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Boolarra Festival Success



Crowd numbers were solid at Boolarra Folk Festival, held on February 27. Heavy rain fell two hours before the festival start but did not dampen crowd enthusiasm. An estimated 6,500 people enjoyed the day's festivities.

The music program was well received. The combined primary

school drumming spectacular drew a large crowd to begin the day. Children from the fire affected primary schools of Boolarra, Yinnar, Churchill, Churchill North, Traralgon South and Mirboo North beat their drums and instruments enthusiastically. Steve Schultz wove his usual magic with the children, showing his

engagement of their attention as they played several different rhythms on clap stick, tambourines and a wide range of drums. The loud, enthusiastic applause was indicative of the people's appreciation, as was the toe tapping and body movement to the rhythms, as the children played.

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From (Churchill) Brave to (Victorian) Ace

Churchill Baseball Clubs' Mat Prior has capped off a wonderful year by being selected to play with the Victorian Aces in the 2009/2010 Claxton Shield.

Prior, who has been playing for the Braves for six years now has set many records over his time at the club and has truly cemented his stature as being one of the best pitchers in the Latrobe Valley Baseball Association.

Included in his six years are three League Best & Fairest awards, two Allstar selections and he has twice taken out the Churchill Most Valuable Player award. Outside of the LVBA Mat has represented the Victorian Provincial team for four straight years, has represented Monash University and received Green 'n Gold selection at the UniGames.

Besides playing for Churchill in the winter, Mat also plays for the Dingley Baseball Club in a winter competition and the Bonbeach Bluejays in the Victorian Summer League.

Upon receiving the news about his

selection Prior said, "I am a little surprised I guess, its daunting, but excited to be able to play alongside and against the best baseballers in the country." Prior will be pitching alongside players like Major League Player, Brad Harman, who received the World Series Ring 2008 with Philadelphia Phillies, and numerous Australian representatives.

The Claxton Shield is the biggest arena for Australian Baseball and it is going into its 76th year with the Victorian Aces being the most successful State throughout its history.

With a new Australian League starting next year Prior could become the 3rd Churchill player to be selected in the ABL as Ben Hammer and Darren Coburn were back in the nineties.

"Not only for myself but for the Churchill Baseball Club this could be a huge opportunity to become the most successful Club in the Valley," Mat said in a recent interview.

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Garden Tips

Churchill Gardening Club answers your gardening questions and gives you some handy garden hints

QUESTION

I have an apricot tree which 'bleeds' sap.

The tree is approx 4 yrs old, bears a good crop of fruit each summer & generally seems healthy.

However, large 'globs' of sap have appeared over the last couple of years at various spots along branches. Some of these spots are where the branch(es) have rubbed against another, or been pruned, but others seem to appear for no reason.

The tree is growing well and the 'globs' of sap don't appear to be affecting it adversely, but they are unsightly and very sticky if touched, particularly when they first appear.

Why is this happening? and what should I do (if anything) to correct the problem?

ANSWER:

Sap is like human blood. If the branch is bruised or broken it bleeds. The ant love the sap.

If you feel it is unsightly, don gloves and gently break it away and dispose of it. It doesn't affect the fruit or the tree, in fact it encourages insects to come, which may eat each other or help to pollinate the flowers.

Gardening Tips from the Churchill Gardening Group

We have been requested to contribute a gardening column for the Churchill and District News. We are pleased to present this paragraph or two in the hope that we can either help with a few ideas or even inspire a new gar-

dener or two.

The recent lovely drop of rain would have helped all gardens revive somewhat and even made preparing for our Autumn plantings so much easier.

It's time to get ready for bulb plantings, and the always beautiful sweet peas (traditionally planted on St. Patrick's Day 17th March). Sweet peas love a well prepared soil with mulch and well rotted manure- they especially love chicken manure. Sweet peas love lime and chicken manure contains lime.

A wide selection of vegetable seeds can be sown now and grown ready for planting out later. These include carrots, herbs, lettuce, silver beet, spinach, swede, turnips, beetroot, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, leeks, white onions, and parsnip.

Protect young seedlings, and force them along with a liquid feed.

A tip for growing bearded irises.

Towards the end of summer is time to lift and divide tubers. Replant tubers with half tubers above the ground level, and give them a dose of dolomite. (They are lime lovers).

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Boolarra Festival Success

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The entertainment program began almost as soon as the drumming finished and continued throughout the afternoon and evening. Entertainers included The Go Set, The Stillsons, Dirt River Radio, The Original Snakeskins, The Jed Rowe Band, Croque Monsieur, Todd Cook, Danny Burton and the Strezelecki Stringbusters.

A huge array of stalls offered a range of crafts, plants and taste tempting aromas not to be ignored. The horse and cart operated almost non-

stop, giving people a look at the festival site in comfort.

ARC Yinnar was filled to capacity for the Friday night event and four very good Gippsland acts impressed the crowd. On the Saturday night, the open stage night at the football ground drew a good crowd with a variety of different acts and entertainment.

Organisers were very pleased with the success of the day and look forward to continued support of Boolarra's free festival in 2011.



Churchill Fire Brigade Donation



Churchill Fire Brigade has been pleased to accept a donation of \$4,000 from the publishers of the Black Saturday Firestorm book, the Glenvale School. The Glenvale School is a small independent primary and secondary school with campuses at Lilydale and Berwick.

With the assistance of parents and friends of the school, the memento book has been put together and published to make a substantial pictorial record of the events leading up to and on Black Saturday.

All profits from the sale of the book are being donated to CFA brigades.

Anyone interested in purchasing a book may do so by going to the website:

www.blacksaturdaysfirestorm.com.au or from all major book retailers and newsagents.

Caution

Although the weather has been kind to us over these last few weeks, there is still some potential for fires in our bushland and national parks if the weather turns back to more usual summertime temperatures. The com-

munity is advised that fire restrictions are still in force and that to burn any materials in the open air requires a permit from the Latrobe City Municipal Fire Prevention Officer.

Fuel Reduction Burns

If the cooler weather continues, the Department of Sustainability and Environment will most likely take the opportunity to commence some of their fuel reduction burning across the State. Generally, advice will be provided to the community should this occur locally.

The brigade is also commencing the planning required for a number of small fuel reduction burns in the Churchill area. These activities are part of the cyclic fuel reduction identified in the Latrobe City's Municipal Fire Prevention Plan.

These burns are still some way off and the communities in affected areas will be given notice of any planned activities in their neighbourhoods.



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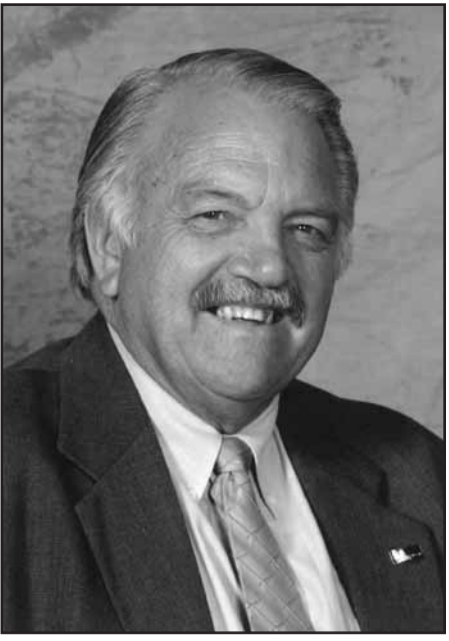
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To foster the involvement of community groups and organisations in various aspects of international relationships, with particular focus on those sectors of our community that concentrate on the growth of our youth;

To advise Council on issues of importance to the overall program and to provide ideas for extending affiliations and developing new international relationships;

To extend community participation and involvement in various aspects of the Australian and Latrobe City sister city program by promoting the concept of the program throughout the municipality;

To undertake any other activity within these terms of reference that may be conducive to the further development of the Latrobe City International Relations Committee;

To assist Latrobe City Council in its economic development pursuits by leveraging the network of international relationships;

A new Latrobe City International Relations Committee was formed in July 2009 following the expiration of the 3-year term of the former committee. Council endorsed this committee at its Ordinary Meeting of 3rd August, 2009. At this time Council also resolved;

That the Latrobe City International Relations Committee undertakes a review of the Terms of Reference within six months of appointment and provides a report to Council on the findings.

This review has now taken place and some changes were identified and subsequently recommended to Council in the way in which the committee operates and some additional minor changes to reflect the current Latrobe City structure.

These changes can best be summarised as being:

- The term of the Committee to be reduced from three years to two years;
- The opportunity for the mayor to delegate their position on the Committee to a fellow Councillor;
- The number of Committee members has increased to a maximum of 20 from a previous maximum of 17.
- Number of community representatives appointed to be reduced from twelve members to eight members; and
- The introduction of the option for the Committee to co-opt up to six members nominated to represent key stakeholders, eg. Monash University and GippsTAFE.

Based on the above changes, the membership of the current committee was considered to be appropriate. The proposed membership structure has been endorsed by the current committee and is able to be accommodated within the current membership.

Council, at its meeting on 22nd February, last resolved to adopt the proposed amendments to

the Terms of Reference.

Curtain Opens on Latrobe City's Performing Arts Centre Theatre Membership Program

The Latrobe Performing Arts Centre is offering an annual membership program that allows patrons to access discounts on selected performances, complimentary film tickets and member draws.

Kathleen Roberts is Latrobe City's Performing Arts and Venues Coordinator. The membership program will run for a calendar year and for regular theatre goers offers a fantastic range of benefits.

Kathleen has indicated that, "at just \$20 per adult, \$15 concession or \$60 corporate the membership program is great value for theatre patrons". Tickets to selected shows will be offered to members at up to a 20% discount; there will be six complimentary drinks per year and two tickets to each film in the 2010 National Film and Sound Archive Big Screen Film series.

In addition, members will be able to book for shows in advance, via email, and will be eligible for the member draws throughout the year. With a host of diverse and vibrant performances on the calendar for 2010, including 'Menopause the Musical', 'Jo Jo Smith and the Brothers of Love', 'Divas', 'Mao's Last Dancer' and 'The Gruffalo', this membership program offers great value for patrons.

For information on the membership program or upcoming performances, contact the Box Office on 5176 3559 or email boxoffice@latrobe.vic.gov.au.



Future Plans and Historic Monuments

By Margaret Guthrie, President

Last month's CDCA meeting was well attended, with approx 40 people there to consider a presentation by the 'Plan Our Park Action Committee' (POPAC) for the future use of the land on Walker Parade, adjacent to Monash Way.

Currently, the land is owned by the Department of Human Services and contains open space, established trees, some play equipment, pathway(s) and serves as a 'corridor' for both pedestrians and native wildlife.

Some of the ideas put forward by POPAC and other residents attending included expansion of the play equipment area, establishment of more formal gardens and associated pathways, construction of infrastructure (e.g. seats, BBQ, drinking fountain), denser native plantings to support the 'wildlife corridor' aspect and potential site for a pioneer memorial plaque or other historic monument.

Latrobe City Council officer, Mr Ian Murphy, informed the meeting that Council's 'Playground Strategy' had not considered the Walker Parade area as a permanent site, the land not being Council owned. In fact, the play equipment is due to be removed in future years as part of Council's strategic approach to park management and maintenance.

Residents attending supported a motion put by members of the POPAC group: "That this meeting of Churchill citizens requests CDCA to support the

POPAC proposal and vision for a Park, by asking the Latrobe City Council to seek ownership of the Walker Parade site for use as park, gardens and playground area".

At the completion of the presentation, CDCA reverted to normal meeting procedure and dealt with a range of business items, including the issue at hand.

After much discussion, consensus was reached and the following was unanimously agreed to by the Committee and recorded in our Minutes: "It was resolved that, in response to holding a public meeting for the POPAC proposal for Walker Parade Park, CDCA notes the meeting's overwhelming support for the project; Therefore CDCA urges Council that the proposal is worthy of further consideration."

CDCA is writing to LCC to inform the Council of our resolution regarding this matter.

The Committee had some discussion regarding the Pioneer Memorial Wall in Monash Way (adjacent to the Town Symbol), which was erected as part of Churchill's 25th Anniversary Celebrations. The site is not easily accessible or safe for pedestrian access, but relocation of the wall may result in further wear and damage to the hand-made bricks. The site itself could do with some 'beautification'. It was decided to liaise with local resident, Owen McKenzie, on this matter (see last month's front page of the

Churchill & District News for further information).

Another agenda item of 'historical' interest concerned the Hazelwood South Honour Roll. CDCA sought advice from local stakeholders and some of our knowledgeable local history sources regarding the location and condition of this item of historic interest. We are informed that it is in good condition and on view in the Hazelwood South Hall, where our local Guides act as careful custodians of this monument.

Churchill will have an ANZAC Memorial in the future – the sculpture, commissioned by CDCA, is close to completion and will be placed in the Civic Plaza, adjacent to the Town Hall. This will provide a place for public commemorative ceremony and private reflection.

It is perhaps timely, with items of both historic and future value on CDCA's agenda, to remind local residents and community groups that Churchill's 50th Anniversary will fall in 2015. Although this may seem a long way off, it might be time to start thinking about what we might create as a commu-

nity to mark our 'half-centenary year'.

