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On a cool Saturday morning on 1st November 2008 at Lake Hyland the Churchill & District News Junior Fishing Competition began. Fishing rods were in the water dead on 9 am! 153 young anglers competed for some fantastic prizes.

*For the full story and more photos turn to the back page.*

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## Lifeline Churchill Shop News

Christmas is fast approaching and whilst it can be a wonderful time of year it can also be extremely demanding - particularly on the pocket. Lifeline's Churchill shop can help. Our popular Christmas Sale starts Monday, 17th November. we have a great range of new and pre-loved items at a fraction of their usual retail prices so get in early and grab a bargain. We've also got some handy hints to help you to stretch your dollars further this year:

When buying for children make sure that the item is age appropriate and, check that it is not a choking or other hazard. If in doubt don't take the risk.

For children quantity can be more important than quality. Lots of little things wrapped can make a big impression with the little ones.

Clothes make excellent presents. Keep an eye out for brand names and accessories like scarves and

belts - the Op Shop 'dress-up' section can be a gold mine for the fashion conscious.

Our Shops have a great variety of books catering to all tastes and age ranges. Think of the person you are buying for and their hobbies.

If you're crafty you can make your own presents - check out the fabric and craft section, recycle beads from necklaces and other jewellery, use old magazines and books to make your own cards.

Remember it's is not all about money - it really is the thought that counts.

Lifeline Churchill Shop would like to thank Ritchies IGA and their customers for the support we have received via their Community Benefits Scheme. If you shop at

Ritchies and haven't done so already please consider nominating Lifeline as your chosen community group - cards are available from our shop and can be presented each time you shop - it's that easy.

The Lifeline shop is situated next door to the Churchill Chiropractor and is open each week day from 9.30am until 4pm. Please note that the shop will close for the holiday period on Friday, 19th December and reopens on Monday, January 12th 2009.

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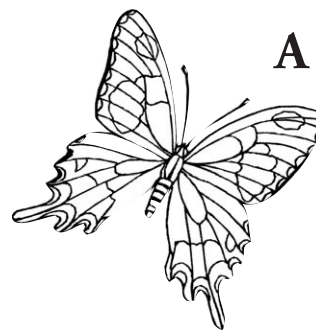
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# Award for Churchill & District News

The historic Old Castlemaine Goal was the setting for the 2008 Community Newspaper Association of Victoria's (CNAV) Annual Conference in October. President Liz Hart welcomed 80 delegates to the conference with ABC Central's Station Manager, Jonathan Ridnell giving the keynote address.

CNAV Secretary, Mary Jo Fortuna highlighted the importance and the growth of the community newspaper movement in Victoria. Community newspapers play an important role in being a social conscience and recording the histories of the districts they serve. The conference included a 'mini-expo', with emphasis placed on starting out and small newspapers, setting up a website, production, finance and legal issues.

The conference was followed by the Annual Awards Dinner. The Churchill & District News won the award for 'Best Historical Writing' for 'Syd's Memoirs' in the August 2008 edition and was a finalist for 'Best Community Reporting' for the second year running.

"We are thrilled to receive these awards on behalf of

the Churchill community," said Val Prokopiv, Editor. "It is only through the continuing support of readers, contributors, community groups, sponsors and advertisers that we have achieved so much. The team at the News thanks you for that."

CNAV began from a small rural communities conference held in Omeo in October 2003. It aims to develop an active network that will support the development and continuation of community newspapers in local communities and to raise the profile of community newspapers with all levels of government.

"The number and diversity of community newspapers in Victoria is fantastic and I would encourage all community papers to join CNAV. The conference was a great opportunity to talk to and be inspired by the work of others in the field," said Ms Prokopiv.

For more information on CNAV visit their website at <http://www.cnav.org.au/> or contact our CNAV representative Karen Bradfield on 03 5182 6676.



Team Leader Ruth Place and Editor Val Prokopiv

## Churchill Advent Pageant 2008



Students from various primary schools around Churchill will soon be taking part in a colourful Christmas celebration right in the heart of Churchill. The Churchill advent pageant, which will be taking place on the 28th of November from 10.30 am, will see students from Churchill, Churchill North and Lumen Christi Primary Schools unite together in a Christmas celebration that aims to provide a joyful and exciting way of bringing the students together from all over the community to celebrate Christmas in a meaningful way.

The Pageant is organised by Fusion Australia and local churches, with support from local primary schools, Hazelwood Rotary Club, Kurnai College and the Churchill

District Community Association. Volunteers from these groups will also be participating on the day.

The Pageant will begin with students from the three schools dressed up as angels, shepherds and wise men meeting together in the park between McDonald Way and Walker Parade, followed by a parade lead by Mary and Joseph to Churchill Shopping Centre looking for room in the inn. On the return to the park there will be a short concert, with items performed by the students, a sausage sizzle and a few fun activities. Everyone is invited to this community celebration.

Liz Sulley, Kurnai College Chaplain and member of the Churchill Advent Pageant coordination group said, "This is a great

opportunity for the community to work together to bring the children into the limelight. We want them to be the stars of the show as we celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season."

Fusion Australia is a national youth and community organisation and has been working in the Latrobe Valley since the 1970s. Fusion works with many local communities across Australia each year to run Advent pageants, with the aim of strengthening communities through shared celebrations. The Churchill Advent Pageant will link up with other pageants as part of a national radio broadcast via the Community Radio Satellite service.

*Pictured: Advent Pageant 2007*



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By Margaret Guthrie, President

A bipartisan Committee of the Victorian Parliament - the Rural & Regional Committee (RRC) - is conducting an Inquiry into Regional Centres of the Future.

CDCA has made a written submission to the Committee, focussing on Churchill's place in Latrobe Valley, which compliments submissions made by Latrobe City and Monash University.

The Inquiry's Terms of Reference focus on measures that could be taken to support the growth and development of regional centres.

Our submission highlighted Churchill's place as an "attractive, welcoming community, with highly accessible regional and local services.....a town with a strong long-term future as the education and research centre for Latrobe City and Gippsland, but with an increasing national and international role."

CDCA also sees a number of challenges for our town, such as "problems with the composition and design of its town centre, the accessibility and convenience of public transport, and the provision of services for its changing population."

Our submission made a number of specific recommendations for the Committee's consideration. These were:

\* The State Government should work with Latrobe City Council and local stakeholders to

support the marketing of Churchill as a potential location for new and existing businesses, industries and government authorities.

\* The State Government should play an active role in supporting the establishment of employment in industries that build on the research and education capacities of regional university campuses.

\* The State Government should work with Monash University Gippsland Campus, Latrobe City Council and local stakeholders in expanding employment opportunities relating to the research and education functions of the University in Churchill.

\* The State Government should play an active role in investing in infrastructure that enhances access and attractiveness of Churchill.

\* The State Government should support the development of social capital in regional areas - and specifically Churchill - through human services and community development programs.

CDCA would like to thank the members of our working party who developed our submission. A copy of our complete submission can be viewed by contacting CDCA Secretary, Rob Whelan, on 0427223602

The RRC is to hold public hearings in 2008/09, enabling key stakeholders to make presentations on issues arising from the Inquiry. The Committee's final report and recommendations

will then be submitted to the State Government.

Our local MP, Russell Northe, is a member of this Committee and can be contacted at his office on 5133 9088 or by email - russell.northe@parliament.vic.gov.au for further information.

Public comment is being sought by Latrobe City Council on the proposed Churchill Town Centre Plan. Comments on the proposed plan must be received by close of business on 24th Nov. Comments should be forwarded to Ian Gibson, Place Manager - Churchill Town Centre Plan, Latrobe City Council (PO Box 264, Morwell, 3840) or email [iangi@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:iangi@latrobe.vic.gov.au)

In particular, Council is seeking residents' comments on whether the plan achieves its goal of developing an attractive, safe, accessible and well-used civic space that is accepted as the centre of the town and whether there are any aspects of the plan that are of concern, or which may be missing.

A copy of the proposed design for the Churchill commercial precinct may be viewed on the LCC website [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/services/projects/churchilltowncentreplan](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/services/projects/churchilltowncentreplan) or by contacting Ian Gibson on 5128 5444

An amendment to the Latrobe Planning Scheme - Amendment C62 - is also open for public comment. The amendment comprises a new Local Planning Policy Framework (LPPF) and

Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) which includes new structure plans for Churchill, Moe/Newborough, Morwell and Traralgon. The closing date for submissions is 12th December 2008.

The Churchill Structure Plan comprises recommendations for the western residential section of the town, the commercial precinct and the Eel Hole Creek and University Campus area, to create new, and strengthen existing, links between these parts of Churchill.

We encourage Churchill residents to contact Council (via Lorrae Dukes, Strategic Land Use Planning Officer) on 1300 367 700 to have your say on the future development of Churchill. The proposed structure plan and further information is available from Latrobe City's website ([www.latrobe.vic.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au))

CDCA meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be held on Wed 26th Nov at 7pm. This is our final meeting for 2008, so will be preceded by dinner at the Churchill Chinese Restaurant at 6pm.

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



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port initiatives to foster growth and prosperity well into the future.

A lot of work goes into preparing to host an occasion of this magnitude so a big 'thank you' goes to the Monash team, Churchill police and all organisations associated with events and projects on and leading up to the day.

Over the past month I have met with the Boolarra and District Historical Society, Yinnar Primary School, the Yinnar Bowls Club, a number of Yinnar businesses, the Lumen Christi school community at their twilight fete, HVP Plantations to discuss emissions trading and our local tertiary institutions to talk about further education opportunities for the people of Gippsland, particularly our youth.

The year continues to fly past quickly and with Christmas on our doorstep I would like to take the

opportunity to spruik The Nationals' Putting Locals First campaign.

The message is simple - by shopping locally or taking a holiday in the region, you help create local jobs and you keep your money in Gippsland.

We are fortunate to have a range of local businesses who can offer you competitive prices and exceptional follow-up service.

As for tourism, Gippsland has a plethora of natural assets and many fantastic events so why not plan a day trip or a week away with your family over the festive season.

*Russell*

## Synthetic Hockey Field Proposal Adopted by Council

Latrobe Valley Women's Hockey Association life member and hockey spokesperson Linda Reid has applauded the council for voting in favour of constructing a national standard synthetic hockey pitch in the Latrobe Valley.

The Council voted to enter into a partnership with Monash University with the cost to council being \$300,000. Mrs Reid said State government funding of \$300,000 is necessary.

Mrs Reid, along with other representatives from the hockey community, and CEO Paul Buckley made an official presentation to Minister Merlino at the University on Wednesday.

Mrs Reid has been working with council on behalf of the hockey community for some 18 months, although in reality the campaign began some 15 years ago.

"This is a facility that is long overdue and would be a significant regional facility which has the potential to attract major competitions to the Latrobe Valley," said Mrs Reid.

"There are presently no synthetic hockey facilities in East or South Gippsland and we have left no stone unturned in an effort to secure the necessary funding from all levels of Government."

Mrs Reid thanked the Latrobe City in assisting with the presentation to the Minister for sport, James Merlino, when he visited the Churchill campus of Monash University and also for their vision in supporting a facility of excellence. Mrs Reid said that Latrobe Hockey looked forward to the project being finalized.

## Public Comment Sought Churchill Town Centre Plan

Latrobe City Council is seeking comment on the design of the commercial precinct within the Churchill town centre. The design seeks to achieve an attractive, safe, accessible and useable civic space that is accepted as the centre of the town. A modified version of the one section of the 2007 adopted Churchill Town Centre Plan, this design has been developed following community design workshops and has been adopted in principle by Council.

There are several ways you can view the plan:

- Visit the Latrobe City Council website  
[www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/services/projects/churchilltowncentreplan](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/services/projects/churchilltowncentreplan)
- Join the mailing list for Newsletters on the plan  
email Ian Gibson at [iangi@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:iangi@latrobe.vic.gov.au) or telephone 1300 367 700

Any comments on the proposed plans for the commercial precinct should be forwarded to Ian Gibson, Place Manager - Churchill Town Centre Plan, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell 3840 or email [iangi@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:iangi@latrobe.vic.gov.au) by the close of business on 24 November, 2008.



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It is important to take the opportunity to ensure your

child makes a happy start to their school life. Where possible the children will be able to visit the room they will be in 2009 and meet their teacher.

This is also a chance for parents to ask questions and talk to those who know the school well.

Orientation visits to schools are as follows:

## Hazelwood North Primary School

7th November 10:00a.m - 1.30  
9th December 9:00a.m - 11.30

## Churchill Primary School

14th November 9:00a.m. - 11.00  
28th November 9:00a.m. - 11.00  
9th December 9:00a.m. - 11.00

## Churchill North Primary School

14th November 9:00a.m. - 10:30  
28th November 2:15p.m. - 3:15  
9th December 9:00a.m. - 10:30

## Lumen Christi Primary School

14th November 9:00a.m. - 11.00  
28th November 9:00a.m. - 11.00  
9th December 9:00a.m. - 11.00

Parent Info Night:

2.12.08 7:00p.m - 8.30pm



Churchill Neighbourhood Centre Committee of Management

## Prepare for the Festive Season at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Ho ! Ho ! Ho ! Christmas time is upon us again and it is time to prepare for the festive season. There are many items that can be made for that added touch of individuality for your family and friends. Come along to the Centre and have a Captain Cook at what's available. You can buy items already available or make them yourself, there are many helpers who can guide and help you to make your hearts desire, something to please your fancy and share with your family and friends for Christmas.

The AGM was held on the 15th October. The office bearers for the next 12 months are:

President - Jacqueline McLure, Vice President - Barbara George, Secretary - Jean Baudendistel, Treasurer - Loraine Andrew. The executive is very well backed up with 6 very able committee members in - Anne Boothman, Ros White, Isabel Temple, Ann Vernon, Kaye Charalambous and Jan Stephenson. Congratulations to the new committee of management.

The Centre is always looking for volunteers and for the mighty sum of \$ 2.00 you are encouraged to become a member, and support us in all that we do.

### Interested in Apple Macs?

Expressions of interest are sought for the establishment of an Apple Mac user group in the Midvalley area. Interest is sought from Mac users and other interested persons in the Churchill, Morwell, Moe and Traralgon areas.

The Apple Macintosh is a versatile and easy to use computer,

but how can you explore its full potential? The Internet is great for getting help, but not if you don't know where to start looking. This proposed User Group will aim to provide help in a way that's so much more personal and interactive than struggling by yourself, or on the Internet. It will aim to educate, entertain, as well as enable the chance to get to know socially other users in the area. No one has to be a technical expert, a graphic designer, a business whiz, or anything else. As long as you are interested in, or share a desire to learn more about the Mac, there is sufficient foundation for a successful Group.

It is proposed to hold an initial discussion meeting with interested persons at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre no later than early December. If a User Group is eventually set up, monthly meetings would commence in February 2009 and probably be held evenings or weekends, but this is very dependent not only on the venues available, but your feedback.

Further info may be obtained by contacting Robert (in Churchill) on 0412 403 603 or email:

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Craft work at the Neighbourhood Centre



# Church Snippets

The Auction/Garage Sale, Fair and Food event was a huge success. The Community Life Panel wishes to say a huge "THANK YOU" to all those members of the community, both general and church, who gave so generously of their unwanted goods to make our day such a great one.

Many folks sampled the delicious pancakes and egg and bacon sandwiches for breakfast, and then had a sausage and onion for lunch. Those of us who were up at the crack of dawn found we were in need of an early lunch or second breakfast, to keep us going. A special thank you goes to our brilliant auctioneer who had the ability to sell nearly everything we had accumulated.

The Cool Club 4 Kids has been preparing to put on a puppet play for their parents. The Bible story of the Wise and Foolish Men who built houses was introduced graphically with lots of cut out pieces which the kids helped to assemble into a picture. The song was learnt and the teaching of the golden rule followed. The kids have now made the puppets, the puppet theatres and are in

the process of writing the script for their play. The leaders are very impressed by their efforts, and the way they have worked co-operatively together, and look forward to seeing the play. New members are coming and joining in the fun times. Cool Club 4 Kids starts at 3:30pm on Wednesdays during term. New members are welcome.

Rev Bob Brown has begun a series of Advent studies at the Co-Operating Church in Churchill and at the Co-operating Church at Yinnar. The book being studied is called 'Rejoicing in Hope'. It contains four studies on the Christmas story characters of Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary, Joseph, Anna and Simeon. The studies challenge us to hope as we learn to open our eyes and see the new possibilities God has for us, knowing that God makes impossible things possible by demonstrating his extraordinary power in the lives of ordinary people.

A morning coffee was held mid month and was a celebration of spring, with lovely spring flowers on show, stories of spring, gardens, and gardening shared with pathos and laughter.

