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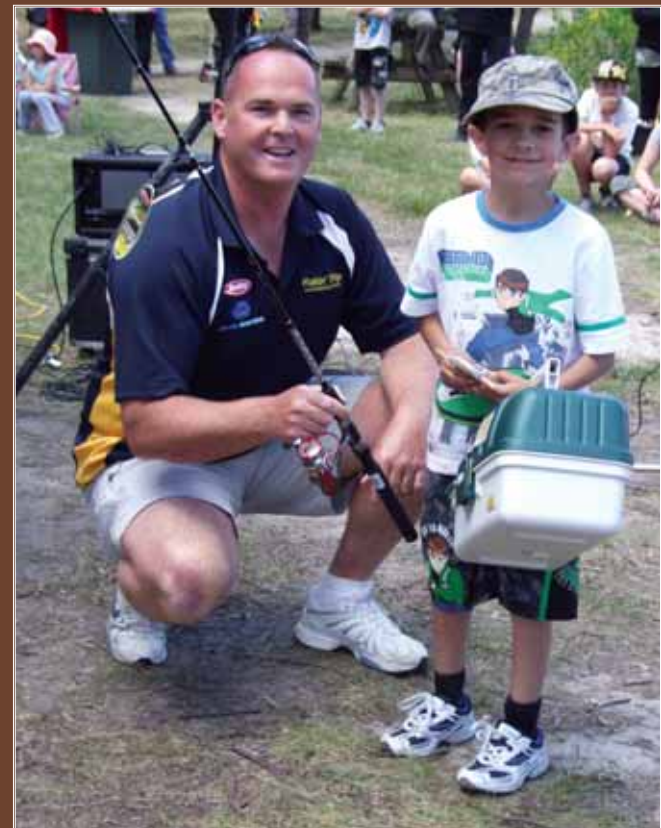
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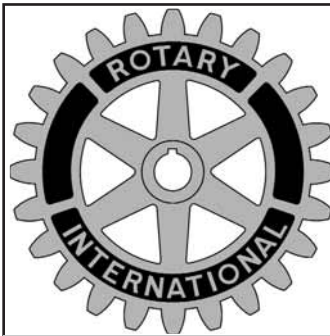


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## Churchill Gardening Group

It is nearly Christmas and time for a break for festivities before we settle into the work the garden will require in the New Year.

It is time to look back over the pleasant times we have had and the wonderful rain to bring on our gardens and of course the weeds. Snails, slugs etc. have come out as well.

Recent outings that have been enjoyed by the group have included going to the Airley Bank Nursery where we viewed many diverse groundcovers, bushes and trees, all potted up ready for the streets and gardens in Latrobe City Council.

The afternoon also featured interesting and informative talks on propagation and varieties that were shown in their stock.

All too soon we will need to be careful and efficient with watering. Morning and evening is best, and one deeply watering application is better than frequent light watering.

For November planting - tomatoes, in everyone's garden from the one pot on a balcony to enough to feed the family, neighbours and have plenty over for preserving for the months ahead. Plant some of each variety, early to mid season and late. Stake to keep the fruit up off the ground and give them plenty of water on the ground, not over the plant. Feed them every 10 days with seaweed solution.

You can also plant zucchinis, cucumbers, spring onions, and almost any vegetable that appeals to you.

Check with journals, television programs and any and every gardening article that you come across.

Roses will be in full bloom. Keep them dead-headed and don't worry too much if you cannot afford water for them.

Enjoy your irises, and check for the colours you could swap with friends for extended enjoyment.

Seedlings that are available in nurseries are your best guide for suitable choice.

Think ahead for the autumn, and the tasks that will be necessary then, but enjoy your summery garden and the festive season.

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# Community Newspapers Make History

Despite the unseasonable October weather the West Gippsland's Arts Centre hosted a full house at the 5th Annual Community Newspaper Association of Victoria (CNAV) conference.

More than 30 community newspapers made the journey to Warragul, ranging from the Otway Light in the West, Locky News (Lockington) in the North, the Stratford Town Crier to the East and the Churchill and District News. Everyone reported on the rain they traveled through to attend and many had anecdotes of snow along the way – and The Pinnacle (French Island) folk spoke of a very choppy barge trip.

Keynote Speaker Gerard Callinan (ABC Gippsland) spoke of the growth of opinion news and the widening of news gathering which provided opportunities for community newspapers concentrating on local events to flourish. He outlined the ways regional ABC relied on and interacted with

community newspapers, and encouraged us to keep in contact with our local ABC broadcasters. His suggestion that community newspapers consider using Facebook to foster communication with their communities became a talking point during the workshop sessions and the rest of the conference.

CNAV conferences provide an opportunity for community newspapers to share their achievements and display their publications. "Heavens, community newspapers have come a long way over the last few years," said CNAV Vice-President Jo Vondra. "The majority of those on display were of a high standard, especially in layout and production, and I couldn't believe the number of colour pages we are now seeing."

The Annual Awards are always a highlight and showcase the standards being achieved by community newspapers. The great work of so many was recognised by the spread of winners and finalists, and the SpringDale Messenger and the Drouin West Chronicle showed newness was no bar to success. The Churchill & District News was a finalist in the 'Best Young Persons Article' category, for a beautifully written piece by Jessica Polkington about what ANZAC means to the younger generation (May 2010 edition).

A post-conference Sunday visit by delegates to the Traf News based in the Scout Hall at Trafalgar gave an insight into how a well organized and efficient community newspaper is run.

And the feedback? It is just starting!

"Was a great time, we had a ball making friends with like minded people with the same aspirations."

"Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to go and get to know great people with such positive ideas. I have come away not feeling so isolated. It definitely was worthwhile in listening to others have similar problems or suggestions to improve our newsletter. It must be a lot of work to put together such a conference but if everyone can walk away with just one idea for the future it is just fantastic."

"We had a wonderful and extremely productive time at the Conference. We met a lot of great people and gleaned a lot of good ideas, and have returned full of inspiration and energy. Looking forward to the 2011 Conference!"



2010 CNAV Award winners and finalists



Browsing the community newspapers on display

## A Great Day for Gunaikurnai People

On Friday 22nd October at the Knob Reserve in Stratford, a thirteen year struggle for native title claim on large tracts of crown land in Gippsland became a reality, as the first peoples of this area were recognized as the traditional owners.

