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Colin Brick OAM

In accepting the honour of OAM (Order of Australia), Colin Brick humbly responded by saying "I am very proud to achieve this award. I am also conscious that it reflects on Boolarra as a community.

In many respects my achievement has been to assist in creating an environment where people can be supported to develop and implement a dream. As a result of this environment and of the efforts of many, many people in Boolarra, the community has developed a well deserved reputation of being self-reliant, innovative, able to get things done and generally having its act together.

Because of my position, perhaps, I get some credit for these achievements that properly belong to the many active volunteers in the community."

Over the past 20 years Colin has been involved in a very wide range of activities and projects, working with a large number of people and organizations. There are many individual and collective achievements over this time. Colin's list of achievements are as follows:

Secretary/Treasurer for the Boolarra Memorial Park:

Colin has been in this role for 20 years, working with a strong group. They have taken on the responsibility for the maintenance of the reserve from the council, and have been able to achieve tremendous improvements in the facilities, and create a safer, more attractive environment for community enjoyment and participation. Improvements include BBQ facilities, a children's playground, extensive beautification works, drainage, sealing, verandas, upgrades of facilities and an oval maintenance regime focused on

improving turf condition, and meeting the user groups' needs.

Establishment of the Boolarra Community Development Group (BCDG):

This arose from an article Colin wrote in the Boolarra Link in 2001 outlining his concerns with the current situation in the town, and questioning the town's future. The article struck a chord with a number of people in the community, and a small group worked for over 12 months to establish the Community Development Group. This initiative has been the catalyst for many achievements in Boolarra since its inception. The effort in establishing the structure has proved a worthwhile investment, as it has been a very flexible and inclusive organisation that provides ordinary community members with the opportunity to contribute in many diverse ways, and to develop and implement many ideas that enrich the community.

Colin has been an executive member of the BCDG since its inception, and has acted as Secretary, Chair and Treasurer over this period. One highlight was Boolarra winning the Clean Heat Best Small Town of the Year (under 5000 population) Award in 2007. Colin coordinated submissions from over twenty community groups and prepared a submission that accurately reflected the high level of enthusiasm and volunteer commitment to developing a better community.

Boolarra Folk Festival

In many ways the Folk Festival is the jewel in the Boolarra crown, attracting 6,000 people annually and being a regular award winner. It arose out of the establishment of the Boolarra Community Development Group, and was a sub-committee of



Colin with his daughter

the BCDG for the first three years. Colin has had an ongoing involvement with the Boolarra Folk Festival since its inception, for the first three years chasing up the funding and grant opportunities

essential to enable a "free" festival to be staged. Concerned at safety issues arising from traffic along Tarwin Street, Colin also developed and implemented the traffic management plan to ensure the safe by-pass of

through traffic away from the festival staging area.

Australia Day:

The Australia Day celebration, which has been going from strength to strength for five years, arose from

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Colin Brick OAM

Colin's conception that they should celebrate Boolarra as a strong and vibrant community, whose strength derives from the many wonderful volunteers who give with no thought of recognition. The associated Community Awards enable these valuable contributors to be acknowledged by their peers and friends, with anybody in the community able to nominate people they believe are worthy of recognition.

It is a lovely relaxed, friendly day as people catch up for a chat, the kids play games and have sack races and gumboot throwing competitions. It encompasses all that is best about Boolarra.

Response to the 2009 Bushfires:

After the bushfires which devastated the area around Boolarra in 2009, the BCDG was rapidly able to organise a number of well attended community meetings where the community was able to get their concerns addressed and express their views on priorities and processes.

Colin took on the role of Chair of the Boolarra-Yinnar Community Recovery Committee as the group identified the recovery

needs of the two communities, and developed and implemented plans to address the physical, environmental and social issues arising from the fires.

Colin's wife Samantha also proudly recognises Colin's contribution in these words:

"I believe that Colin Brick is a worthy recipient of this award. Colin and I have just celebrated our 13th wedding anniversary, so I know how much time and effort he puts in to the community of Boolarra. Every day he has emails / phone calls / meetings about community events, infrastructure or resources.

Colin is a quiet achiever and he does a lot of work behind the scenes to ensure that things actually get done.

He also supports others in the development of their skills so the work load is distributed. He inspired a community to come together and create a unified voice so that Boolarra would be taken seriously by the local, state and national government.

Now Boolarra has a fantastic relationship with all levels of government and is leading the way in many areas including Fire Recovery." Samantha thanks Colin's nominator as a person

who "knows that small towns need heroes, people who can inspire others to keep going with their every day endeavours.

Colin is a man who truly makes a difference in his community and everyone will join in their praise...."

Positions held by Colin:

- * Boolarra Community Development Group; Chairperson, Secretary 2002 - present
- * Boolarra Memorial Park Committee; Secretary from 1999 - present, Treasurer 2000 - Present, Public Officer

- * Boolarra Primary school; finance committee 2001 - present

- * Boolarra / Yinnar Community Recovery Committee (post fires 2009); Chairperson 2009

- * Community Building Initiative - Latrobe Small Towns Project; member 2008 - present

- * Boolarra Folk Festival Committee Member; 2005 - present; arranging funding applications and road closure management

- * Mirboo North - Boolarra Rail Trail Committee; founding member which established this fantastic resource for the community

- * Boolarra Football - Netball Club;

Treasurer 1984, 1986, 1989

- * Boolarra Tennis Club; Treasurer

- * Gippsland Wine and Food Club; Treasurer 3 years

- * Latrobe Valley Umpires Association; Football Umpire

- * Board member of Power Works in Morwell; 2 years

Whether at work, at any of his various community engagements or at home, Colin does all he can, going the extra mile, creating a better place to be. Colin Brick is a visionary; he looks beyond the current situation and dreams of a brighter future. His piece "vision for Boolarra", written in 2001, has brought about changes even beyond his wildest dreams because he helped to create a COMMUNITY, a COMMUNITY with spirit and determination, a COMMUNITY which brings people together and supports them in times of hardship, a COMMUNITY which ran a Folk Festival only weeks after the devastation of the January/February fires of 2009, a COMMUNITY which has something for everyone, a COMMUNITY called BOOLLARRA.

Hazelwood Power



Hazelwood Power Station

Unit 5 returns to service with a generation record.

International Power GDF SUEZ Hazelwood is back to full generation output with the return to service of its Unit 5 generator at the Hazelwood power station.

The 220 MW unit has undergone a comprehensive repair and maintenance outage over the past six months following an incident in late December 2010 which seriously damaged the generator.

Hazelwood's Chief Executive Officer, Luc Dietvorst, said the return to service of Unit 5 is a major achievement for the Latrobe Valley-based business, its employees and contractors.

"The work on Unit 5 included repairs to the generator stator, an overhaul of the generator rotor and the installation of our spare generator transformer," Mr Dietvorst said.

"This was an excellent planning and scheduling achievement by Hazelwood employees, our alliance partners and contractors to bring forward and align the major outage to other critical works required for the effective return of Unit

5."

Mr Dietvorst said while the cost of the outage was tens of millions of dollars, it was very much an investment that will "help ensure Hazelwood continues to make a significant contribution to the national electricity market".

"This return to service of Unit 5 has delivered a significant improvement to our generation capacity which will enable the power station's capacity to range up to 1740MW at any given time.

"In fact Hazelwood has delivered a record generation output in this past week peaking at 1727 MW for one five-minute period," Mr Dietvorst said.

"Despite recent disappointing comments from people, who seem determined only to denigrate our Hazelwood business, we remain very focused and, despite the current uncertainty over carbon pricing, we will continue to do what we do best, and that is deliver safe, reliable and secure baseload power generation for the people of Victoria."

For more information: call Neil Lawson on 0407 842 285

Churchill Gardening Group

Hello there. I hope that everyone is enjoying the winter season.

There is something to enjoy in our gardens no matter what the season.

Taking a walk around Churchill you will see wattles with their golden blooms and daffodils along with jonquils and other early spring flowers in people's gardens.

A heavy frost is good for the garden as it kills many bugs and more often than not we will have a lovely sunny winter's day following the frost.

However, if you have any plants, shrubs, or trees that have frost damage, don't be tempted to cut off the damaged parts.

Do this later when all frosts are over, as any new growth could also be damaged.

I hope that people who were interested managed to get to the Morwell Rose Garden for the pruning on the 1,2,3 of July and picked up some cuttings on the 2nd July.

All roses in our home gardens should be pruned. Make sure you cut out any dead wood and cut to the outside facing bud.

Don't be afraid, you can't do much wrong. They are very forgiving plants.

Now is an excellent time to buy and plant bare rooted roses. There seems to be a great variety available.

The same applies to the fruit trees. However, find out the requirements for cross pollination of the fruit trees.

Lilliums (Christmas Lilly) can be planted now, but be sure to protect the tender new shoots from the snails.

Hippeastrum bulbs can also be planted, but make sure the necks on the bulbs are above the soil and you will have a lovely show for Christmas.

Pick stems of daphne to put in vases, or give them to friends, as this is all the pruning your shrub will



Hippeastrum

need.

Hopefully, all your winter vegies are coming along well. Keep up the liquid feeding.

You could put in some spring onions. Now is also an excellent time to move plants or divide up some perennials to give away or plant somewhere else in your garden.

Happy Gardening!



Christmas Lillies

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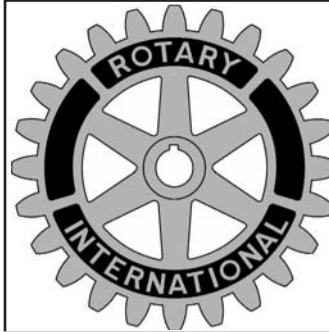


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Latrobe City Council adopts Municipal Early Years Plan 2011-2015

Latrobe City's Municipal Early Years Plan 2011-2015 has been adopted following the Ordinary Council meeting held on Monday 27th June.

The Plan is designed to provide strategic direction for the development, coordination and delivery of early childhood programs. The Plan also outlines Council's commitment to early years education, care and health services.

This Plan will provide a platform for Council and the community to work together to deliver quality services and improve outcomes for children and families across the municipality. The Plan outlines five key outcomes that Council and the community can work together to achieve over the next four years.

The five key outcomes are:

Children in Latrobe City to have optimum health and wellbeing.

High quality, accessible services are available for children aged 0-8 and their families.

Community infrastructure, both natural and built, provides families with opportunities to support the growth and development of their children.

Children's learning and development is enhanced through the provision of early learning programs.

Parents and communities have the capacity to care for children and promote their development.

The adoption by Council of the Municipal Early Years Plan 2011-2015 is an important step in ensuring that the children of our community continue to learn and grow in a

happy, healthy and safe environment.

Community groups invited to apply for Council grants

The 2011-12 Community Grants Program applications are currently open for community groups across Latrobe City to apply for funding assistance. Applications will remain open until 22nd July next.

Consideration will be given to Grant applications from not-for-profit Latrobe City groups and organisations for projects being undertaken during the financial year 2011-12, and they provide great opportunities for the numerous groups in our community to benefit.

The aim of the program is to encourage community groups to enhance their facilities or the services they provide to the community. Whether it's a growing sporting group seeking to expand premises or upgrade equipment, a group wishing to develop a service program or a group wanting to share an event with the community, the community grants program is intended to respond to these aspirations. Over the last year, funding in each category had resulted in many useful, community-based projects being developed.

As a result of this annual program there are many fine examples of community groups working hard to create infrastructure improvements, organising events, both major and minor, as well as providing valuable community development programs within our municipality.

As well as receiving financial help through the community grants program, community groups are required to contribute to these projects by way of providing some of their own funding, as well as contributions made 'in kind', such as providing labour. It is a great

way for the community to work together to achieve common goals.

An extensive campaign to promote the program has been implemented so that as many groups as possible can take advantage of these funding opportunities. To all community groups or organisations within Latrobe City who have a project that needs funding, this program may be a way for receiving help required to make a start on a planned project.

Application forms are available from Council's Service Centres in Moe, Morwell, Churchill and Traralgon; or by accessing Latrobe City Council's webpage on www.latrobe.vic.gov.au.

