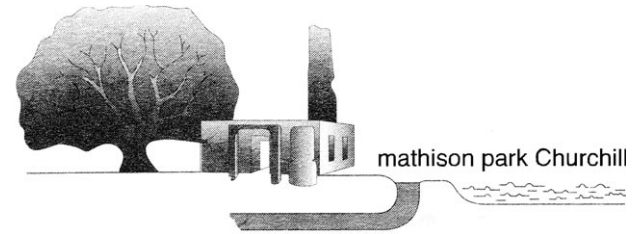
The garden design includes a dry creek bed feature, paths and plants indigenous to the Latrobe area. Information boards are to be erected at various points along the paths. The entire garden has been designed in the shape of a Koori shield.

Project manager, John Ruyg, consulted extensively with local residents and representatives of Koori organisations in Latrobe City, conducting research on indigenous plants and cultural themes before presenting the final design to

Council.
 John, who runs his own business - JRs Tremendous Landscapes. They are pleased to be managing a further project in Glendonald Park. In his former role as Latrobe City's arbourist, he supervised much of the existing planting and pathway construction in the park.

An official opening of the new garden is expected to be held later this year, after works are complete. For further information contact Simon Clarke at Latrobe City Council on 1300 367 700.

GRG can be contacted at PO Box 245, Churchill 3842, or by email: G_R_G_Inc@hotmail.com



A Great Place to Visit

The recent working bee saw 260 plants of various species suitable for the lakeside environs put in place. The weather was wet, cold and windy but that did not deter the intrepid volunteers, who were very appreciative of the thermoses of hot drinks and the barbecue. When rain closed in thoughtful neighbours supplied jackets and coats.

The committee would like to thank those who turned up in such adverse conditions and all those who helped in other

ways.
 The work of the volunteers is paying off as the park is looking beautiful at present. Still waters make outstanding reflections as pelicans glide effortlessly onto the surface. Eurasian coots are always eager for bread from an onlooker and the trees are in bloom. The path now extends around the lake and, with the parks barbecue facilities it is a great place to visit.



Fire Siren

For some years now, the public has been unaware of the brigade members turning out to fires and accidents, as the station siren has been inactive. That has changed. Between the hours of 7am and 8pm, the station siren will sound if the members turn out.

The brigade hopes this will bring an appreciation of the efforts of the members in protecting our community.

Brigades in Schools Expanded to include Hazelwood North Primary School.

The Churchill Fire Brigade's Brigades in Schools team supported

Peter Kuipers of Hazelwood North Brigade, in running the Brigades in Schools program at Hazelwood North Primary School. It is many years since this program has been experienced by the students.

All grades from Prep to 6 were involved. The visit of the Hazelwood North brigade truck and several extra members provided a memorable day for the students, who gained an appreciation of the truck and its equipment.

The staff and students were most appreciative of the service of the volunteers. The volunteers appreciated the school's hospitality.

Shopping Centre Visit
 Due to the fire in the Hazelwood mine, a proposed visit to the Churchill Shopping Centre didn't eventuate on the 20th September, but at time of writing, is planned for the 4th October.

New Members Needed
 The Brigade is still looking for new members. Enquiries can be made by ringing Captain Steve Barling on 0407 828 625 or call into the station in Phillip Parade on Mondays 7:30pm-8pm, or Sunday mornings 9:30am - 11am.



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Red Cross Educates Gippsland Medical School Students

Students at the Monash University Gippsland Medical School welcomed the opportunity to work with the Australian Red Cross Blood Service (ARCBS) to gain a greater understanding of the many aspects involved in working with blood donors and the procedures of blood transfusion.

Dr Erica Wood, Transfusion Medical Specialist with the Australian Red Cross Blood Service headed the team who travelled to Gippsland to work with the medical students.

"The Red Cross have active education programs which are offered to undergraduate and postgraduate medical students. They learn of the importance of knowing patients blood groups, taking and identifying blood and transfusions" she said.

"It's something which they must know, because the gift of blood is precious and extremely important in the health system."

As the visit coincided with National Blood Donor Week, Dr Wood was keen to reinforce messages that ARCBS recognises donors for their great contribution to improving lives of others as well as to promote awareness and encourage new donors to sign up.

Professor Gordon Whyte of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences and former Director of the Red Cross Blood Service (former Blood Bank) in Victoria echoed Dr Wood's thoughts for students to know about transfusions and the importance of blood donations.

"The knowledge that students gain through their studies and

through this exercise is critical for making decisions when they are interns, and then fully qualified doctors. They learn about transfusions, such as how to perform them, when it is appropriate to use them, the risks, and any other problems which may arise," he said.

"The donation and correct use of blood is of critical importance for many patients, from those involved in accidents, surgery, or have health issues such as anaemia."

For more information on the Gippsland Medical School visit <http://www.med.monash.edu.au/>

If you would like to become a registered blood donor visit www.donateblood.com.au, or phone 13 14 95.



Letters to the Editor

Congratulations

I wish to congratulate you on the success of the Churchill & District News Writing Competition.

I had a most enjoyable evening last Thursday and I thank you for the invitation to be a part of this excellent initiative.

The quality of the entries and the level of community interest evidenced by the wonderful

turnout at the presentation is testament to you. Your hard work and dedication is clearly appreciated by the Churchill community and you should feel very proud.

Once again I extend my sincere congratulations and I look forward to continued opportunities to support the work of the Churchill & District News Team

Russell Northe MLA
Member for Morwell

What a joy it was to attend the presentation of the Churchill News Writing Competition awards.

Val Prokopiv and Ruth Place with their helpers and the school teachers, are to be congratulated and thanked for the encouragement they are giving to our younger writers.

This encouragement ignites the flames of creativity in these young authors, and no doubt some will go on to bigger and better things in the literary world.

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Lions Club Citizen Awards 2009

The Churchill and District Lions Inc will once again be organising a community function to celebrate Australia Day in Churchill. The event has proven very popular in recent years.

To enhance the event, the club will present a Young Citizen Award and a Citizen Award to the most outstanding person(s) in each category for their contribution to the community during the previous 12 months.

This award is now adopted as a tradition and we ask that residents again nominate candidates. Nominees must be a resident of Churchill or reside in the immediate surrounding district.

The nominated person's applications will be scrutinised by an independent panel of judges and the relevant winner for each category chosen. The decision of that panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The awards will be supplied and presented by the Lions Club of Churchill and District at the Churchill Australia Day Ceremony on 26th January 2009.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc Young Citizen of the Year Award -applicants must be 18 years or under on 26th January 2009.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc Citizen of the Year Award - open to all applicants over the age of 18 years on 26th January 2009.

The closing date for all applications is Friday 28th November 2008.

Managing Chronic Health Better

Latrobe Community Health Service is again offering the popular Better Health Self Management Course for people with chronic conditions. This accredited program is suitable for those with arthritis, diabetes, lung or heart diseases and many other conditions.

The course covers many topics that are common to all those learning to live with ongoing health problems, for example, understanding medications, the benefits of good nutrition and appropriate physical activity, ways to solve health related problems, improving communication with health professionals, managing fear, anger, frustration, pain and fatigue.

The program runs once a week for six weeks from 31 October until 5 December, 10.30 am - 1.00pm, at Latrobe Community Health Service 42 Fowler St. Moe.

The total course, including the book 'Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions' by Dr Kate Lorig, costs \$52.00. A relative or friend is welcome to accompany you for \$5.00. A deposit must be paid by 24 Oct.

Book by contacting the Community Health Nurse Julie Parker on 5127 9139 / 9100 or Respiratory Nurse Jan Smart, 5171 1426.