In a conversation with respected Senior Aboriginal Elder Uncle Albert Mullett, he responded to the question "What does this event mean for you?" by saying,

"Two words come to mind - recognition and respect. We have now been recognised as the traditional owners of the country. That means we have the right to look after it. We will be able to work in partnership with such organisation as Parks Victoria, Department of Sustainability and Environment, and several water authorities to manage crown land and national parks in Gippsland. These

organisations will work with us to create a job and training program for Aboriginal young people so they can become proficient in experience, skilled in decision making and protection of the landscape which is a very important part of Aboriginal history. These skills will be able to be used to help the young people develop their potentials, and to take on the responsibility of continuing the long struggle for native title.

Tarra Bulga is the nearest park which is included in this claim.

Uncle Albert Mullett says he is feeling elated at the outcome. He was there when the claim was lodged and with his family's support he has been able to see it through.

His family share that pride and satisfaction.

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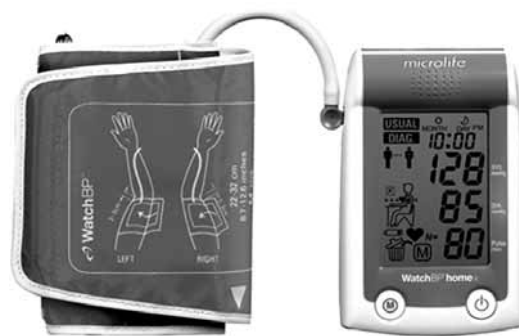
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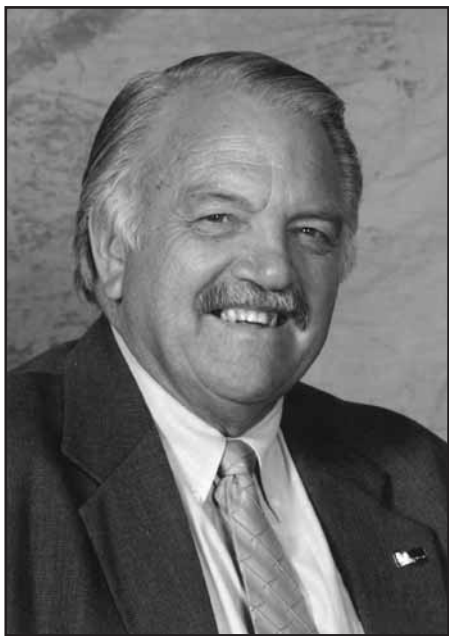
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# Tourism Audit & Engagement Policy

Cr Darrell White



members including local and state government, businesses, town groups, and individuals. The community will have an opportunity for input and consultation early next year.

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## Latrobe City Council – Community Engagement Policy 2010 - 2014

In 2009 Council commenced a process to review the Council's Community Engagement Policy and Strategy. The purpose of the review was to develop a revised Community Engagement Plan because of its pivotal role in facilitating community involvement in Council's future decision making processes.

A draft Community Engagement Plan 2010-2014 was developed following a process of consultation and engagement with key internal and external stakeholders.

More than 1300 Latrobe Valley residents participated in the community consultation program. Findings and recommendations from the program were considered in the development of the revised Community Engagement Plan.

The "draft" Community Engagement Plan 2010-2014 outlined a range of actions that could be undertaken by the Council to ensure a high quality of community engagement into the future.

### "Community Sounding Board"

A key new initiative in this plan is the creation of a Community Sounding Board which is designed to provide our Council with a broader platform on which to make well informed decisions whilst contributing to the development of a participatory relationship with a wide cross section of our community.

Although a comprehensive scoping exercise will be necessary in year one of this Plan, it is envisaged that the sounding board would be an email/internet based system with

a large database of members who are regularly contacted for comment on a range of Council plans, strategies and activities.

"Sounding Boards" have been developed as a pivotal link between local government and the community in many countries across the world. In 2000, Stirling Council in Scotland established a citizens' panel, the Stirling Sounding Board. This sounding board is made up of 1,300 residents and is representative of the wider community by such factors as age, gender, working status, tenure, urban and rural localities. The sounding board is refreshed periodically to ensure that the views reflect those of all citizens.

Wyndham City Council in Victoria has established a community panel to act as a sounding board and also has a program called "community talk" which is designed to provide feedback to Council on issues of importance to their community. In New South Wales, Mosman Council has a sounding board which emphasises the importance of community involvement in planning for the future of their municipality.

The development of a Community Sounding Board will provide our Council with a new and broader platform on which to make well informed decisions. The establishment of such a sounding board will also create more of a participatory relationship with a wide cross section of our community.

The Community Sounding Board will help to create new contacts and help Council to deepen its coverage whilst inviting our community to be a more integral part of planning for our future development.

The sounding boards' main function will enable Council to:

Gain different viewpoints regarding a range of issues that may confront our community;

Listen to a wide range of voices on important issues within the community so that a range of opinions are heard;

Provide an opportunity to present Council proposals to a broad cross section of the community to get their input;

Consider and report on matters of interest or concern to the community;

Assist in keeping in contact with community groups, special interest groups, residents and businesses in the community.

The development of a Community Sounding Board will enable Council to be better positioned to make informed decisions about issues that affect the local community. It will provide Council with increased confidence that a cross section of the community is engaging on issues of concern. In turn, the community will have the knowledge that the Council is accountable and in tune with its wishes.

It is planned that the sounding board will provide residents with the opportunity, through a range of processes, to express their views on issues and to propose local solutions to local issues where change or improvement is required.

It is also planned that a public expression of interest in participating in the Sounding Board will be advertised so as to encourage wide community involvement. In addition, specific interest and stakeholder groups will be invited to participate so that the sounding board will have access to, and the capacity to canvass, a wide range of views on key issues. These interest groups include voluntary and not-for-profit, health, tourism and education, key local industries, small business and other sectors that play a key role and have an interest in our community.

It is envisaged that the sounding board will have a significant membership and communication with participants will be through the internet. Council has a number of options regarding online community consultation interfaces.

At its Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 18th October last, Council resolved that, after having received and considered all public submissions, to adopt the Community Engagement Plan 2010-2014.

## Tourism Product Audit and Review of the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre

Consultants have been appointed to undertake a comprehensive analysis of the tourism product within the municipality and a review of the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre, both with a view to strengthening the marketing and potential investment attraction of the region. The final report will provide a basis and framework for strategic actions to drive tourism for Latrobe City into the future.

The Tourism Product Audit will provide a tool for understanding Latrobe City's products and strengths, our point of difference and how we fit within the wider Gippsland branding. It will also assist Council make informed decisions for strategic actions for appropriate marketing, funding applications and investment attraction.