The deadline for receiving applications is 5pm on Friday, 22 July 2011.

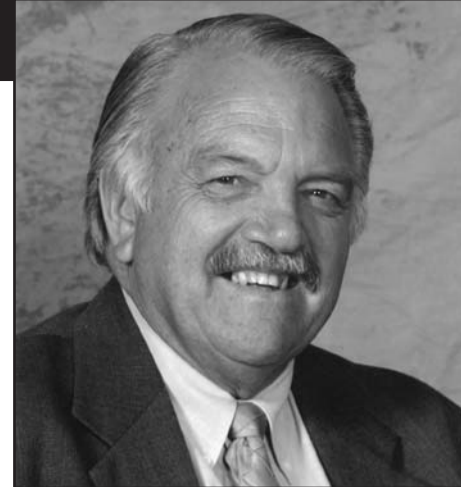
For further information relating to community grants, please contact Carol Bolding at Latrobe City Council, telephone 5128 5664.

An enchanting optical experience at the Gallery

Combining antique pre-cinema pieces with modern technological devices, "Optical Collusion" is a fascinating visual feast currently exhibiting at the Latrobe Regional Gallery.

Artists Donna Kendrigan and Chris Henschke have collected stereoscopic devices dating back to the 1890s and have adapted them with current optical and imaging technologies to display animations, 3D images, prints and collages.

Through their travels around Europe they have collected many early 20th century pre-cinema devices such as stereoscopic viewing cabinets, peep boxes, and magic lanterns. Into these they have introduced modern technologies so that the viewer can move



between the old and the new seamlessly. Tricks of perception that were perpetrated throughout the pre-cinematic period and beyond, have been dabbled with to give them a modern twist.

Our Arts Director, Julie Adams, has indicated that "Optical Collusion" provides the viewer with an opportunity to not only appreciate the aesthetic beauty of the antiques, but to marvel at the technologies that allow these old pieces to be used in a new way. The exhibition offers a unique insight into the optical devices of the past as well as the new techniques that the artists have used within the devices.

Visitors will be enchanted by the magical world that has been created. There is a sense of being in an old fashioned fairground and immersed in a contemporary digitally-created world, all at the same time. The artists have created an entrancing and mesmerising audio and visual scene using spotlights, glasses and prisms complete with a soundtrack of music played on bottles.

"Optical Collusion" will run at the Latrobe Regional Gallery until 24th August 2011.



In the past month I have had the opportunity to visit Churchill on a number of occasions to see some of the fantastic projects which have recently been launched.

I attended the opening of the Churchill Leisure Centre on 24 June, along with a number of community members, and stakeholders. The facilities have seen a great increase in patronage since it opened to the public in November 2010, which is fantastic. With our young sportspeople, their parents and supporters

attending the basketball/netball courts on a regular basis, I am sure these facilities will be enjoyed for many years.

Already the facilities are gaining a very strong reputation, with the FIBA Oceania Youth Basketball Tournament calling the Churchill Leisure Centre home in 2012. This event will attract 16 teams from across Australia and other Oceania countries to our region, which is a fantastic accomplishment for the centre and the community. I congratulate all the staff, and those involved with the planning and construction of the new facilities on their great work, and commitment serving to the community.

I also had the opportunity to attend the Gippsland Education Precinct Education Partnerships Hub Pilot launch held earlier in the month at the Monash University Gippsland campus. The project is a partnership between Monash University and The Smith Family through the Gippsland Education Precinct which will identify the issues affecting education outcomes in the Gippsland region. The pilot aims to bring families, schools and the community together to improve the educational

Northe's Natter

outcomes of students at the three campuses of Kurnai College in Morwell and Churchill.

I am pleased to see this proactive approach being taken by all involved and look forward to seeing the outcomes of the pilot.

I also took the opportunity whilst in Churchill to have a look at the new Monash University synthetic pitch, which has seen some great progress over the past few months. I understand that there are now 15 senior teams in the Latrobe Valley Hockey Association, up from 7 previously, which was attributed to the new surface.

I congratulate those who worked long and hard to see the establishment of this synthetic pitch that was very much required to service the local hockey community.

It's heartening to see so many of our community members having a go, and that the new pitch has provided a kick-start to the sport in our region.

I'd also like to remind residents to nominate a mate for the 2011 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards. These awards provide an ideal opportunity to recognise and celebrate the significant contributions of people aged 60

years and over who are actively involved in their communities, and who, through their contributions and achievements, support and inspire others.

The closing date for nominations is Friday July 22. To nominate someone you know, application forms are available from Seniors Information Victoria, 1300 135 090 or www.seniors.vic.gov.au.

As we are now into the new financial year, I would like to update the community on a few election commitments made by the Coalition which have been delivered on 1 July 2011.

These include:

Stamp duty cuts to assist first home buyers, young farmers, pensioners, concession card holders, and self funded retirees to purchase a home;

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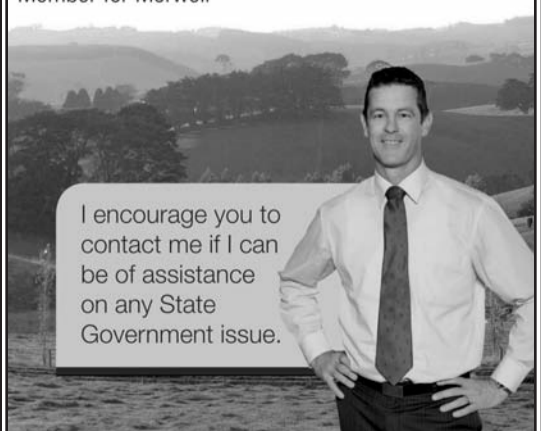
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Church Snippets

Breast Cancer Comfort Cushions

Over 20 women and men gathered to hear guest speaker June Nicholas present an informative talk at the Co-operating Churches Ladies Fellowship evening on Tuesday 14th June. June told us about the work of the Breast Cancer Comfort Cushion Group.

The group was set up in 2002 by Paula Summerfield after she underwent surgery for breast cancer. Paula's experience gave her the desire to do something for breast cancer patients. In 2007 Breast Cancer Comfort Cushions had sewing groups from the Latrobe Valley to the eastern suburbs of Melbourne and as far as Geelong. Other groups now operate throughout Australia, and even overseas in Holland, Mexico and South Africa.

The Comfort Cushions pack comprises a cushion which supports the wound site aiding physical recovery, an x-ray bag for carrying x-rays to appointments and a drainage bag which holds drainage bottles. A little gift bag filled with lavender and an inspirational poem is added to the pack to help in the healing process. Packs are given as a free gift to

patients following surgery.

Meetings are held monthly at the Traralgon Uniting Church. Some members bring along sewing machines while others hand sew motifs and some come along for a chat or make a cuppa. It's a very relaxed group who enjoy bringing hope and comfort to many women who have had breast cancer.

For more information June Nicholas can be contacted on 5174 9862 or 0421 955 011.

Coffee Connections

The eighteen or so people who attended Coffee Connections were privileged to hear our supply minister Rev. Dr. Des Parker speak of some of his experiences.

Des will be with us for June and part of July.

Saturday Breakfast

Dayna and Dean Roberts told a large gathering of their experiences of learning about wine making, purchasing their own vineyard and making special vintage wines. A full report of their slide illustrated talk appears elsewhere in this edition.

Saturday Breakfast - Dean and Dayna Roberts

At our Saturday Breakfast on the 25th June, we had a visit from Dean and Dayna Roberts, who run a small vineyard and winery in Leongatha.

They call their vineyard "The Red Dwarf" because of the size of it and the rich red soil that they cultivate for their grapes.

They use pinot noir grapes.

This creates an intense red wine like burgundy and they also make a lighter wine or chardonnay.

They say that the pinot noir is a challenging grape for a challenging environment, with many changes in weather conditions.

Dean first studied Viticulture at the Swinburne Technical College and later he managed a vineyard at Diamond Valley, which involved pruning, canopy

management, netting and trellising.

He also learned more of the trade working for Bass Philips, before buying his own property in Leongatha.

One valuable thing he learnt was to keep his vines short – no more than 80cms from the ground.

The acidity in the grapes tends to decrease with heat and light.

Because of the varied climate in Leongatha, his pinot noir grapes tend to keep their tartness.

Their wines are marketed under the 'Lithostylis' brand, and the website is <http://lithostylis.com/>

I look forward to trying a quality wine from The Red Dwarf.

Olivia Jackson

The next Saturday Breakfast will be held in August.



Above: Dayna, Dean and Neve Roberts, guest speakers at Saturday breakfast recently.

Lumen Christi Snippets

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

Donations of any spare or unused warm blankets would be appreciated.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to this appeal, envelopes will be in the foyer of the Lumen Christi Church at Churchill.

Reconnect

Lumen Christi Parish ran a very successful Reconnect Program recently and three people have made a commitment to return to parish life.

Reconnect is a six week program, run by lay people, to discuss obstacles that may exist for candidates that were disconnected from Parish life!

It was a team effort that made the program so successful.

A special "Thank you" to all the people who assisted in making the program possible and great, the

candidates, the team leaders who ran the weekly program, the prayer people, communication team, the cooks and social team and the co-ordinator.

Lumen Christi will run a future Reconnect Program again.

Dates will be widely advertised.

Thank You

The Beef-n-Bingo night was a huge success.

We raised \$2500 for Cory Foster's trip to Spain – World Youth Day; and fed 85 people. Our warmest thank you to everyone for your wonderful help and support – we couldn't have achieved this without you.

Your help with the food, cooking and cleaning, setting up the Eco Centre, waiting on tables, calling out the Bingo, donations in cash and kind and your prayers have been humbly accepted with grateful thanks from the Foster family.



Rhonda, Laurel, June (guest speaker) and June.

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Peter Cook



Opening of the World Class Churchill Leisure Centre



Darrell White - Mayor LCC, Bianca Chatfield - Co-Captain of Melbourne Vixens Netball Team, Helen Bartlett - Pro Vice Chancellor Monash University, David Henderson - Representing Senator Chris Evans Federal Government, Lorraine Landon - Basketball Australia with the students from Lumen Christi Primary School and Kurnai College Churchill Campus.

Churchill now has some of the best sporting facilities in the state. "Today's launch recognises the completion of a large, multi-million dollar project. This is truly a world class leisure centre that benefits students from Monash University and local communities in Churchill, the Latrobe Valley, across Gippsland and around Victoria," said Helen Bartlett, Pro Vice Chancellor of Monash University Gippsland at the official opening of the upgraded Churchill Leisure Centre.

This redevelopment project has been achieved by combining resources through funding from local, state and federal (from the Education Investment Fund) governments, the community and Monash University to the amount of \$4.8M.

Mayor Darrell White in his remarks added: "In addition to the new facilities, the venue now boasts a number of design features that help us reduce our impact on the environment including:

- rain water capturing tanks that are utilised by the new change room facilities
- specialised Bondour insulation panels that help reduce heat loss and improve the cooling of the stadium;
- natural lighting in the stadium through the windows and skylights; and
- lights in all of the change rooms and storerooms on motion sensors and timers to save energy.

One of the critical elements of the project is the unique partnership with Monash University. Without their continued assistance, this project would not have been achievable. Our relationship has continued to be strengthened through further projects, including the synthetic sports field."

The opening saw many dignitaries present, including Mayor Darrell White representing Latrobe City Council, Paul Buckley, CEO Latrobe City Council, who also acted as MC for proceedings,

Professor Helen Bartlett, Pro Vice Chancellor of Monash University Gippsland, David Henderson representing Senator Chris Evans, who was an apology, Bianca Chatfield, Co-Captain Melbourne Vixens netball team, and Lorraine Landon, Basketball Australia representative. Also present were Russell Northe MP, other Latrobe City Councillors, representatives from Monash University and members of the public.

Students from both Kurnai College Junior Campus at Churchill and Lumen Christi Primary School attended and were eager to meet Bianca, obtain an autograph and participate in some skills work before and after the opening.