Alpaca Open Farms Month

'Interested in alpacas, then visit us' was such a success in its first year that we are delighted to be able to invite people to come and enjoy some 'hands on' experience with these wonderful animals again this year.

During the month of October clusters of alpaca farms will be open for visitors on selected days. Locally, five breeders will be gathering at the property of Louise and Pat Lazarus, 225 Hunts Rd Willow Grove on 18 and 19 October from 10am to 4pm.

There will be plenty of information available about caring for alpacas, the alpaca industry, alpaca products, spinning, fleeces and of course the beautiful animals themselves.

This is an ideal opportunity to spend some time with those who have been breeding alpacas for a number of years, benefit from their experiences and expertise, gain an idea of farm layouts suitable for alpacas, handle alpacas and if they take your fancy, there will be animals and fleeces for sale. These free open days are suitable for anyone interested in alpacas, be it a couple of pet wethers, guard animals, weanlings, a stud male or any number of breeding females.

For further information or to arrange a visit at a different time please contact Julie on 5635 4288 or Louise ph 5635 2265, mob. 0431039719. This initiative is supported by the Victorian Eastern Region of the Australian Alpaca Association.



*Lions Club of Churchill
and District Incorporated*

PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842



2009 CHURCHILL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

The Awards are provided by the Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. and presented at the Australia Day Ceremony in Churchill on 26 January 2007. Person(s) who have made a noteworthy contribution during the preceding year and / or given outstanding service to the local Community over a number of years shall be eligible. Members of the Lions Organisation are ineligible to nominate. The person(s) being nominated must be a resident of Churchill or the immediate surrounding district. All information is confidential. The decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

NOMINATION FOR (Please tick appropriate box):

- Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Young Citizen of the Year Award**
Must be 18 years or under on 26 January 2009.
- Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Citizen of the Year Award.**

DETAILS OF THE PERSON BEING NOMINATED:

Surname: Other Names:

Private Address:

Occupation: Telephone Private: Business:

Date of Birth: Age: Marital Status: Children:

THE PERSON IS BEING NOMINATED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY IN:

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Name:	Name
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TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION:

Mr/Mrs/Miss:

Address Post Code:

Organisation represented (if any): Telephone:

Signature:

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Citizen of the Year Coordinator
Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc
Phone: (03)
Fax: (03)

FORM TO BE RETURNED TO:

The Secretary
Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc
PO Box 110
CHURCHILL 3842

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FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2008

Hazelwood House Happenings



A group of residents visited the Emu Farm at Garfield and enjoyed learning all about the life cycle of the Emus. The residents enjoyed a picnic lunch then had time to browse through the gift shop.



Some of our residents enjoyed an afternoon at the Rose and Fuschia Nursery in Trafalgar. Roses were purchased to plant in the hostel garden for everyone to enjoy.



Every Tuesday Gordon, Freda and Olivia take the sing-a-long in the Dementia wing. This activity is enjoyed by all who attend. A big thank-you to all three for volunteering their time for the residents.



Hazelwood house held a footy tipping contest between the residents and staff. The photo shows the winners. Pictured is second place winner Lyn Day and equal third winners Robyn Owen and Beth Price.



1st Churchill Scout Group Term 3 Report

At the end of term 3 break up the group held a Scarfing Up ceremony as part of the 100 years of scouting. Scouting Centenary scarves were given to members of the community who have supported the group and the community. Among those who were awarded scarves was Ruth Place, for her outstanding work in so many different areas of the community. Ross Kennedy, representing L.V Blue Metal Ross, was unable to attend and was presented at a later stage. Also a new Group Leader, Peta Whelan, was invested and will take over from Peter Tait, who will now concentrate on running the cub. Barney Farrell was awarded a 10 years service badge as a Venturer Leader.

Jeff Kemp, at separate ceremony held at Gilwell Park, was awarded a Certificate of Merit for service to the Scout section.

10 members from Cubs Scouts and Venturers have, for the last few months, been rehearsing for Strzelecki Showtime, a Scouting and Guides run musical that takes place every year. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the show. The show will be run on the 10th, 11th, 17th and 18th of October.

Venturer term 3 report.

The 1st Churchill Venturer unit has been very busy this past term, with many trips and activities taking place in the past few weeks.

Big Burger Competition held

at Harkaway Scout Camp.

6 venturers and 1 leader travelled down and back on a Friday night with raw ingredients, cooking equipment and empty stomachs to compete. After winning the previous 2 years we failed to place but a good time was had by all.

Another activity was Small bore shooting at the Churchill small bore club, where venturers were introduced to the sport of small bore competition shooting by club members.

Last weekend, five Churchill Venturers travelled to Gilwell Park to participate in a Murder Mystery weekend that was run by the Wheelers Hill Rovers. It was set in 1930s Chicago, so naturally the Venturers played mob-

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GO Club (Golden Oldies)

Thanks to the courtesy of the Churchill Football/Netball Club we meet each Thursday at 1pm to 3pm in the Gaskin Park Club Rooms.

The GO Club is a friendship group that is open to anyone who would care to attend.

The aim of this group is for people to meet with others who may be looking to do something for a short time each week. The program consists of bingo, cards, craft, rummykin or just a chat. There are also special feature afternoons with entertainers and trips to various places amid great friendship and 'get together' time. Each session concludes

with a cuppa.

On Thursday 4th September we celebrated Ethel Stein's 91st birthday with members of the Go Club, family and Hazelwood House residents. A delicious birthday cake was provided by Ethel's family and was part of a lovely afternoon tea.

Now the nice weather is upon us, if you feel like some time out we would love to see you on a Thursday afternoon.

If you would like to know more about the group feel free to contact Betty Wyatt on 5122 1691 or Joan Gardner on 5169 1623.

sters. Most of the Churchill Venturers got major roles, and were prime suspects, although the actual evildoer was from another Venturer group. The weekend also featured an obstacle course called "the Gauntlet". This involved pipes to crawl through, netting to clamber over and under and quite a lot of mud. A good time was had by all who participated, with one of our members even being on the team that got the fastest Gauntlet time. The Churchill Venturers have also recently been hard at work repairing the Strzelecki District Scout's canoes. During the holidays 5 venturers took part in a Queens Scout hike from Ballarat to Daylesford.

Churchill Venturers are also plan-

ning on hosting a party plan night, with several local businesses operating stalls. The venue is to be the Churchill Football Club, the date is the 8th of November.

Meeting times and contact details are as follows:

