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## The Spirit of ANZAC



Ben Huke

*Year 12 Student Leaders from Gippsland Education Precinct, Cathleen Bennett and Ben Huke, addressed Anzac Day Ceremonies in the district. They spoke about what ANZAC Day means to them.*

### What ANZAC Day means to me and the younger generation... Cathleen Bennett

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Cathleen Bennett. I am currently 17 and I attend the Gippsland Education Precinct in Churchill. Today I have been asked to speak about what ANZAC Day means to me and the younger generation; although I can't describe what ANZAC Day means to each individual, I hope that this may be similar to all Australians.

ANZAC Day is particularly significant to me because a very close friend of our family served in World War 2. Les Darrington is his name.

He is still alive today and I'm sure that he is proud to have helped our country in the fight for democracy for all people and also to protect our country Australia.

ANZAC Day is a chance for us all to pay respect, honour and to remember the many men and women who have battled and are still fighting for this great country.

It's also a chance to remind myself of just how lucky I am today. Thanks to the Australian and New Zealand troops over the past, the youth of today have been given boundless opportunities and choices. These soldiers of all wars were fighting to give all children a successful future and fighting to give us our today and tomorrow and many paid by the giving of their lives in supreme sacrifice on the battlefield, in the air and at sea.

The ANZAC spirit is what makes

us who we are as Australians and New Zealanders; it's what makes us unique. Today, in Australia at least, it's not just about Gallipoli anymore. It's about the sacrifice made by our past history and generation, both male and female, and the utter futility of war. The number of people commemorating ANZAC Day is growing larger year by year all over Australia.

To me ANZAC Day is not about looking into the past for guidance but looking towards the future and beyond. It is also about taking those principles that tens of thousands of great Australians and New Zealanders have died for democracy and defending our heritage, our country in our brief history and passing these values on to the next generation to follow and appreciate.

Lest we forget.

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## New Home for Toy Library



The Churchill Toy Library has been in operation for many years, but is enjoying a renaissance since its recent change of location.

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### Ben Huke The Spirit of ANZAC

Australia became a nation with the signing of its constitution at the Exhibition Building in Melbourne on January 1st 1901.

Only a few short years later in August 1914, after a period of great tension and upheaval in Europe, Great Britain declared war on Germany. Unlike today, most Australians felt they were more British than Australian. Because of this loyalty, the man who was to become Australia's next prime minister, Andrew Fisher, promised that "Australia will defend Great Britain to our last man and our last shilling".

On April 25 1915, the character and the true spirit of our nation was born. The spirit of ANZAC was lit and kindled on the battlefield of Gallipoli. The spirit was exemplified in the deeds of Simpson with his donkey at Gallipoli- Comradship, courage and sacrifice: others before self. It also encompasses the laughter, the pride and the love of life that is in every Australian. It flared with a previously unknown, almost superhuman strength. There was a determination, a zest, a drive which swept up from the beaches of Gallipoli peninsula as the ANZACs thrust forward with their torch of freedom. As they fell, they threw those following the torch so their quest would maintain its momentum. That torch of freedom has continually been thrown from falling hands, has kindled in the catchers' souls, a zeal and desire for both our individual liberty and our countries liberty. That desire has been handed down with the memory and burns as brightly as the flame which first kindled it.

This same Spirit of the ANZACs was to follow in

WW2, Korea, Malay/Borneo, Vietnam, Gulf War and all the Peacemaking and Peacekeeping Forces we as Australians have been involved in and are still actively engaging in for Peace.

But the spirit of ANZAC is not confined to the battlefields. It lives inside the schools, on our sports fields, in fact all over these great countries of Australia and New Zealand. Through the freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom to live and think as you will. The Spirit of ANZAC is not something we can see but it is a feeling that burns in the hearts of every Australian and New Zealander. Many of the original ANZACs died, but their compassion and belief in Australia being a free country rings out loud and strong for us all to hear. Their goal was the freedom for mankind and the land they loved.

Today we stand safe and free, clothed with all privileges and rights of citizens in these great free countries. And all these things- liberty, security, opportunity, the privileges of citizenship, the choices we have- we owe to those men who fought, endured, suffered, and died for us and for their country. Their deeds and their sacrifices gave us the invincible, the intangible, the Spirit of ANZAC. Our debt to them is to ensure that we make the most of our opportunities and to ensure that we don't forget the sacrifices they made so we can have a better future than they had and the generations who are to follow.

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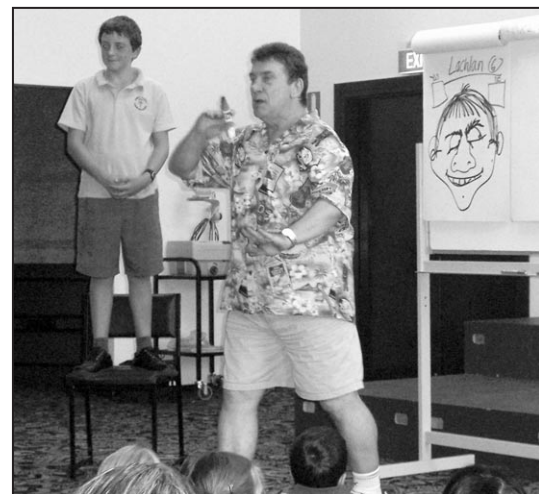
Popular children's author, Michael Salmon visited Lumen Christi, Churchill recently.

He entertained all of the children with his funny stories and terrific artwork.

The children had been reading his books during library and in class in the weeks before his visit.

Michael's books have been very popular with children for many years and it was great revisiting many of his older books as well as his new ones.

Michael introduced the children to his new book characters and talked with the children about how his books are published.



He also drew caricatures of two students.

He then asked prep student, Blake to draw him. Blake rose to the challenge and did a fantastic job

# Churchill Hub Official Opening



**Maxine Moreland, Lisa Price and Peter Batchelor unveil the plaque to commemorate the opening of the Churchill Hub**

The Churchill and District Community Hub was officially opened by the State Minister for Community Development, Peter Batchelor, the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development Maxine Morand and Latrobe City Mayor, Cr Lisa Price on Friday 1st May 2009.

In welcoming the guests to the opening Chair of the Hub, Mike Answerth, said it was "The most significant event in the history of Churchill".

Peter Batchelor described it as the best community hub in Victoria. It is a building which can be adapted, changed and developed further, allowing for flexibility, and the changing needs of the community. The addition of the renovated town hall had extended the facilities available, he said. He praised the co-ordinated approach which had resulted in such a wonderful facility, saying that the Hub provided a friendly, social environment to meet and receive education and training opportunities. The inclusion of a Community Kitchen was an excellent asset.

Mr. Batchelor was impressed to learn that the facility had played a significant part in helping through the bushfires by becoming a Recovery Centre.

He offered congratulations to Latrobe City Council for arranging the event. He also commented on the

many groups of people who had contributed to the completion of the facility saying it was great to see the community working together for the benefit of people for many generations to come.

Maxine Morand was also impressed with the facility. With a 13% increase in babies born in this area, it was a significant and much needed addition to the available facilities. She was impressed that the design included water tanks and solar power.

Mayor of Latrobe City, Lisa Price, was excited to be present to open the community facility. It will become an iconic building for the community and an activity centre for the people, she said. She recalled that the idea for the Hub originated because the Neighbourhood Centre needed a new home. The Hub has, and will provide much more, allowing Latrobe City Council to enhance its customer service through its presence, and providing up to date library amenities.

Ms. Price acknowledged with thanks, the contribution of the architects and the builders. This facility is firmly in the community's hands and is a striking vision of a drive to succeed.

Monash University Pro Vice Chancellor Helen Bartlett, said the facility was the result of a collaborative venture, one of more in which Monash Gippsland would be like to

be involved. She said she was very proud that Monash was a part of the partnership which had seen this project to fruition. Monash had provided the land through a land swap so the Hub could be built between the township and Monash as a link to "bring us all together".

Ms. Bartlett was very interested to see the development of the inter-generational aspects of the Hub, saying Monash would be eager to help with programs to promote that aspect.

The concept of the Hub began in 2003, with the first consultation with the community.

In 2007 the design was finalized. Building began in 2008 and it became operational in February 2009. It is a \$4.75 million project, with Latrobe City Council contributing \$1.9 million, the Victorian Government's Department of Planning and Community Development \$1.05 million, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development \$500,000, the Department of Human Services \$310,000, the Australian Government \$800,000 and Monash University \$135,000.

Also present at the opening included the CEO of Latrobe City Council, Mr. Paul Buckley, Member for Morwell Russell Northe, Latrobe City Councilors Darrell White and Ed Vermeulen.

## Tai Chi in Churchill

Churchill Tai Chi group has commenced on Tuesdays between 6pm and 7 pm at the 'Eco Centre' room, Lumen Christi Primary School. This is a low cost, introductory course of basic Taiji health methods and exercises, which are repeated each week. Newcomers are welcome to trial their first session at any time during the term.

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Practising Tai Chi regularly has been scientifically shown to enhance health outcomes in many studies of its practitioners; is recommended by Doctors, Medical Specialists, and by many of the large health promotion organisations This is mainly attributed to the calmer body states attained but also because of the suitability of

the Taiji exercise for a wide cross-section of abilities and needs. Taiji exercise is user friendly, but for best results the beginner should choose an appropriate program suited to their needs and abilities.

The Taiji Centre's 'Foundations Program' of repetitive simple exercises practised in a relaxed, focused and non-competitive way is a suitable introduction for most beginners. Its purpose is to encourage a positive attitude to health exercise in a friendly and non-competitive group atmosphere. Generally, participants notice improved feelings of energy and well being from regular practice.

The Instructor, Julie Lucas is accredited through the Australian Wushu (Kungfu) Federation and Australian Sports Commission (National Coaching Accreditation Scheme - Tai Chi) and has almost 20 years Taiji experience.

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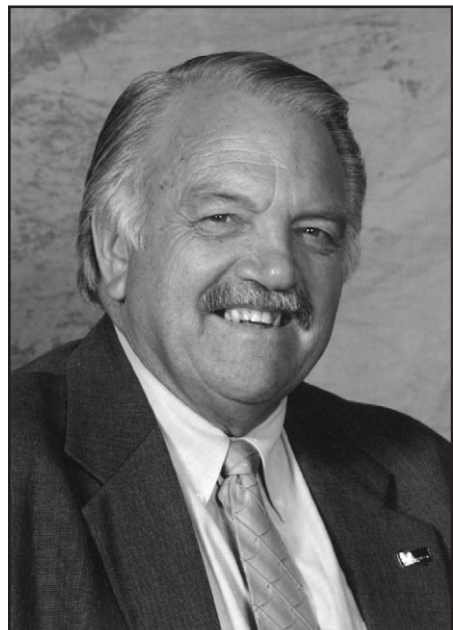
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**Churchill and District Community Hub official Opening - Friday 1st May, 2009**

The Churchill and District Community Hub was officially opened on Friday 1st May last by the State Minister for Community Development Peter Batchelor, the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development Maxine Morand, and our Mayor Cr Lisa Price. This was a tremendous day for the community of Churchill and District.

The role of the Churchill and District Community Hub is to be a single point of access to a wide range of services such as Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Maternal and Child Health Centre, Council's Service Centre and Library, Churchill Preschool, Pooh Corner Child Care Centre, and other facilities for the community including a parenting room, community kitchen and meeting rooms for the community to access. A number of these services have already been operating from the Hub for some time.

The Churchill and District Community Hub is designed to be a quality and innovative building for the community which will be a flexible multi-purpose venue that encourages partnerships between local organisations and builds connections in the community – both social and physical. It can be said that the Hub is literally at the centre of east/west and north/south connections in the Churchill and district community and is therefore well placed to become the activity centre of our community.

A key feature of this new structure is that it incorporates a wide range of energy and water efficient design features to ensure it has a minimal environmental impact and reduced running costs.

The Churchill and District Community Hub has been a \$4.75 million project; with Latrobe City Council contributing \$1.96 million; the Victorian Government's Department of Planning

and Community Development \$1.05 million, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development \$500,000, and the Department of Human Services \$310,000; the Australian Government \$800,000; and Monash University \$135,000.