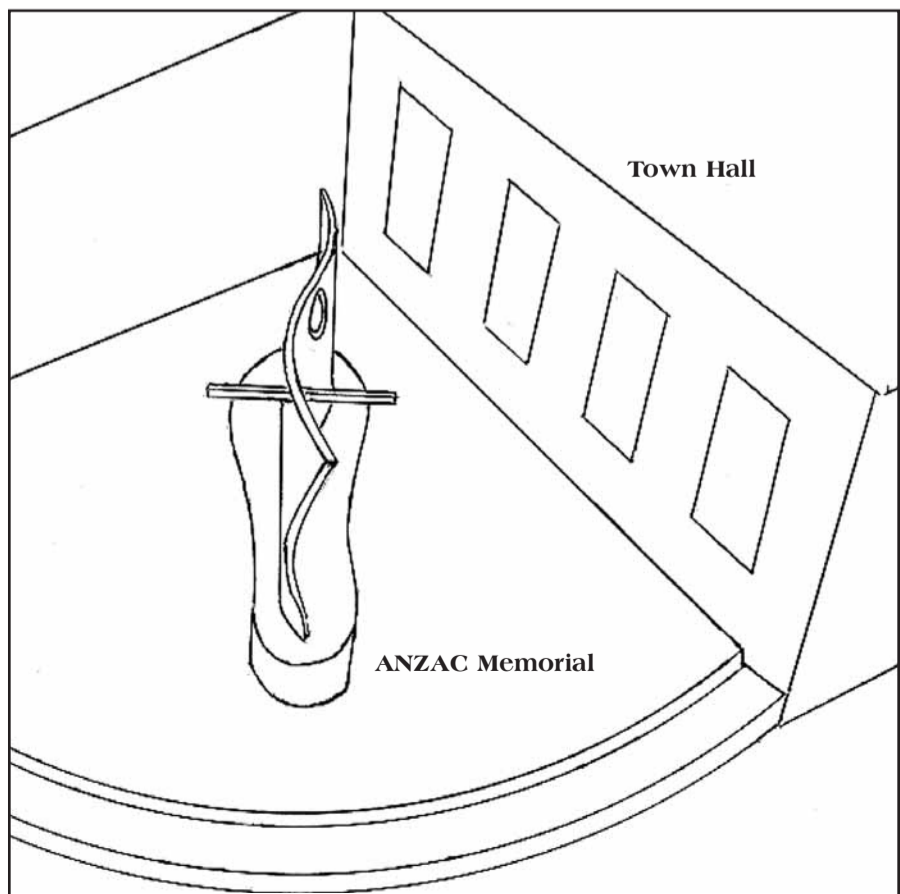
CDCA meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm, usually in the Churchill Hub.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday March 24, 7pm at the Hub. The agenda for this meeting includes a progress report on the implementation of the Churchill Town Centre Plan.

New items of relevant general

business (i.e. matters pertaining to the local district) from local residents are always welcomed.

Contact CDCA at PO Box 191, Churchill or by phoning the Secretary, Rob Whelan on 0427223602 or via email: robwhelan@eftel.net.au



Uni Students Gain Invaluable Work Experience at Council



Celestine Okiya and Community Development Officer John Smethurst

Latrobe City Council is providing in-field placement for university students to help assist their development in their chosen vocation.

Latrobe's general manager community liveability, Michael Edgar, said the placements within various teams of the community liveability division had given the students first-hand experience in their chosen field whilst also allowing them to integrate theory with practice, and all under the supervision of qualified council staff.

"A number of students, from both Latrobe University and Monash University Gippsland Campus, are undertaking their placements in the community capacity building, home and community care and child and family services teams.

"The placement program offers not only the opportunity for practical work experience for the student, but also a chance for staff here to guide and mentor the student. The program also highlights employment opportunities for students in a wider field. Students will also be required to write a professional report when they have completed their placement," Mr Edgar explained.

Second-year occupational therapy student Chris Marsiglio worked under the guidance of Latrobe City's home care and assessment officer, Cara Tellefsen.

"Cara is a qualified occupational therapist and by supervising Chris, it helped keep her own qualifications current. For Chris, apart from the invaluable hands-on experience, the placement showed him that he doesn't have to just focus on gaining employment as an occupa-

tional therapist when he completes his course, there are other career options in a broader field," Mr Edgar said.

Celestine Okiya and Leanne Schultz are both second year social and community welfare students from Monash University Gippsland Campus and will work in community development.

"Celestine is very passionate about using sport as a vehicle to engage young people, so he will be an active member of the sport and recreation working group of the Latrobe Settlement Committee. He will focus on providing young people with refugee origins the opportunity to participate in recreational activities.

Leanne will focus on research and assist with updating the emergency relief providers and support brochures and the inclusive communication guidelines," Mr Edgar explained.

"We will also host two Gippsland university students in the child and family services team where they will be with the team for approximately three months and spend most of their time working in the Traralgon Early Learning Centre.

"All the students involved, are being challenged to apply their theoretical knowledge to the real world of employment. It is rewarding for both the students and the staff here, and will give a greater understanding of the roles the students can play in the wider community when they are fully qualified," Mr Edgar concluded.

Churchill Seeks Local Banking Benefits

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"We will be launching a new initiative to speed up the distribution of information to the community at

large," Mr Casey said

"The steering committee will soon make available by email, fact sheets and pledge forms to buy shares which can be filled in on line or printed and returned."

Mr Casey said that as a Board of local people will make up the Board of the local Company, they will have a better understanding of local issues and needs rather than a business operated from outside the district.

"We'll also have a local Branch Manager and staff who will be on hand to help you with all your personal banking needs," he said.

He reiterated though, that before this can happen, the community of Churchill needed to show their support for the campaign.

"We are working to support the 100 plus organisations in Churchill and surrounding district - schools, sporting clubs, youth initiatives - just name it," he said.

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RSL Good Friday Appeal

The Morwell RSL Club will be hosting another Music Festival to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday appeal.

The weekend will kick off on Friday April 2 at approx 5 pm. The first band will be The Blackhill Ramblers who will play until 8pm and then the all round talented soloist, "Snake", play until 9pm. George and the Jetson's will then take the stage and entertain the crowd until 12 midnight.

On Saturday at 5 pm H.B.T will start the night off, followed by The Esquires who will be on stage at 7.30pm. We will be Auctioning off gift vouchers and gift

items that the local Community has donated at 9.30pm. Melbourne band, I.C.Rock, will perform from 10.30 until 12.30am and then weekend will be topped off with a get together of all the bands who have donated their time with a Band Jam.

All proceeds from the door, auction and Easter raffles will go to the Royal Children's Hospital. The entry fee per night is \$15.00. There will be over 15 hours of music across the weekend.

For more information contact the Morwell RSL Club on 51342455 or drop in to the Club on Cnr Elgin and Tarwin St, Morwell.

Churchill And District Toy Library

The dates the Toy Library is open for the next two terms are

Term 1 dates are: 6th March, 20th March. (There is a working bee on 7th March)

Term 2 dates are: 17th April, 1st May, 15th May, 29th May and 12th June.

CHURCH TIMES

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Rev. Hugh Brown
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Tuesday 10.00am

CHURCH SERVICES FOR EASTER

CO-OPERATING CHURCHES

March 30: 7:30pm: Tenebrae with Lumen Christi at Lumen Christi, William's Ave, Churchill.

April 1: 7:30pm: Maundy Thursday Tenebrae with Holy Communion at Christ Church Boolarra

April 2: Good Friday 9:30am: "Way of the Cross" at Churchill with Lumen Christi. Start at Co-Operating Churches William's Ave. 10:00am "Way of the Cross" at Yinnar RC Church

April 4: Easter Sunday 8:00am: Sunrise at Boolarra Trail Park. 9:30am Anglican Holy Communion at Co-Operating Churches in Churchill Williams Ave. 11:00am Anglican Holy Communion at Christ Church Boolarra.

CHURCHILL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Churchill Christian Fellowship church Easter service is 10am on Easter Sunday.

EASTER SERVICES FOR LUMEN CHRISTI

Tenebrae Service: (Service of Shadows) to be held at Lumen Christi Church on Tuesday March 30 at 7.30pm.

Holy Thursday: Mass at 7.30pm at Lumen Christi.

Good Friday: 3 pm at Lumen Christi.

Saturday Vigil: Vigil Mass at Lumen Christi at 7.30 p.m.

Easter Sunday: Mass at Lumen Christi at 9 a.m. (Note No Mass at Yinnar or Boolarra).

Church Snippets

BY RUTH PLACE

The Ladies Fellowship began their year's activities with a Commitment Service early in February. The Ladies Fellowship is a small group of women of the church who meet to share friendship and outings, and to organize some fund-raising activities.

About twenty-four parishioners met at the picnic shelter at Mathison Park for a BBQ/picnic following the

service on the 14th February. The time included a walk around the lake, a quiz and puzzle to solve as well as fellowship and laughter.

The Community Life Panel is a fund-raising group of the church. At their first meeting, it was decided to have a garage sale on the 8th May. Donations of good quality items will be gladly accepted. It will start at 8am-1pm. There will be a sausage sizzle, plant and cake stall.

Coffee Connections began another year of fun and getting together. After much lively talk, show and tell was held, with many interesting incidents told. The next Coffee Connections will be on March 25th at 10am-12pm.

Saturday Breakfast had a most interesting speaker, Oliver Raymond who talked about his trek across Mongolia.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

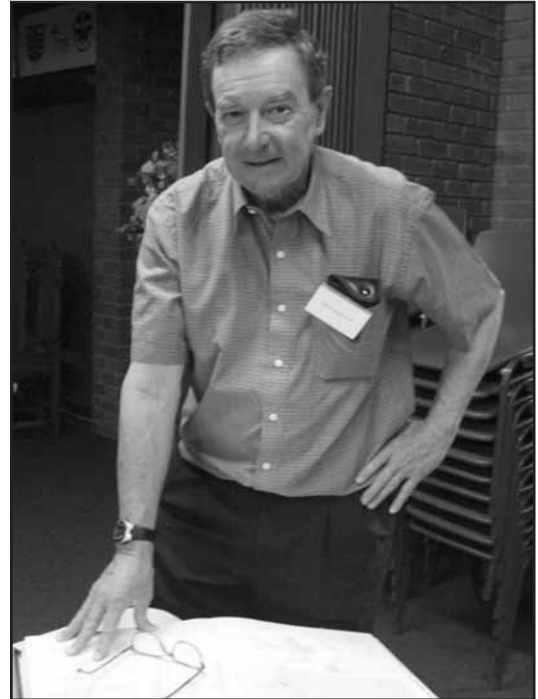
By Ray Hodges

Oliver Raymond gave an inspiring power point presentation entitled "A Wander with the Nomads – a walk in western Mongolia" to the Churchill Cooperative Church's Saturday Breakfast, on February 28.

He fell in love with Mongolia and the relaxed manner of the local folk after traversing the area on an earlier trans-Siberian rail trip. Both trips were organised through World Expeditions and this time he went to a walking area near Olgij; about 2½ hours flying west of the capital Ulaanbaator (World atlas spelling 1994; *Ulan Bator in an earlier Britannica*).

The area is rich in mineral resources yet to be exploited; with snow covered mountain ranges and ice-melt rivers flowing through wide valleys carved by glaciers. Oliver's 17-day trip included 10 days over tracks on scree-covered slopes with three optional mountains to 12,000 feet. There were 15 in the party hiking about 6 hours each day. Camels carried their support gear. They slept in gyres (*called yurts in Britannica*; round tents supported by a lattice framework) and -10°C sleeping bags. Despite the late summer season, it began to snow over the last days but the area gets to -35°C in winter.

The local farming folk need to relocate with their cattle for each season to avoid overgrazing pastures. Meat and milk are their basic foods with nothing going to waste. Rivers were flush with large salmon like fish but these were not part of the local diet. Oliver showed



slides of happy family groups, children with pink cheeks, gyres with solar panels and satellite TV dishes, rickety bridges, and the sweeping largely treeless countryside. He mentioned Mongolians have their own Olympic games consisting of four events; a 30 km horseback race, wrestling, archery, and knuckle flicking. He recommends going there when this event is in full swing.

Oliver answered a range of questions and is looking for a partner to join him for his next visit involving a World Expedition canoe trip down one of the Mongolian rivers.

The next Breakfast will be held on the 27 March at 7.45 am at the Co-Operating Churches, Williams Ave. The guest speaker will be Rob Gaulton the Uniting Church Chaplain at the Fulham Correctional Centre, Sale.

People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders by Thursday 25 March on 5122 1148 or at kbenders@net-tech.com.au

Homily – First Anniversary of the February 2010 Bushfires

"Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still and trust in me".

12 months ago at this very time, our community was in a state of heightened anxiety. For some time we had been watching fire threaten and destroy homes in the areas of Boolarra, Yinnar, Delburn and close to Mirboo north.

Towns just up the road from here had been under siege for days.

Little were we to know that what we had already seen was to evolve into a new form of holocaust and create so much destruction and havoc.

February 7th 2009 will stay in the hearts and minds of this community, and this State, for generations to come. It will stay because on that day we faced, we feared and we fought something that would change our lives forever.

Today marks a year since that day: a year that probably feels like an eternity. Today also marks the first time we have publically named and collectively remembered those who died as result of the holocaust of February 7th.

As each of us has approached today, I am profoundly aware that we come have together this afternoon with mixed emotions and feelings.

For many of us there has = been a sense of dread because of the grief we still experience through the loss of husbands, mothers, fathers, sons, daughters and friends.

To each of you who mourn this community stands beside you in your pain and loss and we humbly acknowledge that what you experienced can never really be healed in a lifetime.