The review of the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre will provide an understanding of issues impacting visitation and service delivery from the current location of the information centre and will consider emerging visitor and technological trends and how these may influence future service delivery.

Consultation will be undertaken with a range of stakeholders and community



There have been a number of events occurring around all communities within the Morwell Electorate in recent times including

those within Churchill and District which is fantastic to see.

On Sunday 24 October the very successful Hazelwood All Makes Car & Bike Show was conducted at Hazelwood Pondage. It was a terrific day with a huge crowd in attendance with plenty of entertainment. A number of local groups and organisations assisted in making the day a great success with monies raised going to the Latrobe Special Development School. What a worthy cause and well done to all who contributed.

There were a number of visitors

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from outside the region who also visited the show which adds enormously to our local economy by way of tourism. We have enormous scope to ensure tourism is a major industry in our local area and events of this nature only enhance those prospects.

I had the pleasure of attending the opening of the Boolarra CFA station on 30 October, which was a great event. There was a huge crowd in attendance and no doubt indicative of the community's appreciation of our local CFA volunteers. Volunteers across our

region do a fantastic job year in and year out, and they deserve all the recognition and support they receive, including adequate equipment, vehicles and facilities. There has been extraordinary community support for the renovated Boolarra CFA shed and I again thank those who have contributed to this important project.

I have also had the pleasure of visiting the Boolarra, Yinnar and Churchill communities over these past few weeks. It was terrific to see people come along and advise myself of existing community issues

and successes along with providing suggestions on what we can all do to make our towns even more vibrant. I thank everyone for coming along and providing their input, it was certainly greatly appreciated.

With the end of the year drawing close, I pass on my very best wishes to all within the Churchill and district community, and I thank you all for taking the time to contact my office, have a chat with me when I'm out and about, and for being active community members.

## Lifeline Churchill Shop News

Our Christmas sale begins on Monday, 22nd November, and is a chance for people to get some lovely Christmas presents at a fraction of new price.

Our regular Christmas sale customers from past years know you have to be early to get the best of the bargains!

As always we will gladly accept your unwanted goods, (including supermarket carry bags), provided they are clean and in good condition.

You can bring them in to our shop during shop hours - 9.30am -

4 pm each week day. This is preferable to leaving them outside our clothing bin where they may get opened up and scattered everywhere, ending up getting wet and ruined.

If you do plan to leave things in our bin, it is certainly much easier to put the goods in supermarket size bags so you can easily put them in.

If you have large items please give our warehouse a telephone call on 5136 3500 and make arrangements for Lifeline Gippsland to pick them up from

your home.

Our shop is located between the Churchill Chiropractor and the Hazelwood Health Centre.

If you haven't been into our shop before, why not just come in and have a browse at what we do offer - clothing for all the family, linen, books for all readers of all ages, crockery, nick-nacks, craft items, and jewellery are just some of the things we have.

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# Churchill & District Community Bank

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“An enthusiastic strategy meeting held last month resolved to action new ways to finalise our campaign,” said Wayne Casey, Chair of the Steering Committee.

“To help we need new members for the steering committee and also people willing to speak to some of the scores of organisations in Churchill. We are calling them Ambassadors,” said Mr Casey.

“In fact contact us right now on the numbers below or visit our website [www.churchillcommunitybank.org.au](http://www.churchillcommunitybank.org.au) .”

“Jenny Farrer, who has been a mover in the successful establishment of the Clifton Hill/North Fitzroy Community Bank® branch, has helped as facilitator. Their results are spectacular” said Wayne. “We want Churchill to do even better”

“We still need another 200+ people to pledge to buy shares and/or bank with us. The minimum number of shares is 500 and a maximum of 10,000 applies. No money is needed now.” said Mr Casey.

“Remember although this is mainly a community building project, once the branch is profitable, many branches return handsome dividends to shareholders so it’s also a good business deal.”

Russell Jenkins, Executive, Customer and Community of the Bendigo Banks, has reported that Community Bank® branches are now in their 13th year, and the network continues to grow and make significant contributions to local communities right across Australia.

Last financial year 22 new Community Bank® branches were opened, taking the total number of branches to 259.

More than 545,000 customers chose to support the network with their banking business made up of more than 788,000 accounts, giving the networks a combined banking book of more than \$16.3 billion.

Our Community Bank® customers have been served by more than 1,150 staff that are supported by almost 1,700 volunteer Directors who are endorsed by around 63,000 shareholders who have received more than \$14.7 million in dividends, a reward for their belief in the Community Bank® concept.

All of this support has enabled the Community Bank® network to return more than \$40.3 million to assist local community groups and

projects since the first Community Bank® branch opened in 1998.

“So, there is a great national track record for Community Banks®. We are nearly halfway in collecting pledges to start our own, and now it is over to you. Call, or visit our website and pledge online,” urged Mr Casey.

Mr Casey gave examples of other Community Bank® projects.

### Carrum Downs to the Rescue

When the Skye Fire Brigade began an appeal for a new \$70,000 fire truck, the local Community Bank® board kickstarted the fundraising with a \$14,000 grant from branch profits.

The community then raised a further \$11,000 but was still facing a \$45,000 shortfall as the 2004/2005 fire season approached.

The Community Bank® branch came to the rescue, and donated the remaining funds to ensure the brigade had its fire truck for the beginning of the fire season.

### Let’s Make Tracks

The kids of Lang Lang Primary School can now enjoy a safe new path from the schoolyard to the Arboretum Reserve.

The paths construction was funded, in part, by a \$7,500 Community Bank® donation. The finishing touch will be 700 trees to be planted by the kids themselves.