The Hub's Management Committee, consisting of Mary Willaton, Rob Whelan, Alan Scarlett, Mike Answerth and Wendy Bishoff together with myself as Chair and David Welch (Manager, Child and Family Services) in the role as the Committee's Executive Officer, has been meeting regularly to provide an appropriate operational framework for the Hub's daily functioning.

#### **Family Fishing Festival – Lake Hyland, Saturday 2nd May, 2009**

Latrobe City Council is very grateful to have had the opportunity to support the Department of Primary Industries in their organization of the Family Fishing Festival held at Lake Hyland on Saturday 2nd May last.

Lake Hyland has been recognized as one of Victoria's five "premier fishing lakes". As a "premier lake", Lake Hyland is regularly stocked with large trout for the fishing pleasure of regular anglers and first timers and is the perfect venue for a pleasant days fishing with the whole family.

As part of the day's activities I was afforded the opportunity to officially open the new impressive Picnic Shelter which is situated at the northern end of Mathison Park. This Picnic Shelter was made possible through the generous financial support of the Department of Primary Industries together with the volunteers of the Mathison Park Advisory Committee, who "project managed" the Shelter's construction.

It is a wonderful addition to this community facility that can be considered Churchill's most diverse piece of public open space which allows for the enjoyment of Mathison Park and Lake Hyland by all residents and visitors. A further component of this project to be completed shortly will be the construction of a path linking to the existing pathway network allowing for wheelchair access.

Congratulations must go to the Mathison Park volunteers who work tirelessly in the park for their efforts in developing and maintaining the park and the lake and thanks must also go to the

# Hub Official Opening

## Cr Darrell White

Department of Primary Industries, as this Picnic Shelter would not have been possible without their encouragement and support.

#### **Australian Army Band Melbourne Concert: – Sunday 24th May**

Under the auspices of the Boolarra Community Development Group, and in support of Boolarra, Yinnar and Mirboo North Country Fire Authority Brigades, the Australian Army Band Melbourne will perform at Kernot Hall in Morwell, from 2pm - 4pm on Sunday 24 May.

This promises to be a very enjoyable event, as this great and popular band performs all around Victoria. Proceeds from the concert will be shared between three of our local CFA Brigades, as a thank you for their fantastic efforts during the Delburn and Darlimurla Complex fires earlier this year during January. Refreshments will be available at interval. Ticket sales can be accessed through Traralgon, Morwell, Moe and Leongatha RSL Clubs, CFA Brigades at Boolarra, Yinnar and Mirboo North, Boolarra Post Office at costs of \$25.00 Adults and \$18.00 Concession.

#### **"Fly in" and Air Show – Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th May, 2009.**

The Latrobe Regional Airport 50th Anniversary "Fly In" and Air Show will be held on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th May. Aircraft will be on show both days and a flying program

will be held on the Sunday. Featured will be vintage aircraft, "warbirds", sport and microlight aircraft, aerobatics, parachute jumping and glider displays. Also, there will be static displays and aviation vendors.

This event is not just for aircraft enthusiasts, but for anyone who dreams that they can fly. For more information contact Neil Cooper, General Manager, Latrobe Regional Airport, on 5174 4702.

#### **"Creative Gippsland – Be Inspired", Arts Festival - Friday 1st May - Sunday 31st May, 2009.**

There will be an abundance of arts related events and activities happening across the breadth of the Gippsland region as part of "Creative Gippsland - be inspired!" Arts Festival during May 2009.

The program will be diverse and quirky. Everything from Shakespeare to Open Studios will feature and there will be something for everyone's taste, all surrounded with the beauty of the Gippsland landscape and washed down with fine Gippsland wines and local produce. The month of May is the perfect time to getaway, soak in some inspiration, learn something new or just marvel at the talents of our artisans.

Check the website [www.creativegippsland.com](http://www.creativegippsland.com) for the full calendar and details on how to book your inspiration.



By Margaret Guthrie, President

Many residents have expressed their views in regard to the new Churchill Structure Plan, including the now abandoned proposal for the 'East-West Link Road'. Residents were also involved in the development of a new concept plan for our town centre, recently adopted by Latrobe City Council.

The Council, as a result of the development of new Structure Plans for its major towns (including Churchill), has proposed to amend the Latrobe Planning Scheme. This amendment also includes some changes to the Municipal Strategic Statement.

To some, this may seem a dull business of little interest or relevance. Yet the Planning Scheme is at the core of future development. It is the Planning Scheme that determines where there can be new residential construction, retail expansion, or industrial development.

Likewise, it determines where land must be

set aside for public space, new roads or future mining (particularly relevant to those land owners in the district whose property is subject to 'Planning Over-Lays', which prevent development in case of possible future coal mining, free-way construction, etc).

The Municipal Strategic Statement is the vision for future planning, investment and development. CDCA has been advocating that Churchill's place in the Latrobe 'Scheme' is as the education and research centre of Latrobe and that Council's role is to encourage and facilitate the development of amenities that support this vision.

Council released a draft of its amended Planning Scheme – "Amendment C62" and called for public submissions on the proposed changes. Over 80 written submissions were received for Council's consideration. Some of the suggestions in these submissions were supported by Council and a further draft of the pro-

## Changing the Latrobe Planning Scheme

posed Amendment C62 is now available on Council's website ([www.latrobe.vic.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au)), or can be viewed at any of Council's service centres.

**Churchill residents note: a local (Churchill) Council Service Centre is available at the library reception desk in the new Community Hub, during library hours (11am to 6pm, weekdays).**

A Planning Panel, established by the Vic. Dept of Planning and Community Development, has been established to consider the Council's amendment(s) and the public submissions. A Directions Hearing was held in Morwell on the 27th April and a timetable for the hearing of submissions has now been set for late May.

A number of Churchill residents and representatives of 'interest groups' will present to the Panel Hearing. In fact, a full day has been set aside for Churchill matters. CDCA is one of the

groups that will be representing residents on the day.

The first morning of the Hearing will be the presentation of Council's proposed Amendments. The following 3 ½ days will be taken up with presentations regarding elements of each of the 4 towns' new Structure Plans and the final day will include site inspections by the Panel members.

For further information on 'Amendment C62', and many other Churchill projects and issues, local residents are welcome to attend CDCA meetings. We meet at 7pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Churchill Community Hub. Our next meeting will be on 27th May.

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



Cr Darrell White at the new boardwalk bridge

## Leap Forward for Eel Hole Creek Path with Bridge Crossing

For the last eight months an asphalt shared path from Ikara Way to Glendonald Road along the east side of Eel Hole Creek in Churchill appeared to just end at the banks on either side of the creek. Those using the path were faced with the challenge of an impractical leap across the void, or a one-hundred metre detour via roads.

While the new shared path would have been welcomed by local residents, and the 'creek challenge' possibly welcomed by young people riding BMX bicycles - as Eel Hole Creek remains dry for most of the year other than after storms; there is no doubt there is general delight to see the temporary detour eliminated with a boardwalk bridge.

Latrobe City Councillor, Cr Darrell White, said the construction of the boardwalk across the creek

has now been completed, closing the 'gap' in the path, encouraging pedestrian and cycle use.

"The pathway and boardwalk works were undertaken as part of the program of projects identified in the Latrobe City Bicycle Plan 2007-2010.

"The bicycle plan identified that there should be a continuous path along Eel Hole Creek from Glendonald Road in the south to Mackeys Road in the north, for use by pedestrians and cyclists to provide an 'off road' and friendlier environment that encourages use," Cr White explained.

"This particular section from Glendonald Road to Ikara Way was chosen for construction after consultation with the Churchill and District Community Association, as it provides access to the shops and facilities

ties in Glendonald Estate area for the residents of the area to the south and east of Glendonald Road.

"A path between Ikara Way and Phillip Parade, to complete the route from Glendonald Road to Mackeys Road, is also identified in Latrobe City's Bicycle Plan for future development," Cr White said.

"It is expected that the new path will lead to an increase in the number of people walking and cycling through this area, particularly by children attending the local schools and those people out for a recreational walk or cycle or just for a walk to the shops.

"The boardwalk design additionally features a tough, non slip decking made from recycled plastic, which is a positive step forward for the environment," Cr White added.

## Where are the chooks?

They were safely in their enclosure at 5:45pm and gone at 6:30am. Barb who lives over the road from Lumen Christi, and who checks on the chooks at night and at weekends, discovered the loss. The pen was home to 7 chooks. Six younger chooks were taken and one, the old girl, left.

These chooks have been part of

the Lumen Christi school yard for four years. The children are really upset, to say nothing of the staff and Barb. The children were responsible for feeding, cleaning the pen, and collecting the eggs.

Jacob in Year 2 said, "I felt sad 'cos they were gone. I really love looking after them."

Nikiesha also expressed her sad-

ness at their loss. She loved looking after them and feeding them, and collecting the eggs.

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## Churchill Christian Fellowship

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Sunday: 10.00am  
Ladies Meeting: Tuesday 10.00am



## Saturday Breakfast



Jim Saddington, President of the Traralgon Sub-Branch of the RSL was the guest speaker at the April Breakfast, held on the 18th.

Jim outlined the beginnings of the RSL. In 1916 a conference of Returned Soldiers' Association (state based) recommended the formation of The Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia. At that stage there was no RAAF. New South Wales and Western Australia were admitted to the League in 1917 and 1918 respectively. A branch was formed in the ACT in 1927.

In November 1940 the name was changed to the Returned Sailors' Soldiers' and Airmens Imperial League of Australia, recognising the RAAF. A number of further name changes have been made since then: Returned Services League of Australia (RSL) in October 1965 Returned Services League of Australia Limited (RSL), in September 1983 Returned & Services League of Australia Limited (RSL)

The name changes also reflected some of the changes that took place in the League including widening the membership to conflicts that were not regarded as 'wars', for example to those who served in Korea,

Vietnam and Malaya. Those who have served in peace-keeping forces for at least six months are also eligible to join and members of the Australian Women's Land Army or a Voluntary Aid Detachment in a Military or Convalescent Hospital during WWII.

Some of the more conservative sub-branches were reluctant to embrace the changes and some for example refused membership to Vietnam veterans.

Jim also outlined the services the RSL provides to its members, for example those who may be in financial difficulties or have other problems and who need transport to get to appointments. Other activities include supporting local schools, sporting groups and other organizations. They are also responsible for maintaining and building the war memorials we see in most towns.

The funds raised by their appeals, for example the Anzac Appeal, are not sufficient to meet the needs of the members, hence the installation of poker machines in some sub-branches.

Jim, himself a Vietnam veteran gave a very interesting talk which promoted considerable discussion.

There will not be a May Saturday Breakfast.

Latrobe puts the kettle on for cancer  
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Latrobe currently has 20 local hosts registered for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to support the one in two Australians diagnosed with cancer.

Now celebrating its 16th year, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is a perennial favourite of Latrobe residents as it's a fun and easy way to catch up with friends, family, colleagues and neighbours whilst also joining in the fight against cancer.

Cancer Council Victoria spokesperson, Barbara Fernandez, said last year 76 hosts stirred themselves into action at morning teas across Latrobe raising more than \$15,000.

"One Australian is diagnosed with cancer

every 5 minutes, around the length of an average tea break, with Victoria having more than 24,000 residents diagnosed each year. It is startling figures such as these that inspire so many Victorians to embrace this event and use their morning tea break to help in the fight against cancer," Ms Fernandez said.

"Since it first began in 1994, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea events across Australia have raised over \$40 million. We are hoping to reach a record breaking \$11 million this year to fund life-saving cancer research and education programs to help prevent cancer and support programs for people in times of great need," she

said.

Organising your morning tea is as easy as making a cuppa. You don't have to be dressed to a T and it can be as small as sharing a tea break with your work colleagues or as big as a community fete. All you have to do is set a date for your morning tea any time in May or beyond, register as a host, and then invite your friends. In return, your guests make a donation to the Cancer Council.