For many of us, there has been that quiet and, yet dignified, way we faced the loss of homes, property and even livelihoods and we are still here simply because, although the fire destroyed

much of what we loved it couldn't destroy our memories, our gratitude for the help we have received from so many and our spirits which are strangely battered and bruised but not never quenched.

For many of us, we have come here today to say that, yes, a year has passed, and our lives have moved forward. We are a different people. We are at different places in our lives now: we have survived, we have planned, we have worked, we have cried and we have laughed and we want the past to be behind us as we face a new future.

This remembrance service today is like walking a very delicate tightrope because we are walking between the extremes of grief and the power of hope, between the need to remember and the need to look forward to something new.

When I recall those words spoken by Jesus in the reading from St. John's Gospel: "do not let your hearts be troubled; trust in God and trust in me", I know that there are no cheap or easy answers to what the past year has brought. There is no magic wand that anyone can wave to make all things better.

But I can tell you what I and many of you believe and it is simply this: Jesus did not pretend to take away the realities of life. He didn't say that we won't face the most difficult of circumstances in life. He didn't say he would show us a way to avoid the traumas of what life can bring. But what he did say was this: I will show you, not a path around life, but a path through life. Not only that, but I will walk that path beside you.

Whatever religious faith or lack of specifically religious faith you bring with you today, can I say with gentle but heartfelt belief that God has in fact been with us this past year. The face of

God has been apparent in the most unlikely of places.

You see, I think we are now a different people than we were 12 months ago. I sense that each of us has found a new way of looking at life. For some of us that has meant that we have found that our priorities have changed.

Yes, as a result of the fires, we lost a great deal, but somehow what occurred last February has taught many of a us new lessons and I'd like to share something of that with you.

As difficult as it might seem I think that many of us have learned more deeply that houses and fences and sheds and tools are not as important as people. They can be replaced – people cannot!

I sense that we have grown together as both a collective community and in the small communities in which we faced tragedy together.

Although our communities will never be perfect, we know that we have shared something dreadful together and together we have survived. In a remarkable way, we have discovered the real meaning of the word "neighbour".

In facing a tragedy together we are learning that the colours of our skin, the accents of our language, the religions we may profess and the many other differences between us are not as important as the simple fact that we are human beings together – gifted and flawed, vulnerable yet resilient, capable of the both the best and, sometimes, the worst of human behaviour. The deep humanity we share together far outweighs the differences between us.

We have learned too that there is a tremendous spirit of compassion in the world around us – we found it in the innumerable agencies and people that have supported us both during and after the fires; we have found it in the mammoth

efforts of people who reach out to lend a hand – whether it's to rebuilt fences or to help us clean up the mess or to organise a cake stall or just be a shoulder to cry on. The care of others is the face of God amongst us.

I believe too that that quintessential Australian way we have of saying "I'm okay, mate" or "she'll be right" or "someone down the road needs a hand" are the expressions of a people who know that someone else is also suffering and that as a people we are often so willing to put the needs of others before our own. That is the hallmark of the gospel injunction to love another.

As a nation, we are a people who love to tell stories and our sense of humour, our ability to appreciate the absurd, our unabashed sense of the ridiculous and the irreverent marks us as a people who know how to live sanely even when insanity seems to be all around us. That my friends, I believe, is a sign that God is with us gently reminding us to not take ourselves too seriously but at the same time, to take seriously the things that matter.

You have been patient with me and I trust that I haven't been too long-winded but if I have I know that you will tell me. To put it into colloquial language and I trust that you'll excuse me saying it: "2009 was a bloody awful year" but we, as the song says, "have survived". We won't ever forget the past but we won't live there: because we know that out of ashes new life grows and that nothing, not even fire and devastation, can ever separate us from the love of God made visible and real in those who are the face of Jesus today.

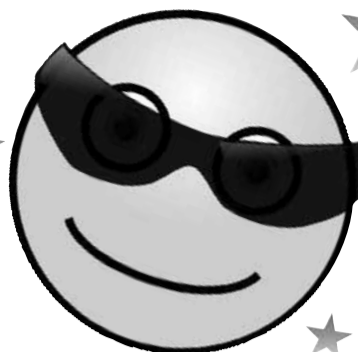
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Rotary Club to Assist Haiti Disaster

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood raised enough funds at their January Bunning's barbecue, as well as from a public appeal at Mid Valley Shopping Centre, to go towards the worldwide relief effort now being concentrated on Haiti.

In particular, four Shelterboxes will be purchased by the Club, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Morwell, and be delivered to go towards the earthquake catastrophe that quickly unfolded on the island. The total cost of these boxes exceeded \$4,500.

According to club President, Leo Billington, Shelterbox was first launched in April 2000 when the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard in Cornwall, England, adopted it as its millennium project. Little did they know that it would become the largest Rotary club project in the world.

"With such a pressing need in Haiti for emergency shelter provision, ShelterBox dispatched over 30,00 ShelterBoxes. ShelterBox used all the resources available to make sure immediate aid reached Haiti. Boxes were shipped direct into Haiti from ShelterBox HQ, and then from prepositioned stock in Curacao and from El Salvador.

"Early in the search and rescue stage, a three-person ShelterBox Response Team comprising highly-experienced members from England and the United States were deployed to do all they could to make it to Haiti as quickly as possible. Alongside this, the dedicated team of volunteers at ShelterBox HQ in the UK gave up their time to help pack more ShelterBoxes ready for transportation.

"ShelterBox founder Tom Henderson

quickly reported his team around the world were doing all they could to ensure aid reached the people of Haiti as soon as possible. With each day passing, the need increased quite significantly and Rotary was doing all it could to get help to the thousands of families affected by this massive tragedy", Leo explained

At the heart of each Shelterbox is a ten-person tent. The boxes also contain thermal blankets, insulated ground sheets, water purification gear plus a basic tool kit and a children's pack containing books and crayons. Each box is durable, brand new, lightweight and waterproof. In addition, there are pans, utensils, bowls, mugs and water storage containers.

"By the end of 2004, over 2,400 boxes were dispatched around the world following 16 major disasters. Over 22,000 Shelterboxes were sent to victims of the Tsunami during 2005. As an initiative from Rotary, Shelterbox has now emerged as a major player in world-wide disaster relief", Leo added.

"ShelterBox has worked round the clock to ensure emergency shelter reached Haiti as quickly as possible. Reports from Haiti indicate thousands of people were sleeping in the open since the earthquake hit, with many people being forced to sleep in conditions quite unfamiliar to us here in Australia.

"We couldn't do this without the public's compassion and generosity", Leo concluded.



Hazelwood Rotarians Attend District Conference



Jean Quick runs the animal carer refuge at Boolarra

President, Leo Billington and seven other Hazelwood Rotarians were part of the 700 delegate District Conference held at Sale on the weekend of 26-28 February.

Delegates were privileged to hear some excellent keynote speakers as well as receive reports on Rotary's many International and local projects.

Speakers included Past District Governor, Bernie Rodgers, who outlined Rotary International's work in striving to eliminate Polio from the world and, in the course of his address related his own very moving and personal encounter with the disease.

Gippsland born journalist and author, Andrew Rule, who is currently deputy editor of the Sunday Age and responsible for investigations and features, also co-authored the Underbelly crime stories which have been turned into a blockbuster TV series, gave a revealing and chilling account of his expose of major

crime in Victoria and his encounters with notorious criminals.

Other speakers included, Wing Commander Sean Bellenger, Team Leader of the RAAF Roulettes, Dr David Monash, arural Medical practitioner who spoke on depression in rural communities and Dr Peter Christoff, Co-ordinator of Environmental Studies at University of Melbourne, who spoke on global warming.

Hazelwood Rotarians also recently held a joint meeting with members of Moe Rotary to celebrate the 105 anniversary of the founding of Rotary. Members of the two clubs enjoyed some great fellowship and also heard a presentation from Jean Quick who operates the Genius Wildlife Shelter near Boolarra. Jean has been looking after animals in need for over 50 years and the Rotarians presented her with \$300, which was raised on the night, to assist with her work.

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4. Multiple entries will be accepted
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I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them. I certify that this is an original photograph, taken by myself.

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Closing Date: 30 May 2010

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active part of the recovery process, and I commend all for providing support, comfort and assistance when needed. One must not forget the magnificent deeds and efforts from the many CFA brigades including Churchill CFA and all emergency service personnel who continually put their lives on the line to protect us. Let's hope we as a community do not have to deal with such a traumatic experience again.

For those students who are new to the area, I extend a very warm welcome to you, and hope that you soon come to call this fantastic region home and really enjoy all that it has to offer.

To the first year students and those students who are returning for another year, I hope you continue to forge ahead with your studies with passion and enthusiasm, which I know, can be hard at times, and so I wish you all the best.

This month has also seen the beginning of the University year and I'd like to welcome all the students back to Monash University Gippsland. I had the opportunity to attend part of the O-Week celebrations which appear to have gone off without a hitch, and have been enjoyed by one and all.

The month concluded with the ever successful Boolarra Folk Festival. I'd like to extend my congratulations to the committee and the wider Boolarra community on what was a superb event. You should indeed be proud of your efforts; it was certainly an enjoyable day.

February has been quite a month.

February began with the anniversary of the Boolarra/Yinnar and Black Saturday bushfires, which brought back many emotions. I attended the Ecumenical Service at Churchill, and was heartened by the number of community members who attended. The Churchill community has been an

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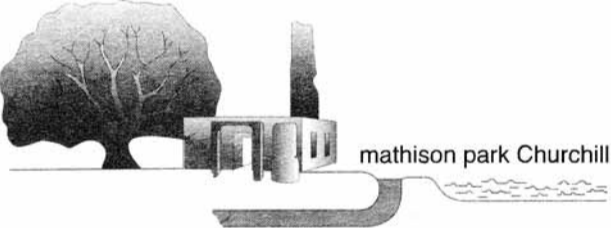
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During the latter part of January, Norm was good enough to bring his

mower along and cut the grass on the lake side of the pathway on the eastern side. It was a great follow up effort to the brush cutting and plant attention of January's working bee.

The next working bee will be on

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If you have any questions or want further information about the park or working bees, please ring Tom 5166 1388, or Ruth 5122 1961.

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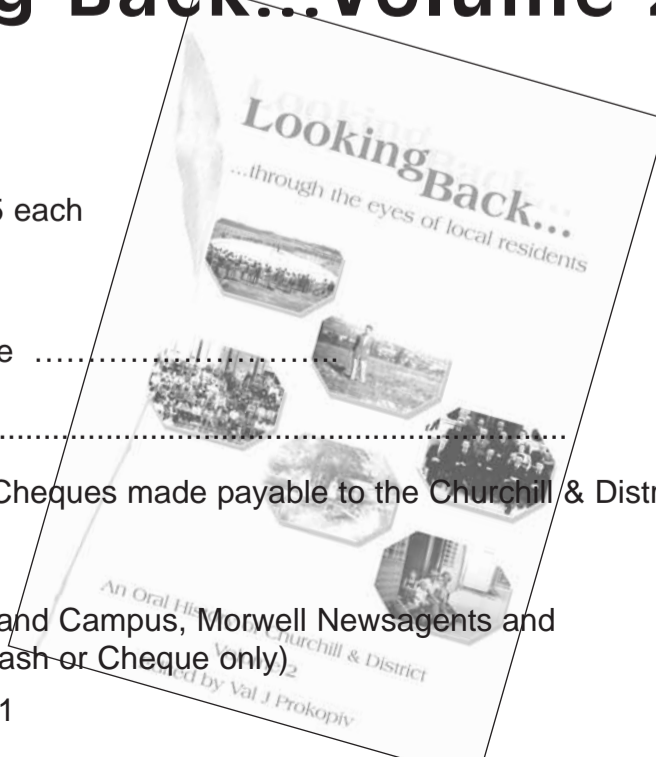
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The LCBTA People's Choice Awards is designed to celebrate the achievements of businesses in the Latrobe City - "Whatever Business You're In, You're In Tourism" and to celebrate that we are open for business and ready to tackle a new year.

The LCBTA is encouraging all businesses to participate and for customers to vote for their favourite business in the following categories.

If you believe that you have

- the Best Tourism Attraction
- the Best Dining Experience
- the Best Accommodation Experience
- the Best Small Business or Retail Experience
- the Best Community Event
- or the Best Experience in the Walhalla Mountain Rivers area

Encourage your customers to fill in the form below, mail it or drop it into one of the voting boxes at Latrobe City Service Centres or nominated venues in your town. Or go online to www.visitlatrobe.com and follow the links.

You can be a visitor to or a resident of the Latrobe Valley to

be eligible to vote and it is one vote per person per category but you must be over 18 years of age.

Voting is open until 6 April 2010.

A Gala Awards night will be held on 30 April 2010.

By voting you could WIN a Latrobe Tourism package valued at \$500.

Voting slips can be posted to the LCBTA P.O. Box 3485 Morwell MC Morwell 3841.

If you have any questions on how to participate in the LCBTA People's Choice Awards 2010 then contact the Project Officer on 0458 148 220 or email:

lcbusinessstourismassociation@gmail.com

Name of Business you are voting for

Please tick Category

- Best Accommodation Experience
- Best Community Event in Latrobe City
- Best Dining Experience in Latrobe City
- Best Small Business & Retail Experience
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One vote per person per category, you must be over 18, you must supply your name and address and contact details. Further conditions can be found on the website www.visitlatrobe.com

Lions Ride For Sight Bequest

Lions Ride for Sight has received a bequest of \$15,000 to enable continued fundraising for vision research. Churchill identity, the late "Taffy", Trevor Strangward, was a life member of the Churchill and District Lions Club.