## Christmas Services

### Co-Operating Church

**Christmas Eve**  
6.30 pm Crib Service  
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**8pm Anglican HC at**  
**Christ Church Boolarra**

**11.00 pm Anglican of HC**  
**Rev Bob Brown**

**Christmas Day**  
9.30am UCA SOW  
**Rev. Bob Brown.**

**9.30am**  
**Anglican HC**  
**Rev Tony Peters at**  
**Yinnar**

**December 28th**  
**Anglican HC**  
**Rev Bob Brown**

**UCA SOW - Yinnar**  
**Rev Bob Brown**

### Lumen Christi Church

**December 17th**  
**Reconciliation Night:**  
**7.30 pm (2nd Rite)**

**December 24th**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE:**  
**8.00 pm**

**December 25th**  
**Christmas Day**  
**9.30 pm**

### Churchill Community Church

**December 21st**  
**Christmas Service**  
**10am**

## Church Times

### Lumen Christi Catholic Church

Williams Avenue, Churchill  
Presbytery: 35 Walker Parade,  
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Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm  
Sunday: Mass: 9.00am  
1st and 3rd Sundays: Yinnar:  
Mass: 10.30 am  
2nd and 4th Sundays: Boolarra:  
Mass: 10.30am  
5th Sunday: Lumen Christi:  
Mass: 9.00am

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**Churchill Christian Fellowship**  
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Enquiries: Linda Whitney  
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## Chaplain's Contemplations

BY Fr Hugh Brown

It is very difficult these days to avoid the onslaught of so much financial bad news, the interminable news of the American elections and, of course, the world-wide shortage of food. Here in Gippsland as in most of the country we look longingly for rain. I made the mistake recently of saying to an older farmer and bastion of the Churchill community, "It's a beautiful day, today," only to be met with a very loud and angry response, "It's a bloody dreadful day because there's no rain!" He's got a real point!

No doubt that with the nightly news and media bringing us stories of financial woe, climate crises and the endless parade of genuinely tragic stories there is a real danger that as a community and as individuals we can slip, sometimes unknowingly, into anxiety and depression. Sometimes it shows itself in the inability to cope with ordinary things; sometimes a general malaise or pervading sense of sadness; sometimes the symptoms can be so crippling that we have no idea how to escape from the prison of meaninglessness.

Perhaps it's time to look after ourselves - not in a selfish or self-centred way - but in a way that refreshes us and brings a sense of peace and well-being.

One of the great gifts to the world from the teachings of Buddhism is the practice of "mindfulness". It's not hard to do but, if we are faithful to it, we can experience a renewed sense of vitality and self-respect. So what is it?

Easy... set aside a few moments each day (5 min-

utes, 20 minutes ... it doesn't matter!). Make yourself comfortable but not so comfortable that your own snoring wakes you up!

Now .... Just sit gently, relax peacefully and listen .... listen to your breathing, or your heart beat or the feelings that you are experiencing NOW.

Listen to the sounds around and inside you ... a dog barking, cars passing by, birds chasing each other, your tummy rumbling ... whatever you can hear. Just listen and acknowledge those sounds.

Don't judge what you hear ... your desires, the noises we may not like, the feelings that float through our minds and hearts or crash to the surface of our consciousness, the memories that play across the television of our minds .... Don't judge them ... Just accept them.... Accept them as reality ..... and let them go or let them be... they are what we have NOW.

By listening to ourselves we discover the most precious thing we have - the gift of ourselves and if we treat ourselves with gentle, non-judging respect, we can gradually come to appreciate the beauty of the present moment because it is NOW that is important. Not yesterday, not tomorrow but NOW.

For Christians, Jesus said it so succinctly... "Don't worry about your life, about what you are to eat and drink ... your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things .... So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." (Mt 6:25-34)

May this present moment bring you grace and peace.

**Pictured Right: Paul Holton, Latrobe City Council Manager for Cultural Liveability**

## Saturday Breakfast

Paul Holton, the Latrobe City Council Manager for Cultural Liveability, was our guest speaker at the latest Saturday Breakfast. He told us of the background to the establishment of the Latrobe Regional Gallery in Morwell, and the work that it does.

During the 1950s Yvonne and Arthur Boyd and their family visited Morwell quite often and influenced local artists and the newly formed Morwell Art Group.

Local artists were the motivation towards the establishment of a Regional Art Gallery at Morwell, which was encouraged by the new National Gallery of Victoria, Director, Eric Westbrook (now Doctor Westbrook) and the Latrobe Regional Gallery founding Director the late Campbell Houghston of Yinnar South.

In 1956, the commissioning of Arthur Boyd to create a mural for the Yallourn Anglican Church of St. John's was an important historical initiative. Doctor Joseph Brown A.O. moved the mural to St Mary's Anglican Church Morwell from Yallourn when Yallourn was demolished.

In 1956 and 1957 Boyd executed a number of important landscape paintings of Gippsland, around Yarram, Port Albert, Mt. Terrible, and Morwell. These paintings are in significant gal-

leries around Australia.

The Regional gallery was established in 1971 by the Shire of Morwell and opened by Sir Henry Bolte. Since these early times the gallery has developed a National and Regional collection of significance, with five distinctive collection areas: Works on Paper, Painting, Ceramics, Sculpture and Glass. It is the Glass collection which stands the gallery apart from the other public galleries in Victoria.

The Latrobe Valley is the birthplace of Australian Studio Glass, and a number of Australia's prominent contemporary glass artists had their early beginnings in the Latrobe Valley at the Gippsland School of Art. In the early 1990's the Latrobe Regional Gallery, recognizing the wealth of talent in the region, mounted the first national touring exhibition of contemporary artists by a regional gallery. Touring four states over two years, the Contemporary Gippsland Artist exhibition established the Gippsland region as one of the most active areas nationally, for practising contemporary artists.

The Gallery presents an annual program of exhibitions including state and national touring exhibitions, one of solo, thematic and group exhibitions, which are exclusive to the Gallery.

The gallery houses the Campbell Houghston Print Collection, McGaughey Glass Collection, a significant collection of contemporary works from the Bank of Melbourne Regional Art Collection including works by the late Rosalie Gascoigne, The Allan Aldouse Asian Art Collection and the recently acquired Colin Suggett Sculpture Collection.

The Gallery has a community access exhibition gallery for hire, which provides a springboard for young and emerging artists while providing the established artist with affordable quality display space.

Paul also explained the work that is necessary to house the art work so that it is safe and will not deteriorate. He says the behind the scenes work is very involved and requires people who are strong and well trained for their position.

The gallery is supported by the Latrobe Valley Gallery Society, which assists in raising funds for acquisitions to the permanent collec-



tion.

Latrobe Regional Gallery is funded by Latrobe City Council with assistance from the Victorian Government through Arts Victoria-Department of Premier and Cabinet.

The gallery is located at 138 Commercial Rd. Morwell. Opening times are Tuesday -Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday and Sunday 11am-3pm. Admission is free.





# Churchill Fire Brigade Presentation Night

Past and present members of the Churchill Fire Brigade, their wives and partners, Morwell Group Brigade members, community members and Latrobe City Council representative, Darrell White, attended the annual Churchill CFA Presentation Night.

Captain Steve Barling, in his opening address, welcomed everyone to the evening and thanked them for their support throughout the year.

Steve talked about the brigades standing with fewer firefighters to do the same if not more work. The brigade has had some new members, but quite a few have also left. With more of the original members in paid work, the brigade's position is not as strong as it should be.

It is an issue that needs to be addressed in the next twelve months and he hopes to engage in, and with, the community, to make the people more aware of what the brigade does, and to include the community to build strength into the brigade.

Steve offered his thanks to the members and their families for their support, especially under the circumstances with fewer doing more, which is not easy for either firefighters or family. Steve concluded by wishing everyone a great year ahead.

Kevin Pettit, General Operations Officer for this region, then spoke, thanking the brigade for the invitation to attend.

He endorsed Steve's remarks about the future directions of the brigade, but said Churchill had also attained some significant milestones in its operation. After reaching the 200 calls a year mark, the challenges are higher. Churchill is such a brigade. Kevin spoke of the Churchill brigade as a viable community based brigade

which has put into effect considerable efforts in training for structural and wildfire situation, and gained much success in skills acquired, which was second to none. Kevin offered the brigade his congratulations on these outcomes.

"This optimism and expertise reflects enormously on your capabilities and respect with which you are held by the other members of the group," said Kevin. Kevin cited the mine fire as a great effort.

Kevin then turned his attention to summer preparation. The experts, he said, are predicting that under the present conditions we are set for a worse, or as bad a summer seasons as 2002 or 2006, as this could be least month ahead of usual. Fire restrictions will be in place soon.

There are improvements to help meet these challenges. The new structural gear which has been trialed by firefighters, including one Churchill brigade member, will soon be available for all. The Latrobe Valley has been recognized for its needs and specialist appliances (vehicles) will be supplied to make the job safer. Radio operators will have improved communication ability, which will improve safety on the fire ground.

Kevin thanked all those who attended as it shows that the brigade is recognized as significant to the community.

He finished by saying that the initiative for greater interaction with the community was commendable, and wished the brigade luck.



### Awards

#### Service Medals-

Darren Devlin- 5 Years  
David Sutherland- 10 Years

#### Fire Fighter of the Year:

Darren Devlin. This trophy is presented in memory of Darren McLean, a Churchill member who died in the line of duty.

#### Rookie of the Year- Dale Lee

**Most Consistent Member-** Chris Gallagher  
**Encouragement Awards-** Russell Gallagher and Chris Gallagher

#### Captain's Trophy- Steve Shankland.

**Special Man Award-** Dale Lee

#### Pumping Awards:

**Four Man Teams-** Pumper and tanker won by the same team- Darren Devlin, Adam Bielby, Dale Lee, Nathan Renwick.

**Two Man Team Pumper-** Dale Lee and Nathan Renwick

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## Workable Solutions

### Letters to the Editor

**Hazelwood North Forgotten**

My name is Katie Duncan and I'm a 16 year old living in Hazelwood North (Gunyah Ward).

Hazelwood North seems to be a forgotten part of the Latrobe Valley community. It is severely lacking in communal areas. Many families, and youth would benefit from places such as playgrounds and picnic areas, basketball courts and football ovals as well as bike tracks and skate parks. Small farmlot areas such as Hazelwood North really need places where people can get together and play sport, have a barbecue and spend the day. Facilities like these are only really found in the more built up areas, and these are not always easy to access if you live out of town.

I would like to see more access to public buses that travel between the rural areas and the residential towns. This would make it a lot easier for youth to get to work, visit friends or go shopping. A bike track running along Hazelwood Road would also give people an environmentally friendly alternative to car travel that would be safe for both young and older residents.

It is also highly noticeable that many schools, both primary and secondary, are greatly under-funded. By investing more money in the educational future of today's youth, it sets both the students and the community up for a successful future. Our council needs to be doing more to safeguard our academic future.

Katie Duncan  
Hazelwood North

**Gunyah Ward from the farm industry**

Gunyah Ward is 712 square kilometers in area, which is just half the area of Latrobe municipality.

Most of the farming industry in Latrobe City is in this ward

Most farms are single one family units. Their needs as a family are the same as all other families, but the needs of their farm businesses are very different.

Perhaps the most important is the need in the out of town areas, where the farms are, is to have good roads.

Many of these roads are still gravel, so we appeal to the new council to bitumen more of these gravel roads in the future.

Drainage and weed control on roadsides are also important issues for all farmers.

Farmers expect all councilors to have a good knowledge of the industry and see that all council regulations and "Local Laws" are compatible with their needs and do not cause unnecessary and frustrating problems and worries.

Tom Lawless.  
Hazelwood North

**Gunyah Ward is different**

Gunyah Ward is substantially different from that of the rest of Latrobe City. It's almost totally rural and as big in area as all other eight wards put together.

The ward is largely concentrated in small communities at Traralgon South, Boolarra south, Yinnar South, Flynn, Hazelwood and the south eastern tip of Traralgon.

These are residents that have chosen a lifestyle which they are entitled to have maintained and enhanced.

To fully appreciate the needs and wishes of the people in Gunyah Ward, one needs to live there, and be part of the community.

I am the only candidate in the forthcoming council election that lives in Gunyah Ward.

With significant experience with local community and sporting associations and in other ways, I have made, and will continue to make, a contribution to the people of the ward and to the Latrobe Valley in general.

I offer myself as a candidate for councilor representing Gunyah Ward. My policies include recreational and sporting access for rural areas, rural road funding, environmental issues, sustainable farming and a return of the hard rubbish collection service, at the resident's option.

Ed Vermeulen  
Hazelwood North

## Neale Stratford Making Faces



Gippsland artist Neale Stratford has won the Centre for Contemporary Photography/Colour Factory Emerging Artist Award. This award has entitled Stratford to a six week solo exhibition at the Center for Contemporary Photography in Fitzroy which opened on 30th October.

Stratford, who was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome at the age of 44, presents work of formal portraits of plastic action figures. Instead of using models of flesh and blood, he uses action figures that are easy to manipulate, never complain or answer back.

The facial features of these figures has resonance with the artist as they contain confusing facial expressions as do the real life faces encountered within his life. Having always had trouble recognizing certain facial expressions like hurt, anger and confusion, the expressionless plastic faces of his toy action figures were just as meaningful as the real faces of the adults around him.

It is a persistent cliché to utter 'I wish you could walk a mile in my shoes'. However, after spending 40 years of being under the delusion that you were 'normal' only to find out that you have

had a lifelong serious mental disability entitles artist/photographer Stratford to ask that of us.

Stratford's images are unsettling and we share with him the journey he takes through his art. The action figures he uses are a mixture of the recognizable and the anonymous. Figures from popular culture intermingle with the ambiguous. We immediately recognize a character, but not within the context or scenarios we witness through art. This uneasy perspective leaves the viewer to be compelled to participate within the delusion of Stratford's making.

To view Stratford's work is to 'walk a mile in his shoes'. This may not be an easy journey to endure. Hopefully it will be a journey of understanding the intrigues of an autistic mind.

The exhibition runs from 31st October to 13 December at the Center for Contemporary Photography, 404 George Street, Fitzroy. For more information go to [www.ccp.org.au](http://www.ccp.org.au)

Pictured above: *'Desire'*



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

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# Churchill Town Centre Commercial Precinct and Pedestrian Plaza Project



The town centre of Churchill is currently undergoing major changes, with construction under way at a number of sites. In addition, new plans are being prepared for the commercial precinct.

## LATROBE CITY COUNCIL IS SEEKING COMMENT

Latrobe City Council is proposing to replace the section of the 2007 adopted Churchill Town Centre Plan (pictured below), relating to the commercial precinct.

Pictured left is a concept drawing of the proposed new plan.

Council is seeking comments on the plan, but particularly relating to the following matters:

- Whether the plan achieves its goal of developing an attractive, safe, accessible and well-used civic space that is accepted as the centre of the town.
- Whether there are any aspects of the plan that you are concerned about, or which you think may be missing.

### Submissions on the Proposed Plans

Please send submissions on the proposed plans by close of business on **Monday, 24 November 2008**:

Email to: [iangi@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:iangi@latrobe.vic.gov.au)

Or mail to:  
 Ian Gibson  
 Place Manager—Churchill Town Centre Plan  
 Latrobe City Council  
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## Design of the Commercial Precinct

A number of major projects are already under construction or have planning approval in Churchill, including:

- Churchill Community Hub.
- Enhancement of Hazelwood Village retailing through the expansion of Ritchies Supermarket.
- An approved expansion of retailing to the west of the video store in Hazelwood Village.
- Redevelopment of the West Place retail area.
- Rebuilding of Georgina Place, Phillip Parade and the southern carpark.