So make sure it's tea for two, or more, this May and help raise money to fund life-saving cancer research, education programs to help prevent cancer and support for people in times of

Co-operating Churches in Churchill  
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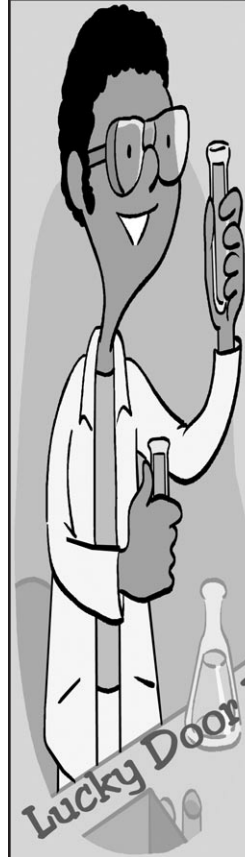
Friday 12th June 2009  
7.00pm

## Family Fun Night

Supper provided

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Contact: Betty Reid 51221505  
Robyn Mauger 51661306

Co-Operating Church  
Snippets

**Easter Club** was again a success with approximately 80 children attending each week. A separate program for the Grade 1/2s and 3/4s was developed. The 1/2s heard the Biblical story of Easter, with a small amount of dramatic play. Children from the 3/4s were chosen to act out the parts of the characters in the Easter account with all other children being involved at various places through the reenactment. The children loved doing the associated craft activities, and joining in with the songs.

This program could not proceed without the wonderful support of the congregation who help in so many ways, and especially with helping with the craft activities, giving the children much assistance. Many thanks to those who support this program so faithfully.

**Easter Services** this year were a great reflection of the importance of this celebration in the Christian

Church. The first Sunday of the month saw the service re-enact the Bible account of Easter from Palm Sunday to the Garden of Gethsemane. The service incorporated dramatic readings.

It is always a privilege to hold services together with Lumen Christi, which happened again this year. But we also welcomed members of the Churchill Christian Fellowship who joined us for the Tenebrae service of shadows and the Good Friday Walk of Witness- a true Christian togetherness.

**Cool Club 4 Kids** has started again for Term 2. It is held on Wednesday afternoons at the Co-Operating Churches shed, from 3:30pm-5pm. This term we are going on a journey to Rwanda to discover what life is like there. Some special guests who have been to Rwanda will help us get the feel of this country. All children in Grade 2-6 are welcome.



great need. For ideas and resources to plan a great Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, or to register for your free host kit, visit [www.biggest-morningtea.com.au](http://www.biggest-morningtea.com.au) or call 1300 65 65 85 today.



# Get Back On Your Bike

A free road safe adult bike riding program will commence in Churchill from Tuesday 19 May 2009 as part

of the TAC community road safety grants in conjunction with Road Safe Latrobe, Latrobe Community Health Service and the Victoria Police. With a particular emphasis on road safety, the progressive program caters for novice riders who want to increase their confidence, and those who haven't ridden for a few years but would like to start riding with their road safety in mind.

In six sessions qualified instructors cover minor bike maintenance, an introduction to basic skills, riding off road, on shared paths and on road with road safe techniques including how to use gears and a review of the road rules for cyclists.

For further information or to register your interest please call Meg Teague, Health Promotion Officer at Latrobe Community Health Services on 51711427 or email meagan.teague@lchs.com.au by Friday 15 May 2009.



# Are we there yet ??

The 'Hub' has been officially opened, all the shouting is over and done with and still the Neighbourhood Centre in not in this wonderful new building. Our apologies for the delay in moving in, there are some minor works still to be ironed out, so that when we do move everything will run like clockwork.

However, classes are running as per usual in the old building. They include basic computers, M S Word/Excel/Publisher and E - Learning - learn to use the internet, e-bay, study areas that suit your needs. We also have M S digital imaging and photo editing, so you can create, edit and manipulate images/photos. Creative writing, patchwork, leadlighting, folk art, stitch and chat, yoga are also on offer so it's all go go go! Come and join the fun, enjoy the company of others, create, learn and share your skills.

Beginning Writing class is back on the program, so if you are having trouble with spelling, reading, writing or maths let us bring you up to speed, because these basics are so much a part of your everyday life.

Chit & Chat group on Friday morning is also back on the agenda. It is a very welcoming and stimulating group who follow their own agenda and form friendships and communities and work towards group learning and participation with much fun and laughter. And just when they think they have had enough, the group have lunch together. They either have a prepared / shared

lunch here at the Centre, or got out and support our local traders.

### NEW new NEW

**Cake Decorating** - Tuesday Evenings. Learn to decorate cakes for all occasions. Top shelf tutors guide you all the way and help you create magnificent cakes decorated by you. It is very artistic and rewarding, creating with your own hands and minds.

**Patchwork** - Wednesday evenings. Our day classes are full, with waiting lists, and there were requests for an evening class, so here is your chance, enrol now or miss out.

On Wednesday 20th May at 11.00 am there will be a session on all you want to know about fostering children - a very worth while subject. If you have ever given a thought in this direction and want to know anything about fostering children come along ask all the questions you want, and get informed.

**Parenting & Play** - parents and children learning together. This is for parents with children under-school-age. There are 6 sessions on Monday afternoons, at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre from 11th May - 22nd June, 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm. The cost is a piece of fruit for children's snack time. Registration essential so please ring 5133 9998. This is brought to you by Anglicare Victoria - Parentzone Gippsland.

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## BOOK SALE

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Kernot Hall ~ Saturday 23rd May ~ 9.00am

For further information contact  
Jill Beck on 51741005

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# Pooh Corner

## Child Care Centre

Churchill Hub, Phillip Parade, Churchill Vic 3842

*“Whilst the centre is new and furbished with new toys and equipment, one thing remains the same and that is the high level of caring and professionalism practiced by all our Staff at Pooh Corner”*





# Class Act

'Class Act', the seventh anthology published by the creative writing class at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, has been launched by Dr. Tony Hanning of Monash University's School of Visual Arts.

Dr. Hanning was welcomed to the Centre by Henry Parniak, Coordinator. Dr. Hanning congratulated the class on their publication. He stressed the importance to writers of keeping their imagination alive. He said that while all young children seem to have vivid imaginations and creative abilities, these tend to diminish in later life, unless stimulated.

A poem by Yeats, a bush poem by an anonymous author, and extracts from his own work were read by the

guest speaker.

The launch was followed by luncheon when Dr. Hanning was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Jenny Poon, Coordinator of Traralgon Neighbourhood Learning House.

The creative writing class has been running for more than a decade. Some of the original members still regularly attend the writing sessions. There are a few vacancies for people who are interested in books and writing. The class meets on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. - for enquiries telephone Churchill Neighbourhood Centre on 5122 2955

# Churchill Fire Brigade Says Thank You



Due to the generosity of the public following the recent destructive fire period, the brigade has been able to purchase a new ride-on mower, whipper snipper and 3 UHF radios, two for use in the two trucks and one for in the station.

Maintenance around the station will be easier and communication during fires will now be more effective.

Churchill Brigade would like to say Thank You to the public.

### FIRE SAFETY - HEATERS

House fires increase during the winter months. Statistics show that heating appliances are a major cause of these fires.

Here is some good advice to avoid fires caused by heaters at home:

- + When your heater is installed ensure the manufacturer's instructions are followed.
- + Check your heaters before first use each winter.
- + Flues and chimneys require cleaning once a year.
- + To protect children, check that their night clothes are labelled "Low Fire Danger". Natural fabrics, especially wool, have a low fire danger.
- + Always supervise children in rooms with heaters.
- + Keep clothing, curtains and toys at least one metre away.
- + Before you retire for the night or leave your house, ensure fires are extinguished and heaters are turned off at their power source.

For further information check the CFA website: [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

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Why not come  
along and have a  
look?

# Latrobe Rose and Garden Show

21 - 22 November 2009

Senior Citizens Building, Cnr. Maryvale Crescent and Ann Street, Morwell  
(Southern End of Morwell Centenary Rose Garden)

The Latrobe Rose and Garden Show will build upon growing world recognition of the Morwell Centenary Rose Garden. During the last three years there have been numerous visits to the garden from both interstate and international rosarians. Many have expressed the view that the Morwell garden is among the best rose gardens world-wide, and especially those maintained by volunteer community groups.

In addition to roses, this show will include classes for all spring flowers, shrubs, fruit, vegetables and herbs. Open classes will feature exhibits of the highest order. Only residents in Gippsland may enter the Gippsland Rose Championship. To encourage those with small gardens to participate, classes with less than 20 rose bushes will be included and novice classes for those who have not previously won more than three first prizes at garden shows.

Floral Art will feature prominently as will paintings and photographs of flowers. Children will be especially encouraged with classes for decorated sand saucers, floral clocks, miniature rock gardens on dinner plates, potted miniature roses, arrangements in unusual contain-

ers and models constructed from fruit and vegetables. Teams will visit schools this term to demonstrate each of these classes, provide samples and encourage participation in the show.

It is anticipated that all child entrants who bring an adult with them to the show will receive a free potted miniature rose. Each novice entrant might also receive a free rose bush.

Because this show will cater for all types of gardeners from the novice to the experienced exhibitors it is hoped that with appropriate promotion, advertising and prizes it will attract significant entries.

A public meeting will be held at the Senior Citizen's Building, address above, at 2pm on Monday 25 May 2009. Representatives from Garden Clubs, Show Societies, Floral Art Groups, Nurseries, Schools, Business Associations and Latrobe City Council have been invited. A few attendees have been requested to speak on the benefit they believe that the proposed show might provide for their particular area of interest and the Latrobe Valley in general.



## Rotary provides a treat for those impacted by Black Saturday

The Rotary Club on Hazlewood, in conjunction with the CFA and members of the Callignee Community, organized a special day for those in the area that had been impacted by the recent bush fires. A range of marquees and tents were erected on the West Pump Oval in Callignee providing the venue for the entertainment, food and a touch of pampering with hand treatments from Mary Kay ladies and back massages from Maz and Dawn.

A ring of blackened trees surrounded the oval and were a stark reminder of the tragedy of Black Saturday. Latrobe City and Landcare officers were on hand to provide advice along with counselors from Relationships Australia. The Rotary Club of Frankston Sunrise gave native shrubs to those wishing to establish their garden. First aid kits, parcels of toiletries and socks were also provided. Entertainment was provided by Country and Western group "Our Kinda Country", the Coal Valley Men's choir and CWA Choir.

About 200 people attended the day and enjoyed a relaxed atmosphere with

locals and visitors sitting chatting, renewing friendships and making new ones.

Callignee Fire Brigade Captain, Ian Hewitt, who was involved in the organization of the day, said that it was a great boost to the locals and particularly pleasing that it was held at Callignee. People could see firsthand the destruction and damage that was caused by the fires.

Rotary District Governor Ken McDonald attended the day and said that it was a great example of how Rotarians could get together to provide assistance to communities devastated by this natural disaster.

"It was extremely rewarding for Rotarians to be able to help this community that had lost so much and to give these people support and hope for the future," said Christine Payne, President of Hazelwood.

The day was supported by Rotary Clubs from Morwell, Traralgon, Traralgon Central, Bairnsdale and Mirboo North as well as the 3rd Churchill Scout Group.

## Workable Solutions

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# Churchill & District News

# Short Story and Poetry Competition 2009

THE Churchill & District News invites you to enter our Short Story and Poetry Competition. There are two special categories this year - 'Phantoms and Spirits - A Ghost Story' and 'Bushfire Stories', we would like to hear about your experiences. The cate-

gory is open to writers of all ages and we are looking forward to some extra scary stories! There are some great prizes, with all entrants under 12 receiving a certificate of participation and a small gift.

If you have any queries or require information, conditions of entry and entry forms please do not hesitate to contact us by email at [cdnews@dcsi.net.au](mailto:cdnews@dcsi.net.au) or tel: 03 5122 2589 Entry forms and conditions are available online at [www.cdnews.com.au](http://www.cdnews.com.au)

## Categories & Conditions of Entry

### CATEGORIES

1. Children's 7 and Under Short story/poem or picture story
  2. Children's 8 - 10 yrs Short Story (illustrations welcome)
  3. Children's 8 - 10 yrs Poetry (illustrations welcome)
  4. Children's 11 - 13 yrs Short Story (illustrations welcome)
  5. Children's 11 - 13 yrs Poetry (illustrations welcome)
  6. 14 - 18 yrs Short Story
  7. 14 - 18 yrs Poetry
  8. Adult Short Story
  9. Adult Poetry.
  10. Local History - My Story. (This category will be judged on content alone and there are no restrictions on length of story, i.e. they can be under 1000 words.)
  11. A Children's Story: A story written for children
  12. Phantoms and Spirits - A Ghost Story
    - 12a. 8 - 12yrs
    - 12b. 13 - 18yrs
    - 12c. Adult
  13. Bushfire Stories
- \*Categories 1 - 5 will include prizes for best illustration and best presentation

### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. All stories must have a completed entry form attached to the manuscript with a paper clip (no pins or staples)
2. The author's name must only be on the entry form and not on the manuscript
3. Entries must be original, previously unpublished work.
4. Each entry must include a title.
5. Multiple entries will be accepted.
6. Unless otherwise specified, permission to reproduce entries in the Churchill &

District News or for publicity purposes will be assumed. Copyright remains with the author.