He was committed to supporting both his local community and the projects of Lions Clubs International.

When the executors of his estate, John and Janet Lee of Churchill, became aware that the Lions Ride for Sight, in its 17th year of fundraising for vision projects, was in need of funds to support its efforts, they offered to donate \$15,000 from "Taffy's" estate.

A set of CB Radios was presented to the ride to aid communication between the ride support crew to ensure the safety of bicycle riders on the 400-kilometer ride.

The remainder of the bequest is being used to pay for administration expenses of the Ride. This means that all funds raised by riders, Lions Clubs and the public will go toward this year's recipient The Centre for Eye Research Australia. In the past 16 years the Ride has raised over \$500,000 for vision projects.

The Ride for Sight is a non competitive fun, social bike ride with a purpose. It is fully catered by Lions Clubs and is suitable for riders of all abilities and this year they hope to raise up to \$50,000.

Between Thursday 18th March to Sunday 21st March, 50 participants will ride through some of the most spectacular country side in South Eastern Australia from the Great Divide to Bass Strait.

From Trafalgar in West Gippsland they will ride through pasture land, rain forests and the Baw Baw foothills, then travel alongside the rolling vineyards and beaches of the Mornington Peninsula, visiting Arthur's Seat and Point Nepean before finishing at Frankston.

For the experienced rider there will be some challenging hills on the first two days with the remaining route flat. The Ride offers

lots of support for the novice or less experienced rider.

Individually, the eighty Lions, Leo, Lioness and Branch clubs in the Lions district are involved in many sight related activities. Both fund-raising for and educating their communities about vision loss and added to this is the 'The Lions Ride for Sight' which began in 1994.

Lions worldwide have responded to the challenge set them in 1925 by blind and disabled authoress and activist Helen Keller at their International Convention to become Knights for the Blind.

She said, "Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?"

In response, Lions Clubs International has made research into and treatment of vision loss a fundamental aspect of Lionism worldwide.

The goal of their international program is to eradicate or cure preventable blindness.

With 1.4 million members in over 200 countries they are in a strong position to assist our communities to do this.

"The ride is currently without a naming sponsor and these funds will make it possible to continue until we are able to partner with a new sponsor," said Ride Chairman Peter Houlihan, "we are indebted to the estate of "Taffy Strangward" and appreciate the difference this support will make to the Ride."

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Monday 29 March 2010: 9am - 12 noon

Entry Form

Players Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date Of Birth: _____

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Events

(tick the event that you would like to enter, age as of 29 March 2010)

	AGE	CATEGORY	TICK TO ENTER
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2	Under 8	Competition	
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4	Under 10	Competition	
5	Under 13	Beginners	
6	Under 13	Competition	
7	Under 15	Beginners	
8	Under 15	Competition	
9	Doubles (if time permits)		

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* Players enter at their own risk

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Ritchies took over the existing Churchill store in December 2007 and completed a major refurbishment of the store last year, which almost doubled its

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Churchill and their excellence has qualified the store to win the regional awards for Best Store; Best Grocery Department; Best Bakery Department; Best Dairy Freezer Department; and Best Customer Service in the Gippsland region.

Ritchies Churchill will now go on to the Victorian IGA State Conference to be held at Phillip Island in early April and hope to bring home the award for Victorian Supa IGA Store of the Year.

Kate Myall

Kate Myall: Relaxation and Aromatherapy Massage wishes to apologise for any inconvenience to clientele as she is no longer working from Churchill Chiropractic.

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Correction & Apology

The steering committee of the Churchill Community Bank® branch wish to apologise for errors contained in the February edition of Churchill & District News

It was stated that Drouin & District Community Bank® branch had donated \$152,000 to their community in grants,

donations and sponsorships in 2008/09. The figure should have been \$396,242 (up from \$204,211 in the previous year.)

However Trafalgar & District Community Bank® branch donated \$75,354 and not "over \$85,000" as stated and Heyfield donations were "over \$78,000" not "over \$80,000"

Morwell River Out in the Open



Morwell River ariel view

By Ruth Place

International Power Hazelwood officially celebrated the opening of the new above ground ten-kilometre stretch of the Morwell River, which since 1977 has been underground.

Much care and consideration to detail has been undertaken and involved a partnership between Hazelwood Power, R.T.L., West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, EPA, Vic Roads, Environmental Review Committee and several environmental groups.

International Power Australia's Executive Director Tony Concannon, and West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's Chair, Ms. Liz Clay did the honours on the bank of the section of the new river, by transferring water from the old section to the new section of the river.

This project has been a key part of the Hazelwood's investment in ensuring a coal supply that will last until 2036. I spoke with several key people involved with the project who praised International Power's dedication to its environmental requirements.

Peter Freeman is a member of the Environmental Review Committee (ERC). The committee consists of government agencies and community members. Its purpose is to make sure Hazelwood meets its licences with the EPA. It looks at environmental performance of the company's operation and examines plans for environmental approval.

Peter says he has found this inter-

esting work. "Hazelwood is committed to improving its environmental performance. They are open to admit the good and bad," he said.

Graeme O'Hara is a fourth generation local farmer and member of the Victorian Farmers Federation. He is also a community representative on the ERC. Graeme says it is vital that as a farmer he is environmentally aware of what Hazelwood is doing and their effect on the farming community. The project has changed the landscape for farmers of the Driffield area and Hazelwood. Graeme has been pleased that consideration for the slow flow of the river will ensure that water levels will not drop upstream.

Chris Shepherd is the Project Manager of the R.T.L. Alliance team. He lives in Churchill. For him the highlight has been that the job created employment for 80-90 people.

"They (International Power) are excellent people to work with. It is good to be on a job when everyone is working together for the common good. I.P.R.H. and R.T.L. have a good working relationship and are able to resolve any issues. It is good to see the job finished."

The benefits of this project as seen by Chris are a healthy river and benefits to the community in the provision of recreational fishing opportunities.

Jamie Hunt is also with RTL. Jamie says this project has been a good one. Hazelwood has very good clerical administration. There were low overheads, a small team of 8-9, and the

good working relationship with Hazelwood.

Graeme York is CEO of Hazelwood. He said, "The safety record for the project was commendable. There is such a good working relationship between R.T.L., the authorities and I.P. Hazelwood. This is a win-win project, which has come in under budget and on time. It has achieved an outstanding environmental outcome, and secured operations into the future."

Richard Polmear is Hazelwood's Project Director who has worked on this project from the very beginning. For him working with people on this project has been a highlight. This includes the community involvement of the early days with several hundred community presentations. He proudly states that during the West Field project 32 million cubic meters of dirt was shifted. Richard sees this project as a major benefit to the community with major improvements to roads and the river. Environmentally it will mean that for the first time in many years, native fish species can migrate which is important for their life cycles.

For him personally, it made him feel really good when Steve Reinnets, Director Mining, entrusted him to look after the job. It involved a lot of money (\$350 million plus). Richard has seen this as a personal opportunity to achieve sizeable benefits for the company, with coal reserves secured

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into the 2030's.

Garry Mauger is Hazelwood Project Controls Manager and has been another one of the key people of Hazelwood directly involved in this project since its inception. For him the highlight of this second phase of development was "bringing together the final bit of construction and opening the river to flow.

It was a bit like a three year gestation period followed by the birth of the river." Garry said he really enjoyed working on the project team and the construction by R.T.L. Alliance partners was excellent.

The benefits as he sees it will be the environmental outcome, with the health improvement of the river and access to coal necessary for the State's economy and I.P. Hazelwood's business.

Bob Mansell is also a Churchill resident. He has worked for the power industry for forty-four years, starting with the SEC in 1966.

He has really enjoyed his work on this project. Richard Polmear put him in charge of the job of re-locating two 220KV towers. This involved a trip to China, which Bob says was great and unusual in his work.

Kevin Jones [IPH] and Mark Bradbury [Indigenous Design] are managing the re-vegetation of the river, planting eucalypts, wattles,

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aquatic endangered species, creating a fantastic corridor for fauna and birds life. They started by taking mussels and crayfish from the river, into the new section. The platypus and native fish will be the next to transfer from the redundant section to the new channel.

For Mark it has been a highlight to see the river design come to fruition. For Kevin it has been putting trees on it. The first section planted is already at a good height, attracting the birds. The long-term outcome is to create a canopy of trees over the river. The installation of nest boxes in the wetlands which the river will flow past, will encourage nesting and building up of bird numbers. They hope to put possum nesting boxes up later.

They look forward to continuing the planting of the 40,000 trees and shrubs, grasses and aquatic plants allotted to this project.



Darren Chester, Tony Concannon and Graeme York

Jamboree



By Tamara Kemp
1st Churchill Scouts

On January 2, scouts from around the world gathered at their bus stops waiting to get on the bus for a very exciting journey to the 22nd Australian Jamboree. For most people around Australia it took about 2 days to get there. The bus journey for a lot of people was a bit uncomfortable, but we all managed.

When we were told that we had finally arrived everyone was so excited. We wanted to get out of our seats in a hurry to start the jamboree, which was held at Cataract Park. When everyone got off the bus it was sprinkling rain, which meant a lot of people had to set up their tents in the rain.

On the first day when everything was set up we went for a tour of the campsite. At the jamboree there was a range of booked, free, scheduled and off site activities. There were so many to do, you had hardly any time to sit down and be bored. Also, there were free activities you had to do if you wanted to go for your jamboree award. The fun wasn't just by sunlight but also by moonlight. Almost every night there was something for the scouts to do. This was to get them out of the leaders' hair so they could slack off and relax! The nighttime activities included movies, entertainment, comedy shows and more. We were all given a passport to keep to get stamped for the award. The nighttime activities were all at either the main or mini arena or at a contingent tent. The off site activities included fun things like Water Park, tour around Sydney and water activities on some sort of a beach.

On the second night, the opening ceremony was held at the main arena. It was a spectacular perform-

ance and we had a new band performing – Blue Juice. In my troop (105) we had a system where one person in each patrol had to write a paragraph or so on what we did that day. Some got involved with it but some didn't. A big problem that scouts had at the camp was arachnophobia, as there were lots of funnel web spiders. Luckily no one on the jamboree was harmed by one (that I had heard of) but in my camp we had at least 3 funnel web spiders in the boys' tents. Thankfully, they got them out with no hassle. While we are on the reptile situation, when everyone in my troop was off on an activity, we had a snake go through the tents. That really scared the leaders. So from then on, every one had to pack up their bags, zip up everything and put them on beds so we could spray the ground around the tents. Because I hate snakes and spiders let's talk about something else.

Ah I know - the facilities. The showers - almost every time I had one it was cold but still it was a hot day to have one and, by the way, you had to have a shower every day (this was because of the activities). We did have to take our own stuff but we were given a luggage bag, back pack, 2 drink bottles, a bum bag and for the patrol leaders, if they went to a PL dinner, they got a PL bag with stickers and a hand towel. The toilets were functional and clean and EVERY where you went there was hand sanitiser. This was to make sure that no one got sick like they did at the last jamboree (Elmore).

Now for the food. The food was great. I loved the lunch because we had salad sandwiches which was healthy and gave us energy. We had this every day for two weeks. The dinner nearly every night was really

good. Most of the scouts enjoyed it but some were forced to eat. Don't know why but, oh well, that was their problem not mine. And now for breakfast. Every morning we had cereal and something else. Most mornings it was good but because a lot of people don't get what we had at the jamboree.

In the mornings before breakfast it was a struggle. This was because everyone was tired because they didn't go to bed early enough. But we all managed. On the last day of the jamboree, there was a final off site activity. This was air activities. If you wanted to do it then you would have had to sign up for it before the jamboree. Six people from my troop went, including me. Unfortunately we didn't get to go up in the planes because the clouds were too low, so we were a bit disappointed with that but there were other activities there.

When we got back, the site was half packed up and we had to do it in the rain. We set up and packed up in the rain but the days between it were sunny and warm and beautiful. We ended going for 14 days. 2 days up 10 days there and 2 days back. After packing up, we went to the closing ceremony.

The band that sang at the closing ceremony was My Future Lies. It was really good that they sung us away to the busses. For some lucky troops they got to get on the busses and leave early. The Victorian people (most of them) left at around midnight. A lot of the people on the busses had a very good night's sleep and woke up at McDonalds, where a lot of busses met up then left after a while. Many scouts were glad to see home but were sad to leave AJ 2010.

Gippsland Medical School Evelyn Ang

By Ruth Place

Evelyn is beginning her second year of a four-year degree, which will see her become a doctor. She agreed to share her impressions about the course.

Evelyn was born in Ithaca, New York, USA but then lived for twenty years in Singapore. At sixteen, her family moved to Norway for her father's work in the oil industry. She went to Pennsylvania State University in the USA to do her first degree in Biology with a minor in Mathematics. Back in Singapore, Evelyn worked for Estee Lauder in marketing before she decided to come to Churchill. Evelyn had always wanted to be a doctor or work in a profession where she could actively help someone.

It had to be a teacher or a doctor, but she says, "The Lord put it on my heart that I become a doctor, and nothing else would satisfy".

From age sixteen when she was in Norway, that was her aim, and even though it came about by a circuitous route, that is where she has ended up.

A cousin of Evelyn's had completed an undergraduate medical degree at Monash, and her mother said "Why don't you apply to Monash? It can't hurt." In October 2008, she was told she had a place in the second intake at The Gippsland Medical School, after interviewing in Singapore. She was thrilled. Evelyn says the first year was very challenging academically for her especially as her first degree was more about things like ecology, evolution, and genetics, so there were big gaps in her knowledge especially in anatomy.