The guests were enthusiastic in their praise of the quality of the facility, the organisation which saw its completion and the whole community approach. Provision of such a facility would encourage individuals, teams and groups to be more active in sporting and social engagement, leading to a healthier lifestyle. Monash University will use the facility for its Faculty of Education students.

Bianca Chatfield was thrilled to see how great the facility looked and was excited about the benefits it would have for the kids who she hoped would be encouraged to play sport, as it was a great way to make friendships and learn about yourself as you set goals and targets to achieve.

Special Announcement:

Lorraine Landon of Basketball Australia announced that the Asia Pacific Basketball Championships, between sixteen teams from eight countries, would compete for the title at Churchill Leisure Centre in November 2012.

The formal proceeding concluded with Mayor Darrell White and Pro Vice Chancellor Helen Bartlett unveiling the official opening plaque.

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Churchill & District Community Association Change of Rules

By Margaret Guthrie

CDCA decided late last year that there was a need to review our 'Rules of Operation'. Several consultation sessions were held to determine the views of members. This year a CDCA sub-committee has been drafting an updated set of Rules to guide CDCA in its organisation and activities.

A completed draft was tabled at our June committee meeting and has since been circulated to all CDCA members for comment. A final draft will be discussed at our July meeting, prior to presenting the new Rules to members at our Annual General Meeting in August.

Our AGM will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 24th August. The venue will be at one of Churchill's 'function rooms' – possibly in the Cricket Club at Andrews Park. More information will be provided in the August issue of the Churchill and District News.

A guest speaker, representing local police, will also be presenting on the night. This will provide an opportunity for local residents to discuss concerns, ask questions and listen to the latest information on local police operations.

Part of the regular business of CDCA meetings is to receive reports that provide the latest information on current issues and projects in Churchill.

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, Peter Gray, is a member of the CDCA Committee and reports on Churchill crime statistics and outcomes. He is joined every 2nd month by Leading Senior Constable Brett Godden, who is available to respond to questions. Short informative presentations on community and personal safety are frequently included.

Latrobe City Council Liaison Officer, Teresa Pugliese, provides information on Council forums and training sessions for volunteers,

'reports back' on questions raised by CDCA regarding Council operations and activities and highlights Council matters that are of particular relevance to Churchill residents.

Ian Gibson, Council's Churchill Town Centre Place Manager, provides the latest updates on the Phillip Parade road works and other activity relating to the implementation of the Churchill Town Centre Plan.

The attendance of these, and other, representatives allows CDCA to address some of the resident concerns brought to our attention. As an example, the fate of the gum trees between Balfour and West Place has been queried.

These trees have been sitting in stagnant water since we experienced heavy rain falls over summer. It is thought that perhaps these trees are able to survive such conditions, but Council officers have undertaken to ensure further inspection from an expert and report back to CDCA.

Both Council representatives and CDCA members agree that these trees are to be retained and therefore certain knowledge of their growing requirements is necessary.

Some residents may remember that, long before the Churchill Community Hub was open for business, CDCA requested community donations to be used for some of the Hub 'fit-out'. Quite a number of residents made donations to our fund-raising drive and CDCA has kept that money aside until specific need arose.

I am pleased to report that the Hub 'tenants' have identified a need for an indoor blind to ensure privacy in a meeting/consultation room and CDCA should be able to purchase this item for the Hub.

The money donated by Churchill and district residents for the Hub will be used to 'fill the



funding gaps' for the benefit of all Hub users (rather than specific programs).

CDCA doesn't only deal with immediate issues; longer term strategies are also part of our 'business'. Some members have raised the need for a new path to be constructed along Northways Rd between the Monash/Kurnai precinct and the Switchback Rd/Monash Way intersection. Many students walk along this part of Northways Rd and it is particularly unpleasant in winter when it gets dark early and may be slippery underfoot. The alternative is to walk on the road – not always a safe option!

CDCA has noted this concern and is exploring ways to progress this matter with relevant agencies. This is not an issue that can be readily 'solved', as substantial funding would need to be committed to such a project.

However, an organisation such as CDCA has the ability to 'keep it on the agenda' on behalf of the community until it is addressed some time in the future by those best able to initiate these works.

CDCA meets monthly and all local residents are welcome to attend as observers. Opportunity is provided at our meetings (time permitting) for all attendees to raise local issues of concern as items of general business.

Next CDCA meeting is scheduled for 7pm, Wednesday 27th July in Studio 1 at the Churchill Hub. (Studio 1 is in the town hall, Phillip Pde entrance).

For more information about CDCA, contact the Acting President, Bruce Stephenson, on 5122 1335 or write to CDCA at PO Box 191, Churchill.

European River Cruise



If you ever dreamed a dream holiday, a European River cruise would have to be it. In April I sailed the Danube River on board the Scenic Pearl cruise ship.

Having previously travelled to Europe independently and with coach touring companies, I could honestly say this was the most relaxing way to travel. Highlights included the great organization on board the ship, fabulous sights, without having to pack and unpack the suitcase, all meals included (including wine/beer/soft drink with lunch and dinner) and ALL tipping for the entire trip.

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The beds are wonderfully comfortable, the cabins beautifully appointed, the amenities are first class, the staff were attentive and the food amazing.

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Hazelwood Rotary supports local groups

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood has supported many local groups with its annual disbursement of funds announced recently.

In the financial year 2010/11 the Club distributed more than \$38,000 including nearly \$3,000 to Bushfire victims.

Hazelwood Rotarians, who raise most of their funds from activities such as the Christmas wrap at Midvalley Shopping Centre, regular BBQ's at Bunnings and at other venues, the sale of Christmas cakes & puddings and contributions from members, allocated funds to several Churchill groups including Churchill & District News, Churchill Scouts, Kurnai College Awards and sponsorship of a Kurnai Year 11 student to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra.

The Club also supports many Rotary

International projects such as Rotarians against Malaria and the Australian Rotary Health Foundation as well as sponsoring the School of St Jude in Tanzania and a kindergarten in Fiji.

Gippsland Rotary Centenary House also receives substantial support from Hazelwood Rotarians.

Guest Speakers

Among interesting guest speakers members have heard during the past month have been writer Alby Adams who spoke on his interesting book, "Murders in Gippsland" which provides the background of several high profile murder cases in the region over the last century.

Another interesting speaker was Louise Varsaci, from the local Autism Support group, who spoke about the illness and her own experience as a mother of an autistic child.

Waste Reduction Trial shows promising results

A large-scale trial project in the Latrobe Valley to reduce the amount of food waste sent to landfill is already showing excellent results.

The whole-of-town project at Churchill has seen a reduction of 43 percent in the food waste to landfill, just two months into the six month trial.

Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group Executive Officer, Matthew Peake, said the initial results were outstanding, thanks to the great support from the Churchill community. "We are really pleased with the results so far and we think they can be even better by the time the trial is completed," he said.

A survey just conducted showed that the amount of food waste in the average kerbside garbage bin has reduced from four kilograms to two kilograms. As well, the overall amount of waste in the kerbside bin had reduced dramatically, from more than nine kilograms to less than six, possibly through better overall use of the green organics bin.

The aim of the trial is to develop a simple means of diverting food waste from the normal kerbside collection bin to the green organics bin.

Some 1,800 households in the urban area of Churchill have received, free of charge, a small BioBin and project-specific compostable BioBag liners. Organic items, including all food scraps and even bones, are placed in the BioBag and, when full, the bag is tied and deposited into the green organics collection bin, along with garden clippings and prunings. The material from the green organics bin is taken to Pinegro in Morwell to be turned into high quality compost.

"It is important to reduce the amount of material that goes to landfill," Mr Peake said. "As well as taking

up space, food waste produces potent greenhouse gases as it breaks down in the landfill.

"What we want to do is compost those food wastes, either in home composting systems that many people already have or at a large scale level, which is what this trial is testing.

"It has the potential to be a win-win situation; keeping food waste out of landfill and then along with other organic material such as garden and lawn clippings, turning it into a useful resource, compost."

Mr Peake said the people of Churchill had embraced the idea and were providing great support.

"In particular they should be congratulated on a marked decrease in contamination of the green organics bins, as people are obviously realising that items such as plastic bags, plastic pots, glass bottles, garden ties or wire will reduce the quality of the compost produced."

Once the trial is completed the overall results will be evaluated and recommendations made as to the viability of an on-going combined food and green organics collection system.

The trial is being managed by the Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group, supported by Latrobe City, Gippsland Water, Cleanaway TPI, EPA Victoria and Pinegro Products, with funding support from Sustainability Victoria.

Any Churchill residents participating in the trial who want more information or are unsure about any elements of the trial should contact Nola Anderson at the Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group, telephone 5633 2744. Further media inquiries should be made to Matthew Peake, 5633 2744.



Above: Rotarians - Judy Biggins, Geoff Thornhill, Alan Davey with Aldo Minchella at one of the Club's regular BBQ's at Bunnings.

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Members of the Churchill Fire Brigade, turned out to burn a pile of rubbish located in Kurnai College grounds.

This pile is used both by Kurnai and the Mathison Park Committee when they clean up branches, etc. A request from the Mathison Park Committee was answered

by the brigade members who carefully supervised the lighting of the pile. When the fire was under way they ensured all would be burnt by pushing in the outside branches.

Mathison Park Committee wishes to thank the Fire Brigade members for their time and diligence with this matter.



Community groups invited to apply for council grants

The 2011/12 Community Grants Program applications opened on Monday 6 June 2011 for community groups across Latrobe City to apply for funding assistance. Applications will remain open until July 22.

Grants are being made available to not-for-profit Latrobe City groups and organisations for projects being undertaken during the 2011/12 financial year.

In announcing the community grants program for 2011/2012, Latrobe City mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said the grants provided great opportunities for the numerous groups in the community to benefit.

“These council grants encourage community groups to enhance their facilities or the services they provide to the community. Whether it’s a growing sporting group seeking to expand premises or upgrade equipment, a group wishing to develop a service program or a group wanting to share an event with the community, the community grants program can help them achieve their aspirations.

Cr White said that over the last year, funding in each category had resulted in many useful, community-based projects being developed.

“There are many fine examples of community groups working hard to create infrastructure improvements, organising events, both major and minor, as well as providing valuable community development programs within our municipality.

“As well as receiving financial help through the community grants program, community groups are



required to contribute to these projects by way of providing some of their own funding, as well as contributions made ‘in kind’, such as providing labour. It is a great way for the community to work together to achieve a common goal,” Cr White added.

“An extensive campaign to promote the program is currently being carried out so that as many groups as possible can take advantage of these funding opportunities. If you belong to a community group or organisation within Latrobe City, and you have a project that needs funding, then this program may be a way for you to receive help and make a start on that project,” Cr White concluded.

Application forms are available from council’s service centres in Moe, Morwell, Churchill and Traralgon; or by accessing Latrobe City Council’s webpage on www.latrobe.vic.gov.au.

The deadline for receiving applications is 5pm on Friday, 22 July 2011.

For further information relating to community grants, please contact Carol Bolding at Latrobe City Council, telephone 5128 5664.

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Art Exhibition



Above: Mainstreet Group artists, Michael Rankin (standing) and Heath Bridges, painting in the studio.

Mainstreet artists bridge the gap in new exhibition
An inspiring exhibition at Monash University Gippsland's Switchback Gallery brought together artists from rural England and regional Victoria to prove a disability is no barrier to creative ability.

Bridging the Gap was a unique exhibition of work by artists from the Mainstreet Group – an innovative program managed by Moe Life Skills and Cooina Hill (Traralgon) to support Latrobe Valley people with a disability to explore, develop and strengthen their creative talents.

Alongside locals from the Mainstreet Group, the exhibition included invited artists from The Bridge Project, a similar program running in the rural village of Suffolk in the United Kingdom.

Jillaine Hurrell, Facilitator of the Mainstreet Group, said the exhibition was a unique way for people to come together and exchange their individual expression as artists, while using their creative skills to cross boundaries that exist in society.

“The Bridging the Gap exhibition was a visual comment about negotiating the space between people locally, in our own community, and globally, across different countries, cultures and forms of communication,” Ms Hurrell said.