7. Writers will be credited whenever their writing is reproduced
8. Entries must be received by 19th June 2009
9. All pages should be numbered
10. Length of stories/ poems are to be:
  - \*Adult: 1000 - 2500 words
  - \*Under 18: 500 - 2000 words
  - \*Children: up to 500 words
- Poetry, free or rhyming verse to be:
  - \*Adult: min 8 lines and max. 48 lines.
  - \*Under 18: min 8 lines and max. 48 lines.
  - \*Children: up to 20 lines
11. Entries will not be returned and participants should keep a copy of their work.
12. The Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into
13. Signing of the entry form for this competition constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry

Entries to be mailed to:

Churchill & District News Writing Competition, PO Box 234, Churchill 3842  
**Closing Date: 19th June 2009**

Entry Fees:

\$3.00 Per Short Story/Children's Story - \$2.00 Concession or Student  
 \$3.00 Per Poem - \$2.00 Concession or Student  
 Children, Under 7, Under 12 and U18 Categories - 50c.  
 Special Categories: Local History and Bushfire Stories - no entry fee

### CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS SHORT STORY & POETRY COMPETITION 2009 ENTRY FORM

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

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

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

I have entered: \_\_\_\_\_ Short Story(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Poem(s)

Title of Story(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Category \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Poem(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them. I certify that this is an original unpublished story or poem, written by myself. This entry form can be completed on behalf of U12's by a parent, guardian or teacher.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee to be included with Entry Form. Please make Cheques or Postal Orders payable to the Churchill & District News. No cash please: Mail entries to: PO Box 234, Churchill 3842



"Community Volunteers, the link between the Community constituents and the Community Custodians."

Neighbourhood Watch relies on the input of its volunteers and also recognises the value in recruiting people with fresh ideas into the organisation. We all have a part to play in making our neighbourhood a safer place.

#### Volunteering - It's Everywhere

Many organisations can benefit from your spare time, with groups relating to sport and recreation, community and welfare, health and emergency, education and training, youth development, religious, environmental, animal welfare, business, professional, law, justice, political, arts and culture.

#### Why is Volunteering Important?

- \* Helping the community or not-for-profit organisations by sharing of skills and time
- \* It empowers individuals
- \* It strengthens communities
- \* It's worth billions to the community
- \* It gives individuals a chance to give something back to the community
- \* You can have fun, learn new skills, and gain work experience, all while helping members of your community

#### What do Volunteers do?

- \* Empower people - teach and exchange

# Community Volunteering

skills

- \* Be indispensable - administration and clerical assistance
- \* Provide nourishment - prepare and serve food
- \* Help the world go around - transport people and goods
- \* Keep things running smoothly - repair and maintain
- \* Save lives and property - emergency relief
- \* Build a sustainable world - environment
- \* Lead an organisation - management/committee work
- \* Make good work possible - fundraising and sales

#### Things to Remember About Volunteering

- \* It's always a matter of choice
- \* It only takes place in the not-for-profit sector
- \* It's about participating in the community
- \* It's unpaid
- \* It creates positive change

#### Volunteers in Neighbourhood Watch

At present there are over 22,500 registered and approved volunteers running the NHW program in Victoria. They operate over 1,000 areas that service over one million houses for over 2,900,000 people. Statistically that means the Neighbourhood Watch Program services more than 50% of the State.

This makes it the largest community based crime prevention organisation in the Southern Hemisphere.

Victoria Police provides Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators throughout Victoria. These officers are responsible for supporting the volunteers in the running of the program at the area level.

In the past volunteer members needed to reside in a Neighbourhood watch area in order to become part of the volunteer base. A community had to realise the need and facilitate creating a new Neighbourhood Watch area to enable new volunteers to participate in the program.

These days Neighbourhood Watch accepts volunteers who don't reside or belong to an existing Neighbourhood Watch area.

For people interested in becoming a Neighbourhood Watch volunteer contact the Police Coordinator in your area. For further information about Police Coordinators or becoming a volunteer, ring the Neighbourhood Watch information line on 1300 139 689.

Alternatively log onto the web site at

<http://www.neighbourhoodwatch.com.au/>

#### National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is on this week.

This year's theme is "Volunteers: Everyday people, extraordinary contribution".

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is the largest celebration of volunteers and volunteerism in Australia, and provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our communities and to say thank you to the more than 5 million Australians who volunteer.

NVW provides a platform to pay tribute to these volunteers who donate their time and ener-

gy to help others.

The Volunteering Australia website can provide further information on celebrating NVW and provide answers to all your volunteer related questions.

<http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org>

#### Australia Volunteer Search

Australian Volunteer Search provides a new way for members of the community to search for a volunteer opportunity. The aim of the website is to give all volunteers the best possible access to the biggest choice of opportunities.

Australian Volunteer Search can assist with finding a volunteer organisation as well as providing links to 'Australian Job Search' and other related websites.

<http://www.volunteersearch.gov.au/> or telephone 1300 650 925

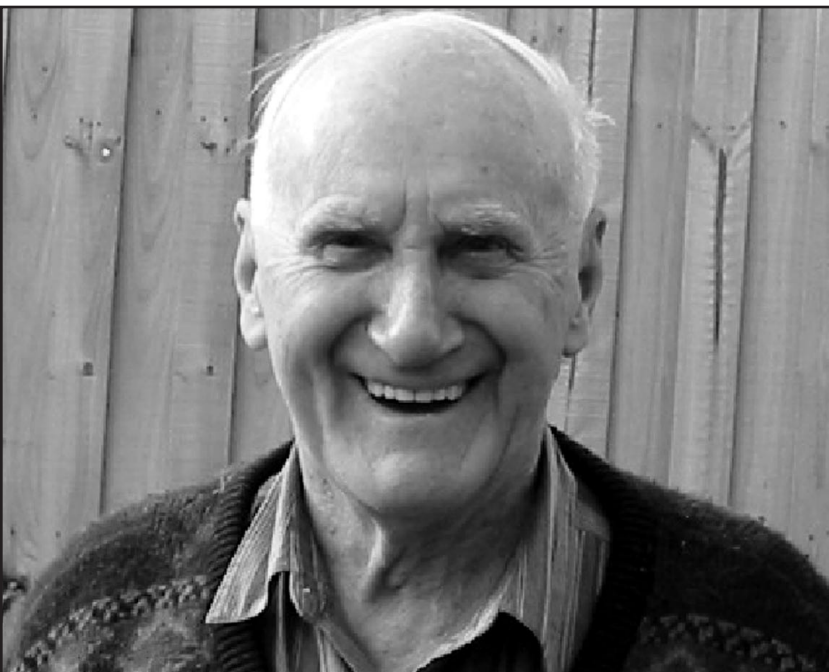
#### GoVolunteer

GoVolunteer is an initiative of Volunteering Australia and is Australia's first volunteer recruitment website. It is a not-for-profit site that provides free Internet advertising for not-for-profit community organisations looking for volunteers.

GoVolunteer provides you with all you need to find out about volunteer opportunities, and helps you make the best match possible between your personal requirements and choice of volunteer work. There's no need to register to use GoVolunteer. It's easy to use, completely free and available to anyone who is interested in volunteering.

<http://www.govolunteer.com.au/volunteer/default.htm>

## Volunteering Brings Plenty of Rewards for John



Seeing the enormous difficulties faced by many people with disabilities, and being able to help them overcome these in some way, provides plenty of rewards for local TADVIC volunteer John Allcorn.

As a technical volunteer with TADVIC's Central Gippsland Branch since 2006, John has been able to use the skills acquired during his years as a fitter and turner to work on projects that are as varied as they are rewarding.

Some of John's TADVIC work has helped a young boy with cerebral palsy and his family to participate more fully in the community. By making and attaching a trolley to his wheelchair and making a mobile tray which fits over his lap, John has helped the boy to be able to carry and access things while in his wheelchair. Modifications to a buggy to make it's seating more secure, enabled the family to take the boy on outings to visit family and friends, something they found too diffi-

cult before John helped out.

TADVIC was established throughout Victoria to give practical assistance to people with disabilities by designing, building or modifying equipment for their specific needs. They use the skills of volunteer members in conjunction with therapy support.

TADVIC's Central Gippsland Branch is based in Morwell and Traralgon. They would like to expand their horizons to offer services to people with disabilities further afield, and in order to do so, they are currently in need of new volunteers throughout the whole of Central and South Gippsland. They need practical people who are working, semi-retired or retired, who are willing to give a little of their time and skills to help people with disabilities achieve greater independence.

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with their endeavours. The democratic process - the right to vote and have our say - is such an intrinsic part of Australian life and I sometimes think we become complacent about such rights and privileges.

The Brumby government has just handed down the 2009-10 Budget and whilst the community no doubt share my disappointment that more wasn't invested in infrastructure across the Latrobe Valley, I'm sure you will join me in welcoming news that the Yinnar CFA is to receive a new heavy tanker.

Secondary and tertiary students across the Churchill district will be conscientiously preparing for semester one exams. It is important to look after oneself in what can be a busy and stressful period and I encourage all students to eat healthily, sleep well and continue to undertake some form of physical activity during this time.

The opening of the Churchill Hub was an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate all that can be achieved when everyone works collectively. I congratulate all those who have contributed to this magnificent project.

In a further demonstration of people power, like-minded residents joined forces to form the Save our Park group and advocated for the removal of the West Link Road from council's Churchill Town Centre plan. This group is now campaigning for a community park and garden to be established on the land in question and I wish them well

## Search Begins for Regional Achievers

The search is on for individuals, businesses and groups that are making a significant difference in their communities through leadership, hard work and community involvement.

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The prizes on offer include television exposure on Prime Television or \$2,000 AwardSaver Accounts from the Commonwealth Bank.

Categories open for nomination include:

- Regional Development Victoria Business Achievement Award
- Regional Development Victoria Trade and Career Achievement Award
- Parks Victoria Regional Achiever Award

Award Parks Victoria Environment and Sustainability Award

Bartercard Local Hero Award RACV free2go Youth Community Involvement Award

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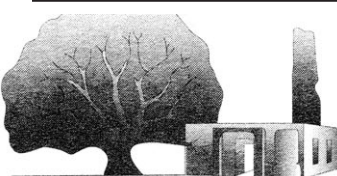
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Nomination forms will be available at the launch or from Commonwealth Bank branches, Kleenheat Gas houses and dealers, RACV agencies, Parks Victoria, Regional Development Victoria offices, Bartercard franchises, Prime Television or through coupons in The Weekly Times.

Nominations close Friday 17th July 2009.

For more information please contact the Awards Office on 9870 0622 or email vic@awardsaustralia.com

## Picnic Shelter Opening



mathison park Churchill

Cr Darrell White officially opened the Barbeque Shelter at Lake Hyland during the Family Fishing Festival. Before cutting the red ribbon he had the following to say:

"Thank you for your attendance at the Family Fishing Festival proudly organised by the Department of Primary Industries and supported by the Latrobe City Council.

Latrobe City Council is very pleased to have Lake Hyland as one of Victoria's 5 premier fishing lakes. As a premier lake, Lake Hyland is regularly stocked with large trout for the fishing pleasure of regular anglers and first timers and is the perfect venue for a pleasant days fishing with the whole family.

In my capacity as the Firmin Ward Councillor and member of the Mathison Park Advisory Committee, I have been invited here today to officially open this Picnic Shelter.

The Picnic Shelter was only possible

by the generous financial support of the Department of Primary Industries and the project management by the volunteers of the Mathison Park Advisory Committee.

It is a wonderful addition to a community facility that is considered Churchill's most diverse piece of public open space and allows for the enjoyment of Mathison Park and Lake Hyland by all residents and visitors. A further component of this project to be completed shortly, will be the construction of path linking to the existing pathway network allowing for wheelchair access.