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### Clifton Hill/North Fitzroy Community Bank® Branch Results

| Year      | No of sponsorships | Community sponsorship value |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2006/2007 | 13                 | \$10,000                    |
| 2007/2008 | 25                 | \$23,000                    |
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| 2009/210  | 30                 | \$55,349                    |



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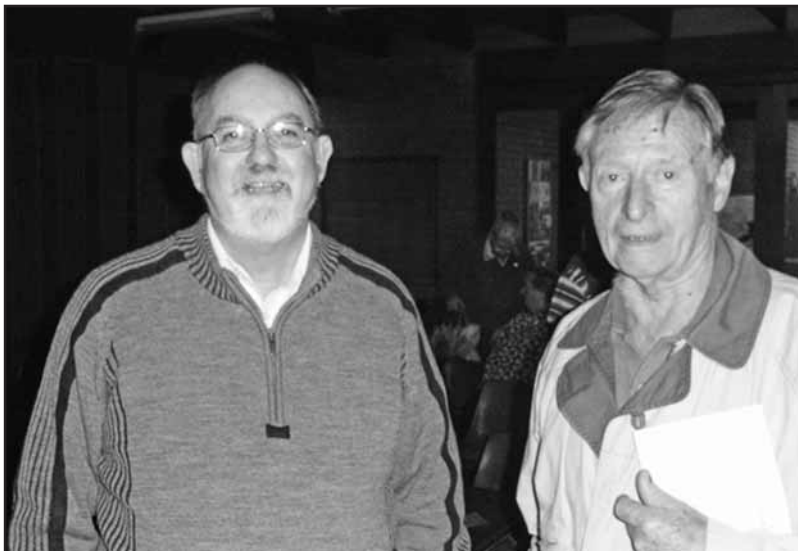
# Impressions of Israel

Our minister, Rev. Dr. Bob Brown, was the speaker at the Breakfast held on 23 October.

Bob spoke on his 'Impressions of Israel' gained from a ten day study tour organised by the Council of Christians and Jews of Australia. The study group consisted of 34 Australians made up of equal numbers of Christians and Jews. The group was accommodated at two campuses of the World Union of Progressive Judaism – for six days in Jerusalem and then for four days at Jaffa near Tel Aviv. The mentors for the tour were Rabbi Rich Kirschen and Dr. Paul Liptz, a recently retired Professor of History at the University of Tel Aviv. The daily excursions were in and around the old walled city of Jerusalem were mostly led by a variety of Jewish archaeologists.

Bob spoke on the make-up of the 6.7 million people living in Israel, his experience of the underlying tension between various groups within Israel and between Palestine and Israel, the contrasting living conditions between Arabs and Jews, the harshness of the landscape, and the remarkable number of steep steps the group encountered on their excursions.

Among the highlights for Bob, were the very informative discussions between members of the tour group and those led by the two mentors, the visits to the Western Wall (Wailing wall) of the temple, the group's exploration of the Temple Mount on which Solomon's temple and then Herod's temple had been



Rev. Dr. Bob Brown and Neil Terrill

built and on which now stands the magnificent Muslim Dome of the Rock, and the contrasting openness of the landscape surrounding the Sea of Galilee where Jesus carried out most of his teaching and healing ministry as recorded in the Gospels.

Bob's 'Impressions of Israel' was also illustrated in a series of photographs taken on the tour.

The final Breakfast for 2010 will be held on the 27 November and will be a 'Breakfast Book Club' whereby people attending are asked to bring along a brief summary of two books they have read which would be of interest to other people. This is not compulsory for attendance but hopefully most attendees will participate. No charge for this Breakfast.

Please let Keith Enders know by Thursday 25 November if you are attending.

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# Coffee Connections

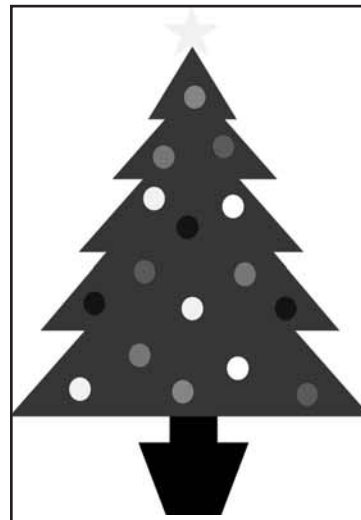
Coffee Connections was again well attended. Lois Terrill shared with us a hobby she had while she and her family lived in England for twelve months while husband Neil was working.

The hobby was brass rubbing. Lois said she and a friend visited many wonderful venues to do the rubbings, some situated in most difficult positions. Although this was from many years ago,

Lois was able to show us several surviving examples, with a little of the history attached to each.

## Garage Sales

The Community Life Panel is planning two weeks of garage sales on the 4th and 11th December from 8am-12pm in the church shed. Christmas trees will be on sale for \$20. Orders can be placed by ringing Robyn on 51661306, or Glenda 51661819.



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## Prep Transition days for Churchill and District Schools

The local Primary Schools invite children who will begin Prep in 2011 to attend their schools during term 4. The students will take part in activities which will help them feel comfortable with the huge step that starting school can be.

The children will spend a number of hours at the school at which they are enrolled and get to know their new class mates and some of the older students at the school. If you would like more information, please contact the respective schools.

### Churchill North Primary School

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Friday Nov. 26th 8.45 - 10.45am

Tues. Dec. 7th 8.45 - 10.45am

### Churchill Primary School

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### Lumen Christi Primary School

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Friday 19th Nov. 2.00 - 3.00 pm

Tues. 7th Dec. 9am - 11.00 am

## The Child's Best Interests?

The Gippsland Family Law Pathways Network brought together many organisations who work with separating or separated families for a successful Twilight Forum in Traralgon recently. The aim of the forum was to build connections between service providers and to ask the question, what is in the child's best interest?

Guest speaker, Bernie Geary, OAM is Victoria's Child Safety Commissioner. Mr Geary gave an enlightening and thought provoking talk about his role and his experiences. Mr Geary has worked with vulnerable children, young people and their families for the last 37 years.

Mr Geary spoke of the need to improve the family court system to make it less intimidating for children, more child centred and a more positive and friendly environment where they feel they are being listened to. "There should," he said, "be no wrong door" for anyone seeking help. "Decisions made lawyer to lawyer or DHS in a corridor is not in the child's best interest."

A Charter for Children in Out-of-Home care has been developed after speaking with 140 in out-of-home care. It lists what children and young people can expect from those who look after them. The rights include: to be safe and feel safe, to be allowed to be a child and be treated with respect, to

have a say and to be heard, to be provided with information, careful thought being given to where I will live so I will have a home that feels like a home. The charter challenges the system to go that 'extra mile' to make sure the needs of children in out-of-home care are met as would any caring parent.

The forum held a panel discussion, led by Mr Mark Woods, Director of Tyler Tipping and Woods, where three scenarios were presented. These led to some lively and in depth discussions between the panel of experts and the various organizations present.

Mr Mark Gibson, Project Officer for the Gippsland Family Law Pathways Network, was very encouraged by the forum. The aim of the forum was to bring together the different organizations operating in the region so that they could build connections so they have an understanding of the integrated family law system and increase the focus on the best interests of the child.