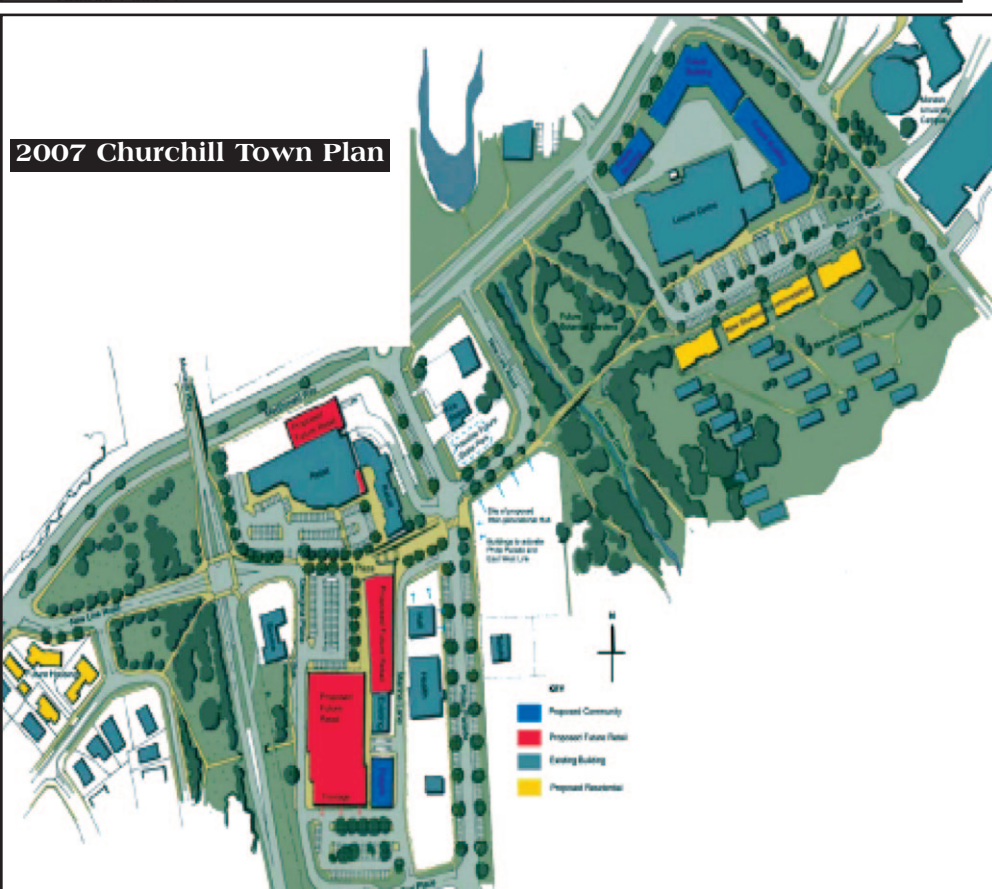
Through its Creating Better Places Program, the State Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) agreed to fund the detailed design of Section 2 of the plan—the Commercial Precinct. In July 2008, TTM Consulting (Vic) Pty Ltd and Design Urban were appointed to carry out the design for Section 2 of the 2007 Churchill Town Centre Plan relating to the Commercial Precinct. Following a number of internal and external workshops, they have prepared a modified concept plan, which has been adopted “in-principle” by Council at its meeting of 20 October 2008. Substantial upgrading of the pedestrian areas and construction of a plaza are the main focus of the consultancy.

A consultation session was held in conjunction with the Churchill District Community Association on 27 August 2008, and design workshops were held at the Churchill Football Netball Club on 1 and 2 September. These meetings reinforced the need for an attractive, safe, accessible and

well-used civic space that is accepted as the centre of the town.

In addition to the introduction of vehicular access to the central carpark from Phillip Parade, some of the features of the modified plans that have been developed during the design workshops are as follows:

- Inclusion of a pedestrian spine across the Town Centre, including the mall in the new West Place shops, extending to the entry to the Ritchies supermarket at Hazelwood Village.
- Review and reorientation of the “southern” carpark to increase capacity, enhance landscaping and improve car and loading access.
- Reorientation of the “northern” carparking areas to include north/south aisles, improving safety and landscaping possibilities and increasing carparking numbers.
- Design of a substantial civic space in the expanded area to the east and north of the Town Hall, including pathways built to DDA standards.
- Design of an urban plaza to the north of the proposed shops in Stage 2 of the West Place extension.
- Refinement of the east/west pedestrian links from Monash University, past the Community Hub to the Town Centre.
- Redesign of the drop-off points and carparking associated with the Community Hub on Phillip Parade, aimed at improving safety.
- Relocation of the bus stop to the access way in the centre of town, rather than at the rear of the new West Place supermarket.



For further information contact Ian Gibson on (03) 5128 5444 or email [iangi@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:iangi@latrobe.vic.gov.au)



# Monash University Celebration

By Ruth Place

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the establishment of the Yallourn Technical College, helped by Sir John Monash as Chairman of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria (SECV). The Technical College evolved into the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education and then the Gippsland Campus of Monash University. This year is also the 50th anniversary of the creation of Monash University and the 50th anniversary of the Gippsland Centre for Art and Design.

To celebrate these milestones, Monash was pleased to host the State Parliament on 14th October and to launch the Gippsland Centre for Art and Design exhibition, titled "Magistry" at Latrobe Regional Gallery on Friday 24th October.

The launch was an opportunity to renew old acquaintances. The Latrobe City Council Manager of Cultural Livability, Paul Holton, began the formal proceedings.

Two exhibitions were presented, the first a collection of recent work by 48 of Australia's leading contemporary artists who have all spent time in Gippsland. The second is an exhibition by Ursula Theinert called "Forest Management".

"Ursula's work relates to the dichotomy between our love for the world and our treatment of it. She feels that the environment issues we now face need us to look at our use of the land with fresh eyes and lateral thinking," said Mr Holton.

Paul introduced Tony Hanning, a former Director of the gallery, and a person who had spent much time at the Centre for Art and Design.

Tony described the Centre as a "paradise for artists", a place where many well known artists had started their careers.

He encouraged people to buy a catalogue of the exhibition as it included history of the Centre by former Head of School Julie Adams.

Tony thanked the many people

who had contributed to his being able to curate the exhibition, including Alan Scarlet, and Rodney Forbes.

The new Pro Vice Chancellor of Monash Gippsland, Helen Bartlett, then spoke of coming to Gippsland and being amazed at the variety of landscapes, from power stations to open farm land to forests. In her exploratory travels she has discovered the abundance of cultural diversity in this region and could see very plainly the relationship between the countryside and the artists of Gippsland.

Helen was pleased that the exhibition could be held in the Latrobe Regional Gallery as she said they are very supportive and the partnership between Monash and Latrobe City Council is well known.

Helen thanked all those involved with the exhibition, especially Tony Hanning who is the curator of this exhibition, and declared the exhibition open.

## Students and Teachers from Seaspray Primary School



## Discovery Days at Monash

Grade 5/6 students from Churchill, Boolarra and Seaspray Primary Schools were invited to Monash to have a look around at the facility and gain an understanding of the courses available, and the size of the campus.

The students were welcomed to the campus by Prof. Harry Ballis. Three students, Sam, Megan and Kaylee had the chance to try on graduation outfits before they were divided into three groups, which swapped around during the day, through four activities.

One activity was an orientation walk which required the students to find information presented as they went around the campus. A group

visited the Gippsland Centre for Art and Design where they designed their own postcard, using pencils, textas, and oil pastels. Another group visited the Science faculty where they were given a set amount of materials to build a bridge which had to support an ever increasing weight until the best design was found.

One group became nurses at the Nursing Faculty. Body parts from a human model were taken apart and the students had to re-assemble them into their correct places, with a few clues. A most popular activity was using a stethoscope to listen to their heart beat.

For Seaspray Primary School this was an eye-opener, as their location

had prevented them seeing Monash previously. Emily found that you can learn "lots of different things in a university. It is very big and interesting," she said.

Liam said it was 'a really cool, really big place' and Maddison reported that she had spent the day on a scavenger hunt in the Nursing Faculty and had fun using the stethoscope. Her group had used a prosthetic arm and learnt how to give an injection and draw blood.

After visits to the various faculties, the visitors enjoyed a healthy lunch on the lawns near the amphitheatre. This was followed by some games before returning to their schools.



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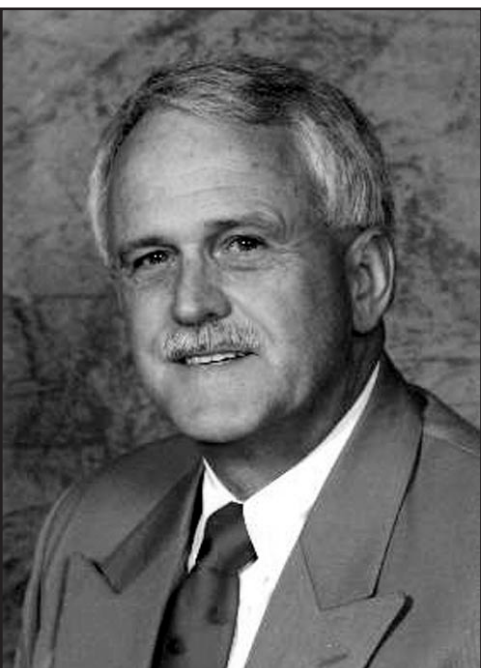
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# Latrobe City Council Elections Gunyah Ward Candidates



## Doug Caulfield

Yinnar & District Community Association, Yinnar South Citizens Association, Traralgon South & District Association, Victorian Farmers Federation and Latrobe City Farm Ratepayers Association (to name a few) would serve to illustrate how dedicated I am to listening to the voice of the community. I can think quickly on my feet, think strategically and have long term planning in mind when considering solutions to complex issues. So I believe I am well equipped to stand up for the things that matter in our community and be able to seek solutions, not just raise the problem in the forum of council. I have had experience at management level of multi-million dollar facilities and understand the requirements of sound financial policy, governance and ensuring the 'best value for dollar' is obtained for investment. So I am confident that I have what it takes to continue to serve the people of Gunyah ward for another term and that is why I decided to stand for re-election.

2. On the subject of ensuring that all sections of the community are fairly represented I feel I have a significant advantage over all other current councillors in that I am fortunate enough to be the Chair of the Community Building Initiative Committee. This committee has representatives from seven small communities (Yallourn North, Glengarry, Toongabbie, Tyers, Yinnar, Boolarra and Traralgon South) and we meet regularly to advance issues of mutual interest and importance to these areas with the support of the Department of Planning and Community Development. Added to this I am a member and Co-chair of the Traralgon Central Business District Safety Committee and, as indicated above, regularly attend the VFF and Farm

Ratepayers Association meetings. The areas of interest represented by this diverse group of committees and associations span all the various aspects of life in Latrobe City and it has been one of the most enjoyable aspects of my past three years of representation. I have been involved in the Churchill Intergenerational Hub Working Party and an active participant in the development of the Churchill Town Centre Plan development.

3. Council's role in facilitating business retention, confidence and growth is a vital task that should absorb a considerable level of energy for the future council. It may not be widely known but over the past three years economic development projects worth \$1.3 billion dollars have been put in train in Latrobe City. These sort of major projects are what will ensure a security for our current workforce and the workforce of the future. Added to this impressive list of major projects already committed to there are more economic developments in the pipeline to the tune of another \$8 billion dollars currently being investigated and followed up. I see council's role in this process to be one of attracting business investment into the region by presenting Latrobe City as the 'location of choice', offering good quality community facilities to attract and retain workers and their families, providing access to reliable and cost effective freight options so that manufactures can transport their products to markets outside the region. If council can offer incentives and provide a place where new business can be established with confidence then all the existing businesses futures are improved. New businesses will mean more jobs, more people wanting homes and to raise families in our

part of Victoria and all this spells prosperity and security for us and our children as we move into the future.

There are however, some significant challenges on the horizon for us both as a municipality, State and Nation. Our population is ageing and we need to ensure we are planning adequately for that. Also, we need to be alert to what the possible introduction of a Carbon Reduction Scheme might mean to our current major employers in the brown coal power industry, and finally we need to be alert to the impact of the current global financial crisis and what that might mean for us.

All these issues are real and will need to be dealt with by a council of capable, innovative and energetic people who have the mix of qualifications to deal with them all effectively and with an eye on the future to make sure we don't adopt the 'quick fix' solution at the expense of children's future. A current day councillor is not just about 'rates, roads and rubbish'. Today's councillor needs business skills, drive, enthusiasm and a passion to serve the community in dealing with these complex and challenging demands. I believe I have proven that I possess such attributes and that is why I am asking for an opportunity to continue to serve both Gunyah ward and Latrobe City.

Finally, thanks to the team at the Churchill & District News for the opportunity to respond to these questions and congratulations to Councillor Darrell White on being re-elected (unopposed) to the Firmin Ward.

1. Firstly, thank you for this opportunity to comment on these very important issues.

Over the past three years I have travelled over 5000km around the Gunyah ward working with many community groups as they energetically pursue projects and raise issues and concerns on behalf of the communities that they represent. I have built a solid reputation with these great people who work tirelessly for their group/organisation and I have grown to respect and admire them all. So it wasn't a hard decision to make to offer myself for re-election as there are still lots of projects and issues to address and I want to be part of this vibrant part of the Latrobe City and work towards achieving as much as I can on behalf of the community.

Some of the attributes I bring to the task at hand are my proven track record to participate in community consultation. My attendance at the monthly meetings of the Boolarra Community Development Group, the regular meetings of the



## Linda Reid

ignored or put into the "too hard" basket. I chose hard rubbish to make an example of to highlight the inaction of this council and their refusal to accept that a silly decision had been made.

Strong, independent, commonsense, decision making is needed on down to earth issues.

I will bring communication and face to face accountability. I will answer phone calls, letters and e-mails and remain accessible. I will treat you with honesty and be respectful of your views. I will use commonsense in decision making and listen to you.

2. I wanted to listen to people and I sent out a survey to find out what was important to you. An overwhelming amount of Gunyah residents returned the survey or contacted me. This is a beginning only.

I want to continue talking and listening to you and believe it is important to attend meetings and gatherings of community/sporting/social groups in all the towns and areas represented, on a regular basis. It is a good way to remain in touch with the people that I wish to represent and to keep up

to date with their issues.

Gunyah is different to other wards and I believe is often neglected as it is viewed as "too complex and too big" for good representation. Rubbish!! Yes, it is large. It is comprised of communities from Mirboo, Yinnar South, Jeeralang, Hazelwood North and district, Traralgon South and district, Traralgon East, Flynn and Traralgon North, but people and a sense of community are the link between all these areas and the concerns of each area are equally important. Urban and rural areas alike. Some issues will be the same, some will be different, but all need the same attention to be given to them. It is by attending each area's community groups that face to face information can be kept up to date and shared. Bulletins etc. in Gunyah's publications e.g. town/area newsletters, newspapers etc. are another way that information can get to all residents.

3. Council needs to have a vibrant economic development plan with a higher visibility to encourage confidence so that you know what is being done.

\*Council needs to be active in lobbying for major projects and departments to be established

in Latrobe City

\*Ensuring that the Latrobe Valley is a destination of choice to live and work.

\*This can be done by making sure that our City caters for all life styles - pleasant parks and gardens, walking/bike tracks, clean retail centres, good roads through out Latrobe, remembering that areas outside of the towns CBD's are not forgotten, good facilities - hospital, library, aged care and disability services, pre-schools etc. that are provided in a way that is accessible to all.

\*Small business and the self employed should be actively encouraged - this includes the farming community.

\*Public transport which links towns is absolutely essential to access training facilities and work. They should be accessible to all - including rural and smaller townships and should not stop during the weekend. This is very important when accessing training organizations such as TAFE, places of employment etc.

\*It is however pointless having plans for progress within Latrobe if Council do not make decisions.

1. I have been attending council meetings and came to the realization that very few decisions are made with many of them being deferred.

Small groups/factions of people are halting and slowing down development of major projects.

The real people of Latrobe City are being ignored - there is very little communication with us.

There is a lack of decision making on issues that are important.

Issues such as the hard rubbish mess are being



# Questions for Gunyah Ward Candidates

Gunyah Ward covers the largest area in the Latrobe Shire and has four candidates hoping to be elected to represent the community for the next four years, incumbent Doug Caufield, Linda Reid, Ed Vermeulen and Bill Barber.

We asked each of them three questions as follows:

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Question 1. What prompted you to stand for election or re-election and what initiatives would you bring to the Council?

Questions 2. Latrobe City covers large towns, small towns and rural areas. How will you ensure that all are fairly represented?

Question 3. What do you see as the Council's role in facilitating business retention,

confidence and growth so our young people can access training and jobs that their secure their future in the region?

They were asked to respond in 1,000 words or less and their responses are printed in full.



## Ed Vermeulen

2. Sporting and recreational facilities.

At present council is appraising the upgrading of facilities in both Gunyah and Firmin Wards through the 'Southern Towns' examination. I have been part of a committee looking at specific proposals for a part of Gunyah Ward, consulting sporting organisations, community association members and local residents. This committee has put positive proposals to council. External consultants are due to report in February 2009. Local representation will be vital when decisions are made early in the new year.

Other policy initiatives I will play a prominent role in, over time, are related to environmental matters, (nothing but the world's best practice will suffice, for the operation of the Hyland Highway waste facility) optional return of the hard rubbish waste collection service, good governance, farming (including hobby farming) issues, no rate increases beyond the rate of inflation.

This is an election about Gunyah Ward representation into the future. I bring a strong local background with proven community commitment and experience.

Q2. As a councillor for Gunyah Ward my primary responsibility is to connect with its residents. Gunyah is almost totally rural, consisting

of small communities at Traralgon South, Flynn, Boolarra South, Yinnar South, Hazelwood North and South, Jeeralang, Callignee/Budgeree and the eastern tip of Traralgon.