Congratulations must go to the volunteers that work tirelessly in the park for their efforts in developing and maintaining the park and the lake and thanks must also go to the Department of Primary Industries, as this facility would not have been possible without their encouragement and support.

On that note I wish to formally open the new Mathison Park Picnic Shelter."

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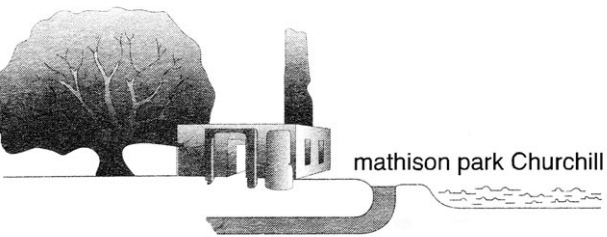
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Erroll Parmigiani, Darrell White, DionneSharman and Ruth Place at the opening of the picnic shelter in Mathison Park



# Parrots in Mathison Park

By Ken Harris

Last month I showed the cockatoos we see around Churchill. There are four other parrots seen regularly in Churchill, all of them often seen in Mathison Park as well.

Probably the commonest in Mathison Park is the Eastern Rosella. These are very colourful birds with their bright red heads with a white throat, yellow breast, blue wings and bright green back and rump. These birds favour open woodland, so Mathison Park suits them very well. They often feed on the ground as well as in the trees and are a very common sight in the Park.

Their cousin the Crimson Rosella is even commoner in the area, but they favour denser forest and are less frequent in Mathison Park, although they are still regular visitors especially close to Kurnai College. These are also colourful birds but the adults only display two colours, a rich crimson on most of the body with blue throat, wings and tail. Young Crimson Rosellas start mainly dull green

and as they age they get more and more crimson leading to a confusion of different plumages.

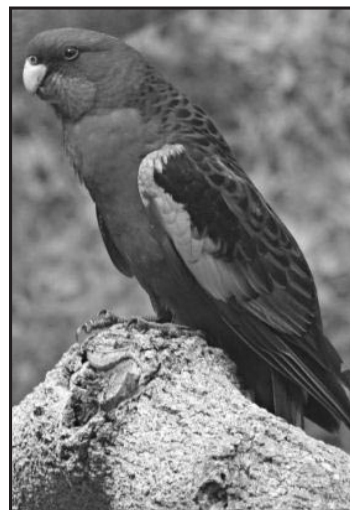
The other two parrots that are fairly common in the area are two species of Lorikeet. Lorikeets are small parrots with a brush-like tip to their tongues which helps them to feed mainly on pollen and nectar, especially from Eucalyptus flowers.

The commonest lorikeet in our area and the most frequently seen in Mathison park is the Musk lorikeet, a predominantly bright green bird, with a red mask on its face and a yellow-shoulder on its wing. When Eucalypts are in flower in the park flocks of these birds are often found feeding on the blossoms and their metallic squealing calls ring through the air as they feed and dash between the trees.

The other lorikeet often seen around Churchill and in Mathison Park is the most colourful of all Australian parrots, the Rainbow Lorikeet. Rainbow Lorikeets have blue heads, red beak and

breast grading into yellow, with a bright green back. They are less commonly seen in our area than the Musk Lorikeets, but can be easily told from them even in flight by their bright colouration. In flight the underwings of the Rainbows are bright red (and yellow) the underwings of the musk lorikeets are bright green. The Rainbows also have much longer tails than the Musks and this is very obvious in flight.

Two other parrots are occasionally seen in the area, but I have not yet seen them in Mathison Park. Blue-winged Parrots are tiny little parrots, olive-green, with deep blue wings feeding in open grassland and farm fields. They are sometimes seen in Morwell National Park, but I have yet to see one anywhere around Churchill. The Swift Parrot is a green parrot with a red face and red underwings, which breeds only in Tasmania. They occur in Victoria in the winter but are not often seen. I have seen one in the area, on the Monash University Campus a few years ago.



*Platycercus elegans*



*Platycercus eximius*



*Trichoglossus haematodus*

## Hazelwood House Happenings



*The residents enjoy Afternoon Tea at Port Albert*

*The residents of Hazelwood House have been out and about with afternoon tea at Port Albert and a three day holiday at Lakes Entrance*



*Stopping for lunch at Stratford on the way to Lakes Entrance*



*An auction raised \$1109 to take some residents on the holiday to Lakes Entrance*



*Mini Golf at Lakes Entrance*



# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



## Dancing at Jeeralang North

By JAN MAY

Recently when I was at the Jeeralang North Hall I noticed a very definite "shaded" area around the outside of the floor of the hall, approximately one meter in from the seats. It reminded me of a racetrack around a paddock.

It is the mark left by waltzing feet over 48 years, maybe longer, dancing in time to piano, accordions, drums and organs.

Since the Opening Ball on September 23rd, 1955 there has been a dance every month - 576 monthly dances, each for at least four hours - 2304 hours of dancing, hence the "shaded" area.

There may have been one or two dances before the Opening Ball as the hall was rebuilt at a cost of £1395 after it was burnt during bushfires.

The Opening Ball must have been a grand affair as ten large loaves were cut for sandwiches. Many cream sponges were baked, milk, tea, coffee and lots of other goodies made up supper for the cost of 15 shillings a double.

Dances continued each month with lighting supplied by hurricane lamps until the next 'Grand Affair'.

There were two grand affairs in 1961. The 'Switch-On-Ball' was held on April 21st 1961, dancing and supper still for only 15 shillings a double.

A Deb Ball was held on September 8th. I remember that day as my Dad and Mum-in-Law, the late Hon. Bert and Lanie May, had to leave our wedding early as they were to have the Debs presented to them at 9.00pm!

The Pride of Erin's, Parma Waltzes, Foxtrots and many others continued no matter what the weather.

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Before the ceiling was installed in 1983 there were two choices - turn up the volume or just follow the couple in front. The rain on the iron roof drowned out the sound of the music!

Not only did we celebrate our birthday each year, we have also had other grand affairs.

For our 45th year we had a '50s' dance, complete with bobby socks, flared skirts, sneakers and white sportscoats.

Prizes were awarded during the night by the President, Mr Bill Mele, to the Best Couple, Best Lady and Best Gent.

The dances continued. The men still discussed the weather, cattle prices, wool and milk prices, the ladies still told of the newest addition to the family, described the latest wedding and swapped cooking hints. Time changed some things though as admission went from pounds to dollars and a wide variety of subjects was discussed around the hall, but there was still the milk, coffee and tea!

Two other grand affairs were the Bi-centenary Dance and the Federation Dance.

Both were great nights. Colonial dress was the go. There was many a fine Lady and dashing Gent present for both nights.

Mr Bill Mele cut the Federation Cake which was really too pretty to cut. It was beautifully decorated, complete with logo - the taste was just as good.

Sadly the Hall fell victim to the devastating bushfires of 7th February 2007. Its future is at this time uncertain, however, we are still dancing each month at the Hazelwood South Hall!



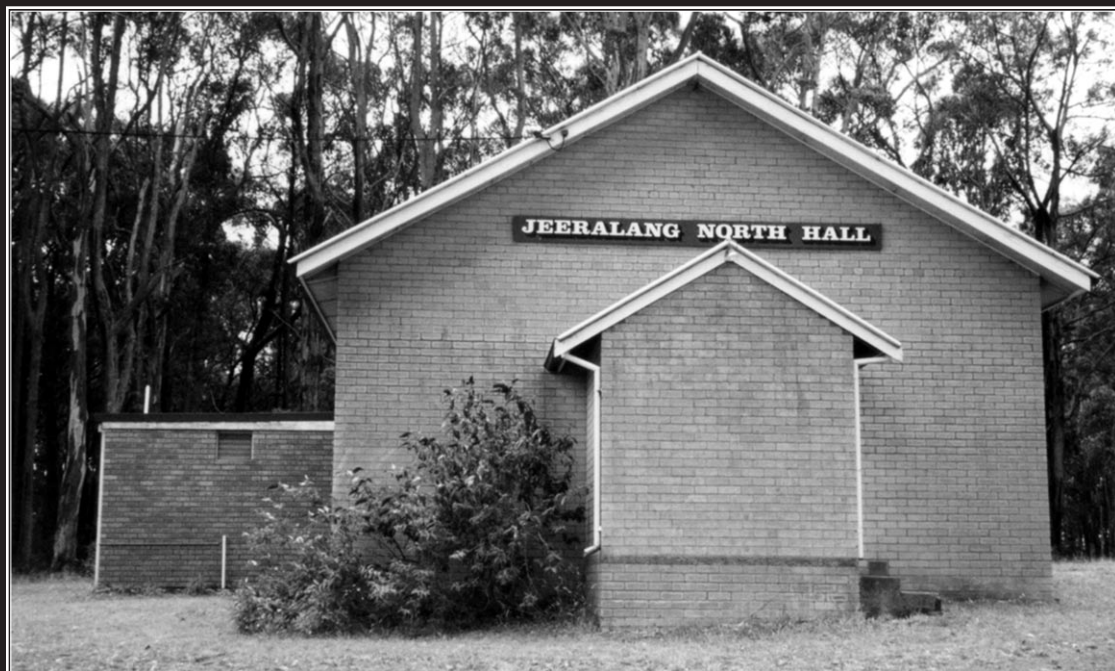
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# The Scientific Basis of Clinical Practice

By Ruth Place

Associate Professor Shane Bullock is the Co-ordinator for Scientific Basis of Clinical Practice. He is responsible for ensuring the medical sciences involved in medicine, such as pharmacology, anatomy and physiology, are given their rightful place in the curriculum at the appropriate time. This is to ensure that the right links are made by the students with their learning of the sciences and how that content is applied in medicine.

Shane has been involved in education of health professionals for two decades. He has also been involved in the development of computer-based learning programs. The programs have been developed to show visually what is happening inside the body. They use graphics and animation as powerful tools to show a bodily function and the effects of disease. It can also show students what to do to rectify the condition. Shane has developed a number of these programs with varying degrees of success. He says it is a learning situation for him. Feedback from the students has helped him modify the programs to be more effective. The programs are built around a real learning need and it can be a very powerful teaching tool.

Shane has also written two books. The first "Fundamentals of Pharmacology" is in its fifth edition. Pharmacology is the study of drugs; understanding how they work and

developing new ones for use in medicine. Shane has been involved with research into new drugs for Parkinson's Disease. This type of research is painstaking and requires a great deal of patience, dedication and endurance. Shane says there are several drugs which will treat the symptoms, but he wants to find ones which will halt or slow down the disease. He has been testing some other compounds including herbal and conventional medicines.

His second book "Psychopharmacology for Health Professionals" deals with drugs used to treat conditions such as schizophrenia, depression, anxiety and Alzheimer's disease. It contains personal commentaries of people with these illnesses and their experiences.

Shane grew up in Melbourne, completing his tertiary studies at Monash University. He worked at the Australian Catholic University in Melbourne, then at James Cook University in northern Queensland and now has come back to Victoria to be at the Gippsland Medical School at Monash. Shane and his family have been here since last November and find the area a delight. He also thinks the students are wonderful. He says he has reaped real rewards by being in his present employment, enjoying the interaction between the students, staff and himself.

# Five years of Moving and Grooving Churchill Could Have the Same

Kathleen Millett

The Boolarra and Yinnar Community exercise Program celebrated five years of operation with a get together on 27th April. A combined class was held in the morning and a lovely lunch followed which was enjoyed by all who attended. Past participants were invited and most of those who joined in discovered how much they enjoyed the group sessions and realised that they would like to attend regularly again. The program is focused on enjoyable exercise in a group with no pressure to do more than participants can manage with strong encouragement to stay within individual limits. The quality of the movement, not the speed of movement is of paramount importance in this class. Smooth movement is the key to prevent pain and problems. It can also improve mobility and reduce pain. It is stressed to clients to stay within their ability and that it is not a competition but a way of encouraging and guiding clients to better movement and health. I would like to say a thank you to LCHS for a grant for new equipment for this group which included hand weights, mats, resistance bands and steps. This will enable the class to vary their routines and to keep participants interested as well as to include strength training in the activities.

It is hoped that more people will join to support this service in the small towns in the district. It is run by a private practitioner who wants to provide a good quality service for those in more isolated areas and needs as much support as possible to

enable it to continue.