“Distance, disparity and exchange are shared from artist to viewer through the use of acrylic, pen and ink, water colour, monoprint and pastel.”

Exhibition curator, Mr Rodney Forbes, said Bridging the Gap was an inspiring, humbling collection of works that demonstrated disability was no barrier for artists in the Latrobe Valley.

“The works included in Bridging the Gap are incredibly vibrant, approaching their mediums and stories with gusto and inventiveness,” Mr Forbes said.

“Bridging the Gap was an exhibition full of honesty, joy and the recognition – and celebration – of diversity. The Mainstreet Group's exhibitions are always a huge hit with audiences, and Bridging the Gap was no different.”

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Mary Austin: An Extraordinary Life: Nursing around the globe

By Ruth Place

An Interesting Celebration

The nurses celebrated their achievements in a very interesting way. They spent four weeks at Tidal River on Wilson's Promontory. It was January /February 1950 and the total number of resident visitors at that time was 21. The nurses in the city hired a furniture van, purchased fruit, vegetables, meat and tin billies at the Victorian Market and, riding in the back of the van, set off. They picked up Mary and Ruth at Leongatha along with a sack of green peas and potatoes, and headed for the Prom. The van driver and his wife decided not to return that night, as the weather conditions were so bad they feared they would be blown off the high points, as the van was empty.

Their accommodation consisted of two four bedded rooms and two separate kitchens opposite, cooking in one and eating in the other. A resident wombat was living under one of their bedrooms. During their stay they hiked over to the lighthouse and stayed as overnight guests of the lighthouse keeper and his wife.

The way to Sealer's Cove was not so easy for the track was badly overgrown. They had to crawl in some places on hands and knees. A lot of changes have taken place when the popularity of the Prom today is considered.

To return to civilization, Mary's Dad and a friend collected and returned them to Mirboo North via Turton's Creek. Next day the girls took the train to Morwell and then the City. Mary's friends still keep in touch, although the numbers are dwindling.

Travel Bug

By 1950 Ruth had completed her 12 months Obstetric course and was enjoying several years working in Bush Nursing hospitals. But she had the travel 'bug'. There was a shortage of qualified relieving staff in New Zealand to enable Matrons to take their annual leave. Ruth, with Mary sailed on the 'Wanganella' to Auckland, nursing there for six weeks, holidayed for a week, then went on to Rotorua where patients with rheumatic conditions were treated in thermal hot pools. For their next appointment, they went to Napier, where some of the older patients told of their experiences when that town was devastated by earthquakes. Following Napier they spent a week learning to ski on Mt. Rhuapehu, before crossing Cook Strait and proceeding down the coast to beautiful Christchurch.

One day along their route the two New Zealand girls decided to shampoo their hair. Ideal place, no traffic, plenty of sunshine. They were standing in a stony bottomed river, heads down like pelicans shampooing their hair, when along came two young British soldiers in a red MG. It was

embarrassment all round.

"What a glorious sight it was in those days - springtime in all its glory," said Mary. After Dunedin, summer was spent holidaying in the south Stewart Island, Queenstown, Te Anau and walking the Milford track to Milford Sound. Then they chartered a small plane and flew to Waiho where they spent time on a friend's Aberdeen Angus cattle station. They walked on the Franz Josef Glacier with a famous guide and his guide dog which preceded him en route, seeking a safe passage. It was all very exciting for the girls.

In March 1951, they started nursing again, feeling thoroughly refreshed after their summer break, going firstly to Nelson and then to Wellington where they were unable to take their ship back home to Australia because of a shipping strike. A lack of hotel accommodation meant they had to resort to nursing for a roof over their heads. They enjoyed seven weeks nursing in windy Wellington after which they decided they were sufficiently cashed up to fly back to Sydney. It was a flying boat and they landed in Rose Bay.

Midwifery at Queen Vic

Next step in Mary's nursing career was to do her Midwifery certificate at the Queen Victoria Hospital in Melbourne. Their motto was "For Women By Women". It was a twelve-month course. Mary's bedroom window in the nurse's home overlooked Swanston Street and many a

night was interrupted by noisy police raids on the gamblers den directly opposite. There was also the passage of all-night trams.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my nursing here," says Mary, "Mothers and babies are so special. I especially remember the antenatal clinic when one of the obstetricians could ask you to palpate a patient and report one's findings. I found one lady who was carrying

twins and I was correct. Being a twin this was of particular interest to me. Twins were a rarity in those days. Those twins would be 59 years old now."

Soon after completing her Certificate (January 1953) Mary and Ruth prepared for their next big adventure, setting sail on the "Himalaya" bound for London. The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth was to take place on June 2nd. Much planning was necessary: a ship to be chosen, tickets purchased (and paid for), accommodation booked (London was going to be as full as a sausage), registration as nurses in England, decisions about which aspect of nursing they wished to be involved in, and where. They sailed on 9th April, the 'Himalaya' calling at Adelaide, Freemantle, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, and finally Tilbury Docks in London. Trips ashore at ports were most interesting as a cultural and natural history eye-opener for two country girls.

"There were 30cm centipedes on one wharf," exclaimed Mary horrified.

Life on board ship saw Ruth excel at deck quoits, Mary being thrown into the pool as they crossed the Equator, plus dances and other entertainment.

On arrival in England they found their pre-booked accommodation in a studio apartment in Hampstead.

They had numbered tickets for seats in The Mall from which to watch the Coronation procession. This was a special time for Mary, even though they sat most of the day under raised wet umbrellas. Following the parade they went to the Victoria League, where they watched on television the ceremony at the Abbey and a replay of the procession. It was a very personal version in black and white. Mary remarked that colour photography came into its own with colour film and slides available for the occasion.



Mary Austin



Touring in England



At The Mall watching the Coronation Procession

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Before leaving Australia the pair had registered with the Langham Nurses Corporation, from which medical practitioners could arrange nursing staff to "special" their patients. It was an excellent place for the many Australian nurses in London. The most valued aspect being the downstairs basement where one could store ones baggage not required whilst away on duty. It was also close to places of interest.

Mary's first job was in Surrey caring for a retired Boer War army officer who had had a stroke. He and his wife lived in a gracious stately home set within a large great park, full of wonderful trees. Life for Mary was very congenial, but it was somewhat daunting dining alone with the butler always silently on duty behind her chair.

On the first evening, she wondered when she would next see Ruth, but was thrilled to find that she would be on night duty on the same case next day. They were to be together until they left for holidays in Scotland in the August.

This private nursing continued for twelve months in London, and also the Home Counties of Surrey, Berkshire and Norfolk.

Tour of Europe

A fourteen week camping tour in Europe with two New Zealand girls, who had their own vehicle, started in Bergen Norway, other parts of Scandinavia, the Lowlands into Germany, Switzerland, Austria and then Yugoslavia. In 1954 it was a rarity to find a camping ground or caravan park. These would emerge after Europe was rebuilt after the war. The girls found wonderful hospitality in rural areas where the family orchard or farmlet was freely offered. The rewards were many, even though neither party could speak the other's tongue. But an atlas is a great negotiator and where children were present, packets of stamps. When it came to visiting Vienna the girls had to have obtained a Grey Card, a sort of visa card. They had all seen the film "The Third Man" so a ride on the famous ferris wheel was a 'must'. When boarding their carriage they had to share with a number of Russian soldiers on leave. They smelled of carnation talcum powder. Walking near the Russian Headquarters that evening they met up with friends from England. Small world! They took the girls to a downstairs café to hear the "Harry Lime Theme" being played on a zither. "Great memories," recalls Mary.

Each year Communist officials would assess the amount of tax the family would have to pay on their expected earnings for the forthcoming year and if they could not pay, furniture or equipment would be removed from the house.

The next country they visited was Yugoslavia. At the border, high up in the mountains, the Customs Officers unearthed several naked kewpie dolls that Ruth was aiming to dress in each country's national costume. One by one they were pulled out. Eyebrows were raised until their purpose was explained by one almost completed doll. Much laughter by all, followed.

Yugoslavia was a country under Communist rule by President Tito. The sight of four girls unaccompanied by a man and driving themselves was most unusual. The road rules for the few cars were, honk to turn left, honk three times to turn right and honk twice to cross an intersection. Chooks often flew across the windscreen, not being used to cars.

Frightening Adventure

The beginning of a frightening adventure began in the afternoon of their second day, high up among the mountains of Croatia. Road works were being undertaken. Workmen had spread sheets of large metal across the full width of the road. After a considerable wait, the girls found that their car had broken down. What were they to do? They had to wait for the men to finish work and then were towed into the nearest town, Vrbosko. There they became surrounded by people coming home from work at the furniture factory. These people had been brought in by Tito to work and the locals had to board and feed them while they worked there. Fortunately, an elderly woman came through the crowd saying she spoke a "liddle English". The girls of course wanted to find out what was wrong with the car. The kindly woman invited the girls to stay the night with her family and boarders. They slept on the floor as there was only one single bed in the room and very little other furniture, because it had been taken in lieu of inability to pay taxes.

The female boarders were expected to cut hay after they returned from work. This was carried to the loft as winter feed for the few domestic animals- 3-4 chickens; 1-2 pigs, etc. Each year Communist officials would assess the amount of tax the family would have to pay on their expected earnings for the forthcoming year, and if they could not pay, furniture or equipment would be removed from the house. This had been an affluent family of wine makers, but they were by then quite poor. Religion was banned.

It was several days before the girls learned that Jemima (the car) had suffered a broken axle and there were no axles available in the village. The two New Zealand girls accompanied by sons of the house returned to Zagreb by train. The boys found no axle to fit a Ford car but were successful at a rubbish dump.

While the girls were away for the two days Mary and Ruth fed themselves using the canned food they had brought with them from Australia but had not used, and also on local watermelon. Mary admits it is not until recently that she had been able to eat watermelon again. After a week of very anxious moments of being checked up on each morning, in dangerous circumstances and intrigue, with the two New Zealand girls separated

from them for a time, it was a great relief when the four girls were together again and the car finally repaired. The only disappointment was their hosts refusing to accept any money because it would only be taken from them. However they would appreciate the girls sending them some green coffee beans on their return to England. As Mrs. P still had a sewing machine (the only one left in the village) the girls also sent parcels of warm woollen winter clothing knowing that she would be able to use them to make children's clothes.

Their tour continued through Italy, France and back to England. It had been a wonderful 14 weeks with Janet and Gwen, full of fun and enjoyment and especially the opportunity of meeting marvelous people in whose orchards they had so frequently camped. Europe was still very much recovering from WW 2. Mary still has contact with the New Zealand girls.

Back in England it was time to say goodbye to many friends. On 17th October 1954 they sailed on the 'Empress of Australia' from Liverpool to Montreal, where they had two weeks grace to explore the area (Niagara Falls, Washington, New York etc) before starting work at the Montreal General Hospital. By then winter had started with a vengeance. The St Laurence River became packed solid with ice, the city roads and streets having to be cleared daily. On days off they often went to mountain areas, lived in little cottages, heard wolves howling, and spent Christmas with an ex-patient's friends. Unusually, brussel sprouts were the special green vegetable for Christmas dinner.

Finishing their nursing obligations, they again set off to explore the Canadian landscape and caught up with friends, before leaving on 'The Orion' for Australia calling at San Francisco, Hawaii, Fiji, and Auckland.



New Zealand



The stately home of the Boer War officer in whose home they first nursed in England



The guards who stopped the girls at the Yugoslav border and wanted to know about the kewpie dolls - above left

They had been away for two years, and were welcomed home in dear Mirboo North by thankful parents and a great party of friends.

It was now 1955.

Mary's story continues in the August Edition

Short Story and Poetry Competition 2011

The Churchill and District News Short Story and Poetry Competition is one of our most successful annual events and we encourage all writers, experienced and beginners, to enter. There are excellent prizes in all categories, with the winners being published in the paper. The closing date for the 2011 competition is 15th July so take the plunge and give it a go!

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LEGENDS By Des Bennett

The world is full of legends, but sadly I'm not one.
No matter what, I have not got the status of top gun.