The ward is as big as the rest of Latrobe City put together. I live in the ward and I have significant knowledge about the area and its demographics. Nevertheless, this ward represents a significant challenge in properly representing its residents in council matters.

I plan to be pro-active and contact every community organisation, sporting club and other special interest group and be available to attend their next meeting.

The objective being, to form a local reference group in each locality with which I would liaise on a continuing basis. The close ties I already have with people in the ward, would thus be enhanced.

I also have connections with a number of other towns in Latrobe City and I will continue to keep abreast of issues and involve myself as appropriate.

Q3. Every individual and organisation has opportunities, the two questions are. Do we recognise an opportunity when we see one, and what do we do about them?

Latrobe Council must be constantly aware of opportunities and vigorously pursue them to the point where they become reality.

Council's role should also be to set a framework that is minimal in laws, regulations and fees/charges. This will allow business to function and do what it does best, ie get on with business. Excessive regulation and costs can act as a significant negative.

We are blessed in Latrobe City with a highly skilled workforce and great educational access for our young people. For example, schools, TAFE colleges, private colleges, group training, community and adult education and university.

Young people should be encouraged to maximise their opportunities and gain advice from parents and career teachers etc. to make good decisions going forward.

Students should be encouraged to get work experience (eg part time employment), to get an appreciation of employer expectations and to see the "real world".

I have been involved with one form or another of education, most of my working life. I am optimistic about the future of our young people.

Q1. In all aspects of my life I have been very fortunate, and for some years now, I have endeavoured to 'put back' into the community.

I have done this in the local community association and sporting and educational organisations, both within Gunyah Ward and in the wider Gippsland area.

I have a technical and managerial background and I also have farming interests.

I am a long term Latrobe City resident, and have lived in Gunyah Ward for 15 years, and in fact, I am the only candidate that resides in this ward.

I feel this gives me a better appreciation of the wishes and needs of local residents.

Policy initiatives.

1. Rural Roads Upgrading.

Council has at present a draft proposal regarding upgrading rural roads. (see council website [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au)) I will represent local residents to ensure no individual will pay a greater share of costs than necessary, when these plans are implemented.

1. There is time for a change. Council is run more like a junta than a democracy. Gallery question time has been nobbled, there is basically no debate. Eight of the nine Councillors are seen to do deals behind closed doors. It appears there are two or three ghost Councillors, which are unelected but seen to hold sway over most of the elected representatives.

I want to see a return to democracy with Council Meetings audio taped for transparency reasons. I bring experience in Local Government through employment through working under grants from Local, State or Commonwealth Government in the Riverina in NSW, Central Queensland, West Wimmera Victoria, the Derwent Valley / Central Highlands in Tasmania and as a former Econometric Development Manger of Latrobe City. I am the ONLY candi-

date that has attended Council Meetings over the past six years, often more than some Councillors. I was for a short time as acting CEO of a Council, and know the proper workings of Council. This one is run more like the bad old days of Broken Hill's Barrier Industrial Council. My statement on the ballot paper covers my thoughts / aspirations.

2. I have an affinity with local regional / rural regions. Most of my ten years of employment before coming to Latrobe City was spent in regional / remote regions working in areas of high unemployment. In relation to Tasmania, under the auspice of the late Premier Jim Bacon, I undertook a survival / revival of the Derwent Valley / Central Highlands of Tasmania, where their employment rate rose due to a partial clo-

sure of a paper mill and their hospital for the insane. One of the reasons I decided to stand was due to requests from farmers in the community, who felt disenfranchised by their present Councillor. I have had some involvement in your area in taking church services at Traralgon South and Boolara.

3. This Council does not encourage business to this region. Their economic development program forced on the original team was counter-productive. None of the staff that were there four years ago work for Council and all that expertise has gone elsewhere. We need to move on from the old SEC days and enter the twenty first century. We are the laughing stock of the State Government, and we are definitely not a flavour of the month to introduce new business. In rela-

tion to assisting find employment for the young and don't forget the aged, I would estimate that I assisted in finding many jobs for people in the region through employment with Workways covering the region, but based in Morwell and through contractual agreement with CRS (Commonwealth Rehab Service) also based in Morwell. This experience, included interaction with business across the region would be invaluable.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information.

(Photograph not supplied)

## Bill Barber





# Lions Club of Churchill and District Incorporated

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## 2009 CHURCHILL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

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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.

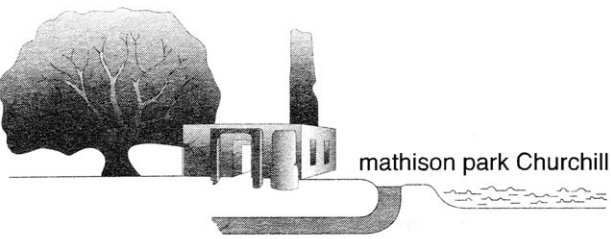
This award is now adopted as a tradition and we ask that residents again nominate candidates. Nominees must be a resident of Churchill or reside in the immediate surrounding district.

The nominated person's applications will be scrutinised by an independent panel of judges and the relevant winner for each category chosen.

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

Young Citizen of the Year Award nominations must be 18 years or under on 26th January 2009. Citizen of the Year Award is open to all applicants over the age of 18 years on 26th January 2009. The closing date for applications is Friday 28th November 2008.





# Great Venue for Picnics!



**Friends of Mathison Park**

The Friends of Mathison Park had a very useful working bee last month. Some of the old fence was removed and the gate re-located, ready for the new fence to be put in.

When it is, cattle can return to graze and the new plants can be protected. The new plants also received some much needed water.

The day was very warm, and the cuppa or cold drinks were appreciated at morning tea time. To finish the day a BBQ was cooked in the new shelter which was cool

after the hot work in the sun.

The park is looking extremely attractive, and is a wonderful venue for family picnics. Anglers are regularly in attendance.

It was a great venue for the Junior Fishing Competition run by the Churchill and District News.

There is always something special to see, especially with the birds at this time of year.

The next working bee will be held on Saturday 15th November from 9:30am- 1:30pm.

## Early Butterflies in Mathison Park

By Ken Harris

Walking in the park in early October, I noticed a tiny little butterfly landing on a grass leaf. It proved to be one of the smallest butterflies we see in this area, the White Grass-dart or White-banded Grass-dart (*Taractrocera papyria*).



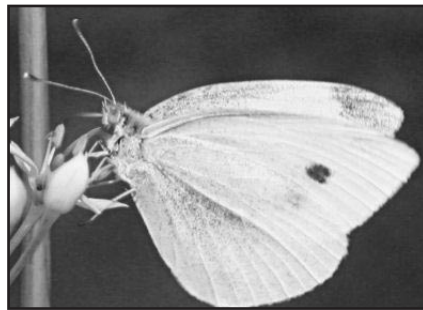
**Taractrocera papyria**

This little butterfly is only the size of a thumbnail and is named for the white band across the underside of its hind wing (not visible in my picture). The name dart refers to the unusual way it folds its wings, resulting in a shape rather like a paper dart.

It is a member of the skipper family of butterflies and several of the smallest skippers share this unusual way of folding their wings. It feeds its caterpillars on various grasses both native and introduced species, but this is the first time I have spotted one in the park, although I have seen its cousin the Yellow-banded Dart.

This early in the spring there are not many butterflies on the wing, and the only other I have seen so far in the park is the introduced Small White or Cabbage White (*Pieris rapae*), which is a major garden pest, feeding its caterpillars on any member of the cabbage family.

This has unfortunately become one of the commonest butterflies and several are already flying about in Mathison Park.



**Pieris rapae**

I did not see any other butterflies, but one day flying moth is also quite common in the Park. It is known as the Vine Moth (*Phalaenoides glyciniae*), but despite its common name it is a native Australian moth.

Its natural food for its caterpillars is plants of the Willowherb genus (*Epilobium*). Around Lake Hyland, a fairly uncommon willowherb, the Showy Willowherb



**Phalaenoides glyciniae**

(*Epilobium pallidiflorum*) grows in good numbers and this is probably the plant the moths are seeking.

They have however learned that grapevines are also good food for their caterpillars and have become a pest of vineyards.

They will also feed their caterpillars on Virginia creeper, so they have expanded their range considerably from an early diet of willowherbs.

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*The following well-known Latrobe residents endorse this candidate, former Councillors Tony Hanning, John Hehir, Mr Keith Brownbill and Professor Michael Parer.*

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# Looking Back...

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## A brief history of an art school

Julie Adams

In the 1920's under the leadership of Sir John Monash, the State Electricity Commission of Victoria built the first power generation plants in the Latrobe Valley with towns such as Yallourn that housed the employees. Training of these workers became a priority and in 1928 the Yallourn Technical School was born, delivering apprenticeship training and courses in electrical and mechanical engineering. In 1936 the school was also offering subjects 'for those who wish to employ their leisure time in developing their knowledge of some arts and crafts'.

By the 1960's Yallourn Technical School had undergone a number of transformations and had become the fledgling Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education (GIAE). Also by this time the Morwell Technical School offered a Certificate in Art and Design. This is the ground in which the seed of a tertiary art school was sown. The School grew from the needs of a community reliant on mining the riches of the physical environment but also from the wider 'revolutionary' political, social and cultural changes that had occurred throughout this period.

The founding Head of School, Kees Hos was a respected printmaker with experience teaching in the Hague in Holland and managing a gallery in New Zealand. Robin Wallace-Crabbe and Nigel Lendon were the first staff members to be appointed and were influential in the design of the course to be offered. Being men of their time all three brought a desire to invest in the individual's creativity, motivation and self discovery. Rather than setting rigid goals and technical skills to be achieved, they sought to challenge the academy.

Questioning, analysis, experimentation and making mistakes were all seen as integral to the learning process. Studios and workshops were open and students were encouraged to work in non specialist and multi media areas. Timetables and examinations were discarded being regarded as artificial and restrictive. Overstressing historical studies was avoided. An atmosphere of imaginative activities was promoted with students being involved in stimulating and exciting evening events and happenings.

The 1971 GIAE handbook states 'the (art and design) courses are planned to equip students with all the skills and developed imagination necessary for them to take place in a rapidly changing world of industry and mass communications or, to work as independent artists or teachers of Art and Design'. In that year the first students enrolled in the Diploma of Art and Design in the School of Art and Design, GIAE. They began their studies in a nissan hut in the grounds of the Morwell Technical School, a disused refrigeration repair workshop and a former petrol station in Morwell. In the next year the School had moved to temporary accommodation in the buildings on the Churchill site of GIAE (Monash University Gippsland campus). In the following year buildings were being erected at the current location of the Gippsland Centre for Art and Design. One of the founding students, Nick Mount, literally 'building' the art school by being employed as part of the building construction crew. In 1972 Mr Karen Bensley, Hedley Potts and Arthur Ciancio were additions to the original staff profile.

From its early years the school achieved legendary status. A feature was the number of visits by national and international artists; '...taste makers of the time were drawn to the school because of its unconventionality'. The glass artist Dick Marquis' visit in 1974 had a seminal

effect on Australian studio glass practice by introducing Nick Mount and Tony Hanning to the craft. The Switchback Gallery played an important role in displaying work by staff, students and artist's in residence. Students from outside the immediate region were attracted to the School as word of the experimental nature of the course traveled. Staff and students became engaged in arguments and debate concerning local, social and environmental concerns, using their art practice to explore and demonstrate their opinions and provide commentary. For many students the studios were not only where they engaged with their art practice but where they slept, ate, partied, argued and demonstrated about issues of the day.

By the mid 1970's this 'radical freedom' was starting to be questioned and not only by the GIAE Council. Tensions started to arise amongst

duced. Assessment took place within individual subjects which were awarded a letter grade. An expectation of accountability and explanation pervaded, reflecting the zeitgeist of art practice around the world. However, far from dampening the inherent experimental spirit of the School this more formalized approach revealed another opportunity for innovation.

Under Norman Creighton's leadership, this period also reflected the general expansionist approach of the times. Dr Owen Rye, (Senior Lecturer in Ceramics) and Euan Heng (Head, Printmaking) had recognized the growing need for the development of post graduate research qualifications within the Visual Arts discipline. Under their guidance the School seized on the opportunity of filling this growing demand by invigorating the existing Graduate Diploma in Visual Arts and offering it by 'off campus' mode.



both the student body and staff. Quite often the activities within each studio area were 'personality' driven which did not always engender harmony. Inevitably the original ideal of no rules and no prescribed expectations began to cause stresses and conflicts within the School and with the GIAE authority. At the same time Federal Government funding levels were causing a perceived threat to the School's staffing profile and integrity. Eighteen students demonstrated their concern by welding themselves into the sculpture studio for four days and demanding an independent and external enquiry into the management of GIAE. But as Bob Dylan had foretold, the 'times they were a changin''. The radical and rambunctious days were soon to be in the past.

With a great deal of anxiety and intensity of feeling the early 1980's saw a 'changing of the guard'. Kees Hos retired in 1981 and Karen Bensley was appointed Acting Head, with the challenge of meeting changed expectations and demands from GIAE's governing and advisory bodies and potential students. This transitional period saw seven of the original staff resign and the influx of new staff with different ideas, aspirations and experiences. In 1982 Norman Creighton, an artist with extensive teaching and academic experience was appointed Head.

An accredited degree course was introduced by the mid eighties. The structure of the course included foundation and developmental studios in the first year which led to a major sequence of study in painting, printmaking, sculpture or ceramics and a minor discipline of study. Drawing became a core study area as did the study of the history and theory of art. A Professional Practice subject was also intro-

These individual staff members, with others such as Clive Murray-White, attracted high quality students into a program that allowed study in home studios while providing academic supervision. This approach was complemented by on campus seminar and critique sessions at various times throughout the year. By the end of the decade the School was offering a Master of Arts (Visual Arts) and attracting students from across the nation. The first Doctoral candidate was enrolled not long afterwards.

Within the undergraduate program, the foundation year of the degree course was offered off site at Bairnsdale and Wodonga. Staff undertook residencies overseas and exhibited nationally and internationally. The visiting artist program continued to be a vital part of the life of the school with weekly forums often inspiring energetic debate and critique. Student numbers were at an all time high, as was the number of staff.

By the mid 1990's the previous expansive mood had changed. The Latrobe Valley was under considerable pressure with the privatization of the power stations and a depressed Gippsland regional economy. Federal Government reforms in tertiary education had precipitated the formal amalgamation of GIAE and Monash University. The School was once again about to undergo a transition with considerable restructuring of staff, courses, management and funding.

Monash University had in fact adopted three art schools through the amalgamation process; Caulfield, Peninsula and Gippsland. Organization and management of Art and Design offerings within the University went through a number of iterations: College and Sub-faculty of

the Faculty of Arts. Finally under the leadership of the inaugural Dean, Professor John Redmond, stand alone Faculty of Art & Design status was achieved in 1999.

By this time the School had become the Gippsland Centre for Art and Design (GCAD), sitting alongside four departments within the newly formed Faculty. Karen Bensley and Euan Heng had taken leadership positions within the Faculty in teaching and research respectively and were now based at the Caulfield campus. Norman Creighton had moved into a management role at the Gippsland campus and then subsequently retired. The number of staff and students had diminished; a reflection of the 'restraint' of the times. The remaining staff took on the challenge of once again remaking the School.

At the turn of the new century there was a reinvigorated sense of common purpose. Somewhat ironically, the staff set about making the studio discipline boundaries more porous, introducing methods of team teaching and mentoring students that faintly echoed the original philosophy. There was a renewed aim to create a sense of belonging; a community of students, staff and visitors where ideas, skills, and research were valued, encouraged and shared. A Master of Visual Arts by coursework attracting both domestic and international students was introduced.

Today, GCAD has again experienced an influx of stimulating new staff from outside the region. As a member of the Monash family, opportunities such as students travelling to Prato, Italy to undertake part of their studies or partnering with Monash University Museum of Art to present exhibitions and enable residency programs are seized. The formative ideas and actions of engaging locally and globally continue. The students study traditional fine art disciplines as well as the latest technology and new media. They explore their imagination, investigate the issues of their time and tell stories of their identity and culture. Graduates take their place in a rapidly changing world equipped to make a contribution as artists, teachers and members of the arts industry professions. The staff continues to be dedicated and passionate about the development of their students and their own art practice.

Julie Adams was Head of the Gippsland Centre for Art and Design from 1998 to 2006.