The improvement in those who have attended in the last five years has been remarkable and their balance, stability and mobility certainly have increased. It is certain that it has contributed to participants overall well being.

A thank you goes to Morwell RSL, who over the past five years have provided the class with a venue from when it first started until the class grew too large to fit in the RSL Hall. Since then they have subsidised the running costs to provide this program at a reduced rate for those members in Yinnar. The decrease of petrol prices this year has enabled more isolated communities to have access to exercise programs within their own town. The classes are conducted by a nationally registered exercise specialist, Kathleen Millett, who has more than 20 years experience in the industry and has a special interest in keeping people as well and healthy as possible and to maintain and increase mobility.

If you are looking for a way of increasing your activity, having a great fun time exercising, this is for you, even if you are a beginner or have not been for awhile. It is never too late to start. There is always room for you.

If there is enough interest from people in Churchill in joining an Exercise for Health Program for Older adults I would be happy to set up a program. Please let me know if you are interested by calling me on 03 51 222591.



## Lionesses on the Run!

The Churchill Lionesses have started their year running. First, along with Churchill and District Lions they assisted in catering for the firefighters and support staff at the staging ground at Monash University when the Boolarra fire got underway and of course as the Churchill fires took hold, again with devastating consequences, the need for volunteers continued to grow.

As these tragedies unfolded, Australians and their friends both at home and overseas rose to the occasion with a huge effort to offer support and raise funds.

And so it was in the family of Lionesses. "When the Churchill members arrived late February at their Lioness Breakaway this year held in Mt. Gambier, SA, they were overwhelmed by the concern and empathy expressed by clubs from all over Australia" said Margaret Dawson. "but little did we know what generosity was to follow".

At the final session of Breakaway the Churchill Club members were

astonished to receive from these Clubs and their communities cash and pledges totaling \$4,200, 25 hand made soft toys, and from a Mt. Gambier quilting group, 40 hand made bags full of toiletries. In addition they have since received hand made quilts and other goods.

"These clubs had come prepared, with cheques in hand or firm commitments of donations to be sent to us, and bearing in mind this was only about 3 weeks from the start of the Boolarra fire we were quite take aback", said Margaret.

The donations came from as far away as Broome, WA to Berwick just down the road. The Lioness Clubs who donated money and or goods were small Victorian country towns like Strathmerton to Brisbane Metro, Broome, Brownhill, Ballarat, also Morayfield, Redbank Goodna, near Ipswich, Golden Valley Keperra and Tenterfield, Queensland,

In addition the Churchill Lioness Club donated \$1,500 from their funds.

As an acknowledgement of the incredible work by our local CFA volunteers it was unanimously decided that we would donate a large portion of these funds to them.

Cash distributed to fire affected communities includes \$3,200 to local CFA brigades, \$1,500 towards fencing materials \$1,000 to Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund and \$500 towards setting up an animal hospital for wildlife at the Animal Clinic, Princes Highway.

The other goods have been offered directly to bush fire affected families or agencies who are supporting them such as Latrobe Community Health who were very pleased to receive soft toys for distribution to the children they are counselling.

And other work continues with 20 hand made rugs and a number of beanies being delivered recently to the Open Family in Melbourne for homeless people.

## Lumen Christi Primary School

### NEWS FROM LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL INDIGENOUS STUDIES

Lynette Solomon-Dent, from Gipps TAFE, came to our school and, with the assistance of Ronald, shared some of her knowledge of Aboriginal culture and identity.

The children were challenged by some of the content but they also had a keen curiosity as noted by their higher order questioning skills.

This visit only eventuated

because one of our Grade 6 students, Jessie Justice, went home and discussed the current school content with her parents and then a series of actions lead us to Lynette.

The children are looking forward to playing the games that she so helpfully left with us, as well as learning more about our first Australians across a number of investigative avenues.

### ANZAC DAY

On Friday the 24th all the students took part in a prayer service to remember the people who fought for peace and for our country.

The service included listening to the Last Post, hearing the story of Simpson and his donkey and sharing prayers of peace.

Joan Black also made Anzac biscuits that each child could taste. Thankyou Joan!!

Samantha Ellision and Kaitlin Nardino represened the school at a dawn service on Anzac Day where they laid a wreath in remembrance.

### BUSHFIRE APPEAL

As well as holding our own fund raising event Lumen Christi has been inundated with offers of help from school all around Australia.

With the monies received we have been able to assist bush fire victims in a variety of ways; eg we bought a new cattle dog for a family who lost their puppy in the

fires, we have paid a vet bill, bought a washing machine, bought a DS player for a boy who lost all his birthday and Christmas presents in the fires to name a few.

We are extremely grateful to everyone for their generosity and hope that we may be able to continue to help those in need.



# Lumen Christi Primary School

## RECONCILIATION

On Wednesday, 25th March, six of our students celebrated their First Reconciliation at Lumen Christi Parish Centre.

Fr. Hugh Brown led the prayerful ceremony, which also included 8 other children from the Parish. Congratulations to

Matthew, Anthony, Jasmine, Georgia, Michael and Corey on their First Reconciliation, and also to Darcy who received a blessing on the night, and who will celebrate the sacrament at a later date.



## ATHLETICS

This term has had a major focus on athletics and with the help of specialist Physical Education teacher, Sara Kennard, all the track and field events were covered each week.

Our school held our own athletics day and while students may have struggled with some of the standards, there was a definite improvement in skill and stamina.

The big test was the Yinnar and District Athletics Day held on Friday 27th March.

Many students improved on previous year's results and, the school as a whole, also improved its ranking against all the other schools.

Naturally there were some very tired faces at the end of the day - teachers included!



## SOCKATHON

Some weeks ago we received 20 boxes of socks for the bush fire appeal, which is 1800 pairs of socks for babies, children and adults.

What an amazing effort. Holy Family Primary School, Gowrie held an appeal during Easter to assist others in need.

After reading and seeing pictures of the bushfires in Victoria the community decided to have a "Sockathon" during Lent.

The object of the appeal was to provide new warm socks for families affected by the bushfires for the winter months ahead.

Each week during Lent a year level was asked to bring in socks.

The children in the year level were able to wear their favourite coloured socks to school on Friday.

Thank you Holy Family we are most appreciative of



this fantastic effort and will pass these on to families in need.

We have our year 5 students showing the great variety of socks we received.

## BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION FOR KIDS



On Wednesday, 18th March, Grade 5 and 6 participated in a boating safety session which was an initiative presented by Yachting Victoria.

This was an initial theoretical session where basic laws governing boat safety were introduced and explained and then the children were divided into two groups in preparation for an extended session sailing around Hazelwood Pondage.

All the theory was then put into practice during the time on the water and the children were amazing with the amount of knowledge that they were able to retain.



## Grade 1/2 Excursion

During term 1 Grade 1 and 2 spent lots of time learning about and exploring the Ocean. To cap off this unit they took a trip to Inverloch and Cape Patterson beaches. The children were able to explore the shore line and

the rock pools and they found many of the sea creatures they had learnt about during the term. It was an exciting day at the beach for all.



**Kurnai - Music Department**

Music students are taking strides of a different kind with the formation of the Kurnai College Concert Marching Band. The Concert Marching Band consists of all wind and percussive music students, as well as some guitar students. All music students at Kurnai College participate in bands of some sorts, with rehearsals regularly occurring during lunchtimes and Mondays after school. Pictured are some music students at Kurnai-Churchill Campus rehearsing.

Kurnai College is in the quest of searching for the 2009 Kurnai Idol. Auditions will be held at all campuses during the month of May. Winners of each heat

from all three campuses will automatically go into the final to contend for the 2009 title. Up for grabs is a \$200 voucher, name inscribed on the Kurnai Idol Champion Shield and a possible recording of the winning song on the Kurnai College Music CD. The final is on Tuesday 16th June at 7pm in the Performing Arts Theatre at Churchill Campus.

For further information about the Music Program and Sponsorship/Advertising, contact Mr Joseph Bonnici - Head of Music on 041 7355 048.



**New Teachers At Kurnai**

Three new staff members have been welcomed into Kurnai College's Precinct Campus this year. Kate McLaine and Corissa Hurst have added energy and a fresh approach to the experienced English department, whilst Math and Science teacher Adam Hogan has found himself at home within the College's modern science facilities.

The Precinct's new Principal, Matt Jobling has nothing but praise for the new recruits. "We are really pleased with our new graduates; they have settled in quickly and have already built a great rapport with students. In addition to their teaching, Adam has set up a staff/student footy tipping competition and both Kate and Corissa are already putting their hands up for extra-curricular activities like the Debutante Ball.

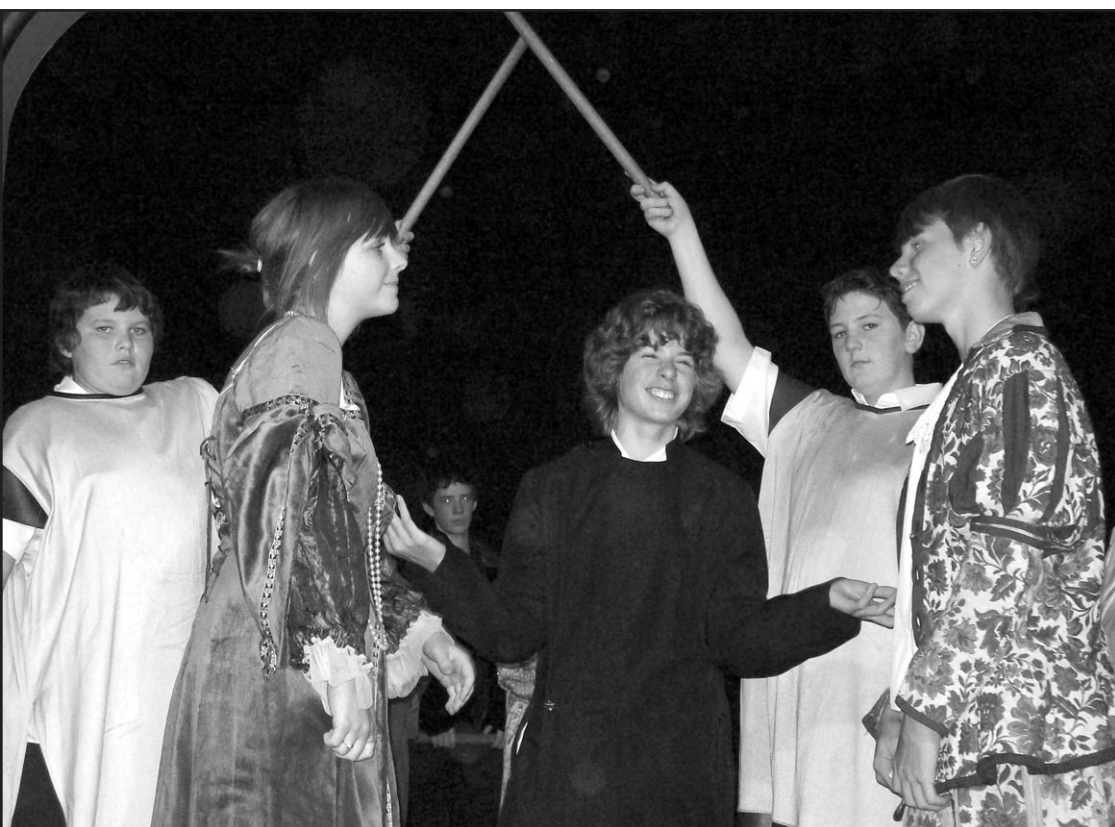
With teacher shortages a problem around the state we are extremely lucky

to have secured three new staff members so capable and enthusiastic for our school".

Adam was previously a student of Kurnai College and has found his way back after a lengthy service in the police force. Kate grew up in Euroa and after studying in Albury has made the move down to the Latrobe Valley with her fiancé Matt. Corissa, like Adam, was also a relatively local student, growing up in Trafalgar and completing her University degree at Monash Gippsland campus.

Kurnai College hope that these three talented new teachers enjoy their time at the Precinct campus and can continue to be a part of the Kurnai College and Churchill community in the years to come.

*Pictured above: Corissa Hurst and Kate McLaine.*



**Shakespeare Festival in Stratford**

For the second year, the Year 7 Theatre students attended the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford on May 1st. The festival is attended by secondary colleges, which come prepared to present a work to share with the other schools. This gives the students a chance to not only perform in front of their peers from other schools, but also to watch what other schools are doing.