"It was huge challenge," she

was like fleshing out all we had learnt as students."

Evelyn emphatically says the placement was worth all the time to travel to Sale and the study that preceded the placement. For many of Evelyn's classmates it was very rewarding to have a real life taste of medicine.

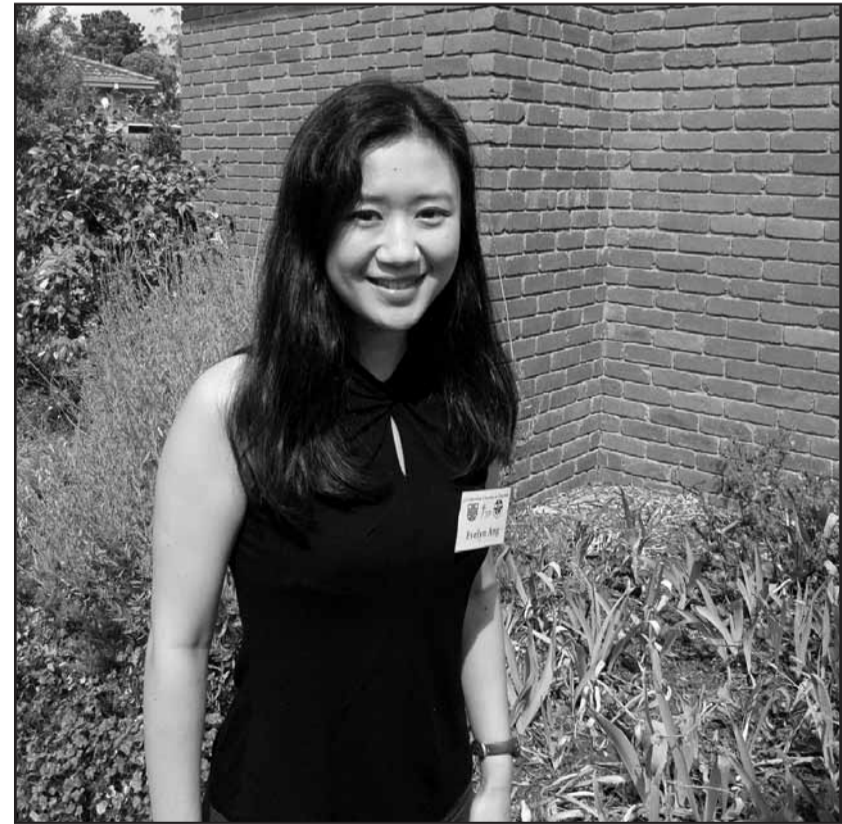
Evelyn is back for her second year. The medical students start earlier than the rest of the university students and Evelyn says the break seemed very short. However, she is ready to face the challenges ahead. The first challenge for her is time management. She was at University last year and Latrobe Regional Hospital this year from 9-5pm and then has to study after that.

Dedication is necessary. "It is like having a new relationship-Med! All other relationships have to accommodate Med!"

"The speed at which we are expected to learn has been a struggle but having a good teacher has really made a difference. Having a teacher who is willing to change his or her style to accommodate me has been very good. In particular, Dr. Norman Eizenberg has been a definite boon to the course. He cares for his students, and it shows!"

It was very difficult at first to adjust to Dr Eizenberg's lectures. After his first lecture, I wanted to sit down and cry. I had no road map for my year. As the year progressed the way to learn became clearer and I was able to channel her efforts in the right direction."

The second challenge which Evelyn will continue to face this year is being so far away from home and family. To see



divulged, "Not to mention the clinical learning!"

The staff however were supportive, especially the clinical teachers. They were willing to take suggestions for improving the delivery of the course. Evelyn says that the student's opinions are valued very much, and changes have been made based on what they have said.

One of the highlights of Evelyn's first year was her placement with a general practice in Sale. This was most rewarding experience with the chance to follow a nurse (and sometimes the doctor) around, learning from them. She could watch as patients came in with symptoms of which she had read in text books. "It

them takes a good deal of planning, thought, money and time- a precious commodity.

Her parents, family and fiancé are all extremely supportive and have worked around this thing called "Med", which has made a difference. For two years she and her fiancé have been out of physical reach except for very short periods of time which are very precious.

Meeting those challenges, and looking forward to the different rotations in hospitals she will have over this year, and in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in third year, is keeping this student focused and continuing to work hard to achieve a goal she believes will help her help others.

C&D Celebrity Chefs'

No celebrity chef this month. Just yours truly with two recipes from my native Wales.

CAWS-WEDI-POBI
(Welsh Rarebit)

8 oz cheese. 4 tablespoons milk. Worcester sauce, dry mustard and white pepper to taste.

Mix all the ingredients together. Stir well and spread on four pieces of thick toast. Brown under the grill and serve hot.

CAWL FENNIN A BUFEN

(Leek broth)

1 ¼ lb leeks
2 oz butter
12 oz onions

1 head celery
3 pints lamb stock
Salt and pepper to taste
Chopped parsley

Clean leeks well to remove all grit. Chop vegetables and saute in butter. Add meat stock. Bring to boil, then simmer for 1 hr. Cool. Liquidise. Season to taste. Bring back to boil. Serve very hot, sprinkled with parsley.

Next month ... a Churchillian chef with recipes from Poland.



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A Victorian Government initiative 

Computer Recycling Trial Starts In Latrobe Valley

The first of a series of computer recycling collections in the Latrobe Valley will take place in Morwell from today. The first collection day coincides with the official launch of the Gippsland Regional E-Waste Collectors and Recyclers project, which is a joint initiative of the Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group, Lifeline Gippsland, Latrobe City Council and PGM Refiners. The project is supported by the Victorian Government Sustainability Fund, managed by Sustainability Victoria.

Collections at Churchill are at the Lumen Christi Primary School on Friday 19 March from 2.30pm until 5pm and Saturday 20 March from 9.30am until 12 noon.

The initial project is a trial to establish the longer term feasibility of a computer recycling service in Gippsland. Currently computers are generally thrown out, causing problems in landfill operations and potentially damaging the environment, according to Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group Chairman Cr Graeme Middlemiss.

"Many computer components and peripherals can be recycled and put to good use," Cr said. "There is a cost to treating these

materials in a sustainable way, however these costs are far less than those to clean up pollution in the environment if they are not treated responsibly. It is important to realise that computer waste is hazardous and contains toxic materials that require special treatment to recycle."

"If we are able to establish an accessible system for dealing with this waste, it will be a win – win situation."

The collection points will accept home computers and computer accessories/ peripherals in household quantities only, such as desktop PCs, including hard drives, key boards, mouse, power supplies, circuit boards, mother boards, network and memory cards, floppy/ CD/ DVD drives, monitors, laptops and printers. No other electronic or white goods, household items, gas bottles, photocopiers, liquids or commercial equipment will be accepted.

There is a charge to deposit the items. The costs are \$10 for a computer system with monitor, and \$5.00 for a laptop or comput-

er system with no monitor. Additional monitors are \$10.00 per unit.

As part of the trial, Lifeline Gippsland have set up a dismantling facility in Morwell where the computers are taken apart and then sent on to reputable recyclers for further processing. The proceeds from the service will be directed to support Lifeline's 24 hour telephone counselling and other support services.

"It is also a great opportunity to get rid of the clutter around the home, while knowing that the old computer you have no use for will be disposed of responsibly," Cr Middlemiss added.

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Caring for your Pets - Canine Parvovirus

What is Canine Parvovirus disease?

Canine parvovirus (CPV) infection is a relatively new disease that first appeared in 1978. Because of the severity of the disease and its rapid spread through the canine population,

CPV has aroused a great deal of public interest.

How does a dog become infected with parvovirus?

The cause of CPV disease, as the name infers, is a virus. The main source of the virus is the faeces of infected dogs. The faeces of an infected dog can have a high concentration of viral particles. Susceptible animals become infected by ingesting the virus. Subsequently, the virus is carried to the intestine where it invades the intestinal wall and causes inflammation.

Unlike most other viruses, CPV is stable in the environment and is resistant to the effects of heat, detergents, and alcohol. CPV has been recovered from dog faeces even after three months at room temperature. Due to its stability, the virus is easily transmitted via the hair or feet of infected dogs, contaminated shoes, clothes, and other objects. Direct contact between dogs is not required to spread the virus. Dogs that become infected with the virus and show clinical signs will usually become ill within 7-10 days of the initial infection.

How does this disease affect the dog?

The effects of the disease are variable, but generally take the form of severe vomiting and diarrhoea. The diarrhoea may or may not contain blood.

Additionally, affected dogs often exhibit a lack of appetite, depression, and fever. It is important to note that many dogs may not show every clinical sign, but vomiting and

diarrhoea are the most common signs; vomiting usually begins first. Parvo may affect dogs of all ages, but is most common in dogs less than one year of age. Young puppies less than five months of age are often the most severely affected and the most difficult to treat.

Can it be treated successfully?

As with any virus disease there is no treatment to kill the virus once it infects the dog. However, the virus does not directly cause death; rather, it causes loss of the lining of the intestinal tract. This results in severe dehydration, electrolyte (sodium and potassium) imbalances, and infection in the bloodstream (septicaemia). It is when the bacteria that normally live in the intestinal tract are able to get into the blood stream, that it becomes more likely that the animal will die.

The first step in treatment is to correct dehydration and electrolyte imbalances. This requires

the administration of intravenous fluids containing electrolytes. Antibiotics and anti-inflammatory drugs are given to prevent or control septicemia. Antispasmodic drugs are used to inhibit the diarrhoea and vomiting that perpetuate the problems.

What is the survival rate?

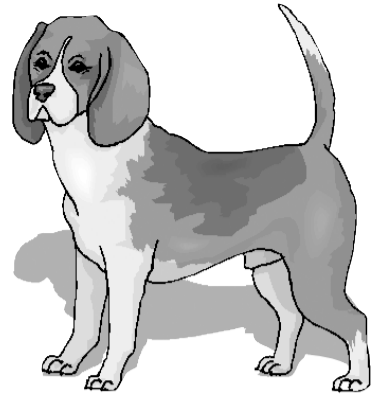
Most dogs with CPV infection recover if aggressive treatment is used and if therapy is begun before severe septicaemia and dehydration occur. For reasons not fully understood, some breeds, notably the Rottweiler, have a much higher fatality rate than other breeds.

Can it be prevented?

The best method of protecting your dog against CPV infection is proper vaccination. Puppies receive a parvo vaccination as part of the vaccines given at 6, 12 and 16 weeks of age. After the initial series of vaccinations when the dog is a puppy, all dogs should be boosted at least once a year. Bitches should be boosted before mating or immediately before whelping in order to transfer protective antibodies to the puppies. The final decision about a proper vaccination schedule should be made by your veterinary surgeon.

Is there a way to kill the virus in the environment?

The stability of the CPV in the environment



makes it important to properly disinfect contaminated areas. This can be accomplished by cleaning food bowls, water bowls, and other contaminated items with a solution of 250 mL of chlorine bleach in 5 litres of water. It is important that chlorine bleach or glutaraldehyde based disinfectants be used because many other "viricidal" disinfectants will not kill the canine parvovirus.

Does parvovirus pose a health risk for me? How about for my cats?

It is important to note that at the present time, there is no evidence to indicate that CPV is transmissible to cats or humans.

Rain Gauge Weather Observations

By Peter Prokopiv
The total rainfall I recorded for February was 58.25mm. The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) recorded a total of 69.6 at Latrobe Valley Airport.

31.5 on 5 February. Our total on that day was 19.6mm.

I am still trying to get a reasonably accurate temperature readings. The placement of the thermometer is proving tricky, but I will continue to find a spot for it. However, the lowest temperature recorded by the BOM for February was 6.6 and the highest 35.

The heaviest rainfall I recorded was 31.5mm on 12 February. On the same day, the BOM recorded 21.2mm. The heaviest rainfall at Latrobe Valley Airport was

Jeeralang North Community Hall Expressions of Interest

The Jeeralang North Community Hall was originally opened in 1954 to provide a venue for the outlying communities of Hazelwood North and Jeeralang.

In recent years the hall has been used for a regular 'Old Time' dance, celebrations and other events.

On February 7 2009, the hall was partially destroyed by the bush fires that swept through the region.

Through the work of the Hazelwood-Jeeralang Community Recovery Committee the Hall Committee is pleased to advise that

the hall will be rebuilt in a more fire resistant design.

Improved grounds and hall facilities are in the detailed planning stage and it is expected that work will commence in the near future.

To ensure that we maximise the utilisation of this improved community asset, the Hall Committee is seeking expressions of interest from various individuals, groups and community organisations regarding their possible use of the hall.

The design of the hall includes meeting

room space, generous and well equipped kitchen, a hall which includes a stage, a large grassed area with play equipment and parking. The hall is set in the beautiful Strzelecki bushland.

For more information or to pass on an expression of interest please contact: The Secretary, Jeeralang North Community Hall and Reserve Committee, 980 Jeeralang North Road, Jeeralang North 3840, email: judes43@live.com.au or Phone 5166 1682.

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Hazelwood House Happenings



Once a month a different country is picked for our Cultural Day. This month was Thailand. Volunteer Lorraine Bissett gave a talk to the residents about her holiday in Thailand



Staff member Toni Leonte with the award she received for "Outstanding Student Nursing in the Morwell Campus for 2009". Well done Toni, we are all very proud of you.