Joeys (Ages 6-8): To be determined: Leader:Caroline Tait - 51223421

Cubs (Ages 7-10½): Wednesday 6.30-8 pm: Leader: Peter Tait - 5122 3421

Scouts (Ages 10½ - 14): Tuesday 7-9 pm: Leader: Jeff Kemp - 5122 1293

Venturers (Ages 14-18): Monday 7-9 pm: Leader: Barney Farrell - 5122 1993

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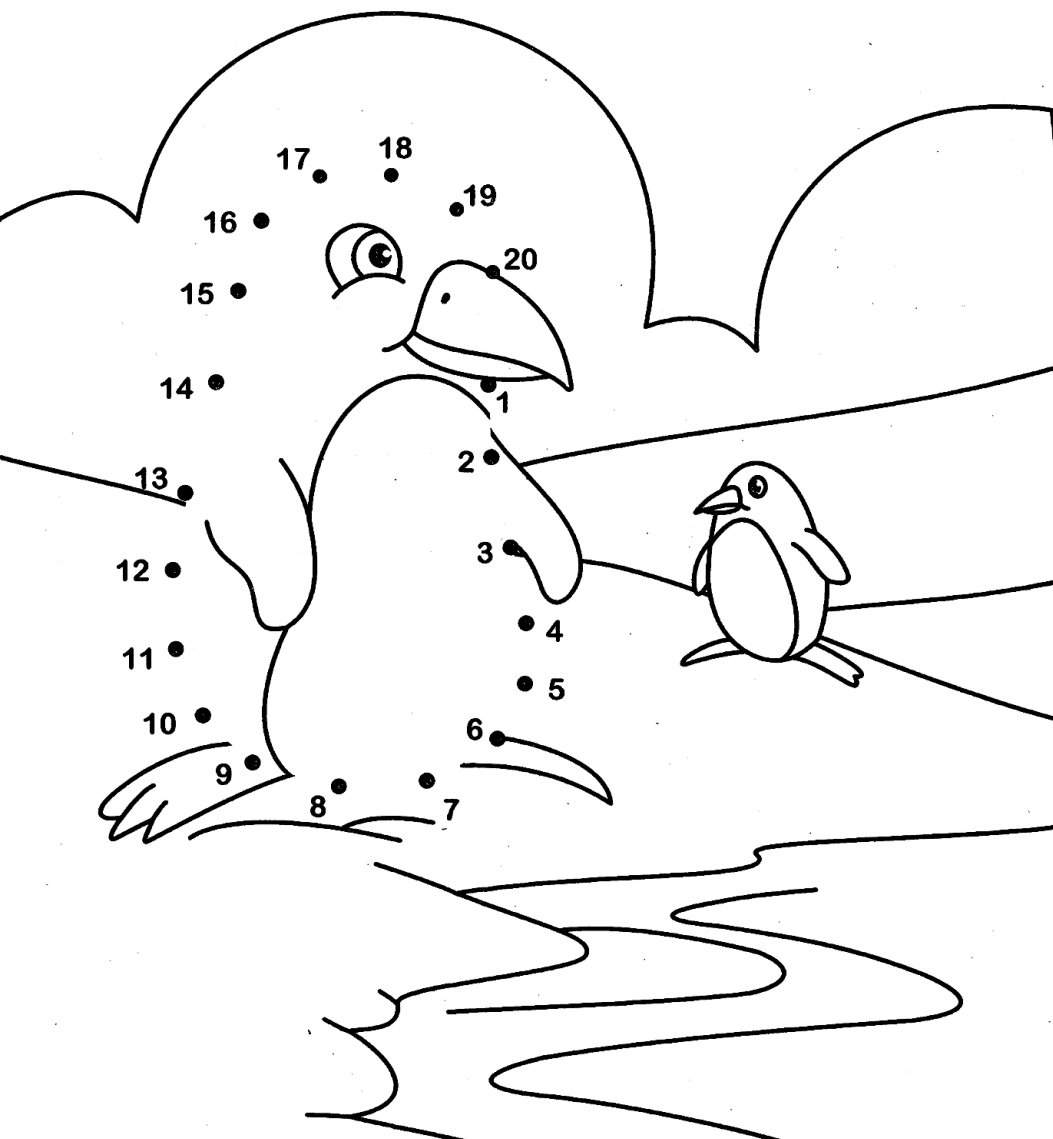
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<i>Kway Lauchlan</i>	3	<i>Hollie Nicol</i>	8	<i>Jay Wain</i>	12
<i>Maddylen Lock</i>	9	<i>Hayley Huizer</i>	8	<i>Bryce Griffiths</i>	11
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Hi Girls and Boys
Welcome to the October Issue of our paper, this month we have a Digi Search.

Digi Search

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Churchill Primary School

Showtime at Sea

The Churchill Primary School community have finished Term 3 with four fantastic performances of their 2008 Concert, Showtime at Sea. Each and every student had the opportunity to participate in this wonderful community event. Highlights of the show included items presented by each class group and some fantastic solo roles by our senior students.

All our students are congratulated on the tremendous effort and enthusiasm that went into making the concert a huge success. Hours of preparation and hard work resulted in an entertaining event for in excess of 400 people who had the opportunity to attend the concert.

The students and staff would like to extend their thanks to the considerable number of parental volunteers who helped to make the event such a great success. The costumes, props, make up and back stage assistance was invaluable and just goes to show what a fantastic team we make when we are all working towards the same goal. A huge thank you is extended to our staff team for their dedication and efforts in preparation for this great event.

Congratulations again to all our students and staff on a fantastic 2008 concert.

Regional Athletics Championships

Early next Term three students from Churchill Primary School will be competing in the Regional Athletic Championships. After successfully competing at school, district and zone championships Ellis Hayes Hills, Amy Smart and Riley Flanigan will be heading to the Regional Championships at Newborough on October 9th. Our school community wishes them every success on this day.

Active After School Communities Program

Over the past few years Churchill Primary School have made a commitment to offering students a chance to broaden their sporting skills and interests via the delivery of the Active After School Communities program. This program runs for 7 weeks of each school term, giving students a chance to participate in a number of sporting activities for an hour after school on Tuesday and Wednesdays.

Term 3 has seen our senior students participating in T-ball / Baseball sessions and our P-2 students participating in Multi Sports, covering a wide range of sporting skills.

In Term 4 we are delighted to be able to offer a new sport for our senior students, Ultimate

Frisbee. Ultimate frisbee is a non-contact team sport played with a frisbee. It combines elements of netball, touch football, and grid-iron into a fast paced, athletic sport. It is simple to learn, fun to play, and is easy to afford - all you need is a frisbee, 8 marker cones, and your friends.

Ultimate is played in over 30 countries worldwide, is a sport at the World Games, and has a strong presence in universities and high schools. Starting next term it will also be a highlight of the sporting program offered at Churchill Primary School for our senior students.

Student Enrolments 2009

It is fantastic to see a steady stream of enrolments for 2009 coming through the door, with many parents and community members recognising the great things happening at Churchill Primary School. We are now finalising our planning for 2009 and as such would encourage any families yet to enrol children for 2009 to do so as soon as possible. School Tours are always available, every day is an open day at Churchill Primary School. Please contact the school office or our Principal, Mr. Brad Moyle on 03 5122 1343 for more information.



Hazelwood North Primary School

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 the state championship.

By Caitlin and Jade.



Book Week Parade

We had a book week dress up day and we had to dress up as our favourite book character. The whole school had a parade. Everyone had awesome costumes. We all had a lot of fun.

In the afternoon we swapped class-

es, and did a book week activity. Everyone had fun and it was a great day.

By Alison, Rhys and Damon.

Brigades in Schools

The Hazelwood North and Churchill CFA came to visit all the students at Hazelwood North Primary School to teach them for three weeks about the fire brigade's job, what makes a bad fire and how it is a good idea to have a fire plan. All the students got to explore a fire truck and some got to try out the hose. All the students and the teachers enjoyed the special visitors

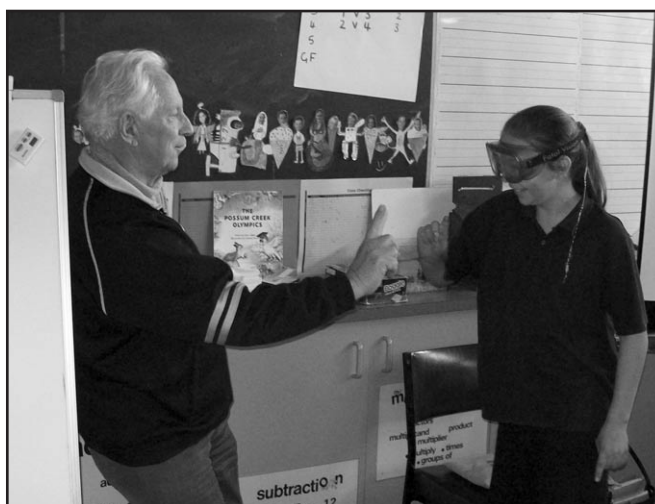
By Damon, Rhys and Jade.