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# Monash Medical School 2009 Offers

Offers for the 2009 intake of medical graduates have been made to 65 students. Mostly Victorians, the students have already attained a three year degree, mainly in Science or Bio-Science and Pharmacy. Among the 10 Gippslanders is a student from South Gippsland, who has completed a PhD in Sydney, and would like to return to the area. There are also students who have completed degrees in business, physiotherapy, radiography, nursing, dentistry and social welfare. Most are graduates of Australian universities, but there are two from New Zealand (Auckland Uni), and one from Uganda (Makerari Uni).

Up to ten international applicants will receive offers with an expectation that at least 6 will be accepted. The international mix allows for a sharing of ideas and practices from different countries, and is an opportunity for the students to learn from each other. Of particular interest to students will be the point of payment for medical services. Some are insurance based, others point of service based, or as in Australia, a hybrid system.

In 2008 the School has had 51 students, so the increase to 65 is a healthy expansion. In the future the target is 70-75 per intake.

In order to reach this target it will be necessary to increase services that suit the student's needs. Students require quality clinical services in the area, especially in psychiatry, paediatrics and mental health.

Ultimately it is hoped that those

training in this area will remain here to fill vacancies in Gippsland in mental health, and also supplement the number of doctors in cardiology, oncology and general practice.

The second year for the current students will be spent in placements at hospitals at Central Gippsland Health Service Sale, West Gippsland Health Service, Warragul, Latrobe Regional Hospital and Frankston Hospital, where they will spend the majority of their time in medicine and surgery. They will spend some time back at Monash for interaction with the first years and specialized learning. Interaction between students hones their teaching skills. It is part of a practitioners role to impart ideas of a healthy lifestyle, avoidance of risks, and to participate within their own peer group to practice the ethos of teaching. Patient education is a highly needed skill.

During this semester, the students have been in placements at a range of organizations to participate in Community Partnership Projects. The students in their placement were required to undertake a welfare project. They spent one day a week with the particular agency which was located within a one hour travel circle of the University.

On Friday 17th October the school held a Celebration and Thank You Day. A plaque was awarded to all the agencies who had participated, and six of the projects were presented. The program was extremely successful, with between 1 and 4 students being placed at each agency. It was an opportunity for the students

and the agencies to speak about the positive outcomes of the project. For the students it was very important to see the linkage between the students and community; to gain an impression of the needs and services of the community.

From the projects some very positive outcomes have created a flow on effect for good practice. The agencies involved were Baringa School, Berry Street, George Gray Centre, Gippsland Accommodation and Rehabilitation Support Service, Gippsland Southern Health Service, Gippsland Women's Health, Headway Gippsland, Heyfield Community Resource Centre, i-Gain Quality Learning Inc. Latrobe City, Latrobe Community Health Service, Latrobe Special Development School, Lifeline, Moe Life Skills, Morwell Park Primary School, Morwell Salvation Army, Sale Specialist School, South Gippsland Specialist School, St. Vincent De Paul Sale, St. Vincent De Paul Traralgon, Warragul and District Specialist School, Wellington Shire Council, West Gippsland Healthcare Group, Woolum Bellum Campus P-12 College of Koori Education, Yarram and District Health Service.

There is still a need for people to offer to become standardized patients for the students with their practical work. If you would like to be trained for such a patient, please ring the Medical School and speak to Kate Cartwright on 99026315.

# Hazelwood House Happenings



Hostel Care Manager, Gail, and Kevin cut the ribbon at the official opening of the home theatre. Kevin helped with the purchase of the equipment.



A bingo afternoon was held at the Hostel. Latrobe Valley Village visited and joined our residents for a game of bingo.



Our residents enjoyed a Multi cultural morning tea at the Morwell Senior Citizens club during the Senior Citizens Week.



# Wattle Club Out and About

It has been another lovely month of activities including some special outings. Apart from the usual whiteboard games of concentration, naughts and crosses, plus bingo etc., the Wattle Clubbers have had an exciting month.

For Senior Citizens Week they took the bus to the Morwell East Senior Citizens clubrooms to see a display of ballroom dancing. This was enjoyed by the group, bringing back memories of dances attended in the past.

They also went to Maryvale Crescent Senior Citizens Clubroom for the multi-cultural morning tea. A delicious array of food was available, with origins from many different countries. The Italian Choir entertained them well. Lunch was eaten at Kentucky Fried Chicken.

The most popular outing for the month was to Walhalla. This saw Kerri up early and leaving Moe at 7am to go to Walhalla in time to cook a camp oven roast for lunch. The food was delicious and although it was a little breezy, Kellie, Kerri and the volunteers made sure that the folks were kept warm by erecting a tarp to keep off the wind and supplying rugs for knees.

The journey to Walhalla was enjoyed by all. It is beautiful scenery. The bush is recovering well after the devastation of the bushfires. After lunch a quiet stroll along the creek was enjoyed.

The gardens were in beautiful array with many flowering plants giving a burst of colour. The day was so special, that the Wattle Clubbers can't wait to do it all again.

Mathison Park was the scene of a BBQ and walk around Lake Hyland. Some members managed to walk all around the lake which is a great achievement. The new picnic shelter was most appreciated. After the BBQ and walk, there was time to return to shelter for some games of Bingo. This is another venue which is on the "can we return there please?" list.

Spring has supplied us with some wonderful flowers, so a Spring Flower Show was held, where everyone was invited to bring flowers or cuttings of plants. The cuttings were potted and a swap day was held. There were many satisfied customers!

The month finished with a Halloween Theme day. The room was

decorated with bats, spiders and cats. Kerri and Kellie dressed up as witches. The clients were invited to come dressed up in black or scary clothes.







# Christmas Colouring Competition

Win a Santa  
Sack Full of  
Goodies!

Colour in the picture of Santa, tell us about the best present you have ever had, fill in your name and address and drop it in the Churchill & District News Box at Cafe Le Mac's, Churchill Primary School, or Co-Operating Church or Mail to PO Box 234, Churchill, 3840

**Closing Date  
18th December**



## Happy Birthday



### LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB

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If you are under 12 years old you can join the club. Ask Mum, Dad, Guardian or carer to ring the editor of the CHURCHILL AND DISTRICT NEWS on 5122 2589.

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#### **BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER**

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Lauren Akers</i>   | <i>Eight on 3rd November</i>  | <i>Zach Mudge</i>        | <i>Eleven on 10th November</i> |
| <i>Richard Cusick</i> | <i>Ten on 13th November</i>   | <i>Jasmine Porter</i>    | <i>Eight on 13th November</i>  |
| <i>Ben Lewis</i>      | <i>Eleven on 6th November</i> | <i>Courtney Vella</i>    | <i>Eleven on 10th November</i> |
| <i>Lucinda Martin</i> | <i>Nine on 18th November</i>  | <i>Gabrielle Bonnici</i> | <i>Two on 7th November</i>     |

#### **THE LUCKY BIRTHDAYITES FOR OCTOBER ARE JASMINE PORTER & RICHARD CUSICK**

Congratulations to the lucky "BIRTHDAYITES"  
You have each won a \$15 voucher for Churchill Newsagency.  
We will contact you soon.

## Christmas Colouring Competition Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about the best present you have ever had!

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Audrey and Dieter Schaer's Garden



Mandy and Shuan Peter's Garden

# Inaugural Boolarra Open Gardens A Huge Success!

The Boolarra Open Gardens Bonanza held at the beginning of November was a huge success. Visitors were greeted warmly to a diverse range of town and rural gardens, amid spectacular views of the surrounding district.

The Boolarra Community Development Group are to be congratulated on a well organized and inspiring event that I hope will become an annual one!



Marietta and Rob Herni's garden at 'Boolarra Plants' Nursery



Garden Sculptures by Ray Matthews



# Gippsland Education Precinct

**Donna Preusker talks with AFL player Brent Connelly.**

*How are you Brent and what have you been doing for the last year?*

I am very well thank you. Since I got drafted back in December I have pretty much been training and playing football with Fremantle and my WAFL club Perth. I was lucky enough to go to South Africa earlier in the year and I'm about to head overseas again to Thailand for a trip away.

*How did you get this opportunity to play with the VFL?*

I played all my underage football with Gippsland Power in the TAC Cup and was lucky enough to get drafted at the end of 2007.

*What are your training sessions like?*

During pre season training it is very tough, we do lots of running, boxing, tackling and weights. However during the year it's all skill-based and therefore much easier because we aren't training as often.

*What does your day consist of?*

An average day for me, Donna consists of getting up having breakfast and getting to the club by 10am. I then do a weight session with the group followed by yoga, then training in the afternoon. That's probably the biggest day we have training during the season.

*Are there particular foods that you have to eat in order to keep fit?*

Well because I am trying to put weight on (get big guns), I eat a lot of pasta, chicken, rice, steak, bread as well as protein shakes. I prob-

ably eat at least 6 meals a day.

*Do you work? If so where/ If not why?*

Well Donna, you see last year 1st year players did a course together that worked around our football commitments. This year however its up to us what we would like to do, so I am going to start a building apprenticeship so I'll work in between training.

*Where do you stay while you're in Perth?*

During your first year, you stay with a host family, so basically you move in with them and become part of their family for a year. Then you can move out after your first year!

*What's it like living away from your family?*

Yeah. its pretty good Donna. Perth is a great place to live and because I am so busy doing something I love. I never really get time to feel homesick. I do though miss my family and friends and its great to have fun when I come home

*How does the football club treat you?*

The club was terrific from day one. They make you feel part of the club and do anything they can to help you settle in.

*What do you do on your weekends?*

I normally play football on Saturday afternoon but once that's finished I have the rest of the weekend to myself, but I have to say I don't mind busting a move on the dance floor with the best of them on a Saturday night!



## Churchill North Primary School



### New School Computers

The school is pleased to welcome the addition of 10 new computers to the computer lab. They were promptly installed and ready to go, special thanks to Mr Thomas and Eddy who worked hard to have them ready for children to use for computer classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

### Data reflects great work of school

Annually the department of education conducts surveys to inform the community of student progress, opinions of students, staff and the parent community.

The Grade 5/6 'Attitudes to School' survey indicated that student morale had increased and student distress decreased. This can be attributed to:

A well established behaviour management program which operates across the school

Quality and commitment to teaching.

Leadership programs such as Young Leaders, Junior School Council and Lunch Time Links.

Supportive and caring school environment – Student welfare officer and programs targeted to supporting and engaging students.

Extra curricula programs such as swimming, camps and excursions, visual arts, ICT, library, German, art, graduation and school concerts.

Well maintained grounds, buildings and play areas.

The Staff Opinion Survey showed an increase in all areas – individual and school moral was above state wide benchmarks. The Parent Opinion survey was extremely positive with parents commenting on the positive culture of the school, improved student behaviour and high quality of educational programs provided.

Our school was successful in becoming accredited in Performance and Development Culture. The external verifier noted that "Churchill North Primary school had developed a clear vision of how it sees itself as an effective learning community.

### Grade 5/6's School Camp to Ballarat

Children from grades 5 and 6 recently returned from their camp to Ballarat. While there, the children stayed at Pax Hill Scout Camp, visited the Eureka Centre, Gold Museum and Sovereign Hill. Blood on the Southern Cross was a highlight of the camp. Students thoroughly enjoyed their experience on the giant slide.



### Grade P/1 and 1/2s adventures within the community

Grade Prep/1 and 1/2 have been busy learning about the community as part of their Integrated Studies theme. Both grades have been busy creating their own towns in class. Grade 1/2 are putting the finishing touches to their town and will be creating a travel brochure for people interested in visiting the cardboard community.

Both grades have been on a walking excursion down to Lake Hyland to look at the recreational facilities offered, to learn about the old house near the lake and to feed the ducks. The following Friday people may have seen the grades continuing their adventures down to see the new shopping centre. The children visited the Post Office and learnt about the work of a postie and where mail goes to and comes from. The children also visited Ritchies Supermarket. Thank you to Roz who took us on a guided tour of the shop and told us all about the new plans.

### Grade 3 and 4's School Camp to Woorabinda

I went on the sling it was fun. My favourite thing was the ropes course. When we got there I went on a nature walk. The next day we went to the archery. We had a barbeque. Bruce was our instructor. Both of my room partners snored really loudly. On the last day we had a quest. By Justin V

On Monday I went to Woorabinda. The things I went on were zip wire, ropes course high and low, sling, we made a fire, nature hike, archery, cooked sausages and the quest. I was in group one. It was so, so fun. I went on the wobbly bridge. Group 1 went on the zip wire and group 2 went on the walk. I slept in a room with Breanna. It was so fun. On Wednesday group 1, 2 and 3 had a quest. Group 1 won. When I got there I was nervous. But I got used to it. The people in my group were Corey, Jake, Bree, Jordan C, Jordan H, Maddi, Jay and I. Group one did kitchen duty. I had to collect the dishes and rinse the plates. I would love to do it again. By Mikayla

On the 13th of October we went to Woorabinda. When we got there group one went on the zip wire. Group two went on the archery. Group three went on nature hike. When I went on the archery I got a bull's eye. Then I was on the sling it was fast going down and I flung back and I nearly hit the pole. When I went on the hike we had to pick up stuff. It was exciting. By Jordan



### "Graduates' visiting Monash University

#### Girls Group and Student Welfare

Our Welfare Officer Kim Hodgson is currently running a girls group for girls in grades 3 to 6. The girls meet once a week at lunch time to discuss issues such as body image, friendship, self-esteem as well as learn valuable social skills.

Kim and Di have already had great success in running TAGS – Tuesday Afternoon Group. This weekly program teaches children across all grades valuable life skills such as group work, self esteem, caring and sharing as well as having fun at the same time. A highlight of TAGS was the children making scones while learning the values of team work.

#### School joins in with National 'Sing' Song

The whole school took part in singing along to 'Sing' on Thursday the 23rd. The song is part of the 'Music, Count Us In' program from the Music Council of Australia campaign to get more Australians making music in schools. The council believes music in schools can help the development of students' confidence, self expression, team work and social skills. It is partly for this reason that the school has continued to promote the Churchill North Idol competition coming up in December. Children are busy practising their performances under the guidance of Mrs. Algie in their weekly Drama and Performing Arts class. Keep up the great work.

#### Whole School Writing Competition

Well done to all children who

entered this year's Churchill North Story Writing Competition. According to all reports the standard was high and all children involved had a great time drafting and creating their stories. Some great entries were received and Mrs Edwards was kept very busy on her school holidays reading these. A big congratulation to the following students who won first prize in their class. Children are still to read their work at assembly and the over all winner will receive a signed copy from visiting author– Jusin D'ath.

**Prep/1** - Sarah Tullet; **1/2** - Zac Bland (1st) Taliyah Hainsworth (2nd); **3/4** – Chloe T; **4/5** - Shenarra Quinn, Chloe G and Courtney Vella; **5/6** – Samantha Tullet

#### Parents Association

The Parents association has done another wonderful job in holding what is now becoming a regular event – Whole School Breakfast.

As usual the children were treated to cereal, raisin toast and fresh fruit prepared by our wonderful parent helpers. The children were then all fuelled up and ready to learn for the day.

Another big thank you to all parents for their tireless efforts to help improve and update our school uniform. They are diligent in trying to keep costs down for our families by trying to source uniforms at a low cost. The school has also heavily subsidised the recent edition to the uniform – a polar fleece jacket. All children will look very smart come the delivery of these.



# Churchill Primary School

## Sporting Success

Once again Churchill Primary School is proud to celebrate the outstanding sporting successes of a number of students. Over the past month students in Years 4 – 6 have participated in Athletic Sports at Zone and Regional Levels.

The most recent competition involved Amy Smart (Discus), Riley Flanigan (Discus) and Ellis Hayeshills (800m & 1500m) participating in Regional Finals. Amy, Riley and Ellis were outstanding ambassadors for our school, competing at this high level with enthusiasm and displaying magnificent sportsmanship.

Special congratulations and good luck are extended to Riley who now goes on to represent our school, zone and region at the State Championships. Good luck Riley.

## English as Second Language Learners

Over the years Churchill Primary School has catered for the needs of local families with outstanding success, ensuring that all local children get the chance to be the best they can be, to learn and grow in a safe and friendly environment. Earlier this year we welcomed to our school and community a Sudanese family.

The challenges of relocation can be huge at the best of times but with the support of our school community and other local agencies this family has fit right into the bigger Churchill Primary School family.

One of the exciting elements of welcoming a family from such a background is the capacity to further develop our students understanding of multiculturalism. In addition we have seen a number of teachers and aides developing their skills in working with students who join us with English as their second language.

It is with great delight and a huge amount of pride that we celebrate the success of Ngor, Achan and Ayen Anyieth in receiving Encouragement Awards in the recent Churchill and District News Writing Competition.

This is fantastic recognition of the children's ability to not only learn a new spoken language but to be able to transfer this into a written piece of work that can be appreciated by others. Another fine example of Churchill Primary School students achieving great things.