Family Law Pathways Networks have been established by the Australian Government to assist separating or separated Australian families by providing access to services they need as quickly and seamlessly as possible.

The Charter for Children in Out-of-home care can be found on the website of the Child Safety Commissioner: <http://www.ocsc.vic.gov.au/index.htm>





Malcolm McKenzie General Manager Gippsland Region (left) with Scott Randall (15 year's service), Ruth Place, Graeme Renwick, Lindsay Bevis and Blake Coss (10 year's service)

## Churchill Fire Brigade Presentation Night



Ashleigh Caldwell, Firefighter of the Year (left), Mandy Dempsey, Rookie of the Year, Graeme Renwick, Captains Trophy and Chris Gallagher, Most Consistent

The annual Presentation Night for the Churchill Fire Brigade was held on Saturday 23 October 2010 at the Churchill Football/Netball Club Rooms at Gaskin Park. Brigade President Rob Langston welcomed everyone, especially CFA staff Malcolm McKenzie and Shane Mynard, as well as representatives of other brigades in the local area, the partners and family of Churchill Brigade members.

After a delicious main course, Captain Steve Barling rose to speak. Steve reported that the 2009/10 year had been an interesting period which had seen changes in CFA staff and a re-vitalization of the Morwell Group with a new team, and the advent of the Narracan Group moving to join Morwell Group. Steve sees the future for Churchill Fire Brigade as very positive, and with the support of brigade members and the community, it will continue to go from strength to strength.

For the last 18 months to two years, much work has gone into strengthening the Morwell group to

ensure that it is a ready support for the brigades when incidents develop. Steve thanked the members for their efforts, the firefighters, the Fire Equipment Maintenance members (who work to ensure a valuable income for the brigade), and the Brigades in Schools members. He singled out the lieutenants and thanked them as they had been called upon to do more in the last six months than in the past, with Steve being much involved with the Morwell Group. Thankfully the last year has been a quieter one for the brigade.

Steve thanked members for volunteering.

"Volunteering is a personal choice, but it is rewarding-enjoyable and fun," he said. A special thank you was given to families of members - partners and children whose support and make it possible for the brigade to function.

The Presentation of Service Medals was preceded by some words from Malcolm McKenzie, General Manager of the Gippsland

Region of CFA. Malcolm acknowledged the work of Operations Officer Shane Mynard and Steve Barling as Group Officer and Brigade Captain, and members of brigades present. Then he reported, "Last Friday at Fiskville (the CFA fire training facility), twenty-five new recruits passed out. As part of the occasion they had to demonstrate to those present their new skills. The rain and the cold made conditions extremely difficult for them to operate. As I reflected on this I realized that fire fighters face and operate in difficult conditions each time they turn out. You do a great job. You push on regardless. Thanks!" Malcolm then also thanked the families for their support.

This past year has been one of consolidation for CFA, he continued. The outcomes from the Royal Commission and the State Governments response have seen much work being done. Malcolm thanked all the members for their efforts with the Royal Commission

and for the forthcoming trial due to commence at the end of March 2011.

To prepare for the upcoming fire season, some protection plans are in place with more to go. Command and Control procedures have been reviewed and a Regional Commander, Mark Reid, appointed. The new Chief Fire Officer, Euan Ferguson, is well respected and knows CFA practices. Operations Manager Alan Rankin has also recently been appointed. A number of new appliances have been handed over, with Hazelwood North and Morwell Group recipients in this area.

The boundary re-alignment program (which will see five brigades from the Narracan Group join into the Morwell Group) will happen after the fire season.

Bushfire preparedness plans are under way with Community Fireguard Groups, Bushfire Planning days and the availability of Fire Ready Kits. Members were thanked for their support in rolling

out these programs.

Operations Officer Shane Mynard also thanked the members of Churchill Brigade for their assistance to him in his position as the Catchment Officer. He began the presentation of the medals by reading out the warrant. Then as each person came forward to receive their medal, Shane read out their service record, and Malcolm presented the medals.

Ten Year service medals were awarded to Lindsay Bevis, Blake Coss, Ruth Place, and Graeme Renwick. A Fifteen Year service medal was awarded to Scott Randall.

Further awards were as follows:  
 Firefighter of the Year- Ashleigh Caldwell  
 Rookie of the Year- Mandy Dempsey  
 Most Consistent- Chris Gallagher  
 Encouragement Awards- Mark Andruschak, Dave Sutherland  
 Captain's Trophy- Graeme Renwick

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**Lioness Club of Churchill & District**

Jill Wall, Publicity Officer District 201V3 Governor, Shirley, visited and attended a dinner held in her honour at the Morwell RSL, along with the Churchill Lions.

The speech given by DG Shirley was very uplifting and informative as she spoke of her involvement in Lions. A great evening was had by all in

attendance and included an exchange of banners.

**Barry Sheene Tribute Ride**

We assisted the Churchill Lions in catering for this event at Kernot Hall in Morwell. Our ladies were kept busy helping to feed the hundreds of hungry bikers who were making their way through to Phillip Island.

**Mathison Park**

Due to the wet weather a working bee was not held last month. Since then, we have had a few quite warm days which have brought the snakes out from their winter hibernation. Two have been seen near the bridge near the old farm house.

Dog owners are warned to keep their dogs on leads. Snake bites can be fatal for dogs, especially when it may take some time to get them to a vet.

The Mathison Park Advisory Committee was pleased to have the Churchill and District News Junior Fishing Competition staged in the park once more.

This popular competition brings many children and families to the park to enjoy a relaxed day of fishing with the small explosions of excitement as a fish is caught and weighed in.

Special thanks to the Latrobe City Council Churchill mowing team for a great job in preparing the area for the competition. Thanks also to Dave for mowing along the eastern pathway.

A special thank you goes also to Churchill Fire Brigade for burning off our piles of fallen branches etc. Your volunteer efforts are most definitely appreciated.



DG Shirley and Lioness President Merrilln Grissotto



Fishing at Lake Hyland



# Churchill News Writing Competition

The Churchill and District News Writing Competition was very well supported with 309 entries, many of those from our primary schools. The judges took some weeks to shortlist and then choose the winners. There were many winners and these have been listed on our web site [www.cdnews.com.au](http://www.cdnews.com.au). The October issue saw the publishing of some of our first prize winners.