Mini Society



Grades 4/5B, 6F and 4/5D do Mini Society every week. Most students have paid jobs and some students have businesses. Some of the things are shop keeper, café, hair dressers and computer people, raffle, ice-cream parlour, real estate agents, post office, permits officers and DVD rentals. The students have lots of fun. Mini society is about learning about what happens in the real world eg: bills, tax, rent.

By Caitlin and Jade.



Drug Education

On a Wednesday 4/5B, 5/6D and 6F had a drug talk. Jane and David showed students how bad it is to take drugs, smoke and drink alcohol. The students watched a slide show about the effects of smoking, drinking and taking drugs. They also showed the students what alcohol, smoking and drugs can do to your body and the accidents that can happen by the effect of alcohol, drugs and smoking. They did an experiment using water and methylated spirits. The students thought it was very interesting and worthwhile.

By Catlin and Jade.

Gippsland Education Precinct

Dress Up Day

Students and staff at Kurnai College's Precinct Campus recently held a dress-up day to raise money for the Morwell Rotary Club. Rotary Club Member and Year 11 Student Leader Ben Huke was a major instigator in organising the day. Ben said that "Rotary is currently raising funds to buy mosquito nets for African families. Malaria that is caused by mosquito bites is a major cause of disease in Africa. For only \$10 we can buy a net that will protect a whole family". On the day students were treated to a BBQ lunch and music from Maestro

Bonnici's Kurnai Rock Band. Both staff and students got into the spirit of the day with all sorts of interesting costumes such as Monks, Gorillas, Darth Vader, Britney Spears and many others. Prize winners on the day for best dressed student was James Rimsa who dressed as his favourite teacher Mr. Jobling. Runner-up student was Libby Wilhelm who looked scarily like the Joker from the recent Dark Knight movie. Best dressed teacher award went to Mr. Jobling who dressed up as James Rimsa. Overall the day was a great success raising \$230 for the Morwell Rotary Club.



Kurnai College Churchill

Creating a Koori Friendly School

The Principals of Kurnai College realized there was a great need for a project to make the campuses more friendly for Koori students. So a committee of the principals, indigenous leaders of the Koori community, like Vera Briggs, Zac Haddock and Steve

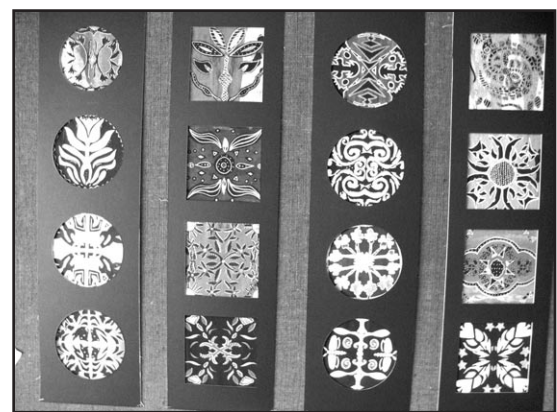
Walsh, with Indigenous Co-Ordinator Danny Johnson was established to assist with the implementation of the Koori friendly school

plan. The outcomes of this plan were to be a Koori friendly school environment, and increased retention of Koori students throughout the school.

- To facilitate the outcomes these aims were formulated:-
- ◆ To employ a Koori Educator, who is Chris Williams.
 - ◆ To hold regular meeting with the parents of Koori students, the Koori community leaders and the principals.
 - ◆ To enhance the visual acceptance of Koori culture by, for example, flying the Koori flag
 - ◆ To start a boy's dance group- The Ganai/Kurnai Dancers- in collaboration with Monash University and the Koori community men.
 - ◆ To develop a Koori friendly curriculum.
 - ◆ To develop the school community's appreciation of Koori culture.
 - ◆ To encourage the Koori students and their families to attend the Study Group for homework.

There are also plans for the staff to be involved with some in-service development sessions to widen their knowledge and understanding of the Koori community and the issues in this area, which confront it.

Chris Williams has been able to make a significant contribution to all the above aims. He makes home visits to the families and



Art work displayed in front entrance of KJC- Kurnai Junior Campus

identifies with the community, becoming a voice for the people.

Chris loves his role. As a result of his efforts, students are more focused, have more self esteem and are achieving higher grades. Additionally they like attending school. Chris is also working to engage with young people outside Kurnai to see if they can return to school or TAFE. Chris had a good example to follow as his Mum worked at KODE School helping the kids in primary levels. This encouraged Chris to take up this job.

Chris recently attended a Sporting Day in Morwell where teams of primary school Koori students from all over Gippsland came together for various sports.

Two students from the high school came to help. It was a great day, with soccer being the favourite, and being their game.

Kurnai is trying hard to become more Koori friendly says Chris. He invites anyone from the Koori community to come and see what is happening.



Chris Williams with College Principal Anthony Rodaughan, Nello Carbone, Churchill Junior Campus Principal with two Koori students

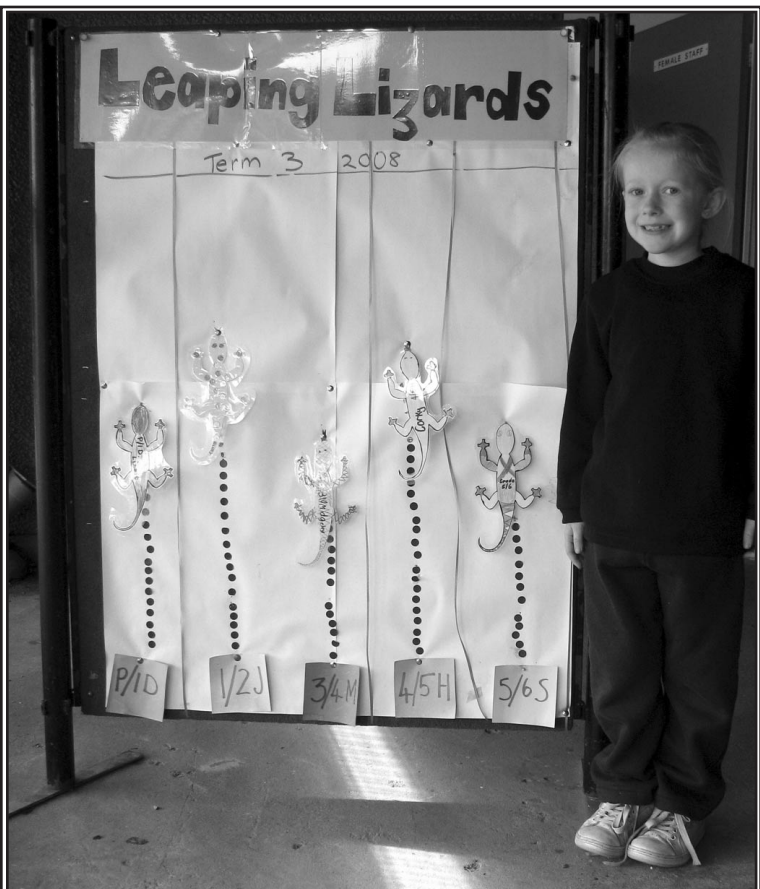
Churchill North Primary School



Celebrating Roald Dahl Day In Grade 1/2

During the term grade 1/2 J have been reading many Roald Dahl books as a class. To date the class has almost read, heard or watched every one of his books. The popularity of the author has grown with many children choosing to reread the books at home. To celebrate the grades favourite author students took part in

International Roald Dahl Day and to help celebrate the authors birthday children came dressed as their favourite character from any Roald Dahl book. Student's enjoyed participating in activities such as making Rolly-Polly Birds.