At best I'm mediocre, however hard I try.
I'm overtaken so it seems by legends flying high.

I took a punt at football, I didn't get too far.
The name I got was 'Tanglefoot' — not 'Tangles' superstar.
I padded up for cricket, a tragic I became.
I'm right up in John Howard's league in cricket's 'Hall of Fame.'

I'd love to bend like Beckham, or be the socceroo
who kicks the winning World Cup goal and make it in 'Who's Who.'
I'd like to be an icon, a star of stage and screen,
but as things stand I'll always be the great unheard unseen.

I gloved up well at boxing, I made it to the top.
A legend bit my ear in half in one incisive lop.
To be an ace at tennis, and volley without peer,
to serve and smash with due panache I'd give the other ear.

I'd love to drive like Tiger, and putt with practised ease,
and then to fly by private jet when touring overseas.

Oh to wear the green and gold on an Olympic date,
and feature in the medal count as an Olympic great.

But legends too have problems, to run that final mile,
physiques are not now at their peak though minds still have their guile.
Reaction rates have faded, things don't fall into gear
as easily as once they did, as pension time draws near.

The secret for all legends who've made it to the top,
is knowing how and when and why the time has come to stop,
is heeding warning signals, of circumstance and time,
and knowing when to sit and quit while they're still in their prime.

I'll never be a legend, an icon or a star,
but aspiration somehow keeps me raising up the bar.
Forever I'll keep trying, till life begins to pall,
at worst I'll know that come what may I won't have far to fall.

We really need our legends, they push the envelope,
and awesome in their daring deeds inspire us all with hope.
As masters of achievement, they play a model role,
they set the pace in every case and motivate our soul.



Neighbourhood Watch



ROBBERY: Nil for the month (Nil previous month.)

ASSAULTS: 6 for the month (2 previous month.)

Seven offenders have been charged with assault offences during the month. In one incident two offenders have been charged with recklessly caused injury and affray.

ARSON: Nil for the month (1 previous month)

PROPERTY DAMAGE: 12 for the month (8 previous month.)

Six offenders have been charged with property damage offences during the month with some coming to notice as a result of family violence incidents. Over the past month property damage has occurred in Barooga Pl (2) and Bookoola Pl (2).

BURGLARY: 7 for the month (3 previous month.)

Lumen Christi School canteen was burgled twice in the month with thieves stealing food and drinks. The Churchill Football Club was also the victim of a burglary with alcohol being stolen after offenders smashed a window to enter the premises.

THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE: 5 for the

month (Nil previous month.)

All but one of the thefts occurred in residential driveways. A taillight assembly, wallet and fuel were amongst the items stolen.

THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE: 1 for the month (1 previous month.)

One offender has been charged with theft of motor vehicle during the month. The vehicle has now been returned to the owner.

THEFT: 1 for the month (2 previous month.)

One offender was charged with theft after stealing money from a purse in an office. Thefts of fuel from service stations and vehicle is becoming more common.

Police remind the community if they see something suspicious they should ring 000 or if they have information in relation to an offence contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or www.crimestoppers.com.au.



Due to the very wet weather, no working bee was held in the month of June.

The next working bee will be held on Saturday 16th

Next Working Bee

July at 9:30am- approximately 1pm depending on weather and peoples' commitments.

Walhalla Vinter Ljusfest Aug 3rd to Aug 28th

This coming August will see Walhalla celebrate our inaugural Walhalla Vinter Ljusfest.

What is a Ljusfest?

This is a fancy name for winter light show. Scandinavian countries celebrate the dark of winter with candlelight and winter festivals, so the small community of Walhalla is following the Nordic tradition.

In 2010 a small working group from the Walhalla & Mountain Rivers Tourism Association worked on a feasibility study preparing a mock up of sound and projected images to see if the idea would work. Members of the local council, different service groups from town and interested members of the community gathered to participate in the evening.

The "micro" Ljusfest was a great success and with many people enthused about the concept, the committee has moved forward this year to create the first Walhalla Vinter Ljusfest.

The Ljusfest will have a different theme each year, this year the theme is Sweden. When visitors travel to Walhalla in August they may well think they are in a different country.

Every night from 6.30 to 9.30pm the public will be entertained with images projected onto the Rotunda, on the sides of buildings as well as other historic features of the town.

The street scape will be dressed in bunting and flags, plus many of the trees will be up lit creating an

eerie effect. You'll be able to see Walhalla in a totally new light.

Every evening from 6.30 to 9.00pm you'll be able to purchase hot chocolates, coffees, scarves, beanies, and Ljusfest souvenirs as you enjoy the show.

On each Wednesday night the Long Tunnel Extended Mine will be hosting evening mine tours.

On Saturday nights the Walhalla Goldfields Railway will be running night trains and of course the regular ghost tours will be held as well.

On the last Saturday in August, the 27th, Walhalla Coffee is hosting a "Medieval Feast" in the Mechanics Hall.

If you would like to know more please check out Walhalla Vinter Ljusfest information on our website. www.visitwalhalla.com

Bookings are now open for all events and activities. Most accommodation houses are having special deals during August.

Visit Walhalla during August for the Walhalla Vinter Ljusfest and bring your family and friends to see Walhalla in a totally new light.

"In the darkness there is light

In the cold there is warmth"

More information please contact Lynda George, on Ph. 5165 6250 walhalla@vic.australis.com.au or our President Michael Leaney, Ph. 5165 6262 info@starhotel.com.au.

Ljusfest - pronounced Loush-fest.

Prestigious National Medals presented

A number of local Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), VicForests and Parks Victoria fire-fighters have been honoured at a National Medal presentation held in Traralgon today.

The recipients include 10 staff who have contributed over 36 years of service each.

Across Victoria over 180 firefighters from the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and Parks Victoria will this month receive national recognition for their commitment to firefighting, protecting Victorian lives and communities.

Recipients will be presented with the National Medal and its associated clasps, which are awarded to fire and emergency personnel who have endured risks and hazards in their operational roles.

The medals can only be awarded to staff who have provided more than 15 years operational service.

DSE Chief Fire Officer Ewan Waller says the presentation of so many medals is a fitting tribute to the tireless work done by Victoria's forest firefighters.

"Receiving the National Medal is a significant and honourable achievement," Ewan said.

"The medal is a nation-wide award and is acknowledgement of the immense risks and hazards

that operational fire staff face in their day-to-day roles.

"It also recognises the many days and weeks these people have spent working on fires deep in the bush in dusty, smoky conditions over the past decade or more, fighting some of Victoria's worst bushfires."

Ewan Waller also said the medals recognise the leadership needed under often very stressful conditions.

"The ongoing efforts of our firefighters have no doubt saved lives and property, so the awarding of National Medals to so many of our people is something I'm very proud of," Ewan added.

Eligible staff will receive a medal for 15 years of firefighting service, and medal clasps for each additional ten years of service (at 25, 35, and 45 years service).

DSE and Parks Victoria have only recently resumed nominating for these awards; so many staff who achieved milestone service during the last 20 years will receive retrospective National Medals this year.

The recipients are based throughout Victoria, and other medal presentation events are being held in Bairnsdale, Bendigo, and other regional centres.

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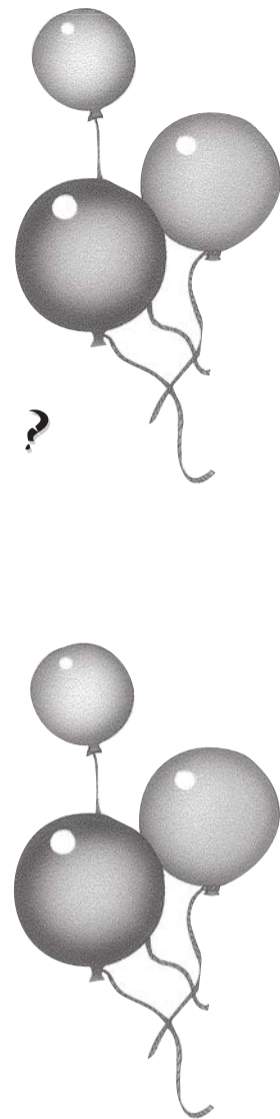
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Friends of Morwell National Park and 25th Anniversary Day



On Saturday 4th June the Friends of Morwell National Park celebrated their 25th Anniversary. The day started with a walk and finished with a celebratory dinner.

The overcast day started with a crowd of around 40 people for the afternoon walk. Bronwyn, Andy and other Parks rangers were in attendance to welcome the volunteers and the public.

The walkers included some original and some past members of the Friends of Morwell National Park. Some were familiar with the Park while for some others this was their first walk in the park. Another person we were happy to welcome back was Jenny, the past ranger for the Park.

The group was welcomed by both Ken - the President of the Friends Group and Andy - the Parks Ranger in charge of the local area. For those who wanted it, they could be transported in by vehicle. None wanted the lift and all readied themselves for a walk to Billy's Weir.

The group had a lovely stroll along Billy's Creek to Billy's Weir. Along the track the group observed the many changes that have occurred along the creek over the years. 25 years ago this area was swampy farm land and now it is a thick forest, with a wide range of wildlife.

At Billy's Weir the group was welcomed with the opportunity to have some hot tea and a snack. A wide range of treats was available and the group had an enjoyable snack and restful break. During the afternoon tea Ken spoke to the group about his recent experiences in the park and showed photographs of some Slime Mould he has recorded over the last few years. It demonstrated that there are many treasures to be found in the Park, both small and large.

The group after the break strolled back to the car park and remarked that although the day was overcast, it had been the perfect day for a walking.

Later that evening a dinner to celebrate the 25th Anniversary was held at Dal Mondo restaurant, Traralgon.

The group included Bronwyn, Andy, Rob and other Parks rangers. A smorgasbord meal of pizza, pasta and salad was enjoyed by all. The restaurant also handled well the gluten-free needs of a couple of the diners.

Andy welcomed all to the celebration and Ken and Rob (Rob has been the ranger for Morwell National Park for over 20 years) spoke of their experiences in the Park with the Friends group and the importance of this Friends group to Morwell National Park.

A special treat for the evening was a 25th

Anniversary cake created by Cathy. The cake was decorated with an Australian native floral display created totally from icing.

A fitting tribute to conclude a wonderful day. Thanks goes to Cathy, Wendy and Bronwyn who organized all of the details for the anniversary and were instrumental in a very successful day.

The photos on the following page show the groups at each celebration, the afternoon tea delights and the 25th Anniversary cake created by Cathy.

June Activity Report

For this month's activity we had John (and grandson), Beryl, Wendy, Peter, Ken, Hilmar, Cathy, Mike, Bronwyn (and brother) and Darren in attendance. The group met at the Junction Road car park to be ferried to Jumbuk Road.

We had 400 plants to plant since the 100 of the original 500 seedlings were Silver Wattle and by Ken's records of the Park there are no Silver Wattles in the Fosters Gully part of the park. These wattles will need to be located in the Billy's creek part of the park where other Silver Wattles are located.

Bronwyn had been in discussions with the neighbours about the replanting and it was decided to allow a 20 meter fire break near

Jumbuk Road. So planting occurred on the southern side of this boundary. Bronwyn will meet again with the neighbours in relation to the size and location of the firebreak.

The team broke up into smaller work groups. Ken located the sites for planting while a number of workers followed him with planters and tree guards. The tree guards we used this time were cardboard like milk cartons, so hopefully these will degrade correctly over time.

July Activity

10.00 am Sunday 17th July

The group will meet at the Junction Road entrance to continue with the tree planting we started last month. The area to be planted out will be either the area adjacent to Jumbuk Road, or along Billy's Creek. Bronwyn will need to bring the seedlings and planting gear. Firstly meet at Junction Road and then the group will decide upon our planting location.

You will need to bring your lunch, clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.