A competition like this cannot be run without the support of the participants. We especially want to thank those schools who entered, as it takes some dedication and enthusiasm on the part of teachers and students to see the project through. We have noted over the last eight years an improvement in content and presentation, and we have awarded many encouragement prizes because of

it.

The competition also needs funding, and although schools and other entrants pay a nominal amount, it doesn't cover the costs. This year we were again fortunate to have some generous sponsors to help with costs. These included International Power Hazelwood, Monash University Gippsland HUMCASS, Hazelwood Rotary, Ampworks, Gippsland Trades & Labour Council, Morwell Newsagency, Angus and Robertson Mid Valley, Gippsland Trade Printers, Latrobe City Council and Churchill and District News. We thank them for their generous and ongoing support.

The workload for this competition is huge, but the response and outcomes warrant the effort. We hope to continue this competition for years to come.



Rotary Club of Hazelwood's successful National Youth Science Forum applicant, Jessica Pocklington from Kurnai College and Rotary District 9820 District Governor, David Piper

## Hazelwood Rotary



Rotary Club of Hazelwood members, Mike Answerth and Geoff Thornhill cooking for the successful National Youth Science Forum students who met at Monash University on Sunday, 17 October 2010

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Brad and Bernie talk with Yr 8 students about their pathways from school into employment.

## Churchill Boys Talk Straight About Careers

A successful Straighttalk event was held at the Waratah Restaurant, Morwell on Wednesday 27th October, with Kurnai College – Churchill Campus students attending a lunch hosted by Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning and Employment Network and The Smith Family.

Straighttalk, a Smith Family initiative is supported and funded by equisuper, as part of the Inspiring Young People initiative run by the Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN. Community and business leaders come together to share information and knowledge about their careers and pathways with Year 8 boys. Experienced guests at the lunch time event changed tables at different intervals to maximise interaction with students on their individual journey.

Kate Boyer, Senior Partnership Broker from Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN said the event was well received by all participants with the MC for the lunch, Mark Johnson and Guest Speaker,

Bernie Walsh, Regional Coordinator for the Active After School Communities program addressing the gathering.

“Mark was an impressive MC, sharing his journey as well as confidently managing the introduction and rotation of guests, who chatted with students about their hopes and aspirations as they moved from table to table.”

“Bernie provided an entertaining talk on his pathway to his current position, with both experienced and young men enjoying his stories and drawing motivation from his speech. Bernie encouraged the students to follow their dreams, and work towards achieving their goals”, Ms Boyer said.

One student wrote that the event was great because “it showed the many different jobs available” whilst another said “it was great to hear from people who are passionate about what they do”.

Speaking on behalf of The Smith Family, Robyn Irvine said

“The experienced guests contribution to this day has been invaluable – all have been very interested and enthusiastic about participating. They chatted with the young people from Kurnai College about their own diverse backgrounds and job choices as well as some of the challenges and highlights along the way. The opportunity for the students to have these conversations may well sow some seeds for some of their own future decisions.”

“The lunch was a fantastic way for our students to meet and interact with men from their local community. Their diverse career paths really inspired these students to explore their work options in a new way,” Year 8 Team Leader, Ms Bernadette Cropper, said.

“We are proud to continue to support the Inspiring Young People as the events are a great way for us to put back into the community and to help develop our young people,” Geoff Brooks from equisuper said.

## Churchill and District Neighbourhood Crime Report



ASSAULTS - 5 for Sept (5 Aug)

One offender charged with throwing a rock to injure after throwing a rock at a passing car. This dangerous practice has resulted in a number of deaths over recent years. In this case it not only caused damage to the vehicle but caused the driver a huge amount of distress. Five offenders were charged with assault offences during the month.

PROPERTY DAMAGE - 6 for Sept (4 Aug)

Three offenders were charged with various damage offences. In one incident a number of plants were damaged at the Churchill Primary School.

BURGLARY - 4 for Sept (7 Aug)

Residential burglaries are an issue for police at the moment and a task force will soon be put together to combat this. However, it is still beholden of the community to lock their property when they are absent.

Of the four offences this month, in three offenders gained access through opened doors or windows.

**THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE** - 1 for Sept (2 Aug)

Offenders stole a set of driving lights from a vehicle in Manning Drive.

**THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE** - 1 for Sept (1 Aug)

The vehicle stolen is yet to be recovered.

**THEFT** - 5 for Sept (2 Aug) - Three offenders were charged with theft offences. In one incident a boat engine was stolen from the boat parked in the victim's driveway. It is believed it would take two people to remove and carry the motor from the scene. The community is asked to be vigilant about suspicious activity in their area.

**Counterfeit Detection Guide**

Police continue to advise local businesses to be on the lookout for counterfeit \$50 notes after five were passed in Gippsland earlier this year.

Notes have been passed in a number of Gippsland towns including Moe, Wonthaggi and Warragul.

All people, not just businesses, should check all \$50 notes for authenticity. It has been reported some of the notes are waxier and more shiny and orange than a genuine \$50 note. Anyone who believes they have received a fake note is asked to retain it and call the police. If possible obtain a description of the person who passed the note and a description of a vehicle if one was sighted.

**Feel the note:** On a genuine banknote, slightly raised printing (dark ink) called intaglio, is used for the main design elements, such as the portraits. Check the raised print by running a finger or finger-nail across the main design elements. Also check for less clearly defined patterns around the portraits.

Hold the banknote up to the light and Look for Australian Coat of Arms. It should become visible under other printing. (For the \$5

note, check to the left of the word Australia.)

**Look at the print:** Genuine banknotes have multi-coloured, fine line patterns appearing on each side of the banknote. Check for irregularities such as less clearly defined patterns, thicker or thinner lines, or colour differences.

**Look for Microprinting:** A genuine banknote has microprint that can usually only be read using a magnifying glass. Microprinted words are located on the top left hand corner of the front of the \$5 banknote, and generally near the portraits on the other banknotes. Check that the microprinted words are clearly and sharply defined.

Check the note has a clear window: the area around the window is uniformly smooth to touch. Within the clear window, look for: \$5 – a stylised gum flower; Federation \$5 – printed mauve area with embossing of the number '5'; \$10 – a windmill; \$20 – a compass; \$50 – the Southern Cross; \$100 – a

lyrebird.

Feel for the slightly raised print: The slightly raised printing (dark ink) can be felt by running a finger or fingernail across the main design elements, such as the portraits.

**Look for the seven-pointed star:** Diamond-shaped patterns printed on each side of the banknote should combine perfectly to form a seven-pointed star inside a circle.