Leaping Lizards Attendance

Churchill North gives special attention to the value of attendance and as a result we have above state-wide averages. All grades take part in a leaping lizard's attendance graph which is announced and celebrated at the end of each month at our weekly assembly. At the beginning of the year grades decorated and named

their mascot lizards. They were then placed on a large attendance graph near the office door where children could watch their lizards leap up the graph for each day their grade had full attendance. Congratulation to grade 4/5 H who are currently leading the race in this month's leaping lizards race.

Zone Athletics

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

Students love having the opportunity to compete in district and zone sports, it provides a sense of personal achievement and skills in good sportsman ship.

LOTE Night

At Churchill North Primary School, students are fortunate enough to experience the culture and language of Germany. This is coordinated

by a German national Sandra Backhausen. An informative L.O.T.E. night was held for our parent community recently, this provided a wonderful insight into the benefits of learning a Language and was supported by teachers of LOTE at Kurnai College. Families participated in games and activities which promoted the use of German. The night concluded with sampling of delicious German desserts.

Author Visit

As part of the Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrations, children's Author Justin Dath was invited to inspire children in their reading and writing. Older Grades took part in a story writing workshop that helped to stretch their imaginations with the question "What if...?" Children then had the opportunity to write their own story.

The junior grades were excited by a story telling of the magic Snowman who came to life.



Literacy and Numeracy Week

Children at Churchill North celebrated Literacy and Numeracy Week in style. The week commenced with all grades taking part in a game of Scrabble. Tuesday saw a Numeracy focus with all grades taking part in a target throw game. Grades made predictions, tallied their data and graphed results. Wednesday morning all grades assembled in the centre square to form an enormous reading snake. Each

child read to their partner and then turned to share with someone else about what they had read. Thursday saw a visit from children's Author Justin Dath who conducted a story writing session with the older grades and shared stories he had written with younger grades. Friday was open morning where parents were invited to come into the classroom and join in with different numeracy and literacy games.

Super Science Show

The whole school was treated to a visit from Royce Moncur during the last week of the term to help celebrate International Year of Planet Earth.

Royce performed a super spectacular science show with help from the audience. Children were entertained and amazed with the wonders of all things science. Students learnt about time with the 1 minute challenge, friction - with the shoe race as well as weather, gravity and motion of the earth and moon. According to feedback from the children, a great learning experience was had by all.

Unfortunately the Astronomy night planned for later that day had to be cancelled due to terrible weather conditions. It is hope summer might be kinder to us with the weather and a viewing may go ahead then.



Keep Fit, Don't Sit



As a means of increasing fitness levels, students eagerly participated within a 2 week 'Keep Fit, Don't Sit' program tracking all physical activities. The aim to encourage active participation and

interest in physical activity while students are young. A Grand finale was held at the Traralgon Basketball stadium with a fun filled day of activities and awards for student's achievements.

Children had to opportunity to ask questions about what it's like to be an Author.

Since Justin Dath's visit his books have been a popular choice in library borrowing.

Story Writing Competition

To follow up with the children's new found enthusiasm for story writing since Justin Dath's visit, Churchill North Primary School is running a story writing competition. All grades have begun drafting their stories in preparation for publishing. One student from each grade will be chosen for a prize. Stay tuned for an update on how the competition goes.

Churchill North Idol

Junior School Council continues to meet and plan different activities within the school. Their latest event to be planned for next term is Churchill North Idol. Children are encouraged to choose a song to perform within their grade.

At Churchill North Primary School we work hard to ensure that: All students:

- * Feel safe
- * Are treated with respect
- * Learn and play without interference or harassment
- * Have a well maintained school environment.

For further information and a school tour, contact Principal Debbie Edwards on 51221976.



Performances will be voted for entry into the grand finale and presented to the whole school. Winners will receive a special trophy. The event is so far causing a lot of excitement and anticipation within the grades. Good luck to participants and stay tuned for more information next term!

Student Congratulations

Congratulations to Courtney and Emily Vella who entered the Churchill and District News Short Story competition. Courtney came 2nd overall with her story about Aliens and Emily received a special award for participation. Well done girls!

Congratulations also the many students in grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 who performed well in the Australia Wide Maths testing. We received 2 distinctions and 3 credits. Well done to all the others for participating.

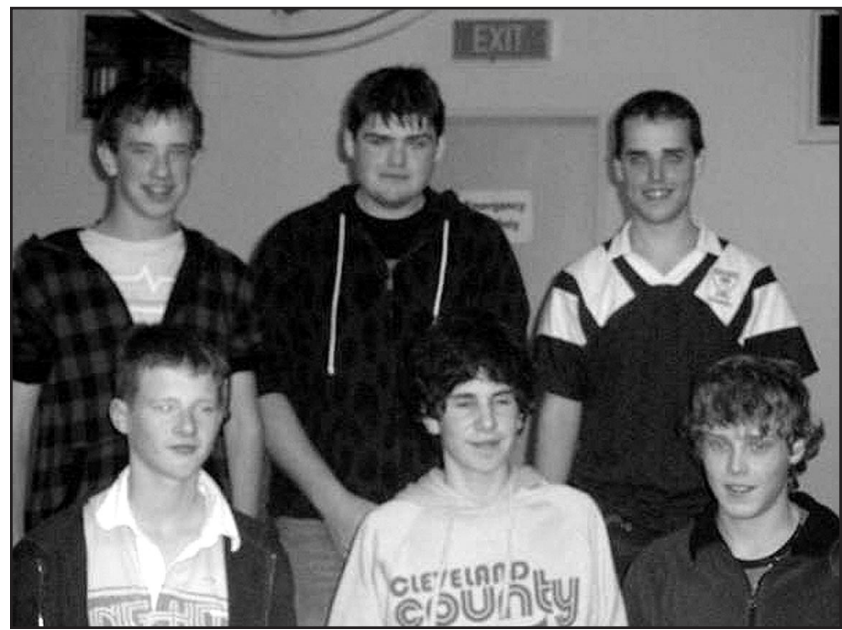
Churchill Hockey Club 2009 Season

Welcome to the 2009 season. This season we have a new president and some new committee members who are all eager to get the season off to a great start. The Churchill Hockey Club season will begin on Tuesday 11th March, with training for all players and age groups. We will be training in Morwell at the Maryvale Reserve (where the Juniors play). Training is on a Tuesday night, with the juniors at 4:00pm - 5:00pm and the Intermediates and Seniors from 6:30pm-7:30pm under lights. The reason why we have continued to

hold our training sessions at Morwell this year is because our ground at Gaskin Park is still unsafe to train and play upon. We have again been in contact with The Latrobe City Council and they are still aware that major works need to be done to fix our ground.

This year the Churchill Hockey Club will host the Lightning Prem. This will be held on Sunday 6th April. All age groups are welcome to play on the day. We will also be running the canteen and BBQ, so we need players and parents to come along and help on the day.

The 2009 Home and Away season for Seniors starts on Saturday the 12th April. For anyone interested in playing hockey, we have junior teams, which are for children of Primary School age Prep-4 and 5-6, boys and girls Intermediate teams (secondary school age), and a women's senior team. Our next hockey meeting will be held on Monday the 31st March at Linda Reid's house. Anyone interested in playing hockey can contact our President Linda Reid on 51 222072, or just turn up to training on a Tuesday night.



Cougars win Grand Final in Thriller

By Simon McDonald.

Churchill won the 2008 NGFNL Premiership on the 13th September with an incredible three point victory over Gormandale. After being seemingly written off mid-way through the season, the Cougars went from strength to strength in the second half of the year with their youth really coming into their own.