## Chaplaincy

The Churchill Primary School Council is

delighted to announce the appointment of a School Chaplain under the National School Chaplaincy Programme. Mrs. Maria Bradford has been appointed to the position of chaplain and joins us with a wealth of experience in supporting communities. Maria's experiences have included work locally and internationally, including local support agencies and within the University sector.

We welcome Maria a another member of our student support team who will work alongside our Primary Welfare Officer, Jo Whitelaw in providing a range of services to support our families.

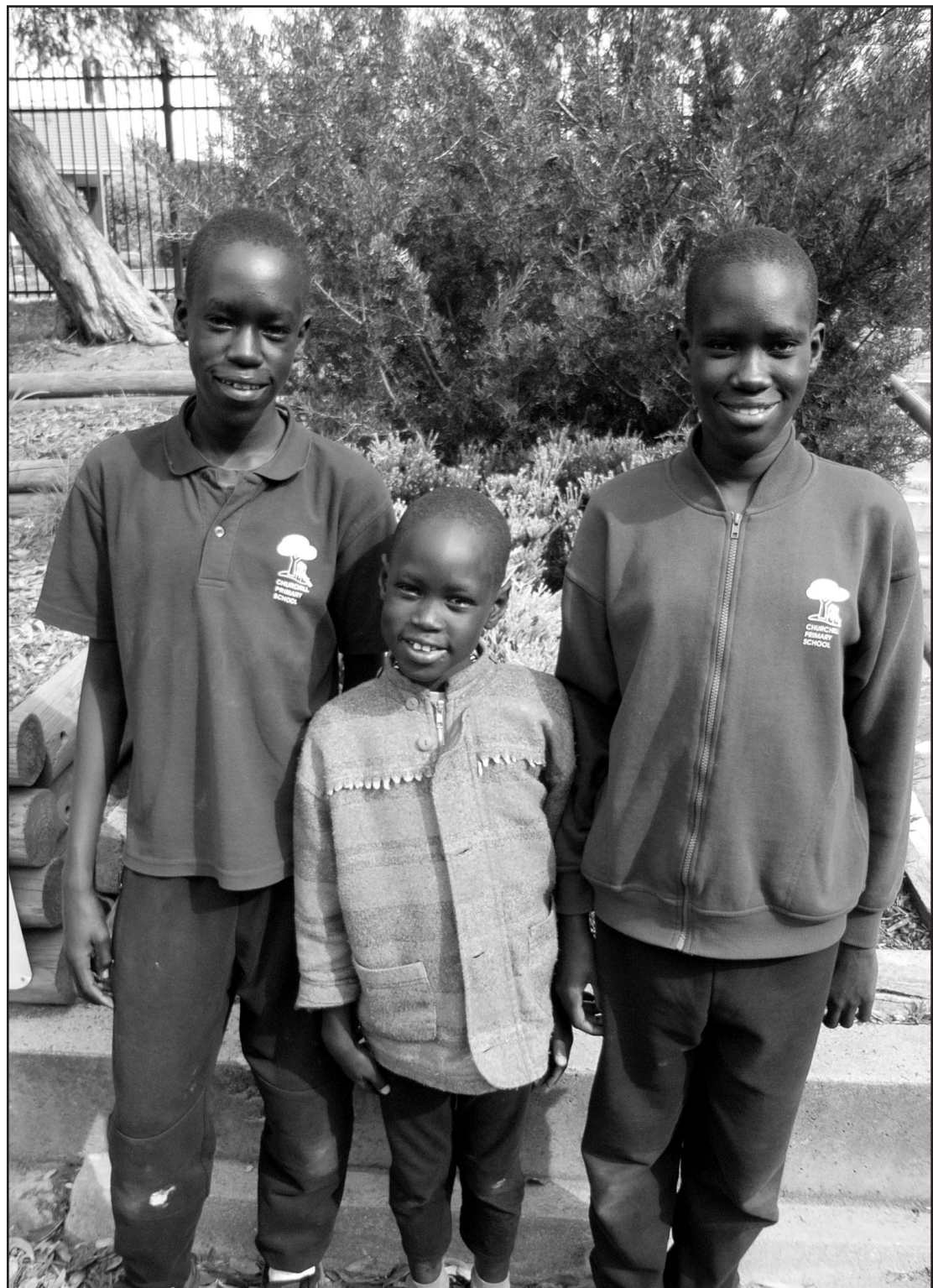
Maria's role as School Chaplain will involve supporting students and the wider community in a number of ways including assisting students to explore their spirituality; providing guidance on religious, values and ethical matters; helping school counsellors and staff in offering welfare services and support to families

## Coming Events

Life at Churchill Primary School is certainly far from quiet, with a range of events lined up for November and December. Events planned include:

- \*Lunchtime Student Discos
- \*Sports Camp for selected Year 5 and 6 students
- \*Visiting musical performance for Year 5/6 by Kurnai College.
- \*Prep- Year 2 Swimming Program
- \*Prep and Year 7 (2009) Transition and Experience program
- \*Christmas Club
- \*Advent Pageant
- \*Prep – Year 2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
- \*Year 6 Graduation

As you can see life at Churchill is far from quiet. If you have children of school age and wish them to join a dynamic and vibrant school



**Ngor, Achan and Ayen Anyieth**

community in 2009, please do not hesitate in dropping into the school for a tour or to discuss enrolment options with our Principal, Mr. Brad

Moyle. Act quickly to secure your child's place at our fantastic school for 2009 and beyond.

## Outstanding Achievement in Early Childhood Learning

As time passes and we learn new ways of teaching and learning in schools. Some tried and tested practices may be adapted and modified in order to bring out the very best in our children, thus encouraging them to thrive and grow and helping them to acquire new skills to succeed in both school and in life.

Earlier in the year, the government handed down their "Blueprint for Schools" in which they refer to new styles which they believe will help accomplish a new era in teaching and learning for younger primary school students. Over time they intend to integrate these styles into all public schools.

One of the programs which stand out is the Developmental Curriculum which focuses on the needs of early childhood learners. Recently Churchill Primary School has been recognized as an outstanding example in leading the way of how this new program can be implemented into their Prep to Two classes, teaching students in a new and vibrant way. Several representatives from other schools from across the state came to Churchill Primary School to learn not only how this new style can be applied, but to see for themselves the success which has been achieved with our students.

### So what is Developmental Curriculum?

Developmental Curriculum is an approach to

teaching and learning for students in Prep to Two classes, giving them the opportunity to learn many new skills through play and project curriculum. We call this "Investigation Time" and it takes up the first 2 hours of the day, leaving the rest of the day for English, Math and other subjects.

### What does "Investigation time" look like?

During Investigation time students choose which activities they wish to do and whom they wish to work with. If they do not finish their chosen activity in the allotted time, they may choose to continue with it the next day or later in the week. Activities are not necessarily related to classroom topics, but more what the individual student is interested in on that day. Some activities may be projects done on the computer researching an animal or topic of their choice, being a postman for the day or a police officer or whatever they feel like doing. Students are free to move about the joined classrooms freely as the activity takes them.

During all the activities, the children are still required to read, write and investigate math problems. They learn to plan, design, evaluate and share their work with others.

### What do the teachers do during "Investigation Time"?

Teachers assess students' progress using both VELS and Developmental Domains of Early

Childhood. During Investigation Time, teachers are able to assess students in both fine and gross motor skills (pencil holding, scissor use), how well students work with others, how they cope with both success and failure of a project, how students think, draw conclusion or extend their ideas, and then how they voice these ideas to others. Reading, writing and math are also all assessed during investigation time.

Although Investigation Time is a lot of fun for the students, is a great tool for the teachers to assess our students.

### Our findings.

It never ceases to amaze our teachers the development of our students, and what we can see happening when they are "playing". Some students, especially Preps, take a while to extend their circle of friends or the activities they prefer to work on. These students are conformable at school and when they are ready they venture into new groups and activities. We find this to be a gentle introduction to school. Some Preps may not be quite ready for the more formal side of school, so they too have time to adjust gently to the new environment.

Their play gives them an outlet for their creative side and also gives students the opportunity to practice the life skills they see grown-ups using in day to day life. We have had parents report to

us that their child is eager to get to school to "get the job" that they want for the day. Others have reported their young children helping in the grocery store with adding money and working out change. These are great life skills learnt through Developmental Curriculum and are a great head start for all our students.

### Unexpected findings.

An unexpected finding has been the progress made by our students who have been diagnosed with disorders on the Autism Spectrum. We have seen them develop in social skills and develop the ability to join in imaginative play.

This finding led one of our teachers, Mrs. Helen Dyson, to apply for research funding through the Lindsay Thompson Fellowship to study mainstream State schools, here in Australia and overseas, which use Developmental Curriculum in the education of Autistic Students.

Churchill Primary is proud of Helen's Regional Nomination for the Lindsay Thompson Fellowship and this is clearly another indicator of the broad success and approach towards this innovative approach to teaching and learning.

The Developmental Curriculum philosophy is that "one size does not fit all" in terms of education. We value individual student's growth and development and try to extend their competencies in all developmental domains.



# Kurnai College Churchill Campus



Kurnai College

## Fun Run

The Golden Circle Fun Run was held at Kurnai College on 13th October in beautiful conditions. It was a great day with all students participating in the Run/Walk event around Lake Hyland. Some students completed the course twice, because they were feeling fit and energetic, or because they got lost!

Congratulations to the winners.

Year 7's Girl- Ashleigh M. in 27 mins. and boy- Miles E. in 23.19 mins.

Year 8's Girl- Tiana P. in 43.07 mins. and boy- Dylan F. in 21 mins.

Year 9's Girl-Jemma P. in 35 mins. and boy-Jack W. in 21.21mins.

Year 10's Girls- Robyn M. 28.06 and Katie D. in 30.10 and boys- James P. 26.36 and James S. in 26.37.

The students used the occasion to raise money by seeking sponsors. This money will be going towards student services. Erin Van Zwieten and Rodney Croft were the best fund-raisers. Thanks go to Mr. Leeson for organizing the event and to the staff and students who helped make the day a huge success.

## Lote Night

On Wednesday 22nd October, Kurnai College

Churchill Campus held its third annual LOTE Night. The event was organised by students in Years 7-10 in German and Indonesian classes and approximately 200 students, parents and teachers attended.

Items featured on the night included a German and Indonesian play, a film created by the Year 9 German class, some multimedia presentations and presentations about the German exchange program and a cultural exchange program to Malaysia. Year 7 students also performed the song '99 Luftballons' originally by Nena. Students in the Year 8 German class also prepared a supper for guests and the menu consisted of Mini Black Forest Cakes, Brezeln (German Pretzels) and Gingerbread.

The night was a massive success. Parents and teachers were all impressed with the students' language skills and the effort put into preparation for the night. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and appreciated the opportunity to showcase their work to their parents and friends.

## Study Club

Kurnai Study Club has been going for the last two terms on a Wednesday night from 6-8pm.

Many students have attended, some with their parents. Most have used the time in a very posi-

tive way.

Below are some of the comments made by those attending.

Parent Gary Weir said, "Study Club is a wonderful idea. Students can interact with teachers after hours. The school encourages people to come down as a family. My younger son has come with us and he has been able to do his homework also. As parents we have full access to all the facilities. The obvious dedication of the teachers and SSO.'s, is evident. Mr. Carbone is here each week to open up the library. It is a good way to touch base with the school community, for example with teachers who don't teach your kids. I have gained a better overall picture of the school. I take off my hat to the teachers who give up their time to run the Study Club."

Tianya says it allows him to work on his project sometimes by himself, but he can ask for help which is good.

According to Mitchell the Study Club is great as it gives him a chance to catch up on work.

Erin Buttimer is a teacher at Kurnai and she says that Club is a great opportunity for students to receive one-on-one assistance in improving their skills.

Students who struggle to get work done in class time are able to come in and make the effort

to complete work whilst being able to get extra support and help from staff.

Justin says Study Club is "awesome because if you are behind in your work you can catch up and ask the teachers for help. It's good because my friends come too. The teachers are good because they come back in their own time and leave their families to help the students".

Dillie is also teacher at Kurnai. He says that Study Club has a relaxed atmosphere. The students are quite free to ask questions in an open manner. As a teacher he can spend more time with the students going through the basics. It also gives the teachers more idea of individual students and their needs.

The students he says are more able to express themselves. "We don't always have the kids we teach in our own classroom, so they are from a broader spectrum, and this allows for those who may not be as comfortable with their own teacher, to interact with other staff.

It is a very good idea, and should have been incorporated long ago."

Most teachers are multi-skilled and can help in a range of subjects. Nello's presence is an incentive for the kids to actively participate and fulfill the purpose of the Study Club.

# Yinnar South Primary School

## World Teachers Day

Friday 31st October was 'World Teachers Day'. I would like to acknowledge the teachers of this school. They have a commitment to student improvement, they make positive connections with their students, and always put effort into their classroom practises to improve every students learning. As teachers our aim is to help build a better world for our students as local and global citizens.

## Prep/1/2 news

In the Prep/1/2 room we have introduced Developmental Play into our morning literacy block. The aim of these sessions is to encourage the development of students' oral language through increased opportunities for conversation. After each session, children write about their experiences. Here is some of the writing they have produced;

### The Devil Crab Sitting on a Rock

Once upon a time there was a crab minding his own business and then some fishes came. The crab climbed off the rock and ate a fish. Then he crawled into the water.

By Cayden P/1/2

### The Elephant And The Volcano

This is an elephant on a path. It is going to a volcano. The elephant is going to the volcano to look at it. The volcano erupted before he got there.

By Jacquie P/1/2

## Inverloch Excursion

On Tuesday the whole school travelled to Inverloch as part of our term focus of coastal environments. We had a great day and stopped in three vastly different environments, a coastal wetland, the beach area of the inlet and the tidal rock pools of Eagles Nest. The children had a great time exploring these environments and were extremely lucky to witness an abundance of flora and fauna. Once again we were very happy with the behaviour of our students, the bus trip was quiet and when in public the children were fantastic. It is a great experience for children to experience environments that are not part of their every day lives. There were some real highlights with a couple of beautiful starfish and some great items found washed up on the rocks. This is extremely stimulating to young minds and we have already had some fantastic recounts done by the students. Thanks to the kids and all the staff who came along for a fantastic day.

## Kanga Cricket

On Friday 24th October Grades 3 - 6s went to Morwell to play in the Kanga 8s cricket day. This is a non-competitive day although scores are kept for each game. The students experienced some drills at the start of the day to help them with their skills. This was followed by an autograph session with some of our past test players. Finally the students competed in 3 games. We had two teams, a girls and a boy's team. The kids had a great day.

## Footy colours day

It was great to see so many children dressed up for our footy day. I had to look very carefully to see who was behind some of those colourful faces!! The children enjoyed the activities and the 'footy lunch' seemed to go down very well with everyone. It was nice to see the school celebrate 150 years of our national game.



Excursion to Inverloch





# Lumen Christi Primary School

## ROCKY MATTIOLI VISITS LUMEN CHRISTI

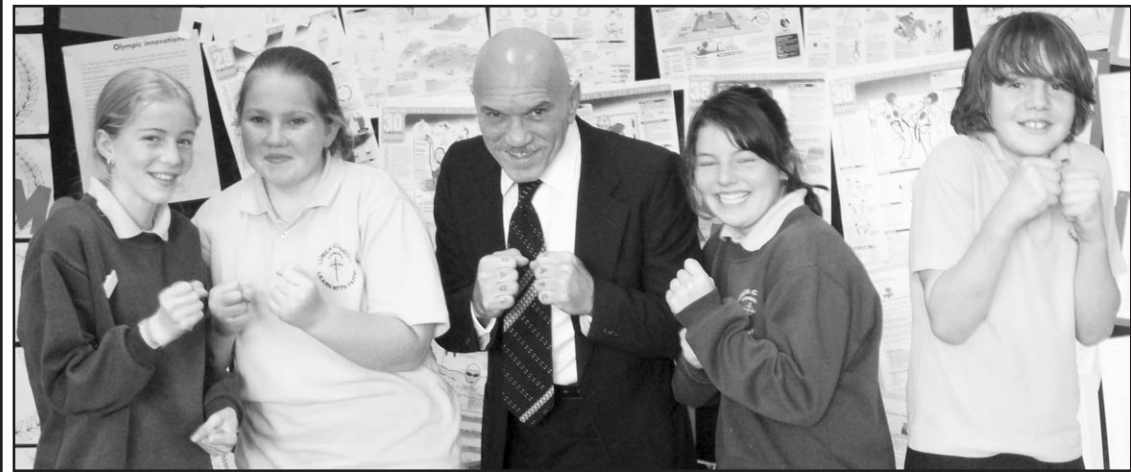
Grade 5 & 6 were treated to a visit from Rocky Mattioli, who won the light-middleweight world boxing title in 1977.