Ultra-violet Light: On genuine banknotes, the serial numbers fluoresce under UV light. In all banknotes other than \$10, there is an area on the back that fluoresces. Look for a serial number, wattle leaves and number 5 on the \$5 note; a block with the no. 20 on the \$20 note; no. 50 on the \$50 note; the no. 100 on the \$100 note. The rest should not fluoresce (unless treated/contaminated with chemicals).

Anyone with information is encouraged to phone local police or Crime Stoppers on 1800333000.



# Monash School Of Nursing and Midwifery



Sun Mei, PhD student for China, visiting the Monash School of Nursing and Midwifery

By Ruth Place

Ken Sellick explained that Monash School of Nursing and Midwifery has requests from Asian and Middle Eastern Governments and Education Departments for scholarship PhD students to come to Australia to gain an international experience.

These students are often well advanced with their collection of data for their project.

The aim of the scholarship visit is that the student has the opportunity to spend time at the school, visit local health agencies, and work with the school staff.

The school's role is not to supervise the PhD student, but to give them a variety of experiences. The other important aspect is the development of the student's ability to communicate in English, develop an understanding of Australian culture, and to build a network with colleagues.

They will also be asked, to give a presentation about their own university school of nursing, and the topic of their PhD.

Sun Mei is just such a student. She has had experience working in biochemical laboratories and in research method courses.

Her twelve month stay in Australia started only three weeks ago.

Mei has been given an ID number which allows her access to Monash's entire resources - library, internet, etc.

She will be asked to write a joint paper with a staff member for publication in an international

journal on a topic of interest to them both, about their PhDs.

When asked what her first impressions of Australia were, Mei said, "I think Australia is a fantastic country. The environment is very beautiful and China can learn from Australia how to protect our Chinese environment."

With a sense of wonder, Mei says her home town in the northern part of China has a population of 32 million - more than the entire population of Australia.

Why did Mei choose to come to Australia? She had some friends who had been here. They had reported that Australia was very innovative and multi-cultural.

Mei has found that people here are very kindhearted and have treated her well.

It is her first time abroad, but she doesn't feel homesick as everything here "is great!"

Mei says that nursing in Australia is very advanced, and she wants to take the opportunity to broaden the depth of her studies.

Monash School of Nursing and Midwifery is one of the finest schools in Australia. Mei says, "I emailed Karen Francis, the Head of the school to ask her if I could come, and she was very kind to accept me."

Mei would like to express her thanks to Monash for giving her this valuable chance to come to Australia, and the Chinese Government for providing the scholarship to do so.

PhD education was only begun in China five years ago. Mei is doing her study on stroke and chronic illnesses. Her research has led her to learn about the family burden of having a stroke victim at home. She wants to prepare a way to help stroke victims after they are discharged from hospitals, empowering the family to function at a high level to be able to give maximum help to the stroke victim.

This aspect of her study is what Mei is planning to research and develop while in Australia. She plans to do a lot of reading, research and visiting of hospitals, community health centres and nursing homes and hostels, to gather her data and information, to put together this work to take back to China with the aim of helping her own countrymen.

While in Australia, Mei hopes she will have time to visit places like Sydney, Canberra and many places in our beautiful country. Everything is new and exciting.

As the first Chinese student to Australia from her university school in Changsha, Hunan Province, Mei feels a great responsibility. It will be part of her aims that she is able to set up an ongoing collaboration between the two schools.

Mei has every intention of enjoying her time in Australia, as she works to achieve her goals.

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# State Election 2010

Seven candidates will be vying for the Morwell District seat at the State Election on Saturday 27th November 2010. The Churchill News contacted all the candidates and invited them to answer the following question:

How do you see the Future of the Latrobe Valley with regard

to:

1. Industry and Employment
2. Education
3. Health & Safety

They were given word limit of 1,250 each which was strictly

adhered to.

Their replies are printed here and I would like to thank them for their time and effort. We hope you will find them informative and helpful in making your decision on polling day. Remember, every vote counts.

## Peter Gardner: Independent Candidate

I am standing in the electorate of Morwell to act on the huge problem of global warming. I am offering two win/win actions for the Valley. The first is the rapid adoption of geothermal energy below the coal to provide clean power to replace the coal generators. The second is the setting up of biochar generators around the country towns to provide carbon neutral energy, biochar to sequester CO2 and fire protection. This would benefit the Valley as follows:

a) **Employment.** There would be a substantial boost to employment with the revitalisation of the old SEC, a drilling program to measure the hot rocks below the coal and the construction of the first geothermal power generator. It is envisaged that the first demonstration generator could be operating within four years. The biochar generator program is labour intensive. Those employed in this scheme would also be trained as fire-fighters.

b) **Health & Safety.** Benefits would mainly accrue later as the geothermal power replaced the coal fired generators. As well the adoption of biochar generators would mean that towns and communications routes would be more resistant to bushfires with the progressive removal of fire hazardous waste.

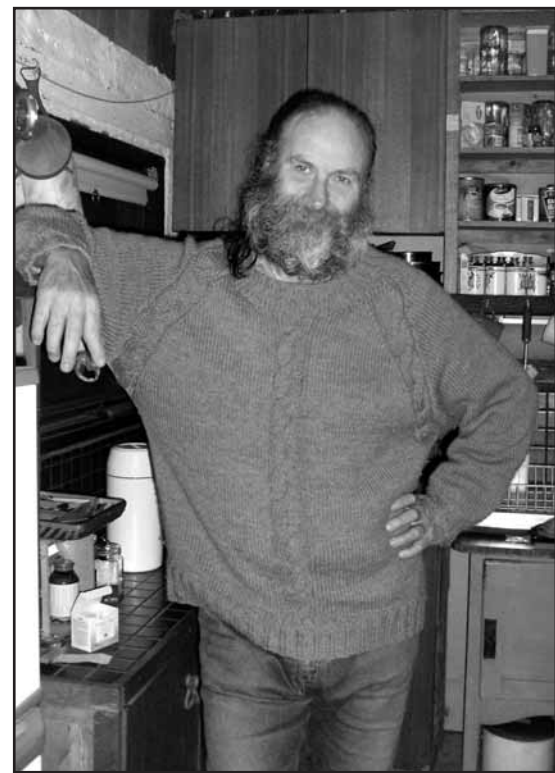
c) **Education.** It is envisaged as part of the Geothermal

Energy below the coal plan the old SEC would be revitalised. One of the new responsibilities of this organisation would be a reintroduction and management of a new apprenticeship scheme to enable the transition from coal to geothermal to proceed smoothly. At the academic level a Victorian Geothermal Institute, or some similar organisation would be established.