On Grand Final day many outsiders to the club expected that Gormandale would be too strong for the Cougars, but the side was resilient, knowing that even if they did get behind, they had the ability to fight from any position and win the match. And, that they did.

Trailing at the quarter time break and losing their captain and arguably best player Chris Burke in the opening five minutes to a serious knee injury, the Cougars stepped up in the second quarter, led largely by the efforts of the backline who gave the Tiger's forwards little opportunity. Full back Dale Paterson blanketed star forward Dane McGenniken, while Ryan Sutherland took an often dangerous Daniel Trease out of the game. At half time, the Cougars would take a slender two point lead.

In the second half neither side could break away, when one side got in front, it would always be answered by an opposition goal. The midfield battle between the two sides was intense. Jamie Johnson did an outstanding job tagging Gormandale coach Stephen Hazelman, while Matt McNamara moved into the centre of the ground from the backline in the third quarter to give the side more drive. McNamara was simply outstanding as he racked up countless clearances and possessions.

Up forward, Daniel Hawking began to stand

up taking some important contested marks and registering on the scoreboard. But it wasn't enough to break clear of Gormandale, the Tigers leading by a mere one point at three quarter time.

In the final quarter there were some worrying signs early for the Cougars as Gormandale got out to a seven point lead, but the Cougars never gave up as they were relentless in getting the ball inside 50. A 50 meter penalty with just over five minutes to go and the scores level gave coach Leigh McDonald a set shot from 45 meters out directly in front.

McDonald kicked the goal and it appeared that the Cougars were beginning to get on top of the Tigers. But with three minutes remaining midfielder Jamie Johnson was suffered a heavy knock after courageously putting his head over the ball.

Play stopped as an unconscious Johnson had to be stretchered off the ground. In the final three minutes Gormandale threatened to take the lead but were pressured by the Cougar's backline and were only able to register three behinds.

The final siren brought celebrations reminiscent of the club's long awaited 2002 premiership win, it was as if all time stood still as the players and everyone else involved in the club realised that all the hard work they had put in was worth the while. Veteran Matt McNamara was judged best on ground.

Kelly Whykes presented with Life Membership

Kelly Whykes began her career at Churchill at the tender age of 19 playing netball for the Churchill Football Netball Club in the Latrobe Valley Football league. Ever since that time Kelly has had an involvement with the club both in a netball capacity and socially. In fact she has excelled in both these areas, playing netball and socially, winning two "B" grade and one "C" grade best and fairest. Whilst playing most of her

career in "B" grade she has had the odd stint in "A" grade including during this year. Kelly has played for the club for thirteen years straight whilst managing to have two children along the way. Both Kelly and her husband Warren have been integral members of the club for many years. Kelly's participation in and service to the club over the past thirteen years is much appreciated by the club and she is seen as a worthy recipient of this prestigious award of life membership of the club. Well done and congratulations Kelly.

Presentation Night a Great Success

By Amanda Barling

Presentation Night 2008 was held on Friday 26th September and was a great night. In what was a successful year for the club, the presentation evening recognized the hard work of all involved and allowed for additional celebrations. Thanks to Mark Answerth for being MC for the evening.

Thanks also must go out to everyone else who assisted the club throughout the year. Without the support and time of our members we would not be able to continue to see such good results for the Cougars.

Congratulations to the following players and club members who received awards on the night.

Seniors Football Team

Best & Fairest Travis Brighton
 Runner up B & F Chris Burke
 Most Consistent Matt McNamara
 Most Courageous Brandon Mahoney
 Best 1st Year player Mark Glowery
 Most Improved Chris Williams
 Most Valuable Travis Brighton

Reserves Football Team

Best & Fairest David Williams
 Runner up B&F Shaun McNamara
 Most Consistent Darren Blair

Best Utility Luke Strempel
 Most Improved Gary Grimes
 Coaches Award Quinny Whitehead

Under 18s (thirds) Football Team

Best & Fairest Ricky Howell
 Runner up B&F Harley Griffiths
 Most Consistent Jay Porter
 Coaches Award Alex Hawkins

"A" Grade Netball Team

Best & Fairest Kylie O'Brien & Stacey Spence
 Runner up B&F Katrina Thomas
 Coaches Award Stacey Spence

"B" Grade Netball Team

Best & Fairest Chandra Mabin
 Runner up B&F Jeanette Lindsay
 Coaches Award Marnie Petersen

"C" Grade Netball Team

Best & Fairest Carlie Woodbridge
 Runner up B&F Kylie Richards
 Coaches Award Carlie Woodbridge

"D" Grade Netball Team

Best & Fairest Nicola Brighton
 Runner up B&F Alana Matheson
 Coaches Award Emily Hutchinson

Best Clubman Award

Sue Kelly
 Presidents Award Amanda Barling
 Life Member Kelly Whykes

Club Annual General Meeting

The Clubs Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday the 21st of October commencing at 7.00 pm at the clubrooms at Gaskin Park, Manning Drive Churchill. All are welcome.



Above: Cougars Coach Leigh McDonald, president, Rob Jenkins, and captain Chris Burke are presented with the 2008 premiership cup.
 Above right: The seniors squad with the support crew prior to the grand final.
 Right: The celebrations begin!
 Below: Travis Brighton, Seniors Best and Fairest winner with President Rob Jenkins



Kelly Whykes with her Life Membership plaque

Churchill & Monash Golf Club Results

30/8/08 Monthly Medal.
 Scratch K. Hills(8) 79. A Grade K. Hills(8)71c/b. B Grade A.Casey(20)70. C Grade & Medal Winner T. Webb (27)62.
 DTL A. Sharrock 71c/b R.Scurlock 71c/b J. Jeffery 71 K. Van Vliet 72 A. Percy 73c/b J. McCafferty 73. NTP 3rd B. Kilday 5th A. Percy 12th A. Casey 14th B. Kilday. Birdies B. Kilday 3rd A. Casey 12th A. VanVliet 14th. Putts J. McCafferty F. Debono T. Webb 28.
 LADIES: 2/9/08 Irish Stableford. Winners B. Beebe(29)J. Beck(29)M. Muncton(45) 67pts. DTL E. D'Alterio.V. Rowley.C.Ellis 66pts. NTP 12/14 33-45 A. Hibbert.
 MEN: 13/9/08 Stroke CCR 68. A Grade P. Williams(18)63. B Grade D. Taylor(20)67. C Grade J. Jeffery(26)66. DTL F. Debono 69.L

Stein 68 G. Spowart 68 B. Forrest 68 A. Sharrock 69. NTP 3rd T. Sterrick 5th B. Forrest 12th D Taylor 14th B. Forrest. Birdies A. Sharrock 12th.
 LADIES: 12/9/08 Bowl CCR 70. Winners: Trafalgar 103pts D. Larsen(15)33pts D. Kidd(17)31pts S. Williams(32)39pts. Runners Up: Moe 101pts A. Williams 35pts J. Beuthin 28pts D. McKenna 38pts. Div 1 S. Traill 37pts. Div 2 S. Williams 39pts. DTL D. McKenna 38pts L. Carter 36pts A. Williams 35pts P. Warne 35pts D. Huyskens 34pts D. Bennett 34pts. NTP 5th K. McGrane 12th V. Verheyen.
 16/9/08 Stableford Aggregate Championships 1st Round. Winners: J. Blizzard(27)M. McConville (23) 58pts.DTL C. Ellis/D. Judkins 49pts.NTP 5/14 33-45 C. Barnes.
 MEN. 20/9/2008 Par.CCR 68 A Grade: A.