The class worked hard and presented a wild and quirky version of "Romeo and Juliet". It is an unusual

but traditional interpretation. This festival aims to treat Shakespeare as popular theatre, not academic theatre, because Shakespeare wrote for the people, and Shakespeare is deeply embedded in our culture. History shows that the text is relevant to today.

It is reported that they performed with gusto, and their teacher, Kline congratulates them for a job well done.

**Alps-Advanced Learning Program**

Forty-seven grade six students have come forward to be tested for inclusion in the ALPS program for 2010. Nello said it was good to see such interest in the Advanced Learning Program from the feeder schools and elsewhere. The program is going from strength to strength.

Children not only sit tests, but participate in an interview where they are asked to respond to various scenarios. This is the first year that ALPS students

will be at the Gippsland Education Precinct, and the staff are expecting some outstanding results from these wonderful dedicated and highly motivated students who always do their best.

The college has committed lots of resources to this program, and it is good to see such wonderful positive outcomes. Thanks goes to Kezia Horvath for her conscientious organization of this leading program

**Homework Study Club**

This has again commenced on Wednesdays from 6-8pm. The purpose of the club is to give students the opportunity to keep up with their homework, or seek such help as needed for that which they are having difficulty.

Staff as well as School Support Officers will be in attendance, helping students in core units, so every student can achieve their best.

Last year's results were very good

from homework which was indicated by the better levels of achievement in student's reports.

Parents interested in discussing the Club can call Nello, or simply drop off their child at 6pm on Wednesdays. However, parents are encouraged to attend also, and help their children with their homework.

**The Blues Brothers**

The Blues Brothers is coming to Kurnai/Churchill. It will star Brenton Marriott and James Campbell, two students, as inimitable brothers blue.

This production will highlight the skills and talents of Year 9 students in a raucous romp of comedy, music and dance.

The production will be performed on June 24, 25, and 26, and will be an exciting way to end the first semester.

The whole community will get a chance to enjoy a timeless classic, a great story with some of the best music of a generation.

Joseph Bonnici and Ian Hopkins will show off the excellence of a very strong music department. Both staff members are shaping a very strong program at Kurnai, and musical theatre is a great opportunity to make it happen.

So if you happen to see someone dressed in a black suit, black hat and black sunglasses, or dressed in a full Nazi uniform, don't worry!!!

It is all part of the fun as Kurnai creates its own version of a classic- THE BLUES BROTHERS.



### Year Ten Work Experience

Year Ten Work Experience began on April 20th, concluding on 1st May. Seventy-eight students were placed for 10 days in a variety of employment options.

It is by the good grace of employers and businesses, predominately around the Valley, that they take between 1 and 4 students and give them experience in the world of work.

The student thinks..... I might like to be a carpenter. Work experi-

ence gives them the opportunity to see that work first hand to see if it is what they thought it would be.

The response is either a "Yes I can" or "No I hated it".

Some of the students have been offered part time jobs through these placements, and some work placements one day a week while still maintaining their Year 10 studies.

### Trip To China

Nello Carbone, Principal, is just back from China. There he was able to touch base with the families of the international students and keep them in touch with what the school was doing for their children. The College and Staff are doing everything they can to show interest in the whole lives of the students, including their education and welfare.

The parents gave good feedback to the College representatives, based on what their children had told them. "This is very gratifying", said Nello.

Visits to a couple of different

schools, may result in more students coming to Kurnai, as the response of the parents was very good.

All the Kurnai representatives were very impressed by the work ethic of the Chinese students who work from morning to night to achieve the best that they possibly can.

This is a theme being used by the Churchill Junior Campus this year to encourage students and staff to do the best they can in whatever they do. Second best or half-hearted efforts do not belong at the campus.

### Athletics Sports

These were organized by the Physical Education teachers, Andy Leeson at Churchill and Candy Bennett at Morwell. It was held at the Ian Carmody Athletics Oval at Newborough, on a great weather day. There was lots of involvement

of students and staff.

Nello was proud to report that Churchill again won convincingly. A lot of students who performed well will proceed to the next step in Gippsland and wider.

### YEAR 7 TONAL SHOES



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### MEDIEVAL STUDIES



### Churchill North Primary School

#### The Changing Seasons



Children from Grades 1/2 have begun their term 2 unit on 'The Seasons and Weather' by making beautiful weather mobiles. The mobiles depict how the trees change during each season.

#### Building the Education Revolution - New Multipurpose Room

The school community is very excited with the government's announcement to build a new multipurpose room on the premises.

This is a great opportunity to enrich our school environment, ensuring that every child has an

opportunity to shine. It is proposed that this facility will house our after school care program, support the school curriculum, be a venue for parent information sessions, special activity days and be accessed by the community of Churchill.

#### Hazelwood House Visit

The Children from Grade Prep to 2 will be making another visit to Hazelwood House to sing some songs they have been learning in term 1.

Their last visit was in December last year, when they sang Christmas Carols; all children were so

warmly welcomed that they decided to make it a term event.

As well as this the children enjoy having an audience and meeting the residents of Hazelwood House. Stay tuned next month for some photos.

#### Annual School Concert

Staff and students are busily preparing for the annual school concert which is scheduled

for 24th June; the theme for this year's concert is the 'Never Ending Story'

#### Aus Kick

Another Year of Aus Kick has 'kicked' off again at Churchill North Primary School. The program was a huge hit last year with many children telling great stories of the games and

skills they were taught. Over 16 students are currently enrolled. For further details please contact the school on 51221976.

#### Grandparents Day

To celebrate the sound of the week - 'G', children from Prep to 2 are holding a grandparents day on Friday afternoon. Children's grandparents have been invited along and asked to

bring something special to talk about. Children will be busy this week cooking up a storm for their afternoon tea.



#### Commemorating ANZAC Day

Children in Grades Prep commemorated ANZAC day this year by making the traditional ANZAC Biscuits.

The children talked about why they are

made and how they are sent over to loved ones during the war. By all reports the biscuits were delicious.



As new Acting Principal at Boolarra Primary School, it certainly was a dramatic start to our school year. The bushfire was a challenging experience for us all, but it was pleasing to see how the community pulled together to support fire victims, and our magnificent CFA and DSE Fire-fighters.

Our students have been lucky to have received support and encouragement from various other school communities, and groups. We've had Icy Poles donated by Longwarry PS students, an end of term beach excursion funded by Powlett River PS, a visit from the Growling Frog Clown School, a free bus trip from LV Buslines and free days activities from the Latrobe Leisure Centre, a visit and gifts from Melbourne Football Club players, and numerous letters of support from schools and individuals.

All these activities and kind gestures were warmly received by all of our students and staff. Somewhere along the line, we welcomed 7

new Preps (and their families) into our School Community. Our "Meet the Teacher BBQ" was well attended by many families and presentations of certificates were made to our House Captains and their deputies.

Once again we held the Auction at the Folk Festival with families and staff donating goods for the event. We managed to raise a fantastic total of \$900. Many thanks to families and supporters of the auction and especially to our staff who gave up their Saturday to organise and run it!

The students participated in their Athletics House Sports, and many parents who came to support them could see results from the many training sessions we had in the weeks leading up to the event. Many thanks to Mr. Glynn Taylor and also to the McGlade family who marked out our oval for the event.



### Michael Mitchell Visits

We had a surprise visitor, Michael Mitchell who is walking from Cape York to Wilsons Promontory (6022klms) to raise money for cancer. Michael is an inspirational person who shared many interesting stories of his walk (bush) not the highway route. Our students asked Michael lots of great questions and he

was very chuffed by our students welcome. For more information and some great photos of Michael's amazing journey search for [www.thegreatcancerwalk.com.au](http://www.thegreatcancerwalk.com.au). Donations to the Cancer Council can be made on the web-site.



## Churchill Primary School

### Developmental Curriculum

Five teachers attended a symposium with Kathy Walker, in Melbourne. Kathy is the author of several books including "Play Matters" and "What's the Hurry". These books are based on the fact that children up to age eight need to play to develop their oral language skills, manipulative skills (how their hands and eyes work together), problem solving skills and their social skills. Kathy has researched and developed the Australian Developmental Curriculum.

The day was a success with the opportunity to talk about what the school was doing in its classrooms, and also to make sure that they were adhering to the stringent nature of the curriculum delivery and assessment of the students.

This is an approach to curriculum delivery where the students are learning through play. The students themselves decide what they will investigate for the session. Some choose to write, some to read, some computers for researching a subject, others to build a structure and some to make things. They plan their day and they reflect on what they have achieved.

Part of the "tuning in" orientation before the session starts, may involve talking about current happenings or events and celebra-

tions e.g. ANZAC day, Mother's Day, follow up to an excursion, a current theme of the classroom such as space.

A Developmental Curriculum session goes something like this:

8:45 am Teacher and students reflect on what has been happening and what activities will be finished or continued today. The students plan their investigations by writing down (or Preps might do a drawing) what they need to use and how they will go about their task.

They then spend their time achieving a result.

An example of this was when Hannah and Alisha in Grade 2 were following up on the ANZAC theme. They decided to write a story about ANZAC Day. The story is written below:

"Once upon a time there were two girls. Their names were Charlie and Mary. They marched for the Australian and New Zealand People on ANZAC Day on 25th April. They marched in Yinnar. They carried a cross for the Army people in Gallipoli. The people there they heard bagpipes playing. The people were playing very well. The bagpipes at Yinnar sounded like this, "HCEM HEEM MNN M".

Hannah and Alisha then went on to make a bagpipe out of rolled up paper, a bottle and some tartan material.

Hannah's reflection is as follows:

"Today in investigation time, I made a bagpipe and a story with it. I made my story with Alisha. I made the pipes by getting a cordial bottle and wrapped it up in some material. Next I did some more of the story, so I wrote one page and the rest of the sentence. I reckon I used my time very well today."

During the investigation time Dandle began an ANZAC book. His story says,

"On the first ANZAC there was a world



Matthew is making a city

war in Turkey. Over 200 Army men from Turkey and Australia and New Zealand had died in the huge war. The Army were on a ship. Then they hopped into little boats and when they got to the beach it was the wrong beach."

These are examples of the wonderful unforced work that happens in investigation time.

At the end of the session, students share the work they have done and they write a reflection which covers what they did and how they feel about it. This introduces the element of self evaluation.

The children who want to make better what they are creating have the opportunity to continue until they are satisfied with the result, not disappointed that the time is up and it cannot be completed.



Hannah and Alisha made bagpipes for ANZAC Day

### Breakfast Club

Churchill Primary School has been running Breakfast Club for over 5 years now. Students arrive at school from 8am and can have yoghurt, fruit, cereal, porridge, Milo or juice and lots of toast. The Breakie Club is run by Jo Whitelaw- the Primary Welfare Officer, and a dedicated band of helpers from the school and wider community. Some of the students have already eaten at home, but enjoy a top up of warm Milo, or yoghurt with their friends before

school starts. Some come most mornings; others come to Breakie Club occasionally. There is an average of about 30 students each day.

The social aspect of Breakie Club is important and often gives the kids a more positive start to the day.

It is very good to hear the children using their good manners and showing their appreciation of the volunteers.

It is also great to note the

keenness of the children to help set up each morning. Some of the older children are allowed to write down the breakfast orders.

The school is very lucky to have sponsorship from Tip Top bakeries who supply the weekly bread. MECU and Morwell Bowling Club are the current sponsors of the four schools involved in the original Neighbourhood Renewal project for schools.



Churchill Primary School Breaky Club Volunteers and Students



### Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent - Teacher interviews went well. It was lovely to see lots of parents helping the teachers formulate individual learning plans for their children. This approach acknowledges that teachers understand that the parents are the first teachers of their children, and tap into and use the parent's knowledge of their child.

The interviews also discuss the goals of the school and the goals for home.

Footy clinic with St Kilda

Grade four students were involved with a footy clinic with St Kilda football players. Sally-Mae reported thus:

"We went and saw St Kilda players in Morwell at the footy ground. We got to learn what their names were how long they have been playing, and the number of games they have played.

We practiced hand

balling, kicking, and speckying. We tackled the big bags and kicked to a partner.