Resident Jean Gilchrist with flowers she received for her birthday. Jean celebrated her birthday by spending time with her family in Melbourne.

My First Day at School

By Molly Keeley

It's here at last! I have been longing for this day for ages. I'm going to school today.

Frank, Bob and Harold, my brothers, are going to take me. I have to get ready, and my long boots are a torment to fasten, I can never get it right, the loops always seem to fall off.

My new apron, with tulips all over it, is stiff.

Why do I need an apron, is it dirty at school? All these things are going through my mind, my brain's in a spin, and my breakfast seems to stick to my throat.

It was England, 1928. I hardly had time to say goodbye to Mom when off we went, I was dragged up the steep hill to the school by Harold, "Don't worry!" he said, "you'll be O.K. Your teacher is a nice lady". There at last.

We all lined up to enter our classrooms. We all hung up our coats in the first room, then we were led to our class rooms. I didn't like the smell, it seemed to overpower me at first. I was given a small chair and told to take it to a very small table I was to share with another girl. Her name was Betty, it was her first day too.

A chalk board and a piece of white chalk were there ready for us to use.

The teacher was a tall, big lady, who wore large horn

rimmed glasses and had a loud voice that echoed in my ears. Her name, she said, was "Miss Conlon".

"I want you to write your ABC on your board", she said. I tried to copy what she had written on that huge blackboard. It was so hard to do, my chalk broke when I pressed on it, and it fell all over the floor.

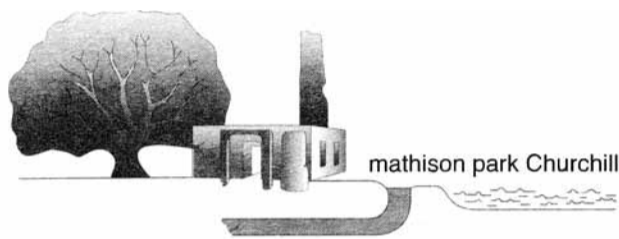
As I got down to gather it up, I noticed that my awful long boots had come undone, and I burst into tears. The teacher asked, "What's wrong?" I couldn't speak. I point to my boots and she said, "Can't you do them up?" I shook my head and tried to get my hankie that was pinned to my sleeve and tucked up inside it to dry my tears and wipe my nose.

My brother, Harold was sent for from the big school. When he arrived he did up my boots and tied them tight, he told me to stop howling. "It's time you learned to do this properly", he said.

They didn't come undone again I'm glad to say, and I went out to play at play time full of hope.

My first day at school was an experience I've never forgotten.

Molly Keeley is a new student at the Creative Writing Class, held at the Churhchill Hub. For more information on the class, please ring Henry Parniak on 5122 2955. We look forward to more stories from the group.



Caterpillars in Mathison Park

By Ken Harris

At a recent working bee in Mathison Park a group of us were clearing dead shrubs and branches from an area at the Northern end of the Park. On one large branch lying on the ground, I noticed two large caterpillars walking about.

One I recognised immediately, having found its close cousin in the park in October last year. It is in the family Anthelidae and is a member of the genus Pterolocera, which are collectively known as Grass Anthelids, because their caterpillars feed almost exclusively on grasses. Originally of course they would have fed on native grasses, but they seem to feed on many introduced grasses as well.



This caterpillar like many members of its family is very hairy and can cause irritation to some people when handled.

They are interesting caterpillars and are very hard to identify to the species, because recent work has shown that there are consistent differences between the caterpillars from different areas of Victoria. In fact the caterpillar last year was different from this year's specimen.

The males are typical moths, although they have particularly large feathery antennae. The female moths however are flightless and the males may need the big antennae to locate the females by their pheromones, while they are tucked away among the grasses.

The immobility of the female moths increases the likelihood of local populations developing differences from their neighbours leading to a large number of different but very closely related species.

Tom Lawless reports that these caterpillars are quite

numerous around the paddocks on his farm near Churchill and he sees them at this time every year.



My picture shows the male moth, which I reared from the caterpillar that I found in the park last year.



The second caterpillar was quite different. It had only scattered hairs on its dark grey body, with

pairs of white spots on each segment. I was able to identify this as the caterpillar of Boisduval's Autumn Moth – *Oenosandra boisduvalii*, which is in the family Oenosandridae.

This is different from the first one as it feeds on Eucalyptus leaves, so finding the two on the same branch would be an unusual occurrence. Perhaps this one had come down to the ground to seek out a place to pupate and wait through the summer in its chrysalis before emerging as a moth in the autumn!



The moths, as their name implies mainly appear in the autumn. I have not seen the moths in the park but I took the attached photo of a female Boisduval's Autumn Moth in the Edward Hunter Reserve in Moe in April 2002.

Shirley Is On the Mend

On Wednesday February 17, Churchill icon, Shirley Maney, collapsed in the local Ritchies Supermarket. Staff administered CPR until ambulance officers arrived. All these amazing people kept our Shirl with us and LRH has done an outstanding job with Shirl's recovery.

Shirl is well known throughout the town for her love of her university students, her delicious baking abilities and hav-

ing a cuppa and a chat.

If you haven't tasted one of Shirl's passionfruit sponge cakes, you are definitely missing out. Shirl is a lovely, chatty, energetic eighty years young. She has amazing energy and enjoyment for life.

We are so glad our Shirl is on the mend and will continue to buzz about the town, putting a big smile on the faces of everyone she sees.



Kurnai College Churchill Campus

THE SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT



Even though it has been hard work, they are taking pride in making the school look better which Josh hopes will then attract more enrollments and lift the image of the school.

"It has made us feel better as we have helped the school and learnt skills, like using the phone," he said.

Year Nine Projects

The Year 9s (and a few Year 10s in the School Beautification project) are working on

a project they have chosen. This ten-week unit will span the whole semester.

For the first three weeks of semester, the students as a whole class, engaged in a communications course in which they learnt skills in using the telephone speaking, face-to-face speaking, and letter writing to businesses.

These skills were then put to use in community engagement to secure the provision of resources for their particular chosen project.

Many of the projects are concerned with beautifying the school grounds, since the forced removal of trees which were causing structural damage to buildings and pathways.

val and made it such a great day. The weather was beautiful, the students were very well behaved and represented the College exceptionally well.

Well done to all of the Year 9 students who came along to and participated in the swimming sports on Wednesday. We were very lucky and had a beautiful sunny day for the event. All students seemed to have a great day out and it is always a good opportunity for students to get to know each other better and to interact with their teachers outside of the usual classroom environment. Our highest scoring Year 9 students on the day were: Nathan Noblet, Sharna Smith, Caitlin Slater, Tamara Kemp and Genevieve Blakeley. Congratulations to these students!

Multi-Media Project

With this project students are working with teacher Rose Tanti, writing articles for the magazine, setting up pages using Photoshop, learning about radio, web pages and on-line newspapers through Hyperlink.

Clean Up Australia Day

The school volunteered to participate in Clean Up Australia by taking part in in the School's Clean Up Australia Day on March 5.

The students walked to Mathison Park to clean up the surrounds of Lake Hyland.

German Exchange Students

Two young people from Germany have come to spend ten weeks with two local families and attend the college. Julia Burkhardt and Katrin Schaeffer are from Bavaria but from different schools. They had been in Australia for a week when they shared their impressions.

Julia's impressions of Australia start with "It's great, very warm, and the landscape is very different with different plants and animals."

When asked why she chose to come to Australia she replied, "It's warm." There was snow and very cold temperatures when she left her home.

Katrin's reason for coming to Australia started when she heard about the exchange program at school. Such exchanges interested her and especially one that would bring her to Australia. She likes everything that is different.

Katrin says people have been very nice to her, and there is lots to see and hear. Both girls say their host families are very nice, giving them a warm welcome and being very caring.

Their LOTE teacher, Almuth, said the people in charge of the exchange program do a brilliant job in matching families to students.

For both girls a trip to Central Australia will be a highlight, which they are both looking forward to. There is also a trip to Canberra as part of the activities.

The girls from the host families will be heading off to Bavaria at the end of this year, spending what they hope will be a white Christmas and New Year there. They are looking forward to seeing snow.

Julia and Katrin are enjoying their exchange experi-

ence and say that if you have the chance to be a participant you should do it.

Assistant Teacher in German

Sonja Uberschar has also come from Germany, Hanover this time, to stay for one year working as an Assistant Teacher in German. She is working with four other teachers across all three campuses of Kurnai, with year 7-12 students.

This teacher exchange is through a co-operation between the Department's of Education in Australia and Germany.

Sonja says she is learning how big Australia is, with huge distances to travel. The people she has found are friendly and open-minded, having received a warm welcome. Sonja left temperatures of -25 degrees Celsius with lots of snow and blizzards, to arrive here with temperatures in the high 30's.

Sonja's goal for her visit is to get to know the Australian education system and to bring some German culture to Australia. In Germany, Sonja studied language and is a qualified teacher.

While here she hopes to travel and see as much as possible. She has already made a trip to Inverloch, to Melbourne and to a winery, and with the purchase of a car, she is free to roam. Travel goals include Uluru, the Gold Coast and the penguins on Phillip Island. Adjusting to driving on the left side of the road has not been a problem, but she says there is sometimes a lack of street signage.

Sonja is a believer in taking opportunities as they present themselves and says go and see the world- go for it as it is a two way learning advantage!



The Yard Technology Project

Teacher Ben Swift has been able to secure a donation of timber from Carter, Holt and Harvey Timber mill.

Ben approached the timber mill about the use of some off cuts and soon had a heap of timber to use. He says a great relationship has developed.

The students made a chair and a planter box and donated them back to Carter, Holt and Harvey for their Christmas raffle, with the proceeds going to charity.

The project group working with Ben has received a further donation of wood, some of which has been used to make miniature picnic tables, as a lead up to making full size versions. These picnic tables will be used in an area of the playground to make it more appealing and comfortable at lunchtimes. Some landscaping will be added to the area to further enhance it.

For their project, the students will also be converting an unused covered way into a storage area. Through this project they are learning many skills involved in working with wood, and how to apply cladding.



Ben report that the students are very engaged with this work, in which they are involved for four hours per week.

More Kurnai News.....

Kelly Davey

Kelly is a part time German teacher at Churchill Junior and GEP campuses. She is teaching in years 7, 10, 11, and 12.

Kelly says the two students from Germany are fitting in very well. For the local students it is a great stimulus to have contact with the Germans of their own age, especially for those on the exchange program. Kelly says she has asked the girls to help on a 1-1 basis with students as they work through sentences about family. The girls have also been able to give insights into German culture. This has stimulated the rest of the class who are asking many questions.

For the wider student population it has been an opportunity to extend their understanding and appreciation of the differences between the two cultures.

This has had the effect of making German and Germany more tangible. It is not just a far away country, which has no significance to the students.

New Language Centre

The contract for the tender for the new language centre has been awarded and that work will start soon.

Swimming Sports

Congratulations to all those Year 8 students who attended the swimming carnival

Lumen Christi Primary School



The new Preps have settled in well thanks to their very welcoming and patient Grade 6 Buddies. As part of the Better Buddies program, the Grade 6 students presented their buddy with a bear and a story which they wrote together at the Grade 6 assembly.

Lumen Christi students from Grade 1 to Grade 6 participate in Bluearth each Friday. Bluearth is national physical education program with the specific purpose of improving health and preventing diseases caused by a sedentary life. Bluearth is a program which devel-

ops and integrates the body, mind and spirit through participation in physical activity.

Students at Lumen Christ look forward to their session each week and the staff are being trained weekly in becoming Bluearth instructors.

Children, teachers and parents at Lumen Christi danced and sang along with Andrew Chinn on Wednesday 26th February. Grades Prep to 6 thoroughly enjoyed workshops throughout the day to prepare for our whole school BBQ and concert that evening.

Yinnar South Primary School

Yinnar South Primary School is a small, family orientated school that offers the advantages of a large school in the warm, supporting environment only a small school can deliver.

At Yinnar South Primary School we provide :

- * Small class sizes – more individual time for your child.
- * Individual Learning Plans, developed for each student.
- * Family atmosphere – sense of caring and belonging.
- * Early Years Program for Grades Prep to Four.
- * Reading Recovery
- * Individualised support for students with disabilities and special needs.
- * Multi-age classes which promote self-esteem and independence.

- * Well resourced art room and library.
- * Interactive whiteboards.
- * Large, shady playgrounds.
- * One-to-one English intervention (remedial assistance).
- * Music, art, technology and phys. ed. programs, including swimming.
- * Excellent access to computers in every classroom.
- * Strong community focus.
- * Regular whole school activities.
- * Excursions and sports days.
- * Grade 3/4 & 5/6 camps.
- * Participation in Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod.
- * School concert.
- * Art show.

For more information contact the Principal:

Patricia McGarry on 5169 1540

Fantastic Start to the School Year

What a fantastic start to the school year! Our children have settled very quickly back into routine.

It is an absolute joy to walk around

our playground at lunch and recess breaks.

The polite, friendly nature of our children as they play and interact with each other and staff has to be experienced to be believed. Visitors to our school almost invariably comment on the 'tone' of our school.

I would like to thank the children for their positive and enthusiastic start to the school year and the manner in which they conduct themselves throughout the day.

Left: Ryan and Bradley



Jacquie, Vanessa, Alfonso and Kim



Making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday



Prep1 students in the art room

Churchill Primary School

School Captains

The new school captains have been elected. All candidates delivered a speech at assembly and they were very well received.