Auld(20)+2 c/b. B Grade: T. Collins(26)+5. DTL T. Sterrick +2 G. Fraser +2 A. Casey +1 W. Peter +1c/b.NTP 3rd A. Auld 5th T. Collins 12th W. Peter 14th W. Peter. Birdies A. Auld 3rd W. Peter 3rd R.Viti 5th K. Hills 12th.
 21/9/2008 Stableford CCR 68 M. Brereton(12)39pts. DTL V. Monument 37pts. NTP 5th L. Stein 14th M. Brereton.
 LADIES. 21/9/2008 CCR 70 H. Croft(39)38pts.
 23/9/2008 Stableford Aggregate Championships 2nd Round. CCR 70. Day Winners C. Ellis(32)D. Judkins (32) 72 pts.DTL M. McConville/J .Blizzard 63pts E. D'Alterio/V. Verheyen 61pts. NTP 5th/14th 33-45 L. Casey. S/ford Aggregate Champions C. Ellis/D. Judkins 72pts c/b.

MEN 27/9/2008 Monthly Medal.CCR 69. Scratch: P.Kearns(13)80. A Grade:P.Kearns(13) 67 B Grade: M. Smart(22) 68 C Grade & Medal Winner: J. Jeffery(26) 65. DTL T. Collins 69 W. Sutton 69 F. Debono 70 A. Casey 70 J. McCafferty 70 A. Vandenharn 70. NTP 3rd P. Smart
 5th D. Williams 12th S. McCafferty 14th P. Smart. Putts A. Casey 26.
 LADIES 30/9/2008 Invitation Day 4BBB. CCR 70. Winners: M. Munkton(45)/M. Auld(30) 47pts c/b. Runners Up: D. Judkins/J. Siddell 47pts. Best 9 Out: J. Leslie/I. Pappas 24pts. Best 9 In J. Timbs/S. Grasby 25pts. DTL L. Casey/J. Catherwood 43pts. M. McDonald/M. Passey 43pts. NTP 12th D. Judkins. Lost Handicap: M. Munkton 45 to 39.

Churchill Bowls Club

Review Knock Back

The Churchill Bowls Club held its first carpet bowls night on Wednesday 1st October at Gaskin Park Hall. The next session will be held on 15/10/008 at 7.30 pm and all are welcome to attend. Coaches will be available on the night. For details contact W. Brown on 51 221860 or V. Hargreaves on 51 221304.

The Churchill Bowls Club representatives attended the Southern Towns Recreation Planning meeting in early August 2008, only to discover that the consultants undertaking the review didn't believe that a lawn bowls facility in Churchill could be justified, and were formulating a plan whereby Churchill residents would have to travel to Morwell or Yinnar, if they desired to participate in the game of lawn bowls.

There are approx 90 bowlers from Churchill playing bowls throughout the Latrobe Valley at the present time, because no facilities exist in

Churchill for these people. This has a long term detrimental effect on the liveability, and wellbeing, of the Churchill community as a whole because it deprives the community of the positive interaction and other community initiatives that develop when society gets together and becomes involved in a social and sporting environment.

At present, the social and sporting interaction that is being generated by these bowlers, is being hijacked to which ever town these 90 bowlers are participating in on the day, leaving the Churchill district that much poorer, because the communal bonding and interaction that is essential for a community to flourish, is taken away from the Churchill public and transplanted into other communities. This leaves our town barren of social and competitive initiatives, which are integral to a communities psyche. If these bowlers had the facilities in Churchill, it would facilitate, and fos-

ter, an environment where more people from the community could become involved in the day to day community events.

Our research has indicated that there isn't a town of comparable size in Gippsland or Victoria that doesn't possess a bowls club to service its community. Churchill with a current population of 4588 (**and recognized as a future growth centre**) has been disadvantaged for over 40 years through lack of appropriate facilities to provide for its more mature members of the population. For an outside consultant to even contemplate this nonsense scenario, indicates to me that the economics, demographics and the long term social and sporting welfare of the Churchill community, hasn't been thoroughly thought through, consequently making this plan a travesty of the highest order.

We realize this plan is only being investigated

at the moment, but the Churchill community has spoken, and we believe a lawn bowls facility is urgently required in Churchill to service our own community, not Yinna, or Morwell, who already have their own bowls amenities. The Churchill population urgently requires these particular facilities so they will be able to participate in, and **represent their own community** in an appropriate sporting and social activity, and be an integral part of their towns sporting and social achievements, and at last become a vital part of the Churchill community's social and cultural fabric.

The Churchill Bowls Club urges the residents of Churchill to send a strong message to Latrobe City Council and local councilors in condemning these consultants' plans, and right the wrong that has seen the Churchill community disadvantaged for 40 years.

Boolarra Bowls Club OBE Medals!

The 2008/2009 bowls season is underway with the opening day held on 14th of September. The weather was good and the turn-out encouraging.

The opening was officially performed by Jeff Burt, the RVBA counselor for the Gippsland region and the Vice President of the RVBA of Victoria.

Jeff was accompanied by his wife Pat, who were our guests for the afternoon. During the opening formalities two well known Boolarra Bowls identities, Tom Gilpin and Jack Richards were presented with their OBE medals (Over Bl...dy Eighty) not to be confused with the Queens version. Both recipients are pictured receiving their awards from Jeff Burt.

The first 'Kitty' was rolled by Norm Halliday and the first bowl was sent down by Jack Richards, both long standing members of the club.

In attendance were members of the Ross family who were shown the basics of lawn bowls by Tom Gilpin and who then took part in the game that followed. During the formal part of the afternoon tea, the Ross family presented the club with a perpetual trophy in memory of

Lorna and John Ross. This trophy is to be awarded to the couple winning the club mixed pairs, which is a competition held each year.

From the ladies the news is all good. A practice day for the Boolarra and Yinnar Ladies was held recently at the Morwell Bowling Club and was reported to have been very enjoyable.

Ladies Pennant commenced on 7th October. There is always a warm welcome awaiting any ladies who would like to be a part of the very friendly group at Boolarra.

The season is underway at Boolarra with the first Triples Day held on 22nd September. The attendance of some 66 bowlers was very encouraging and we hope that this will continue throughout the season.

A vote of thanks is extended to all visiting bowlers, it was great to see you all. While the day got off to a great start the weather let us down and the day had to be abandoned after only half the games were completed. Our Triples days as previously advertised will be held on the fourth Monday of each month. On the rare occasions there is a

fifth Monday in a month Triples will also be held in Boolarra.

Practice nights are on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting on or around 4pm. In other words 'pre-season' has begun, so come on down.

Coming Events

From Wednesday 8th October: Twilight Bowls: 'Bare Foot in Boolarra' will be held every fortnight starting at 6.00pm. Entries need to be in by 5.00pm.

If you do not like grass between your toes then a pair of flat soled shoes will be acceptable. Costs are \$3 for the game and \$7 if you would like to have a meal. This is a great evening, so come and enjoy.

To increase awareness in the community under the banner of 'Sport for all ages', the Boolarra Bowls Club are holding a TRY BOWLS Day on Sunday 26th October from 1.00pm to 3.00pm.

This day will be free and all you need to bring is yourself, if possible a friend and a pair of flat soled shoes.

Try bowling – it's a great game!

Yinnar Bowls Club Twilight Bowls

By "Jack Tracker"

The Yinnar Bowls Club will be holding Mixed Twilight Bowls sessions during the daylight saving period where the emphasis will be on family fun as well as providing an opportunity for members of the community to socialise. We would be delighted if you could come along to try the sport of lawn bowls and to meet a host of other people.