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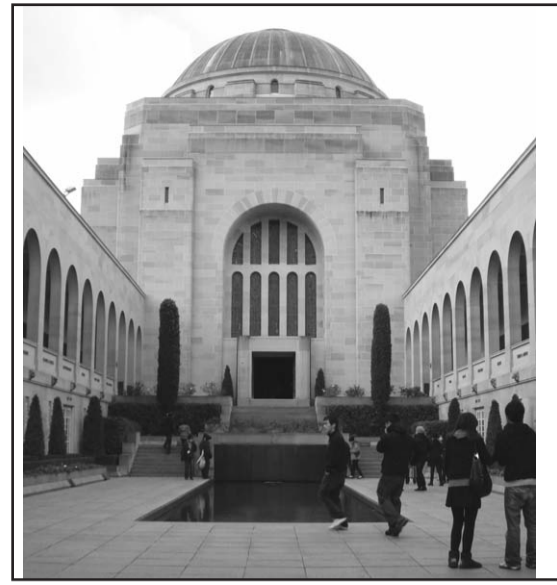
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Gippsland Education Precinct



GEP and Traralgon College Canberra Trip

Last week, the Legal Studies classes of Traralgon College and the Gippsland Education Precinct went to Canberra for a combined school camp.

The camp lasted for four days, during which the participating students and teachers visited significant political locations such as the Australian War Memorial, the Australian Electoral Commission,

the High Court of Australia and Parliament House.

They also visited the National Film and Sound Archive, where a tour guide showed the students examples of the first moving image pictures to be shown in Australia, along with 20th century newsreels. In addition, a tour guide led an expedition around the Australian Institute of Sport, where students and teachers learnt about the training of athletes

and upcoming Olympians.

Also on the itinerary was a guided tour of the Australian National Gallery, where students learnt the stories of several famous works of art, including the Blue Poles and Sidney Nolan's Ned Kelly collection. Beginning on the 21st of June, the excursion was filled with sightseeing and tours before the group bussed home again on Friday 24th June.



Lumen Christi Primary School

Mandolin Players

At Lumen Christi we have some amazing musicians. Darcy DiDio and Zac Bland have been working with Paul Devlin to learn how to play the mandolin. They performed a song they have learnt for Grade Prep1J this month and we are eagerly awaiting their next performance.

Grade 5/6 W

Faced with the dilemma of a large classroom wall and needing a large map of

Australia, that even if it existed they could not afford to buy, the students of 5/6W killed two birds with one stone. (See photograph) Making the map outline from wool was the beginning of what is turning out to be a major project about Australia.

Towns and cities are marked, not with red dots, but with the corresponding souvenir spoon. Students locate the spoon town on an atlas and then staple the souvenir spoons on the wall map. Just by looking at the wall map, it is evident that a lot of people take a holiday on the south eastern seaboard of Australia. The map also includes native animals, soft toys of course, tea towels and all sorts of interesting Australianiana.

Mini Master Chef at Lumen Christi

All Grade 6s were involved in a mini Master Chef which was held in our school's Eco-centre. Our group was the first to get our apple cakes prepared and in the oven. Our group was also the only one who made the apricot balls while everyone else made rum balls. Once the judging had been completed we were able to taste what the other students had prepared.

Dylan Pappas

We had to make Rum Balls and Apple Cakes in a two-hour time limit. It was quite fun to do something different during our usual study time. We all tried our best and it turned out well for our group. We were voted the best for taste as well as appearance. Our prize was that we got to eat what we made yAy! Imti Imtiaz

Mini-Master Chef was really fun and it was also different. We made Apple Cakes and Rum Balls. The Rum Balls were yummy! On the other hand, the apple cakes weren't as nice! My group cooperated very well. We had two people making, and the other two were mixing. Our group brought most of the required ingredients. As a suggestion, I would have reversed the order in which we prepared recipes. I think we should do it again but change the recipes to possibly make choc-chip biscuits and a caramel slice.

Maddie Hill

Our group made apple muffins first and then we made Rum Balls. I think we had used too much coconut and cocoa in the Rum Balls and the apple muffins may have had too much cinnamon. But the judges liked what we had made. I thought the whole session was fun.

Harley Devlin

We had a choice of making Apple Cakes and Apricot Balls or Apple Cakes and Rum Balls. My group made the apple cakes and rum balls. Our group received the award for best presentation. I really enjoyed Mini Master Chef as I had never made Apple Cakes before.

Cameron Stewart

The Mini Master Chef was a great idea and I am pretty sure every one enjoyed it because I did. With the Apple Cakes we all forgot the cinnamon.

In the end it worked out just fine because when we sprinkled the cinnamon and icing sugar on the cakes it made it like we hadn't forgotten anything. When the time came to set up the food for the judging we were all in a rush trying to get the presentation right. We all managed to get it looking good.

Jemma Sawyer

With Mini Master Chef my group had lots of fun making the Rum Balls and Apple Cakes. I think we did really well as we shared the jobs around and took it in turns with the stirring and mixing. We did a great job of the presentation and the best part was EATING THEM.

Maeghan King

We had a Mini Master Chef where we had been put into groups of four. We made the Apple Cakes and Rum Balls.

It was a rush but we managed to finish in the allocated time. Some of the parents, who were assisting on the day, came round and did the judging with our teacher. They were impressed by the way all groups presented their finished recipes. Winners were announced and then everyone was able to taste what had been prepared. It was great and having the parents there helped our teacher immensely.

Zara-Louise Ernst

Sports Round Up

Our school has been busily involved with SSV District and Division Sport over this second term.

We played football and netball against the other schools in our district on June 16th. For the first time, since joining Yinnar and District, our team of football players made it into the Grand Final. While we were no match for Yinnar, we were impressed with our mixed team of students who just kept on defending and

trying to get the ball up forward. We valued the coaching assistance of Ken Hutchinson for the football, and Cathy and Sue Hutchinson for the netball.

The following day we had three teams involved in the annual Bessie Froud Netball Competition held in Morwell. We had one boys team entered into the Mixed Section and two girls teams. One girls team made it into the first semi-final and the boys made it through to the Grand Final where, ultimately, they were beaten by one point! It was great to see the level of skill develop as the day progressed. We thank Cathy Hutchinson,

Sue Hutchinson and Kelly Whykes for their coaching leading up to the big day. On the day we also have to thank Shane Hutchinson for stepping in at the last moment to coach the boys while Melissa, Catherine and Emma Gunn had the difficult job of umpiring.

On the 16th June, we had two soccer teams represent our school in the Yinnar and District soccer round robin.

As our school was the organiser for this event we relied heavily upon outside assistance with referees.

We had three students from Lavalla (Anthony Antonelli, Matt Amaira and Damon Bednarski), three students from Kurnai (Kaitlin Lugton, Rosie Twomey and Lani Murdoch) and one student from Mirboo North Secondary (Caitlin King). Our girls team came second while our boys lost out to Churchill North for second place on a goal scored and goal scored against ratio.

We express special thanks to Tom Sands and Erin King for giving up their time to coach the children both prior to and on the day.

The children were persistent in their efforts, despite some strong opposition, and there was a good display of teamwork throughout the day.

Finally, we received a surprise notification that our boys netball team was eligible to play in the School Sport Victoria Division Final held in Traralgon on the 22nd June.

After an unexpected reshuffle of the team composition, they played four games against teams from the other districts (Western Valley, Traralgon, Morwell and Glengarry).

Melissa Gunn was our umpire for the day. In very cold conditions, our team won three out of their four games and drew one game with St Michael's from Traralgon.

We will be involved in the SSV Regional Final on Thursday, 4th August, in Traralgon.

Netball team members were: Liam Antonelli, Dustin Weir, Nick Zammit, Brody Cluderay, Bailey Fielder, Dylan Pappas, Cameron Stewart, Maddie Hill, Georgia Hutchinson.



Churchill North Primary School

Soccer News

'On Thursday the 16th June, 13 students from Churchill North represented the school in the winter soccer competition as part of the Yinnar and District sports. Fortunately, help was available to us on the day and this expertise was greatly appreciated as was all willingness to help. The day was fine, mildly cold, but the children participated happily and enthusiastically. As a result Churchill North mixed soccer team made it to the next level, the Divisions (which is commonly known and referred to as 'Zones'). This was held on Wednesday 22nd of June, once again at the Traralgon Soccer grounds. So after some rushing around to get forms organized and buses confirmed we prepared ourselves for the challenge. The weather was nothing short of freezing, wind ice cold, soccer fields were boggy and muddy with quite large pools of water. Enthusiasm and excitement was fabulous. The feeling of satisfactions, reaching this next level was nothing short of euphoric. So together with the students and Michael Morse in tow, we braved the elements. The outcome was 13 severely muddy, wet children with the largest grins on their faces. This was an absolutely outstanding performance by Joel who managed in tough conditions to save an enormous amount of possible goals. Churchill North won't be continuing onto the next round but the



whole journey has been wonderful. I would personally like to thank all our amazing helpers for their invaluable help and support for the students. Secondly, I would like to congratulate each student not only in participation and performance but for excellent behavior and sportsmanship. A big thank-you and well done to Bree, Emily, Breanna, Cayleigh, Jaryd, Blake, Ryan, Mathew, Josh, Joel, Rachael, Khodi and Lachlan.' Mrs Hanratty.

Bessie Frood Netball Tournament

'On the 10th of June Churchill North Primary School entered two Netball teams in the Bessie Frood Netball Tournament held at Morwell Park Netball Courts. One all boys team containing Lachlan, Joel, Jarod, Joshua, Justin, Ben, Blake, Brodie and a mixed team with Emily, Emily, Cayleigh, Matthew, Breanna, Ryan, Jarod and Natalie. Both teams played extremely well, only losing 1 game for the day and then making it to the semi finals.

We would like to thank Miss O'Brien and Ebony for coaching and also Maryanne and Taylah for umpiring for us on the day, without them we would not have been able to enter in the tournament.

It was a very fun day and we look forward to entering again next year.'

By Ben (grade 6)

From the Classroom: Bounce Back

The 'Bounce Back' program (developed by two former teachers who now lecture in education and psychology) is designed to assist students in developing their reliance skills in order to be better equipped to cope with difficult situations and circumstances in life. It integrates the teaching of important personal and social skills with all of the key learning areas. Whilst this initiative has been embraced within the whole school, Ms Cane has implemented this through a variety of literacy-based sessions and other activities over the last six months to enhance the learning and development of her grade 1/2 class, with great success.

Craft, Cuppa & Chat

Throughout the term Kim Hodgson has organised the 'Craft, Cuppa & Chat' group which meets on nominated Mondays, as an avenue for parents and other members of the community to develop friendships, become involved in the school community and enhance skills and participate in new learning experiences. Some of the activities include; scrapbooking, flower arranging, card making and bead work. This is an opportunity for members of the community to come and share their expertise and skills with others. Anyone in the community is welcome to participate



in these sessions and preschool children are welcome to come along with parents (but will need to be supervised). Sessions have been held at the school in the art room and library, depending on the type of activity and will soon be held in the new multi-purpose building, once building works have been completed. For more information on these fun activity sessions please refer to the school newsletter or ask at the office.

New Equipment

Earlier in the month the CNPS dome was replaced with a fitness play structure; students waited patiently for the ribbon cutting ceremony and were so excited when they eventually got to play on the new equipment.



Kurnai College Junior Campus

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

The staff decided with Pauline Martin's instigation that they would again be involved with Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. This is the sixth year Pauline has organised the event.

Part of the happy proceedings is the judging of the weirdest hat competition.

Through raffles the staff raised \$154 for Cancer Council. For Pauline this cause is a personal one, because as she says, cancer affects everyone.

Over the six years a total of \$1800 has been raised for this wonderful charity.

Pauline would like to thank everyone who helped to make this a special effort.

They include the staff who each brought a plate of goodies to share; woodwork teacher Ben Swift, who made four cutting boards for prizes; Marlene from IGA who made and donated two delicious cream filled sponges; Jan from the school canteen who provided a delectable cheese platter; and the staff who join in and willingly supported this effort.



Staff at the morning tea from left is the organiser, Pauline Martin, and other staff members parading their hats.

Blood Donors

The staff decided at Principal Nello Carbone's suggestion,

that as a staff they do something to help the community; they would donate blood.

Nurse Wendy organised the visit to the Blood Bank at Latrobe Regional Hospital.