As we were concentrating on the Olympics, we were excited to learn of Rocky's visit to his family in Churchill and that he could so graciously give up his time to come and speak with the students.

A former resident from Morwell, Rocky entertained

the children with his anecdotes from his boxing career as well as giving some sage advice on how to maintain a good fitness level, no matter what age you are.

Rocky was visiting his daughter, and his granddaughter, Tiarnah, is a student in Grade 6.



## Reconciliation

On Wednesday 27th of August 9 children from Lumen

Christi school and 6 children from Lumen Christi Parish received the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time. It was a wonderful occasion and all children did very well.



## SPORTS ROUND UP

Our school has been very busy with sporting commitments over the course of the term.

Our girls' soccer team have been very successful, under the skilful coaching of Mrs Erin King, and won both the VPSSA District and Zone Final of the soccer and headed off to Sale to compete in the Forsyth Regional Finals.

They won their first game but lost their second against St Brendan's from Lakes Entrance.

Our boys competed in tee ball at the Zone level.

Then we had the Yinnar & District Champions Athletics in Newborough where the following students progressed onto Zone: Fabienne Schoutens (High Jump), Caitlin King (1500m), Cameron Ryan (100m, High Jump) and Kaitlin Nardino (100m, 200m, High Jump). Cameron came first in the 100m and now has the opportunity to compete at the Regional Finals.

# GIPPSPELL

Nathan Prezioso and Ben Lack, from Grade 6, and David Veldman and Daniel Smith Blakeley, from Grade 5, were the successful candidates for the Latrobe Final of Gippspell after rigorous rounds of spelling at the school level.

Daniel won the Zone Final of

Gippspell and successfully represented Lumen Christi at the 2008 Provincial Final which was held in Traralgon on 3rd September.

With his Macquarie dictionary as a reference, Daniel accurately spelt his way through the various rounds to emerge as the winner.

## MUSIC COUNT US IN SINGING DAY

On Thursday 23rd October Lumen Christi was one of 1600 school around Australia who participated in the 'Music count us in' singing day.

All students sang a song called 'Sing'

written for primary school students at 11:30.

The students played instruments and had were enthusiastic throughout the song.

## Walk-a-thon

On Wednesday the 17th September Lumen Christi held it's annual walk-a-thon.

It was a lovely day and the children all actively participated.

All grades in the school walked,

jogged, or a mixture of all, for an hour to raise money for the school.

It was great to see children and teachers walking and jogging together.

## Science at Lumen Christi

This year, Lumen Christi has been involved with the Scientist in Schools program.

The program promotes Science education in primary and secondary schools, helps to engage and motivate students in their learning of science, and broadens awareness of the types and variety of exciting careers available in the sciences.

We have been fortunate to collaborate with Jodie Lewis, an engineer with

Snowy Hydro.

Over this last term, Grades 3 -6 have been involved in a rotation of Science activities and Jodie has been extremely helpful with content ideas and in the implementation of the physics component.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the activities.



## Grade 3/4 Camp

On Monday 1st September grades 3 and 4 went to Woorabinda school camp. I went on the zip wire but before I went my heart was beating so fast because I was a bit scared and when I was going down I had to close my eyes.

Dayna Foster

After lunch we did initiative games. This is where you had a person with a billy can full of water and you have to try and do the activities without spilling any water. When we came back from the night hike we saw some possums eating our lunches.

Jessica Hutchinson

Bruce taught us how to light a fire. The smoke kept following me like a monster coming straight after me and I hid behind a tree and turned my jacket the other way.

Liam Antonelli



My first activity on Tuesday was the zip wire.

My face looked like I ate something sour.

Brody Cluderay

The last thing we did at camp was 'The Quest'. We had to milk a cow, shoot the monster, find the bowl and bow and arrow. It was

the best.

Shenae McLure

After we cooked lunch on the fire, Bruce took us on big hills.

People's legs were aching. We went over a wonky bridge and then we walked on a dirt track back to camp.

Liam Cassar

I did archery on camp. I was so close to the middle and once I got an arrow around the back. It was interesting because sometimes the arrows went to the sides.

Broden Cheney

I felt nervous on the zip wire because it was a bit too high. When it was my turn I went very fast. While I was going I felt happy.

Maeghan King



# Hazelwood North Primary School



**Grade 4 soccer**

On Wednesday the 22nd of October the grade 4's played a soccer tournament for Hazelwood North. There was one mixed team, a boys team and a girls team that entered. The mixed team won one

game out of four, the boys team lost all four games and the girls team won one out of four. They had lots of fun. By Frankie-Lee and Nikki



### Human Powered Vehicle

In November this year Hazelwood North Primary School is entering 2 vehicles in the human powered vehicle race at Maryborough. So far we have done lots of practise and work on our speeches and presentation. The names of the 2 vehicles are Rampage and Coal Power. Each team has 8 people. We have got some sponsorship and get a lot of help from our principal Mr Drysdale, Mrs Duncan and our parents.

By Jarryd and the HPV team.

### Writing Competition

Congratulations to Lauren Akers, Brad Brereton, Shane Collins, Zoey Hibbert and Tayla Smith on entering the Churchill and District News writing competition and winning prizes. A great effort by all of you.

### Twilight Market

On Saturday the 18th of October the school had its Twilight Market. It started at 4:00pm and went till 9:00pm. There was a small jumping castle, face painting, disco, tattoo machine, a popcorn machine, show bags, lucky dips, an art competition and stalls selling items such as lollies, plants and even chickens. It was very tiring and HOT.

By James A and Brendan M.

### Sports Camp

On the 29th of October James, Jarryd, Damian Y, Brett, Amber, Meg, Cedar and Annie will all be going to sports camp in Rawson. We will be meeting at Morwell railway station and getting taken by bus to Rawson. Sports we'll be playing include netball, martial arts and touch football. The guest speaker will be Matt Rua from Melbourne Storm. The camp will go from Wednesday to Friday and we are all looking forward to it and we are all excited.

By James A.

### Cricket

About a week ago some people from Hazelwood North Primary School went to Moe on an excursion to a cricket ground to compete in a Kanga cricket competition. There were lots of other schools there to compete with us. We were all split up into teams of 8. First we did some warm ups in our groups. The activities were fun and we played games like ball tiggly. We practised throwing the ball and hitting with a cricket bat. Then after we had finished doing activities we had some lunch and we started to play games of cricket against other schools. It was really fun and everyone enjoyed themselves.

By Elise D & Rebecca Z

### Up and Coming Events

At Hazelwood North Primary School we have lots of up and coming events in the fourth term. We have the Human Powered Vehicle race at Maryborough and the teams have been practising hard for it at the Morwell Go-Cart track. We have Rumbug Camp near Foster on the 12th to the 14th of November. This camp has lots to do and lots to see. The preps are going to see a lifeboat and I'm sure they will enjoy that. There is a lot to do at H.N.P.S this term.

By Mitchell A



**Melbourne Symphony Orchestra**

On Thursday the whole school went to watch the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra in Sale. There were sections of the orchestra eg: strings, eg: violins, percussion eg: timpani drum and cymbals, woodwind eg: oboe and clarinet and brass section which had trumpets. It was good how they used different coloured tops to represent their type of instrument. Some people got up and conducted the orchestra.

By James A and Darcy K.

# Boolarra Primary School



**Allambee Camp**

Our grade 3/4 students recently had a magnificent time at Allambee Camp. We were extremely impressed with the manner in which they cooperated and supported one another. The Allambee staff indicated that they had never had a group of students who were so well behaved and cooperative!

Pictured above: Billy on the ropes course, left: Ms Dryden oversees Tom and Kyle on the billy carts

### Grade 5/6 Bowling Program

Our next extra-curricula activity is generously provided by the Boolarra Lawn Bowls Club. The grade 5/6s receive coaching from experienced bowlers and many are showing a natural aptitude for this sport. We are very grateful to the Boolarra Bowling Club for making this opportunity possible.

Pictured left: Kyle receives some coaching



### Magnificent effort!

On the first day of this term a number of our fabulous parents cleaned out the school garden shed. Thanks to their efforts we now have a much clearer idea of what resources we have and lots of space for more. We discovered some items that we no longer require and will endeavour to sell at an auction to be staged at the 2009 Boolarra Folk Festival.

### Herald Sun Bike Tour

The grade 5/6s did a fantastic job creating signs to display when the Herald Sun bike ride passed our school in a flash earlier in the term. It was great to see how enthusiastically all our students cheered on the cyclists and their support vehicles!

### Success at the Teacher Games

Ms Jo Dryden and Ms Leanne Emond won a silver medal in the Teacher Games staged in Bairnsdale during the recent vacation. Ms Tina Larrad also competed with former Boolarra staff member Ms Jenny Dowsett. Everyone enjoyed this experience.

## What Some of Our Students Had To Say about Their Teachers on World Teachers' Day

P/1: Rory - "Ms Stewart writes out raffle tickets for us when we are doing something good and it makes me feel happy." Lydia - "I love it when Ms Stewart gives us free time to play games because we have fun." Tilly - "I like that Ms Stewart teaches us lots of fun new things that help us to learn." Gemma - "I like Ms Tingay because she opens the computer room every lunchtime when she is here."

2/3: Grady - "Ms Hilton does fun stuff with us in the classroom." "Our camp was terrific. Ms Hilton worked really hard so we could have this experience." Mia - "Ms Hilton challenges us and makes us do our

best," Lauren A - "Miss Tingay lets us do fun, educational stuff on the computers when we have free time." Tom - "Mrs Twomey lets us do fun things in the Art Room."

3/4: Kea - "Ms Dryden always helps us when we are stuck on a problem." Bryce - "I think Ms Dryden is a great teacher because she takes the time to plan lessons that make sure we learn." Aren - "Ms Dryden takes us out for games to help us to get fit so we have fun." Riley - "Ms Tingay creates really great learning activities for us that are fun and you get to build stuff." Gus - "Ms Twomey makes Reading Recovery fun even though it is a lot

of hard work!"

5/6 - Emma - "I like the way that Ms Larrad is outgoing and cares for all of us." Paige - "Ms Larrad cares about what we learn and how we learn it." Galen - "We go on interesting excursions because Ms Larrad puts a lot of extra work in to make it happen." Erin - "Ms Twomey trusts us a lot and organises lots of different art activities for us to all do at the same time." Beau - "Ms Tingay gets a lot of extra stuff for our school like the trip to Melbourne to meet the authors." Dana - "I like the way that Ms Twomey gives us lots of advice but lets us make our own decisions."



# Canoe Club Seeks New Members

As the weather warms and the holiday season draws near many people dream of the beach and fun on the water. Enthusiastic members of Tarwin River Canoe Club are busy planning an extensive paddle diary which will keep them active throughout 2009. Paddles will range from short paddles with a social emphasis to longer trips and more challenging conditions.

Activities include day paddles, overnight and extended camping trips, living out of your boat, base camps and safety training.

The club will play host to the Tarwin River Fest on November 9th. The fest includes marathon races for all classes of recreational paddle craft and will include the Gippsland

Enduro -a six hour race especially tailored for paddlers planning to enter the 40th and final Red Cross Murray River Marathon in December.

The Tarwin River Canoe Club is affiliated with Canoe Victoria and conducts safe and friendly recreational paddles on inland and coastal waters throughout Gippsland. It also has accredited instructors to help members improve their canoeing skills.

A small friendly club, the Tarwin River Canoe Club welcomes new members. For More information phone 0437 GO TRCC or go to the TRCC website at

<http://tarwinriver.canoe.org.au/>



## Barbecue Safety and Graffiti

With the summer rapidly approaching barbecues are being used more frequently. At this time of year the fire services experiences an increase in the number of fires relating to barbecues. The most common causes of the fires include leaking or loosely fitted gas hoses and poorly maintained barbecues. There have also been a number of fires where the barbecues have been left unattended for a period of time.

What do you need to do to keep your barbecue working efficiently and safely?

\*Check the gas cylinder is not damaged and has been tested within the last ten years.

\*Check gas hoses for damage and leaks.

\*Check connections are tight and not leaking before operation.

\*Clean fat and grease from the barbecue before use.

### Graffiti - What is Graffiti?

Graffiti is the marking of property with words, lettering, symbols or graphics without the consent of the owner, using materials such as spray can paint and felt tip pens. Most graffiti can be identified in the following forms:

\*'Tagging' - the signature or initials of the 'graffer' or 'writer'

\*'Pieces' - a mural containing a signature

\*Political or social comment.

Graffiti writing is practised by a range of people, from a variety of backgrounds.

Graffiti destroys property, is a crime, a form of vandalism, anti-social and a cost to the community, individuals and businesses.

### Different types of Graffiti

Forms of graffiti include political graffiti. This is where there is an explicit political message of some kind. Generally this kind of graffiti originates from the grass-roots of individuals and groups who wish to challenge the legitimate or other form of political or economic order or specific government policies.

There is another form of graffiti known as Graffiti Art. This is a form of graffiti that tends to be well organised. The artists are skilled and are using this particular form of artwork to display a particular contemporary style. The works are not often done on public places and when they are done; the artwork is legal, with the permission of the owners of the properties.

Tagging graffiti is probably more prolific than any other form of graffiti. It is where individuals or groups will use a particular tag which may be a signature of some description, a type of a symbol or some other process which delineates the particular signature and identity of the graffitist.

### Who is a Graffitist?

In Australia generally graffitists are male; vary between the ages of 15 to 17 with some writers up to 30 years of age. Those young persons between about 15 -17 years of age will often fall into the graffiti sub-culture through

association with friends, colleagues and family cousins and elder brothers.

The young graffiti artists often start off by tagging and drawing small pictures and small murals. The older writers, those up to about 30 years of age, have generally been within the culture for many years and even though many may only occasionally put up murals.

### Preventing Graffiti

These principles, shown below, are encouraged for private developments and redevelopments of existing buildings to deter or design out graffiti.

\*Use creepers and foliage along a wall to break up a potential canvas and make it less accessible). Ask your local nursery for advice on fast-growing or thorny plants.

\*Use textured or rough surfaces that make it difficult to apply graffiti.

\*Build with high-density, low-absorbency materials such as hard-burnt bricks.

\*Break up large surfaces to minimise the canvas available for graffitists.

\*Keep your property well maintained.

\*Ensure the site is well lit at night.

\*Use an anti-graffiti coating to protect the surface when building and/or revitalising the façade of a building.

\*Paint the property in a dark colour.

\*Paint out graffiti to the nearest architectural break.

### Removing Graffiti

Two main options are available to remove graffiti from your property:

High-pressure sand or water blasting may be required for extensive graffiti as a last resort.

Materials can be found at hardware stores. Always follow the safety procedures recommended by the manufacturer. For further technical assistance, please seek advice from your hardware store or graffiti removal specialist.

### Liquid removal

For painted and protected surfaces, such as wood, metal or concrete surfaces that have a topcoat. These surfaces are easier to clean because the graffiti doesn't seep below the surface.

\*Use a common solvent, appropriate remover or citrus oil based product.

\*To find the most effective cleaner, always test a small area to start with, and gradually increase intensity, starting with detergent, citrus oil, methylated spirits, turpentine or white spirit and finally acetone.

### Painting over graffiti

\*First, clean the surface well to remove as much of the graffiti as possible.

\*Aim for the closest match possible to the original paint or surface finish or paint the entire area in a darker colour to deter a recurrence of graffiti.

\*Paint out with at least two coats of paint.

\*Always keep spare paint on hand. In the event of the graffiti happening again, paint out can be immediate and act as an effective deterrent.

## Churchill Bowls Club

W. Edwards, Publicity

The Churchill Bowls Club held its A.G.M on Wednesday the 30th September with all positions open and elections held to elect a new committee for 2008/2009. The results of the election were -

President: W. Brown, Vice President: G. Powell, Secretary/Treasurer: V. Hargreaves, Publicity Officer: W. Edwards. General Committee: H. Kennedy, H. Speake, N. Myers

We are still awaiting the Latrobe City's Consultants report, re Churchill's proposal for a

lawn bowls facility in the town. The consultants draft report is supposedly due in the New Year.

The Wednesday carpet bowls is looking promising with good numbers attending and all seem to be enjoying the involvement and the intricacies of the game.

If any one is interested in learning, or wants to play, come along on Wednesday nights at 7.30 pm, at the Gaskin Park Hall Churchill. Coaches will be available for assistance. Supper, tea and coffee provided. The cost of the night is \$4.00.

## Moe Rewarded by Judges



Moe was rewarded with an Overall Judges Commendation at the Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns awards announced on Saturday 4 October.

While the overall award was taken out by Horsham, in a hotly contested field of thirteen towns from across regional Victoria, Moe was recognised for yet another outstanding year of achievement.