If you go for St Kilda you could get your T-shirt or head band signed, or even if you didn't go for St Kilda you could have them signed.

One player stayed to do some signing of T-shirt and headbands and footballs.

Thanks to Mr. Mahoney and Mrs. Walls for taking us."

### Hazelwood North Primary School



#### AFL Super Clinic

On Tuesday 28th April, Grades 3 & 4 went to see St Kilda at the AFL Super Clinic in Morwell.

There were heaps of activities to do,

including ball skills, handballing and kicking the footballs, running for the tackle bags and doing speckies for the ball. The players were all really cool and we enjoyed ourselves.

#### Netta Tournament

On Friday 24th April, two teams from Hazelwood North Primary participated in the Netta competition held at Morwell Park Primary School. We played against schools from Morwell and Boolarra, rotating 5 games each. It was a fun day for everyone and a great experi-

ence for the kids who had not played netball before. Our mums Melissa and Sally umpired the games and lots of other mums and dads came to watch.

Grades 3&4



#### Life Education Van

The Life Education Van comes to our school every year. We learn about ways to have a healthy life. Jan teaches us the effects of alcohol and drugs. We also learn about the human body, including veins, organs, bones and muscles. In the lesson about alcohol, we learnt about how much it can affect our bodies and the amount of alcohol you can drink. The lesson we had was about all the effects of

drugs, alcohol and nicotine. We know if you don't smoke but you inhale the smoke it is called passive smoking. In the Life Ed van we played a game that was about the human body and smoking. We were split into two teams- green and blue, and if we got a question right we got points. We had great fun and learnt a lot.

By Jaymi



#### Bluearth

In Bluearth we play fun games that include everyone and you have the opportunity to come back in when you go out. Brenton has left so Tim took over Brenton's place as our teacher.

We play indoor games and outdoor games. We also do core movement which is stretches like the mountain pose, star pose and many

more. We do Bluearth once a week on Wednesday for one hour. Some of the games we play are Star Wars, Tail tag, Everybody's it.

We all like Bluearth because we learn different games and it helps us to be active. By Liam K

#### Hazelwood North Fun Run

Late last term the whole school participated in a Golden Circle Fun Run around a course at our school. Each grade split into 4 teams of 4 or 5 and gave them lots of funky names. We did it to raise money for our school.

We raised about 1200 dollars. Students who raised money were awarded prizes. Mr Drysdale, our principal ran the whole time by himself. Everybody had heaps of fun and got fitter and we are looking forward to doing it next year.

By Tyler H



#### War

Wwwhhooo! BOOM! The explosion was so close to our long trench. The bloody corpses of brave soldiers flew everywhere. I had to quickly duck and weave between the deadly shrapnel that has ruthlessly claimed so many lives in this war.

I am one of the many poor soldiers trying to survive in this bloody hazardous cove. I am John William an officer in ANZAC Cove.

BOOM! The Turks had thrown more deadly

grenades into our trench and we were pinned down, soldiers were dying quickly. I had to do something. With my hands trembling I quickly jumped out of the trench while the others desperately scrambled to safety. The small bullets flew past me then BANG! ...

... Everything went black as my lifeless body fell to the ground. At least they got away.

By Alex B

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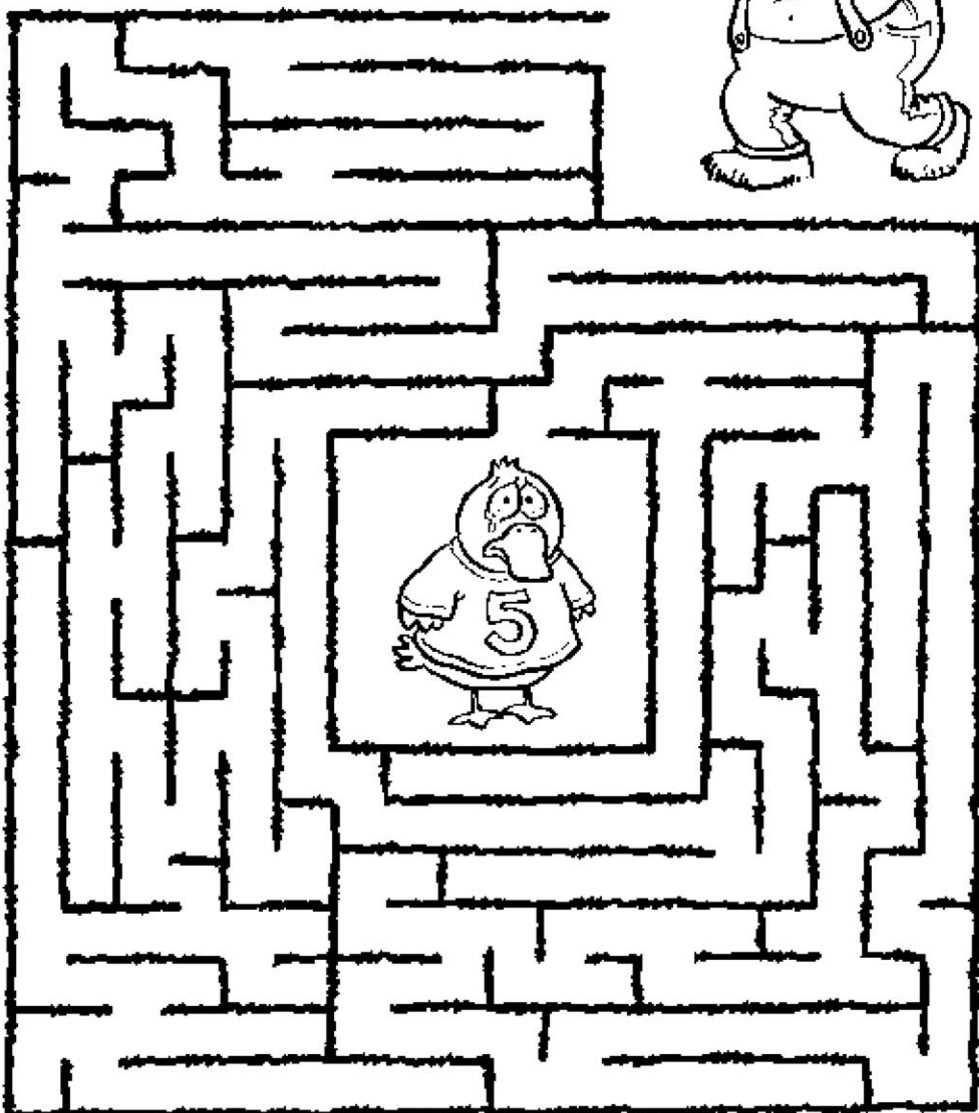
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What do you call a sad baby whale? Shark-infested custard.  
A little blubber.

What is the best kind of seafood to have with ice-cream? What is cat's favourite dessert?  
Jelly fish Mickey Mousse!!

What's yellow, black and dangerous? What is cat's favourite holiday resort?  
The Canary Islands.

**Number 5 is lost again  
Can you help Big Bad  
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# Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

**Men: Friday 10/4/09 Stableford**

Winner: C Barnes 44 pts. DTL: J Ambrosini 41 pts, M Smith 37pts c/b. NTP: 14th M Smith. Birdie M Smith 14th.

**Saturday 11/4/09 Stroke CCR 67**

Winners: A Grade D Scurllock 63. B Grade F DeBono 61. C Grade K Garlick 68. DTL: J McCafferty 66, A Auld 67, D McCafferty 68, R Scurllock 69, S Wotton 70, T Webb 70. NTP: 3rd G Fraser, 12th E Hayes-Hills. Eagle: F DeBono 11th.

**Ladies: Friday 10/4/09 Stableford**

Winner: L Casey 41pts. Tuesday 14/4/09 Stableford AWCR 70 Winner: Y Wotton 41 pts. DTL: E D'Alterio 37pts, M Munckton 37pts, D Judkins 36 pts. NTP: 3rd M Munckton, 5th/14th D Scurllock, (33-45) A Hibbert.

**Men: Saturday 18/4/09 2 Person Ambrose**

Winners: D Scurllock/M Smart 60 3/4 c/b. R/UP: G Miller/F Tabone 60 3/4. DTL: P Smart/A Casey 61, G Down/G Hornsby 62 3/4, J McCafferty/N Hutchinson 62 3/4. NTP: 3rd G Down, 5th T Collins, 12th P Kearns, 14th G Hornsby.

**Ladies: Friday 17/4/09 Churchill & Monash Bowls- Stableford**

Winners: A Grade D Larsen (Trafalgar) 38 pts c/b. B Grade J Shearman (Warragul) 42 pts. Bowl Winners: Churchill No. 2 112pts - D Scurllock 37pts, M McConville 38pts, Y Wotton 37 pts. R/UP: Trafalgar 104 pts - D Larsen 38pts, D Kidd 31 pts, S Williams 35 pts. DTL: J Kennard 39

pts, M McConville 38 pts, C Barnes 38 pts, Y Wotton 37 pts, R Eacott 37 pts, R Godenzi 37 pts, D Scurllock 37 pts. NTP: 3rd P Warne, 5th J Griffiths, 14th J Catherwood. Birdie: 5th J Griffiths.

**Sunday 19/4/09 Stableford**

Winner V Verheyen 40 pts.

**Tuesday 21/4/09 Stableford Multiplication**

Winners: J Leslie/C Ellis 85 pts. DTL: B Beebe/M Mitchell 65 pts, K Raber/T Buxton 65 pts. NTP: 3rd J Beck, 5/14th L Peake, 12th T Buxton. Birdie 3rd J Blizzard.

**Men: Saturday 25/4/09 Stroke Monthly Medal CCR 69**

Winners: Scratch G Beyer 77 c/b. A Grade/Medal G Beyer 65. B Grade W Judkins 68 c/b. C Grade C Skinner 71. D Grade S Wotton 70. DTL: K Hills 68, P Smart 68, T Sterrick 68, M Brereton 69, M Fletcher 69, M Peel 70, V Monument 70, G Hornsby 71. NTP: 3rd A Casey, 5th K Hills, 12th G Beyer, 14th B Kilday. Birdies: 5th W Peter, 3rd D Taylor.

**Sunday 26/4/09 Stableford**

Winner: P Smart 36 pts.

**Ladies: Sunday 26/4/09 Stableford**

Winner: H Croft 24 pts.

**Tuesday 28/4/09 3BBB Stableford**

Winners: J Leslie/J Beck/ M McDonald 76 pts. DTL: B Beebe/L Casey/L Peake 74 pts. NTP: 5/14th (0-32) D Scurllock, (33-45) T Buxton.

**Men: Saturday 2/5/09 Rd. 1 Club Championships CCR 68.**

Winners: A Grade R Scurllock 64.



Winners Yvonne Wotton, Di Scurllock and Maureen McConville

## Churchill Wins Bowl

The Churchill and Monash Golf club recently held their Ladies Bowl, which was contested by teams from all over West Gippsland, as well as teams Toongabbie and Newry.

The competition was held in perfect conditions and

was sponsored by Wights Motor World. Winners were presented with lovely crystal vases. The successful team on the day was Churchill Two with a score of 112 points, followed by last year's winners, Trafalgar, with a score of 104 points.

B Grade C Flanigan 63. C Grade V Sammut 67. DTL: M Smart 65, L Stein 65, G Beyer 68, W Peter 69, T Sterrick 69, J Welsh 69, B Downie 70. NTP: 3rd P Smart, 5th R Scurllock, 12th W Peter, 14th A Van Den Ham. Birdies: 3rd R Scurllock, 5th W Peter, 12th G Marshall.

**Sunday 3/5/09 Stableford.**

Winners: D Beyer 38 pts. DTL: B Downie 37 pts. M Brereton 35 pts. J Ambrosini 34 pts. c/b. NTP: 12th D Beyer.

**Ladies: Sunday 3/5/09 Stableford.**

Winners: J Blizzard 40 pts. DTL: C Barnes 36 pts. Lost Handicap: J Blizzard 27-26.

**Tuesday 5/5/09 Stroke/Monthly Medal.**

Winners: Scratch D Scurllock 90. Div.1/Medal B Beebe 72. Div.2 H Croft 73. DTL: S Cooke 74, J Beck 74, D Scurllock 75 c/b. Putts: H Croft 28 c/b. NTP: 3rd M Munckton, 5/14th (33-45) H Croft.



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