Boarding the school owned 18 seater bus, they set off after school for the hospital.

One member of Morwell campus also attended.

Nello hopes this initiative will continue and would like it to spread to the other two campuses and in time to the feeder school staff.



Principal Nello Carbone and Staff at the Blood Bank

The School Bus

An 18 seater bus has been acquired by Kurnai College to help with the heavy workload on excursions.

It doesn't require the driver to have an endorsed licence, so teachers are able to drive it. Class excursions can be catered for.

Churchill Harmony Project- Engaging Disengaged Youth.

Nello has been involved with the Churchill Harmony Project which is seeking to find ways for addressing pockets of

antisocial behaviour in and around the Churchill Shopping Centre.

Other participants in this project include:

Latrobe City Council,
Monash University Gippsland,
Victoria Police,
Churchill and District Community Association,
Neighbourhood Watch,
Headspace
and Department of Human Services.

Nello will continue to be part of this group to make Churchill an inviting place to live and shop.



Nicole Pryor & some of her students. Nicole Pryor has been promoted to Acting Assistant Campus Principal

Nicole Pryor

Nicole Pryor has been promoted to the position of Acting Assistant Campus Principal until the end of the year.

The school congratulates Nicole on her hard work and looks forward to her continuing commitment to the campus overall in her new role.

Keziah Easter has been promoted to Year 7 Team Leader in Nicole's place until the end of the year.

Boolarra Primary School



Peer Mediators

During Personal Development the Grade 5/6s undertook training in Peer Mediation. This program involves the senior students supporting the yard duty teachers by helping to sort out minor disputes between students. The training covered reflective listening skills, empathy, remaining neutral, allowing everyone to have a say, asking open ended questions and drawing out win / win solutions. A rigorous selection process was then undertaken with students submitting written applications for the positions and answering probing interview questions. The following students were selected as Peer Mediators: Lauren Alexander, Samuel Birkbeck, Eden Hassett, Jazmin Carroll, Siobhan Hall, Bridie Huston, Daina Howard, Erin Hoghton, Bella Papa, Airtrea Cupples, Jason Pickett, Rhianna Cameron, Kayla Napier, and Mia Cornell. They will commence duty in term 3.

Adult Computer Classes



Every Tuesday during the school term, from 3:30 – 5:30 pm any interested community members are welcome to come to the school to use our computers and access the internet. Experienced computer instructor, Pauline Garood, is available to provide support for anyone who is not sure how to use the technology. Attending during this session also provides an opportunity for visitors to borrow from our Community Library. Tea and coffee is provided too. Everyone is welcome; just report in to the main office so you can sign our Visitors' Book.

Aussie of the Month Awards

At our final assembly for term 2 we announced that our Aussie of the Month for May was Siobhan Hall for her excellent social skills.

Jason Pickett received this special award for the month of June in recognition of his enthusiastic approach to learning and his personal integrity.

Writers of the Term

Thomas Burt of Grade 1 for his fairytale "Crazy Knights", Caleb Gregor of Grade 3 for his persuasive writing piece, Lydia Reiske of Grade 4 for her story and Airtrea Cupples for her "Day in the life of a Dung Beetle" Caleb and Lydia's efforts are included below:

"Too Much Money is Spent on Toys and Games" by Caleb
I believe too much money is spent on toys and games. I think money should be spent on groceries, newspapers, tools and clothes.

Money shouldn't be spent on toys because you have to pay the bills and that's more important than toys for kids. Kids get plenty of toys at Christmas, so you don't have to buy them any more.

Money isn't spent when you're playing outside building things, making art and doing arts and crafts.

I don't spend my money on toys or games, I just give it to Mum because I don't use it and she can look after it for me.

Money shouldn't be spent on toys because kids already have plenty of toys and the toys they have get broken, so why should you buy them any more?

"Patch and Dan" by Lydia

Dan is a little boy who lives in Wagga Wagga.

Patch is a dog who has nowhere to go.

One day when Dan and his mother were walking along a path,

They came across a small animal curled up in a ball.

Dan walked over to the ball and patted it slowly.

The ball slowly uncurled, Dan's eyes lit up. It was a little dog.

"Can I keep him Mum, please?"

"Oh all right" said Mum.

"His name can be Patch because of all those black and white spots on his back."

One year later.

Patch has grown up, so has Dan.

Dan doesn't play with Patch any more, Patch is lonely.

One rainy, dark, miserable night Patch decided to run away. Patch found a dry spot outside a shop.

That night Dan knew something was missing. He went outside to find that Patch was gone.

Dan and his Mum looked night and day and night and day. One day when they were on their way to look in the park, they saw a little ball.

Could it be?

"Patch!" Dan yelled. "We found you!"

After that Dan and Patch never stopped loving each other.



Junior School Council News

During the last week of term 2, we staged a "Dress as Your Hero" out of uniform day. In attendance were several characters from the Harry Potter series, two Captain Jack Sparrows, the inspirational Jim Stynes, James Bond, Princess Kate, a cat, a dog and a lion, several Mums and Dads, Zeus, the Incredible Hulk, a witch and a vet, to name just a few. Our Junior School Council collected \$52:95 in donations. This will be passed on to the Boolarra Stompers team who will be participating in the Walk for a Cure (raising funds for cancer research in November). Funds raised from our hotdog lunch on the last day of term will also add to this total.

Artists of the Month

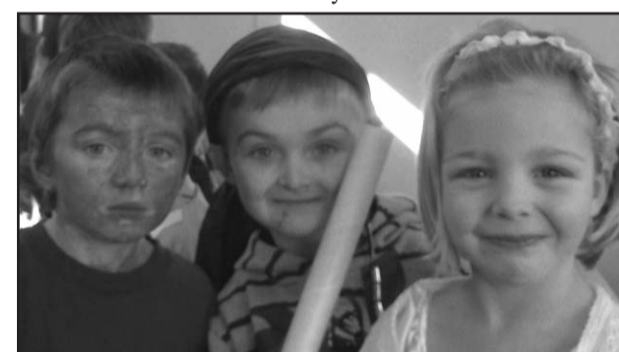
Tilly Chalmers and Caleb Gregor were identified by Ms Karen Twomey as our Artists of Term 2. Some of their special art work has been framed and is hanging in the school passage. Tilly and Caleb will get to hang this framed work in pride of place in their own homes later this year.

Pie Drive

We are very grateful to everyone who supported our recent pie drive. It raised \$1,000 which will go towards getting solar heating for our school pool.

Term 3 Acting Principal

Ms Leanne Emond is taking 7 weeks long service leave to travel overseas; Mr Mark Chandler will be acting in her position during this time. Mark is the grade 5/6 section leader at Wonthaggi Primary School and considers himself to be very lucky to have the opportunity to work in such a wonderful environment as Boolarra Primary School.



Yinnar South Primary School

We asked the students why they like coming to a small school and these were some of their responses.

Allan

I like going to Yinnar South because we are all friends and we look after each other. I really like the hands on things we do like gardening, science and cooking.



I like Huff n Puff. We learn new activities all the time. I like football, making cubbies and playing with my friends. The teachers are nice and look after us.

Rhys

I like going to Yinnar South Primary School because I like hopping on the computer and using my Maths disc.

Maddy

I like that we are all friends and look after each other. We read lots of books and do gardening.

Brock

I like going to a small school because there is a big playground and I play with my friends. I can see heaps of space.

Jacque

I like to go to a small school because we can learn better. We have a garden and a Healthy Lunch program.

We play fairly with our friends.

We are the first school to get an Apple ipad2. The teachers and staff are caring and make our work interesting.

Nobody fights over equipment. Everyone has a computer to use. We have no bullies.

We don't have to wait for help. Our school is always fun.

We do Huff 'n' Puff which keeps us outside. We do hands on experiments for Science.

There is lots of space in the classrooms. Everyone is quiet so we can concentrate. I like small schools a lot.

Ty

I like going to Yinnar South because there is no bullying.

I like school because there is a computer for each student. We all like school because we have fun.

All the staff are very caring. We learn lots more because we get help quickly. We will all get to use an Apple ipad2.

We are all friends and look after each other. We have a big playground for us to play on with the others.

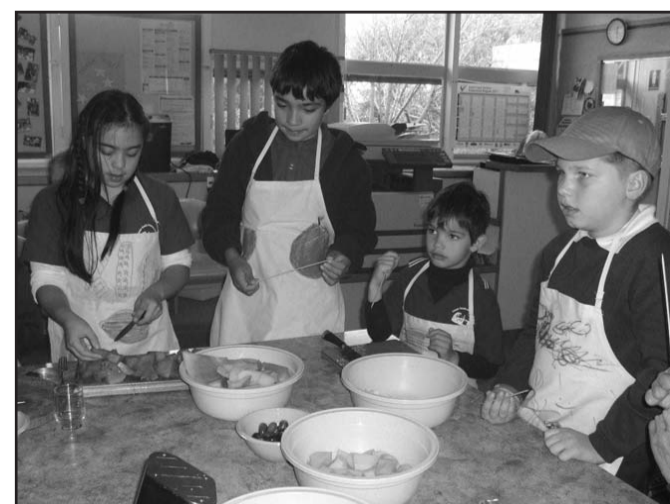
I like this school.

Daniel

I like going to Yinnar South because there is no bullying. We

are getting 6 Apple ipad2. We do Mathletics. Lessons are exciting and interesting.

The teachers look after us and help us learn new things.



We cook a Healthy Lunch once a month using vegetables from our garden.

Being a small school we are able to offer our students a lot of one on one time and take into account their individual needs.

The students have enjoyed hands on learning through our vegetable garden and cooking program which encompasses maths, science, SOSE, healthy eating and healthy lifestyles.

If you would like to visit our school or find out more about us please contact us on 51691540. Enrolments are always welcome.

Hazelwood North Primary School



Junior Excursion to the Morwell CBD

On Tuesday 21st June the children in grades Preps/1 and 2 braved the shocking weather conditions to visit the Police station and the Art Gallery. Many thanks to Darren and Julie for making us feel so welcome and for giving the students an appreciation of how the community is there to support and care for us.

Please enjoy some of the little ones memories of the outing.

Bonnie S

Grade 1

On Tuesday P/1A went to the excursion.

First we went on the bus to the Art Gallery and the Police Station.

Next we went to the workshop and we made a stamp picture. And then we went to the Police Station.

Then we went on the bus to school. I felt happy.

Niki A

Grade 1

On Tuesday we went to the Art Gallery and the Police Station.

First we stamped the stamps at the Art Gallery.

Next we went to the Police Station. Darren showed us around.

Then we went back to school and we had lunch but it wasn't lunch time.

It was a good trip.

Lola C

Preps

First we went to the Art Gallery and we saw paintings.

Next we went to the Police Station and Mic had a gun.

Then we went on the bus.

I felt happy.

Lachie McG

Preps

On Tuesday we went to Morwell.

First we went to the Art Gallery. We made animal stamps.

Next we went to the Police Station. We got stickers and drawing sheets.

Then we went back to school and had our lunch.

I had fun and I felt happy.

Jordan B

Grade 1

We went to the Police Station.

First we went to the Art Gallery and we made stamps of animals.

Next we went to the Police Station and the police showed us a gun and bullets and a walkie talkie.

Then we went in the bus back to school.

I felt happy.

Bridie B

Grade 1

On Tuesday P/1A, P/1B and 1/2A went to the Art Gallery and Julie read us a poem.

Next we went to the Police Station. Mic had onion spray. I saw a police van.

Then we went on the bus back to school because it rained and rained.

I felt a little bit happy and a little bit nervous.

Life Ed Van

On Wednesday 3/4A went into the Life Ed Van. We learnt about inside our body. We met a lady named Jan. She told us that you shouldn't smoke because it can fill up your lungs and it creates lung cancer. She showed us



a video of inside Kevin's body. It was Harold's dream. It told us a lot about our body. We had a race, which team can fill up Kevin's lunch box with the healthy food. We had 2 teams. We had a tie!! We got split up into teams and there were 2 girls and 1 boy. 1 team had 4 people in it. We watched the rest of the video and then we gave Harold a pat and he gave Emily the stickers. We had a great time.