According to Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria CEO Wendy Jones "Moe once again entered an impressive array of projects in the awards this year, all aimed at creating pride in Moe and were state finalists in five categories."

"Moe has been invigorated by the Make Moe Glow committee and their supporters who are just so enthusiastic and passionate about their town and they went oh so close again this year after taking out the overall title in 2007" Jones said.

With encouragement from the Latrobe City Council, the active Make Moe Glow Committee

under the leadership Marilyn May has once again demonstrated that the community cares for its environment and is committed to creating a sustainable community for all to enjoy" Jones added

The 26th Annual Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns Awards were held in Moe over a weekend of activities that, in addition to the Saturday night presentation function, included an interactive workshop with a sustainability theme, a welcoming cocktail function hosted by Latrobe City Council and a farewell breakfast on the Sunday.

Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria's Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns Awards are proudly sponsored by the 'Do the Right Thing' program of the Packaging Stewardship Forum Australian Food & Grocery Council, Grundfos Pumps and Cartridge World and are in their 26th year of motivating, encouraging and celebrating the good work of regional communities throughout Victoria.





Rams Coach Luke Cheney

# Cheney Takes Rams Reigns

Churchill United Soccer Club has appointed Luke Cheney as its coach for the 2009 season. Although untried, the 28 year old brings a wealth of experience to the position and a successful history as a player.

"I'm really excited about the coming year and the opportunity to take this group of players further ...we've got plenty more to achieve." Cheney said.

Cheney played his juniors for the Rams before joining Falcons in 1995 in the old National League playing under the legendary Frank Arok. A highlight of his time under Arok was scoring on debut versus Perth Glory as a sixteen year old.

In 1999 he returned to the Rams for a season partnering his brother Craig up front and he was coached by club stalwart Gerry Riess.

He then played in the State League with Pegasus and was exposed to the varied coaching styles of Harry Bingham, the late Sean Byrne, Mark Cassar and Gerry Clarke.

His first love and passion has always been with Churchill and he returned again to the club of his youth in 2006 with his good friend Anthony Collins

taking the coaching role.

In 2007 Cheney helped the Rams win its first ever League Championship, a feat that was backed up this season. He was also a member of the 2006 and 2007 Battle of Britain Cup winning teams.

Cheney has won the GSL top goal scorers award three years straight averaging 27 league goals a season, capping his individual success with the Churchill Best and Fairest award this year.

Club President Stephen Breheny is confident in Cheney's ability, "We've built a unique culture at our club and under Luke's guidance we will continue to encourage and foster our juniors into the senior ranks, and will be vying for a third Championship in 2009". Breheny said.

Cheney's predecessor Anthony Collins is having a year away from coaching to pursue a teaching career locally after a stellar three seasons with the Rams.

There is no decision on Cheney's assistant after Ray Tanti stood down from the position this season, however an announcement will be made prior to January.

## Yinnar Bowls "Gala Day"

By Jack Tracker

The ladies of the Yinnar Bowls Club conducted their annual "Gala Day Tournament" on Friday, 24 October 2008. With some sixty bowlers invited from other clubs throughout Gippsland participating, a full green and an enjoyable day was assured. Some of the clubs represented were Longwarry, Garfield, Mirboo North as well as clubs from major towns throughout the Latrobe Valley.

The hosts for the day ensured the Clubhouse was in immaculate condition by providing floral arrangements coupled with complimentary table accessories. The appearance was a sight to behold for the invited guests as they arrived for the tournament

Play got underway at 9.30am. After a break for a fully catered lunch of soup and sandwiches which was provided by the Yinnar ladies, the day concluded around 3.00pm with afternoon tea and presentations to the successful teams.

The victors with 4 wins, 0 loss-

es and a score of 63 points were the team from Boolarra represented by Val McLean, Janice Whelan, Betty Fox and Joy Prior.

The runners up were the team from the peak body, and special guests for the day, Gippsland Ladies Bowls Association with 3 wins, 1 loss and 56 points. Representing the GLBA were Val Durrant, Lorna Moule, Pat Hariat and Fay Minter.

The Club has started its mixed Twilight Bowls sessions for the current season with 45 people attending our opening night on Wednesday 22 October. After a nervous start by many newcomers, everyone settled in and had a wonderful time enjoying the sport of lawn bowls and the social interaction. Many experienced bowlers including the accredited Club Coach were on hand to provide assistance in learning the basic skills. After the bowling concluded around 7.30pm., everyone enjoyed a barbeque tea and refreshments.

For those wishing to take part and could not attend on the open-

ing night, the Twilight Bowls sessions will be conducted from 6.00pm every Wednesday evening until 17 December with a barbeque tea and refreshments to follow. In order to assist the organizers with catering and the formation of teams, it is requested that you arrive at the club located opposite the primary school in Main St. Yinnar by 5.30pm. All equipment is provided, however flat smooth soled shoes must be worn. The cost of these sessions is \$5 per person with refreshments available at club prices.

As an endeavor to further promote the sport of lawn bowls in the Yinnar & District Community, the Yinnar Bowls Club is keen to conduct a "Twilight Mixed Social" competition between 6 teams of 4 or more players who are not members of a bowls club. These games will be conducted using modified rules designed to enable fast completion and maximum enjoyment.

For enquiries or further information please contact the Club on 5163 1606 or Brian Carpenter on 5122 1605.

## Churchill Tennis Club

Churchill has 3 senior teams playing competition this season in the Loy Yang, Yinnar and District Tennis Association.

Section 3 consists of Tim Bellerby, Ned Bloomfield, Doug Higgs, Caitlyn Moore, Nicola Tegart and Jade Treloar. They are finding the competition a bit tough, but are enjoying a good hit each week.

Section 5 has 2 teams:

Red - Frank Cassar, Paul Rohde, Lachlan Getzendorfer, Jenny Dowsett, Nicola Brighton and Tammy Armstrong. Roger Brighton is waiting to be fully fit after a knee problem before he returns to

the team.

Blue - Brendan Pattle, Tony Bogan, Brendan Linke, Mollie Emond, Leanne Emond and Allison Lawless.

The competition here is a bit more even, with both teams fighting for the top spot on the ladder.

Wednesday night social tennis has recommenced from 6.30 to 8.30pm. the cost is \$5 for 3 sets under lights. All standards are welcome.

Monday afternoon social tennis continues throughout the year at 1pm.

MEN: 18/10/08 STROKE CCR67. Winners: A Grade: M. Brereton [12]65. B Grade: J. Ambrosini[23]63. C Grade: M. Bren [31]62. DTL A. Percy 65 F. Debono 66 T. Sterrick 67 A. Sharrock 67 G. Down 67. NTP 3rd G. Spowart 5th P. Smart 12th P. Ludlow

19/10/08 STABLEFORD. Winner: A. Casey[20]41pts. R/Up: M. Barisenko 38pts. NTP

5th A. Casey  
LADIES: 19/10/08 STABLEFORD AWC70. Winner: D. Scurlock[16] 38pts. Eagle: D. Scurlock 18th

21/10/08 STABLEFORD-GOLD PUTTER RD.2 AWC70. Winner: J. O'Reilly [37]41pts. DTL

M. McConville 37pts V. Verheyen 36pts L. Casey 35pts. NTP 3rd M. Munckton 5th/14th 0-32 E. D'Alterio 33-45 S. Cooke 12th S.Cooke. GOLD PUTTER WINNER:

E. D'Alterio[23]44+34=78pts Lost Handicap: J. O'Reilly 37-35

MEN: 11/10/08 4BBB Par.CCR 68. Winners: P. Jordan (29) A. Percy(27)+10c/b R/up

V. Monument(25)G.

Spowart(26)+10  
DTL W. Peter/W .Judkins +9 G. Beyer/G. Hornsby +9 S.

McCafferty/D. Hill +8 NTP 3rd

H. Martin 5th T. Sterrick 12th S. McCafferty 14th J. McCafferty

12/10/08 Stableford.CCR 68.Winner J. Ambrosini(23)35pts

LADIES: 12/10/08 Stableford. AWC70 Winner: H. Croft (39) 38pts

14/10/08 Stableford 1st Rd. Gold Putter.AWC70 Winner:

E.D'Alterio(23)44pts

DTL H. Croft 35pts D. Scurlock 34pts S. Jeffery 33pts NTP 3rd M. Munckton 12th D. Scurlock

26/10/08 Mixed Open-Canadian. A Grade: G. Beyer/E. D'Alterio(12 3/8)69 5/8. B Grade: R.& J. Timbs(27 3/8)67 5/8. Visitors:J.Beuthin/S. Nyko (18 3/8)70 2/8. DTL: B.& C. Barnes 69 3/8.P.Williams/L. Casey 71 4/8.J.Robson/M. Munckton 72 7/8. NTP: Men: 3rd G.Beyer.5th P. Williams. Ladies: 3rd M.McConville.12th E.D'Alterio.14th J. Beck.

LADIES: 28/10/08 3 Person Ambrose Drop Out. Winners: S.

Jeffery (27) V. Verheyen (31) J. Timbs (45) 70 5/6.DTL:E.D'Alterio/M. Mitchell/S. Cooke 74 4/6.

MEN 4/10/08 Stableford.CCR 68. A Grade: P. Coad (16)40pts B Grade: T. Collins (25) 37pts. DTL: P. Shields 39pts M. Smith 39pts G. Fraser 38pts M. Brereton 37pts. NTP: 3rd P. Coad 5th V. Monument 12th T. Collins 14th M. Smart. Birdies: P. Ludlow 3rd P. Coad 3rd M. Brereton 12th P. Shields 14th.

5/10/08 Stableford CCR 68. Winner: G. Blizzard(27) 36pts.

LADIES 5/10/08 Stableford CCR 70. Winner: E. D'Alterio (23) 37pts.

7/10/08 Monthly Medal CCR70. Scratch: E. D'Alterio (23) 96. Handicap & Medal Winner: E. D'Alterio (23) 73 DTL: C. Ellis 78 NTP: 15th T. Buxton. Putts: E. D'alterio 27

Men: 1.11.08 Stableford CCR 67.

A Grade: A. Van Vliet (18) 39pts. B Grade: R. Vito (23) 40pts. C Grade: F. Peel (26) 45pts. DTL G. Spowart 39pts.K. Garlick 39pts. P. Williams 38pts. M.Smart 37pts. L. Stein 37pts c/b. NTP: 3rd M. Smith.5th V. Monument. 12th E. Hayes-Hills.14th H. Martin Birdies: M. Smith 3rd. E. Hayes-Hills 12th. K. Hills 12th

MEN. 4.11.08. Stableford. CCR 67. A Grade: T. Webb (19) 44pts.B Grade: V. Monument (25)39pts.DTL:L.Stein 42pts G. Beyer 39pts B. Peter 38pts. NTP:3rd L. Stein 5th K. Hills 12th L. Stein 14th P. Ludlow. Birdies: 3rd L. Stein 12th L. Stein 12th V. Monument 14th P. Ludlow.

LADIES. 4/11/08 Stableford. CCR 70. Winner: H. Croft(39)39pts c/b. DTL V. Verheyen 39pts. NTP: 5th/14th 33-45 H. Croft.

## Churchill & Monash Golf Club Results



# Churchill Hockey Club 2008 Season

Congratulations to the Churchill Women's Senior Hockey Team who won the B grade premiership against Traralgon Blue for the third year in a row. Churchill went into the game as favourites, with the final score being 4-0.

Goal scorers for Churchill were Gail Harding with two and Rebecca Matheson and Tamara Kemp with one each. The B Grade Premiers are: Coach Robbie Wells, Linda Reid (goalie), Rebecca Matheson, Debbie Wells, Tanya Thompson, Gail Harding, Rebecca Cheater, Marlene Payne, Raelene Fisher, Priscilla Harvey, Nicole Ypelaan, Tamara Kemp, Tiffany Harvey, Linda Whitney Dean White, Lachlan White and Meagan Wells.

In the Junior competition, our Junior team (grade 5-6) won their Grandfinal against Traralgon, 3 goals - 1. Goals scorers were Dean White with two and Lachlan White with one. A great game was played by all the players in this team. Congratulations and well done!

Our junior and senior Presentation Night was held recently at Don Louie's in Morwell. A great night was had by all with a fantastic turn out. Flowers were presented to our Life Members who are still associated with the club, Debbie Wells and Pauline Linke. After tea, presentations were made. The awards presented were:

Women's B Grade - Coach: Robbie Wells

Best and Fairest - Rebecca Cheater

Runner Up Best and Fairest - Rebecca Matheson

Most Determined - Raelene Fisher

Most Improved - Priscilla Harvey

Churchill Blue Junior Team - Coach: Rebecca Mathieson

Best and Fairest - Dean White

Runner Up Best and Fairest - Tamara Kemp

Most Determined - Lachlan White

Most Improved - Ben Butterworth

Intermediate Boys - Coach: Mathew Wells

Best and Fairest - Michael Cheater  
Runner Up Best and Fairest - Todd Birkbeck and David Cheater

Most Determined - Patrick Vuillermen

Most Improved - Corey Foster

Rebecca Matheson won the clubs' Barrett Award and Dean White won the Top Gun award. The Junior Top Goal Scorer award went to Dean White and the Senior Top Goal Scorer was Rebecca Cheater. The Club Top Goal Scorer was won by Dean White.

Linda Reid won the Best Club Person Award. Linda does a lot for the club, with both the junior and senior teams. We appreciate the work Linda does for our club. A thank you also goes to all our coaches, umpires, parents and players who give up their time to do extra jobs around the club.

Without all their work we would not have a club. These people attended meetings, mark the grounds, wash tops, organize fundraising and purchasing of equipment, and much more.

A big congratulation also goes to Rebecca Matheson who won the Latrobe Valley Women's Hockey Association Best and Fairest in B Grade and to Dean White who won the Junior Hockey Association Best and Fairest. What a great effort!

Our Annual General Meeting was held recently. The 2009 committee were nominated and all positions were filled.

President -Debbie Wells

Vice President - Tanya Thompson

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Treasurer - Heather White

Committee Members - Gail Harding, Rebecca Matheson, Craig

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Latrobe Valley Hockey will run a summer competition on Tuesday night at the Maryvale Reserve in Morwell. Anyone interested in playing should contact Mathew Wells on 51 337750. This competition is open to all age groups.

The 2009 season begins in April next year, with training starting in March at Maryvale Reserve in Morwell. We are still looking to fill coaching positions for next year. If you are interested in coaching or playing please contact our President, Debbie Wells on 51 337750.



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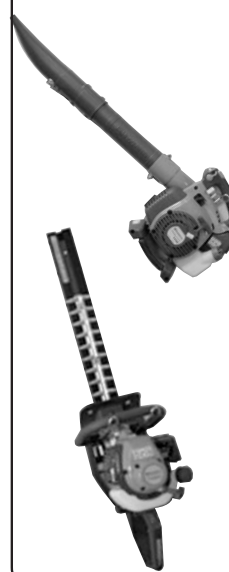
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# Churchill & District News Junior Fishing Competition 2008

By Tracey Burr

On a cool Saturday morning in early November the 2008 Churchill & District News Junior Fishing Competition began. Fishing rods were in the water dead on 9 am! Fishing was slow for the first hour or two, then the clouds dissipated, and it really got going. All competitors had until 3.15pm to get their catches to the weigh station.

"We had some whoppers caught this year," said Peter Prokopiv, who manned the weigh station. "One fish went right off our scales and we had to rush off to Glendonald Milk bar to get

it weighed!"

This year we had 153 entries, and we would like to thank all the children that participated. We would also like to thank all the parents, grandparents and caregivers for making it such a success. Thank also to all the volunteers who organized the event and turned up on the day to ensure everything went according to plan.

Our winners this year were: 4 - 8 Years: First: Chloe Medew, Second: Gabrielle Medew, Third: Skye Trotter Wilson. 9 - 12 Years: First: Taylor Van Tildvet, Second: Liam Cassar, Third: Corey Koostra Denton. 13- 16 Years: First: Matthew

Bailey. Overall Winner: Chloe Medew. Heaviest Catch of the Day: Taylor Van Tildvet. Smallest Catch: Justin Vitale.

Catering was again superbly handled by the Churchill & District Lions.

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) attended to lend a helping hand and for the first time we had FishCare offering help and tips to catch the big one.

We would like to thank the following for their much appreciated support and sponsorship:

Department of Primary Industries (DPI), International Power Hazelwood, Latrobe City

Council, Churchill & District Lions, Alpine Country, Valley Trophies, Peter Gray, Fish Care, Relationships Australia, Gippsland Trades & Labour Council Inc, Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, McDonalds, Churchill Scouts and the Red Cross.

"We are looking forward to next year," said Peter. "But don't forget there is a Family Fishing Day at Lake Hyland on May 2nd next year with workshops and activities."



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