The results of the election were: School Captains Nathan Slusser and Tarna Flake

Vice Captains: Riley Flanigan and Claudia Davern.



Tarna Flake

House Captains

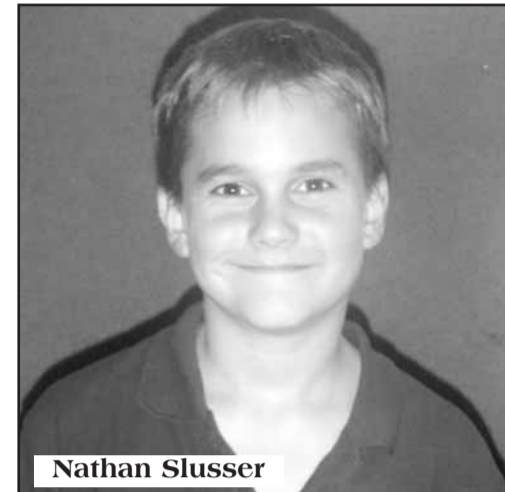
House Captains elected were:

Red House: Jannah Wolske and Ellis Hayes-Hills.

Yellow House: Dylan Akkerman and Carleena Orangi.

Blue House: Bonnie Kearns and Tristan Turpin.

Green House: Kristen Schumann and Brenton Hodson.



Nathan Slusser

SWIMMING SPORTS

A small number of children participated in the Yinnar and District Swimming Sports held at Churchill leisure Centre on February 18.

The participants were Cameron Ipsen, Riley and Bailey Flanigan, Ellis Hayes-Hills, Tristan Turpin, Brodie Murdoch, Shannon Clissold and Tayla Kelty-

Roberts.

Cameron Ipsen, Riley and Bailey Flanigan made it to the Zone Finals.

Overall, the children swam wonderfully winning five third places and two second places.



Drumming Workshop

Steve Schultz came to the school on February 22 with friend Shane, and ran a workshop in percussion drumming for the children who were to participate in the showcase performance, at the Boolarra Folk Festival on February 27.

They then spent an hour with the whole school in an amazing time of drumming. Every child had an instrument.

Steve's ability to engage the children had every child focused and fully participating with the various rhythms and the disciplines of such an activity en masse.



More School News.....

Support Personnel

Carol Hodgson from Regional Office, has been appointed the school's Literary Coach, and will work one day a week in the school with teachers to improve the school's learning outcomes in writing.

Lauren Brett is a speech therapist from Regional Office, who is working alongside Jacqui Burrows, Language Support teacher, to offer the oral language and reading activities which promote the best learning. This will occur in small groups, meeting the needs of individual children. Student engagement and development is one of the school's priorities.

Building

The school toilets are currently being re-furbished with a fresh coat of paint. The children are impressed with the bright new clean appearance. General comments have been very positive, saying how much they like them.

The builders have started the process of demolishing the old building, and more obvious signs of progress will soon be seen. The electrics have been removed for safety reasons.

The fact that the children were re-settled into their new accommodation at the end of last year has meant a smooth, problem-free start to the school year.

Churchill North Primary School

The return to school for staff and students at Churchill North Primary School has been most exciting; we have welcomed 16 new prep students and 3 families into our wonderful school.

We currently have 6 composite grades of 20 students; the smaller numbers allows staff to cater for the individual needs of all students.

Specialist programs offered at Churchill North include that of Art, ICT, Blue Earth & German.

We are extremely fortunate to have such highly skilled and dedicated integration staff – programs delivered include additional support to students, language expression and articulation programs for students with speech difficulties.

Our integration staff coordinates kinesiology classes to enable optimal learning with the switching on of the brain prior to learning.

A newly formed play group has been developed to cater for families requiring additional stimulation and support, and for working parents an after school care program is available for all school aged students.

Churchill North boasts a great Press Club Team; this was established in 2009 and continues to offer students real life opportunities for their writing development.

Great things about Churchill North

Emily V, of Grade 5 writes about the highlights of being at students at Churchill North Primary School:

“We have the best school ever. We have great teachers and students. Everyone has lots of fun. We have two great playgrounds and one huge sandpit. This year we got a new playground for the Grade Prep – 2 children. It has a climbing wall, slide, bridge and a flying fox.

On the holidays a lot of trees were cut down in the playground so there is a lot more room to play.

We have new prep students at our school. They are all excited about playing on the new playground equipment. They are going to have lots of fun with Mrs Dunne as their teacher.

We have some new teachers this year, Miss Cane and Miss O’Brien; I hope they have a great time at our school.”

Introducing our School Captains & Vice Captains



Congratulations to Jake W in Grade 6, who was selected by his peers in Grade 4-6 to represent them as School Captain for 2010. Jake takes the time to introduce himself and his role in the school community.

“Hello fellow students, teachers and parents. For those of you who don’t know me my name is Jake W, from Churchill North Primary School and I have been nominated as school captain.

I will lead this school in 2010 by working hard to be the best School Captain. I am proud to say that I started my school years at Churchill North Primary School in 2003. I know all of the teachers and most of the students really well.

Like other Cchool Captains before me, I will try my very hardest to represent our school in a professional way, and always be there to help the new and the old students. I will also be there to help the teachers.

I care about all of the children that go to this school. I will always listen to what people have to say and I will try my best to help solve any arguments that occur in the school grounds and look after anyone who needs my help.”

Congratulations to Jazmyn W, in Grade 6 who was selected by her peers in Grade 4-6 to represent them as School Captain for 2010. Jazzy explains that she was selected to represent the school as school captain for the following reasons; “I think I was selected because of my speech.

I am going to represent Churchill North Primary School in many ways,. I am trustworthy, reliable, responsible, a team player and friendly”.

Congratulations to Siobhan R, in Grade 6 who was selected by her peers in Grade 4-6 to represent them as School Vice Captain for 2010. Siobhan would like to thank everyone who voted for her. She really appreciates this. Siobhan has stated that she will try her hardest in all areas; she will use and obey the schools values of trust, respect, listening, responsibility, courage, cooperation, patience and team work. Siobhan has explained that her role of Vice Captain will be fun and helpful in developing her skills for the future. Siobhan is eager to work with her team in encouraging students to attend school each and every day.

Congratulations to Richard C, in Grade 6 who was selected by his peers in Grade 4-6 to represent them as School Vice Captain for 2010. He explains that he has been at this school for seven years and has always tried to be a good student and a valued member of the school community. “I am responsible, easygoing, confident and approachable, someone who will listen and do what I can to ensure student concerns are bought to the attention of the Principal, Mrs Edwards. I will do what I can to ensure that the safety of all students comes first and that all School Captain duties are fulfilled.”

New Graduates Begin their Careers at Churchill North Primary School



Emily L of Grade 4 took the opportunity to interview our two new graduates.

She explains that,

“It is great to see new faces and see our school grow. Miss O’Brien is teaching Grade 4/50 and Miss Cane is teaching Grade ½ C.

I made some time to ask both teachers some questions and this is their reply”.

Question 1: What do you like at CNPS?

“The values, the fun, safe environment and the good students and teachers.” *Miss O’Brien.*

“The kids, community spirit and lovely staff” *Miss Cane.*

Question 2: what is the best part about teaching?

“Seeing children succeed and learning new things” *Miss O’Brien.*

“Learning things from the kids, being

with them everyday and watching them grow into young adults.” *Miss Cane.*

Question 3: What are the worst parts about teaching?

“Definitely any naughty kids” *Miss O’Brien.*

“There aren’t any bad parts of being a teacher” *Miss Cane.*



Miss Cane and class

New Beginnings Grade Prep Students

On Monday 1 February, all students went back to school. 16 new preps started school and they have all settled in well.

Gemma of Grade 6 took the opportunity to interview one of our prep children about what they thought about school.

Question 1: Do you like school?

“Yes I like school because it is fun and I am mak-

ing new friends.”

Question 2: What do you think of the school grounds?

“I like the new playground and painting on the ground.”

Question 3: Do you like the buddy program?

“Yes I like my buddy. She is nice and she helps me.”



Boolarra Primary School

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

These important student leaders received their badges of office from our School Council President Mandi Peter at our "Get Together". The elected office bearers for the year are: President / School Captain: Bryce Hall, Vice President / School Captain: Chloe Noy, Minutes Secretary: Storm Caldwell, Correspondence Secretary: Rhianne Cameron, Agenda Secretary: Kayla Napier, Treasurer: Angus Peter, Assistant Treasurers: Samuel Birkbeck & Chloe Noy and School Photographer: Maddi Papa (with Samuel as back up). At their most recent meeting they decided our out of uniform day this term will have a

"Crazy Hair" theme and will raise money for Leukaemia research.

Other Student Leaders

The following House Captains were elected by the students: Strzelecki (yellow) Bryce Hall & Maddie Coulston (Vice - Gus Peter). Penaluna (green) Ryan Potter & Tom Reiske (Vice Chloe Noy & Eden Hassett). Irving (blue) Brianna Gill & Jason Pickett (Vice Maddi Papa & Mia Cornell). Morrow (red) Tyler Birkbeck & Kayla Napier (Vice Kaidyn Howard & Kia Wilson). Badges were also presented to these students at our "Get Together" where they assisted conduct the games.



**Boolarra Primary School
More News:**

**Drumming Up A Storm
at the Boolarra Folk Festival**

Thanks to some funding obtained by past parent, Liz Tyler from the Bushfire Reconstruction & Recovery Authority we expanded our drumming at the Boolarra Folk Festival. This year we were able to include students from Churchill, Churchill North, Mirboo North, Yinnar, Yinnar South and Traralgon South Primary Schools, adding an exciting new dimension to this experience. Our wonderful Drumming Guru, Steve Shultz worked with students from each school to develop the routine. We then practised all together in Boolarra Memorial Park on the Friday before the Folk Festival - the Strzelecki Ranges reverberated thanks to our drumming efforts! On Saturday February 27 all the students drummed together, under Steve's magical direction, to kick off the musical performances at the Festival in a spectacular fashion.

School Council

Congratulations to Janet Napier, Michelle Hassett and Shirley Carnes who take up parent positions on this important body and Liz Tingay who joins Cheryl Hilton as the Education Department representatives.

Thanks

Grade 6 students Georgina Brick and Storm Caldwell are assisting proof read the weekly Newsletter. This really helps hone their editing skills and ensures the Newsletter contains few embarrassing mistakes.

Fourteen of our students represented us in the Yinnar & District Swimming Sports. Their behaviour was excellent and they did a great job taking responsibility for getting organized and marshalled for their events. Congratulations to the following swimmers who qualified to represent the Yinnar & District schools at the Zone Swimming Sports: Tom Reiske (1st in freestyle & backstroke), Lauren Alexander (2nd in Breaststroke) and our 11 Year Girls Freestyle Relay team (who placed 1st) comprising Eden Hassett, Erin Hoghton, Kayla Napier & Lauren Alexander.

ICY-POLE MEETING:

In recognition of the important role they play as our senior students, each term the principal, Leanne Emond conducts a meeting with our grade 5/6s to gather input on ways we could improve our school. This term, as they met they shared an icy-pole (99% juice so permitted food!). In colder times this meeting is a "Milo Meeting" as sharing a treat

further recognises and rewards our senior role models. As is usually the case, the students identified some areas that should and can be improved. One of their main concerns was the tripping hazard posed by the uneven concrete paving slabs near the Budgeree Building. We will see what can be done to rectify this problem.



We Are A Friendly School Community!

More than half our families attended a "Get Together" in Railway Park. It was so lovely to see parents making themselves known to our new staff members and other new families to the school. We enjoyed playing cricket, and some novelty games.

Trusted Adults

Our students have identified adults at school that they feel able to talk with about problems or concerns. When we know that students are going through some particularly challenging times we provide time for them to talk with the adult they have identified. Talking doesn't always lead to solutions but it can provide some relief.

Friendship

We are working on this important core value.

The P/1/2s drew some wonderful pictures showing people being friendly; these are displayed around the school. In recent Personal Development classes the grade 5/6s decided friends are: kind, trustworthy, willing to share, helpful, fun to be around, they listen, are forgiving, don't put you down, have a pleasant smile, positive body language, are supportive, honest, encouraging, stick up for you when required, be there for you when possible, are optimistic, play with you, are fair, mature at the right times, respectful and treat other people how they like to be treated.

They also agreed on an impressive list of what makes a Friendly School. Great work 5/6s!

Churchill North Primary School continued

YMCA - School Holiday Program

Emily V, of Grade 5 took the opportunity to reflect on the great school holiday program at the school.

"The YMCA program was held on the school holidays. They did lots of great activities.

I went there for two days during December.

The first day I went, it was Africa day. We made drums, animal masks and rhythm sticks.

We also learnt about the schools in Africa. It was really fun.

The second day that I went was Australia Day. We cooked Anzac biscuits and they were yummy.

We made flags and played games.

Other activities at the YMCA are days like movie day and bowling day.

It is really fun and it is free."

Further Adventures of the School Holidays

Emma D of Grade 5 took the opportunity to reflect on the

recent school holidays.

"There were many cries of joy and tears when we left school at the end of 2009.....

But what did the children and teachers get up to?

I interviewed a few children to find out.

Emma had a fantastic holiday. She went to Sea Spray where she learnt how to body board.

Apparently there was a crab attack which bit the toe of her brother and sister.

While at the beach, Emma got really badly sunburnt because she didn't renew her sunscreen, so unless you don't want to get sunburnt and be in pain smother yourself in sunscreen every four hours.