Emily & Joel P

Life Education Van

Recently the Life Education Van came to our school.

Each class went in and did different programs about being healthy. There is a giraffe puppet named Harold who likes jokes and is very cheeky.

Life Ed is always fun and we learnt a lot. Afterwards we followed up our visit by completing activities and our Life Ed books in class

By Natalie B

Footy and Netball

Two weeks ago some kids from grade 4, 5 and 6 went to Yinnar to play footy and netball.

Luckily the weather was alright so the boys could play footy and the girls could play netball.

The footy team did well coming third out of five.

The girls did all right as well coming fourth out of five. We had heaps of fun and got really muddy. By Josh

Division Cross Country!

Division Cross Country was held at Lardner Park in Warragul.

We had one person from Hazelwood North Primary School going which was me!

It was really muddy and really hard with a few steep hills.

I slipped over at least 5 times and towards the end it hailed on everyone.

The top ten go through to States and I got 14th. It was really fun! By Lauren A

Bessie Frood Netball Tournament

Recently, a grade five team and a grade six team went to the Bessie Frood Netball Tournament. We had heaps of fun competing against teams including the Lumen Christi and Yinnar teams.

Our grade five team (also known as Hazelwood North 1) came third in their section. Our grade six team (also known as Hazelwood North 2) came fourth in their section. In the end, Yinnar won.

Thank you to Mrs McKenzie and Mrs Kimpton for umpiring.

It was a great day for everyone.

By Thessa

Our trip to Latrobe Regional Gallery

On Wednesday 22nd of June our class went to Latrobe Regional Gallery in Morwell.

First we looked in the Kid's Gallery part. Then we met Ronald and Julie who showed all the pictures to us.

Secondly, we went up stairs to listen to Ronald tell us stories about the dream time and Julie told us about the paintings upstairs.

Thirdly we went to the print workshop to do some ink foam stamps to put on paper.

It was fun and cool.

I had lots of fun. I hope we get to go back there again.

By Sophie E - Grade 2/3A



Churchill Primary School



Churchill Primary School Disco

A highlight of this month was a very successful disco run by the Junior School Council, aided by Mrs. Telford. The theme of the disco was "The Red Carpet" and children were invited to dress up as someone famous.

The Junior School Council were very busy setting up the GP room during the day, complete with red carpet.

Jo Whitelaw interviewed the arrivals about their costumes and photographs were taken as celebrities arrived. The Prep – 2 children arrived at 5.30 and danced till 6:45.

The senior students arrived at 7:00 and danced the night away until 8:45. There were lots of fancy costumes and some great prizes for dancing.

Our DJs, Harvey Scott and his son, were terrific and they brought strobe lights and a smoke machine.

The Junior School Council sold flashing items, so the room was a riot of colour.

The students could buy drinks and potato chips and the Junior School Council raised around \$250.00.

The prep / one classes held an alphabet dress up day on June 30th.

There were a myriad of super heroes, princesses, fairies and even a lion.

Mrs Duncan came as a bride in her recently used wedding dress.

They made alphabet cookies and pancakes and used alphabet spaghetti.

Sport

Churchill Primary School students participated in the Winter Sports at Yinnar on June 9th.

The netball girls played very well and came second on the day, losing to Yinnar PS in the Grand Final.

On a very muddy field, the Footy team tried hard all day and were great ambassadors for the school.

The soccer team went to Traralgon the next week and the boys' team won a few games.

The girls' team failed to impress the scorers, but they had a lot of fun.

On Friday June 3rd a number of our students competed in the Zone Cross Country on a gruelling course at Glengarry, and represented the school very well.

Unfortunately, none progressed to the next level, but two runners were out by only 1 place to get to the next level.

Soccer

Last Thursday 25 of us went to the Traralgon City oval to play soccer.

The weather was good but the ground was muddy, we all got really dirty.

We played against 3 other teams, Lumen Christi, Yinnar and Hazelwood North.

The girls played other girls and the boys played mixed teams. I almost kicked a goal but the bell went.

When we played Lumen Christi I was goalie but I prefer to play all over.

We left from school at 9 o'clock and we took the bus.

When the games were over we got back on the bus at about 1 o'clock and came back to school.

The day was really fun although we didn't win any games. Thank you to Mr Walsh and Mrs McColl for taking us we had a lot of fun.

Chloe Spengler.

Active After School Program

Our active after school program has been busy during June with a dance Program.

The students presented a piece of their dancing to the school at assembly. It was very impressive to watch the boys and girls moving to the music.

Their teacher, Maria, was able to come to assembly and the parents also made the effort to get there.

The Active After School program runs different activities each term.

The program is designed to promote healthy living and active lifestyles. Mrs. Vicki Duffus and Mrs. Lorraine Butler run the program at school and have guest teachers come in to offer coaching in various skills, such as tennis, ball games, dance etc.



Teacher Professional Learning

Our teachers have been busy this month writing reports for our students, but they have also managed to fit in professional learning.

Sessions have focused on the Australian National Curriculum, School Wide Positive Behaviour with the founder George Sugai (University of Connecticut), Early Years Framework 0 – 8 years (Victorian Government), Bounce Back Program, teaching resilience for students and Assessment and Learning Partnerships (Melbourne University).

We continue to learn more about the Ultranet and new initiatives from the Department.

We are very fortunate to have Regional Coach, Carol Hodgson, at our school every Tuesday.

She continues to inspire our staff to learn more about the craft of teaching, in order to provide quality learning experiences for our students.

The Learning Areas

Our new computers have arrived and are a bonus for the students in the computer lab and classrooms.

The new smart boards are also proving to be a hit with both teachers and students.

We are slowly getting the new furniture for the new building and the finishing date for joining the new building to the existing building is in sight.

The rest of the school is getting back to normal and, hopefully, everything that has been dislocated while the building was in progress will find a home very soon.

Enrolments

Enrolments for Prep 2012 are open. We had a successful open day this month but we are always open for parents to come in and have a look at the school.

The groups from the Churchill Kindergarten will be visiting all 4 schools in the area in the 2nd and 3rd weeks of term 3.

We are looking forward to their visits and invite their parents to join them on the bus trips.



International Basketball is coming to the Valley

The FIBA Oceania Youth Basketball Tournament will call Latrobe City home in 2012, attracting 16 teams from across Australia and other Oceania countries to our region.

Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Darrell White, said that the news was fantastic for all Latrobe City sports fans, and Latrobe City Council is excited to be hosting such a high profile event.

"Being named as host of the event is a massive achievement for Latrobe City, having beaten a number of other regions in Australia to win the hosting rights.

"The attraction of such a high profile event is a great scoop for the Valley and will see over 200 junior competitors participating over a nine day event.

FIBA Oceania has awarded the event to Basketball Australia, who has chosen to stage the event in the Latrobe City region from 24th November to 2nd December, 2012.

"Latrobe City has a great deal of experience in hosting events of this size and status, including the University Games, 2006 Commonwealth Games Basketball, and NBL pre-season matches each year. Outside of basketball, we've also hosted AFL, A-League soccer, Super Rugby, State Cricket matches and a long list of International, National and State titles across many sporting disciplines.

"If people continue to support each event with the same enthusiasm, more organisers will choose Latrobe City to host these fantastic events and tournaments on a more frequent basis, which would be wonderful for our region," Cr White explained.

The event will be held at the newly refurbished Latrobe Leisure Churchill, and the close-by Monash University on-site student accommodation will act as a handy games village for the competitors.

"With the redevelopment of Latrobe Leisure Churchill now complete, we have 3 courts built to international standard, multiple large change rooms, a fully equipped gym, heated pool, sauna, aerobics room, meeting rooms, canteen and café all on site which will make for a fantastic international event and games village," Cr White said.

Latrobe City General Manager Recreation Culture and Community Infrastructure, Grantley Switzer, commented that the participating Oceania teams will be making a wonderful contribution to sport in Latrobe

Valley. "Teams will be involved in numerous community engagement activities while they are here and will also invest time to promote themselves, their countries and basketball, particularly to the youth of our community," Mr Switzer said.

Basketball Victoria CEO Wayne Bird, said that they were delighted with the decision to bring this event to the Latrobe City region, and looked forward to working in partnership with Basketball Australia and Latrobe City.

"This is a great basketball region that hasn't realised its true potential, and we look forward to involving the local basketball community in the event and ensuring there are future legacies for the region," Mr Bird said.

Basketball Australia Chief Executive Larry Sengstock said that playing in Australia in front of family and friends is a very special opportunity for our athletes.

"We look forward to hosting teams from the Oceania region on behalf of FIBA Oceania and we know everyone will enjoy the experience of great international basketball here in Latrobe City.

Secretary General of FIBA Oceania, Steve Smith, congratulated Latrobe City on being named host.

"It is significant news for us that Basketball Australia will host our 9th Pacific Youth Basketball Championships in Latrobe City.

"The basketball expertise available in and around Latrobe City will allow us to conduct the event at a level not seen before.

At the same time, the sports fans of Latrobe City will see in the FIBA Oceania Youth Basketball Championship, something very different to an Australian Championship.

"A true international flavour will be brought to Latrobe City by teams from Tahiti, Fiji, PNG, New Caledonia, Guam, New Zealand and the Samoas.

"The cultural exchanges between the participating teams have become a lasting legacy of the event in recent years and something local sports fans are sure to enjoy. I look forward to the event and visiting Latrobe City next year," Mr Smith said.

"Latrobe City Council with the support of Basketball Australia, Basketball Victoria and Monash University Gippsland is proud to bring this event to Latrobe City," Cr White concluded.



Churchill Monash Golf Club Results



14/6/11

Ladies 3BBB Drawn Partners Winners
J. Leslie (27) K. Raber (37) M. Dear (35) 87 points, DTL T. Buxton (44) A. Chapman (40) C.

Barnes (38) 85 pts. Longest Drive (0-34) D. Scurlock, (35-45) M. Dear NTP 5th (2nd shot) M. Dear, 14th (2nd shot) M. Dear



SUPER TUESDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Tuesday 9th August - Frank Amarosi
Tuesday 13th September - Kingsley Koonwhyte
Tuesday 11th October - Marceau Camille

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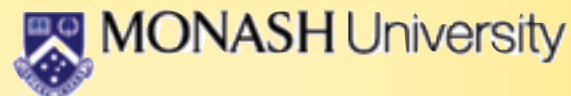
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Monash University Gippsland Campus Open Day



Monash University's 2011 Open Day will take place on Saturday 6th August from 10am - 4pm at the Gippsland campus in Churchill. The event is an opportunity for students, parents and members of the community to explore the campus and learn about the exciting range of courses available to study. The day will also have a strong focus on sharing "the student experience" with visitors, including guided tours, hands-on activities (including demonstrations in the Nursing, Medicine and Science labs), and the opportunity to speak with current university students about what it's like to study at Monash. Close to 5,000 people attended the 2010 Open Day and this year's event promises to be the biggest yet. For more information about the 2011 Monash Open Day, visit www.monash.edu.au/openday.



Churchill North Primary School After School Care & Playgroup

**After School Care
Qualified Coordinators
Jillian Keenan & Jess Chamings**

Fees & Charges
Each hour block is \$5.00 per child.
Families may claim Child
Care Benefit with respect
to this program.

Hours of Operation
Monday—Friday during the school term.
Hours of operation are between 3:15—5:15.
Sessions may be booked for an hour at a time.

Playgroup

Your child can have fun playing with others while you meet other parents and share the joys and challenges of parenting.

Playgroup allows children to:

- Learn through play, listen to stories, sing & play musical instruments
- Have fun inside & outside, making friends and developing new skills
- Interact with other adults, learn simple rules & routines

Activities include:

- Painting & pasting
- Sandpit play
- Climbing equipment
- Play dough
- Home corner
- Construction
- Music & movement
- Stories & much more

Where: Churchill North Primary School
Coolabah Drive, Churchill.

When: Wednesdays (during school terms)

Time: 9.00—11.00 am

Bring: A healthy snack & drink

Cost: Gold coin