The Mixed Twilight Bowls sessions start at 6.00pm on Wednesday 22nd October and will continue each Wednesday for nine weeks through to 17 December.

These sessions will give you plenty of opportunity to develop knowledge of the game and ultimately deliver that accurate draw shot of yours that you didn't know you had.

Each session lasts about 1½ hours

and will be followed by a barbeque in the club. The club bar will be open and all drinks will be available at club prices. If you would like to bring family or friends along we would love to see them as well.

The dress is casual, there are no age restrictions (juniors are most welcome) and all equipment will be provided. However, it is important that you wear smooth flat soled shoes.

The total cost, excluding drinks, is just \$5.00 a session.

Last year our Mixed Twilight Bowls sessions were very popular, particularly with new bowlers and some great friendships were formed on the green.

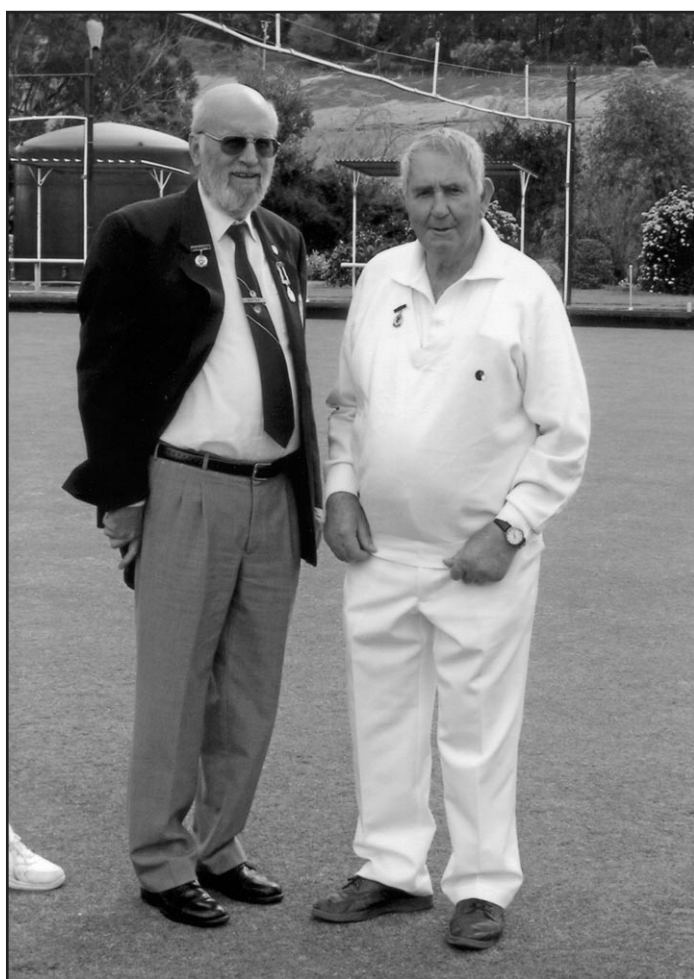
This year, if sufficient interest is shown, as an added extra, the Club will conduct a Twilight Bowls competition, with between 6 or 8 teams nominated

by groups from the Yinnar & District Community. Modified rules will be used so that games can be completed within 90 minutes.

If you are interested in entering a team or just having a "roll-up" in a casual and friendly environment, please call Brian Carpenter on 5122 1605 for more details and perhaps reserve a place for you and your friends.

The Yinnar Bowls Club is a first class community facility built by community members some 25 years ago and is maintained voluntarily by both male and female club members.

New members will always be welcome.



RVBA Representative with 'OBE' Jeff Burt



Jack Richards receives his 'OBE' from Jeff Burt

Churchill United Soccer Club Life Members

At the Churchill United Soccer Club junior presentation day on Saturday September 13th, the club inducted two new Life Members Scott Sands and Adrian Huizer. Here is the transcript from the presentation:

"There is no greater honour that a club can give to a member than membership for life and today's recipients certainly deserve their recognition.

Our first has been involved with the club since he was a child and he became actively involved as a junior coach in his teenage years.

He prolonged his playing career by converting from sweeper to goal keeper after a serious knee injury in the early 90's. He has had a long associ-

ation with the committee of management and has diligently gone about his business as canteen supply manager, bar man, meals preparer, canteen worker, junior coach and club referee.

After his playing days he decided to become an official referee and adapted to his new role with aplomb rising to the senior ranks quickly. He managed to retain the respect of the referee's fraternity whilst also staying actively involved with his home club. He became known as 'Agent X' in his non official committee capacity whilst also maintaining the aforementioned roles.

He is a loved and respected character and is truly 'King of the Kids' for

generations of junior players that have passed through the club over the years.

He has however threatened on more than one occasion to throw in the towel or 'spit it', but we all know that his threats are just a rouse for his true dedication to this place.

Now joining sister Carol and brothers Tom, Ian and Rob it gives me great pleasure to announce Scott Sands as a Life Member of the Churchill United Soccer Club.

Our next recipient has also played for the club since he was a child and he too became actively involved as a junior coach in his teenage years first taking the reigns of the under 16's in 1987.

He has a memorable playing career first debuting as a goal keeper in the seniors as a fifteen year old. He continued as a player with his career highlighted in 1998 when he captained the seniors to the Battle of Britain Cup before he was forced to retire with a back injury the following season.

He has held positions on the committee over the years and continued as a junior coach throughout his playing days. Together with

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Adrian Huizer and Scott Sands

good friend Nigel Brown they helped foster and develop female participation at the club and the wider league and were duly recognised by the Football Federation Victoria for their pioneering efforts in this area which is vital to the future of our club.

He is the equal longest serving senior coach at the club serving for five years from 2001-2005 culminating with a Battle of Britain Cup/Premiership double in his final year. Through out his senior coaching

tenure he continued to coach and support our juniors. He was also a valued contributor to the building project.

During this season he took the roll of Small Sided Games coordinator, training close to thirty kids under the age of eight and he helped contribute to the successful introduction of this program.

Now joining his father Jan it gives me great pleasure to announce Mr. Adrian Huizer as a Life Member of the Churchill United Soccer Club".



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Rams coach Anthony Collins with Cougars coach Leigh McDonald



The Rams

Town pride the Churchill code

Small towns rejoice when their sporting teams excel so when Churchill's football and soccer clubs both won their respective competitions this year the locals swelled with pride in their achievements.

This year the Churchill Football Club Cougars won the North Gippsland Football League Premiership whilst the Churchill United Soccer Club Rams were crowned back to back Gippsland Soccer League Champions.

What makes the town's achievements more remarkable is that the two clubs supported one

another on game days when their respective codes would ordinarily be rivals.

Proving the old adage that *together we are stronger* the two teams took inspiration from one another's exploits and the feeling of town unity and pride that resulted amongst the players and supporters.

Rams coach Anthony Collins and his Cougars counterpart Leigh McDonald fostered the relationship between the two playing groups with a pre season joint training session where players tried their hand at the opposite code.

"It's a bit of a no brainer really, strength in numbers and we can learn a lot from one another to apply in our respective sports. We're all from Churchill so it's great if we can all support one another", McDonald said.

The vast majority of the players in both teams are home grown talent bucking the trend of cheque book sport that often taints country competitions.

"Success breeds success and when you have a group of blokes that can draw inspiration from a like minded group it becomes a bit of a brother-

hood in the town, we all enjoy the bond." Collins added.

Success hasn't been limited to the football codes either with the Churchill Baseball Club Braves finishing runners up in the Latrobe Valley Baseball Association this season.

Expectations are now high for the Churchill Cricket Club Cobras to deliver more success to the town this coming summer when they vie for the Traralgon and District Cricket Association Premiership.

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