Now I am interviewing Emily, a girl who went to Queensland twice over the school holidays. She was lucky enough to go to Sea World, Wet and Wild, Dream World and Movie world.

Emily loved every minute of her holidays."



Hazelwood North Primary School

NEW PREPS!

There are 24 preps at Hazelwood North Primary School this year. They are being taught by Mrs. Vesty. They have all settled in well and are looking forward to school every day. They have so far learnt the letter 'M' and are in the progress of learning to read. They have

been to music, art and library. They have made sprinkle sandwiches and milkshakes. They all like going outside and running around. The Preps are having lots of fun at school!

By Jacob and Riley.



School B.B.Q

A few weeks ago H.N.P.S had a B.B.Q. It was from 6:30-8:30. Lots of people came. It was great to see the new prep families. The new parents could come to meet the teachers and find out a bit more about the school.

There were free sausages and drinks for everyone. We didn't waste any

sausages because a week before we got a note to bring back to see who was coming. Lot's of the older students brought rip sticks and scooters to occupy themselves.

It was an enjoyable and relaxing time.

By Jordan and Aiden.



YINNAR & DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS

On Thursday 18 February, 27 kids from grades three to six went to the Churchill swimming pool. There were eight schools, Hazelwood North, Thorpdale, Boolarra, Yinnar, Yinnar South, Churchill, Churchill North and Lumen Christi. The different strokes you could do were freestyle, breaststroke, butterfly, backstroke and

freestyle relay. The people who came first, second and sometimes third will go through to the zones. 18 kids got to Zones to compete against other schools. At the end of the day Yinnar won the shield. Everyone had a great time.

By Alice D and Oakley M.

Junior School Council

For 2010 our Junior School Councillors are Luke V R, Jessica S, Alice D, Sam D, Breanna L, Christine L, Liam T, Hayden K, Sam D, Bridie K, Tess D, Matthew L, Shaynia L, Kyle P, Bridie W, Carly I, Alisha K and Thomas H.

This term we are having a crazy hair day for the Leukaemia Foundation. Then we are going to have a dress up footy day and a game of footy where adults versus kids.

Students can come to school as their favourite footy team or in footy colours.

The other events will also include casual clothes with a gold coin donation and butterfly badges to raise money for people with hearing disabilities.

We also need to raise money for our sponsor child Fezile who lives in Swaziland.

By Luke V R and Jess S



Brain Activities

For the first two weeks of school H.N.P.S worked on the human brain.

We learnt about the parts of the brain, what the brain needs to survive and what the brain dislikes.

We do a lot with our brains.

The teachers taught us some brain activities.

We had a big surprise when we found out that we have 100 billion brain cells!

We have also learnt about differ-

ent ways to improve our memory.

We used a method two weeks ago called loci.

We had to remember 10 objects. We placed them on a classmates body.

We still remember the things and where they went!

It's amazingly awesome!

When we aren't concentrating right, we do brain gym.

It's a simple way to help your

learning.

Learning about the brain was fun and enjoyable.

Now we know the things we need to do to keep our brains healthy and activated.

By Rose VR and Jessica F.

Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

Three Person Ambrose: 6.02.10

Winners: P. Ludlow, T. Gabbett, R. Welsh (9 5/6) 60 1/6; DTL J. Thornby, P. Shields, A. Percy (10 2/3) 60 1/3; T. Sterrick, J. Sterrick, B. Baldock (11 5/6) 61 1/6; J. Robinson, R. Viti, B. Rowley 62 3/6 NTP 3rd T. Sterrick, 5th A. Percy, 12th J. Robinson

7.02.10:

Winner G Down (25) 37 pts, DTL C. Skinner (24) 36 pts NTP 14th J. Thornby

Stableford Aggregate (Drawn Partners): 9.02.10

Winners J. Blizzard (26)38 ,C. Barnes (34)39 77 pts. DTL M. McConville (25) 38 J. Timbs(45)37 75 pts; D. Scurlock 13 37 M. Munckton 32 33 70 pts NTP 5/14th 0-30 E. D'Alterio 32-45 M. Mitchell Birdie E. D'Alterio 5th Broken Handicap Carol Barnes 34 -33

MEN

Saturday 13/2/10 Par.

Winners: A Grade H Martin +9. B Grade A Auld +8. C Grade M Bren +7. DTL: W Judkins +7, T Collins +6, R Borthwick +6, J Ambrosini +4, A Casey +4, K Hills +4, T Webb +2. NTP: 3rd R Welsh, 5th G Fraser, 12th J Ambrosini, 14th A Casey. BIRDIES: 3rd G Fraser, R Welsh, A Percy, H Martin, 12th R Jenkins, G Fraser, J Ambrosini.

Sunday 14/2/10 Stableford.

WINNER: R Scurlock 39 pts c/b. DTL: M D'Alterio 39 pts. NTP: 3rd R Scurlock. 12th G Down.

Saturday 20/2/10. 4BBB Pairs 6x6x6.

Winners: D Caldwell/A Percy 82pts. R/Up J Robinson/P Junker 80pts c/b. DTL: M Brereton/P Smart 80pts, A Sharrock/ M Bren/78pts, K Hills/E Hayes-Hills 73pts, D Beyer/G Beyer 68pts. 6x4BB P Coad/R Ancilleri 18pts. 6xPrs. Aggr. G Spowart/B Baldock 31pts. 6xMulti. K Hills/E Hayes-Hills 40pts. NTP: 3rd J Ambrosini, 5th D Caldwell, 12th V Monument, 14th R Jenkins. Birdies: 3rd J Ambrosini, V Sammut. 12th P Smart, V Monument, D McCafferty.

Sunday 21/2/10. Stableford.

Winner: J Thornby 41pts. DTL: D Taylor 39pts. NTP: 14th D Taylor.

Saturday 27.2.10. Stroke - Monthly Medal.

Winners: Scratch R Scurlock 76. A Grade R Scurlock 67. B Grade/Medal J Thornby 65. C Grade R Welsh 69 c/b. DTL: B Downie 68, T Webb 68, J Jeffery 69, J Robinson 69, K Hills 69, G Beyer 70, J McCafferty 70. NTP: 3rd T Webb, 5th K Hills, 14th P Ludlow. Birdies: 3rd T Sterrick, 14th P Ludlow. Eagle: 9th T Webb.

Churchill Braves Baseball Club

The Churchill Braves Baseball club would like to invite you to join the Braves for the 2010 season.

They have three senior sides this year from A Grade- C Grade, Junior Grades from U10 T-Ball up to U17's

This is a safe non-contact , mixed gender sport, catering for the beginner to the elite.

There is a low one off fee for the season.

This is the greatest value sport to play this year.

For more information please call Shane on B/H 51226742, A/H 51223134, mobile 0409 564

533, or email shane.gill@adm.monash.edu

www.churchill.baseball.com.au



Putts: B Downie 25.

Sunday 28/2/10. Stableford.

Winner: J Thornby 40pts. DTL: W Judkins 33pts. NTP: 3rd P Smart, 14th P Smart.

LADIES

Sunday 14/2/10 Stableford.

Winner: D Scurlock 38 pts.

Tuesday 16/2/10 Stableford - Captain & President Day.

Winning Team: Captain 424 pts. Winners: Captains Team S Cooke 38 pts c/b , R/Up S Jeffery 38 pts. Presidents Team A Hibbert 43 pts, R/Up L Peake 40 pts. DTL: J Leslie 37 pts, C Ellis 37 pts. NTP: 5/14th (0-30) J Beck, (31-45) M Mitchell. Broken Handicaps: A Hibbert 38-34, L Peake 39-37.

Sunday 21/2/10. Stableford.

Winner: H Croft 37pts.

Tuesday 23/2/10. RWH 4BBB Stableford.

Winners: J Blizzard/H Croft 47pts c/b. R/Up: D Thomas/S Jeffery 47 pts. NTP: 5/14th (0-30) V Verheyen, (31-45) M Mitchell. Birdie: 5th D Thomas.

Sunday 28/2/10. Stableford.

Winner: D Scurlock 37pts.

Tuesday 2/3/10. Stroke - Monthly Medal.

Winners: Scratch E D'Alterio 94. Medal S Jeffery 68. DTL: D Thomas 73, K Raber 73, J Blizzard 74 c/b. NTP: 5/14th (0-30) J Blizzard, (31-45) L Peake. Putts: E D'Alterio 29 c/b. Lost Handicap: S Jeffery 30-29

From (Churchill) Brave to (Victorian) Ace

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"For kids coming up like there is and seeing faces they know and have played with, hopefully it will give them goals to focus on as well."

The Churchill Braves, having reappointed Shane Gill as coach, have set themselves up with a good chance to defend their Gippsland Championship win from last year and carry that on into the Home and Away season.

"We've got some players returning to us this year that will really bolster our stocks, with Grant Irving coming back from a stint in Sweden and of course Mat will be here. A few of our boys have had excellent summers in the State League and have really progressed up there, which will only benefit us here."

The Churchill Braves are embarking on getting their name out into the community of Churchill and

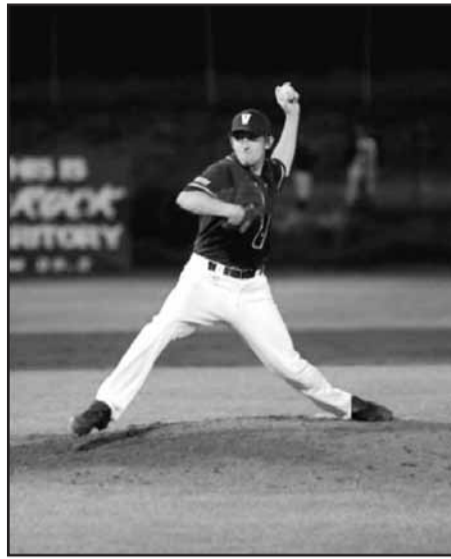
hope to fill all junior sides this year. "We were once the pinnacle of junior baseball in the Valley and we are striving to get there again. Baseball being one the most affordable games to play as a junior, and catering for all needs I can't see why we shouldn't have more juniors."

The Braves have a few projects that need doing around the grounds and would listen to serious offers of major sponsorships.

"I really believe that we have the right personnel at the club now to be able to offer some great opportunities to local businesses with advertising and acknowledgements through our successes."

For anyone in the Churchill area looking to become involved with the club please call Shane Gill on 0409 564 533 or visit the website:

www.churchill.baseball.com.au



Churchill Junior Football Club

We are hoping for another successful year and are encouraging all children interested in football to come along and play with the Junior Cougars. The more the merrier.

There will be a Lightning Premiership game on April 18, 2010 and our Round 1 will commence on 24 April 2010.

The 2010 Committee is as follows:

President: Cheryl Mason. Senior Vice President:

John McMillan. Junior Vice President: Noel Hawkins. Secretary: Corine Noblet. Assistant Secretary: L Nadine Beale. Treasurer Cathy Kearns. Publicity Officer: Donna Turpin.

2010 Coaches:

U10 Danny Kearns

U12 Rob Turpin

U14 Noel Hawkins

U16 Steve Mayer

Churchill Bowls Club

Carpet bowls commenced on Thursday 4 February, 2010 at the Gaskin Park Hall, Churchill with a good attendance for the opening of the 2010 season.

During the summer break, renovations were carried out inside the hall giving us a lot more open space. This now allows us to accommodate up to 4 mats comfortably, and will permit us to field up to 8 teams per night, a maximum of 32 players.

Any one wanting to be involved in carpet bowls only need to turn up

on a Thursday night at 7.30pm to enjoy a fun social evening. Past, present and new players welcome, and coaching is available.

Supper, with tea and coffee is provided, and costs \$ 4.00 per night.

Enquiries please contact W. Brown on 51221 860 or V. Hargreaves on 5122 1304.

The lucky winner of the Churchill Bowls Club Xmas Hamper was Tania Kilpatrick of McDonald Way, Churchill. We would like to thank all those people

who supported our raffle and made it a great success.

The Churchill Bowls Club is conducting a Trivia night on Saturday April 17, 2010 at the Top Pub in Morwell. The starting time will be 7.30pm. There will be 10 tables with 10 people per team. The cost is \$ 10 .00 per person, drinks at bar prices and good prizes to be won. Get in early and book your team. For details contact W. Brown on 5122 1860 or V. Hargreaves on 5122 1304.

Victorian Country Water Polo Championships

Latrobe Valley Water Polo Women's team has returned from another successful trip to the Victorian Country Water Polo Championships held recently in Wodonga. The Latrobe Valley girls combined with Geelong and a few players from the Albury competition to form a team. It took the players a short while to get used to playing with people they don't train with, but by the second half of their first game their results were much improved. Cheryl Mason, coach and captain of the Latrobe Valley side, lead the team well. Her enthusiasm was unstoppable and she finished the competition with next to no voice.

The entire championships were friendly and

inclusive. Many friendships were formed during the weekend. The spirit and camaraderie of the mixed team was fantastic. Every member supported each other, were encouraging and made it an enjoyable experience for all involved.

The team's second game of the competition was against a strong team who brought out the best in the combined side. Once reminded of their training drills and set plays, the girls put up a very strong defence. Cheryl played in goals and was stopping goal attempts by the MVP of the competition.

Laura Jenkins, from Latrobe Valley, gave 100% every time she took to the water, covering lots of the pool during play. Emily Rickwood scored her first goal at this level of competition and showed determination and strength in all her games – her training leading up to the event was

evident in her swimming strength. The team improved throughout the entire competition and finished in fourth place. The players are now looking forward to a break before resuming training.



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