The longer action is delayed on global warming the more expensive and disruptive the changes will be. The longer action is delayed the more damaging the consequences will be. It is prudent to act as though the worst case scenario was upon us.

### Brief Biography

Peter Gardner has lived in East Gippsland for 40 years and for the last 25 in a solar house. During that time he has worked at a number of occupations before becoming a shopkeeper and bookseller. He is best known as a regional historian having written three books on the Kurnai tribes of Gippsland and a history of the Victorian Coal Miners Association. He has been convinced for some years of the need for urgent action on the problem of global warming. He is currently the secretary of the (unregistered) Global Warming Action Party (Australia).



## Graeme Middlemiss: Australian Labor Party Candidate

### Jobs Into the Future

I thank the Churchill and District News for this opportunity to put my case for election as the local member in the coming State election. In the next few years we will be facing serious challenges to our employment base. I have the energy and experience to guide us through these problems. I have a vision for the Valley and the determination to get the job done.

Labor is the only party with a genuine commitment to our future and it is in the Valley's interest for Labor to be re-elected on November 27. However, the Valley must have a voice in that government and our future. A member prepared to stand up and be a tough negotiator on our behalf. My long record of advocacy for our community would stand me in good stead for that role.

Our present National Party local member of parliament sits in opposition, with no real say in what government does.

Below, I have outlined my, and Labor's, plans for the future of our community and Labor's record of support for the valley.

### Industry and Employment

The Valley's forest and brown coal based resource industries need to be modernised to meet new environmental demands. Labor is the only party with the focus and plans to address the Valley's future and we will create new jobs - 'Jobs into the Future' is Labor's Valley commitment.

Already the Labor Government is putting in place measures to assist with changes to the local economy. The Latrobe Valley Advantage Fund has been created for this purpose and the initial grant of \$25million is already being used for alternative job creation.

At Gippsland Aeronautics, the fund has been used to support creation of 50 - 60 new jobs. I will also be lobbying strongly for the fund to support the production of the planned GA18 twin engine aircraft. This could lead to creation of twice as many new jobs.

The fund will also be used to re-skill workers to take up new opportunities, to assist employers to create new jobs and attract new investment to the Valley. Already four new Investment Attraction Officers have been appointed. If elected, I will also be advocating that the 'Eureka's Future' solar hot water manufacturing co-operative be assisted to set up in the Valley. In addition, Labor has also announced that the Valley will receive preference for the 400 government jobs to be

decentralised in the next two years.

The proposed closure of 2 of the 8 units at Hazelwood in 2014 is still under negotiation and no agreement has been reached. The workers there will not be forgotten. Full staffing will be required until 2014 and closure will not occur until base load replacement generation is available; - a perfect opportunity for the proposed new technology HRL Morwell power station.

Labor has, and is continuing, to spend millions of dollars on research and development into cleaner, alternative technology uses of Latrobe Valley brown coal. This is the way forward for our economy. Only last week I announced funding for research at our local university into jet fuel creation from algae (using power station emissions as a feedstock). Research into geo-thermal power generation using heat trapped deep under the valley's coal seams also commenced with the first pilot plant being planned for 2012. This is potentially a renewable resource of 24 hour base load power using existing local skills.

Labor will also facilitate the re-opening of the Gippsland Intermodal Freight Terminal which will see the return of general rail freight services to the Valley. This will create additional jobs in manufacturing and distribution.

We must ensure we do not face the same devastating job losses that followed electricity industry privatisation under a previous Liberal/National Party Government.

It's all very well for the National Party to run round saying "we will save Valley jobs". The question is how? Where are the replacement jobs? Where is the funding to attract them? What is their plan? We all know that not one of those promised jobs were delivered last time they made this promise.

### Education

In Education, Labor continues to lead the field in providing continually improving opportunities and facilities for our children. State Labor has committed to expand on its \$3.7 billion Schools Building program. This will involve rebuilding, renovating or extending every government school in the State, as well as equipping classrooms with modern teaching aids and technology for the future.

Labor aims to provide every child with the best start in life, providing a great education from the early years, through to school and

beyond.

A key focus will also be on supporting students in the transition years. Under Labor, families can expect more help from the education sector to assist children in transition from home to pre-school and then through primary and secondary education. The Labor introduced school start bonus will continue as support for parents.

Since 2003 the Labor Government has provided \$1.25 million in grants to build and upgrade pre-schools in Latrobe City. This support will continue. The Government's Regional Blueprint for Gippsland also commits Labor to working with the University sector in Churchill to improve local access to quality, local, tertiary education

### Health

Labor has made major progress in improving health facilities in Gippsland and proposes to continue to build on that solid achievement.

A few weeks ago the new \$21 million Latrobe Community Health Service Centre was opened. Anyone who has visited the new centre will be impressed by the quality of the facility and range of services that have been brought together - this is what Labor serving our community is all about.

Labor has committed to recruit more than 2800 nurses, doctors and health workers over the next two years - the highest annual number of nurses, doctors and health professionals ever pledged.

The number of nurses working in Latrobe Regional hospital has already been boosted by 34% since Labor was first elected and Latrobe Region funding for our hospitals has increased by 109% to around \$105 million per annum. This includes an investment of \$8.2 million in the Latrobe Regional Mental Health Centre and \$21 million in the Latrobe Regional Cancer Treatment Centre.

### Community Safety

Labor will continue to upgrade the Valley's Police and Emergency Services as part of a record investment in keeping our streets and communities safe. The biggest fire station building program in the CFA's history includes a new \$8million station at Morwell and 3 smaller district stations.

Equipment and staffing upgrades will beef



up the CFA's ability to handle industrial and urban fires in the Valley. This builds on the \$60 million already committed after the 2009 bushfires to support the recovery from the Black Saturday fires, including the severely affected parts of our Valley community.

State Labor has committed to double funding for the successful Community Safety Emergency Support Program (CSESP), providing \$54.4 million to volunteer emergency services such as the CFA, SES, Lifesaving Victoria, the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard and other eligible organisations over the next four years. It is irresponsible that the Nationals propose to slash this funding.

Labor will step up the fight against crime by employing an additional 2066 police officers across Victoria and investing in state of the art equipment and modern crime fighting techniques. Labor has made significant improvements to crime and justice services in the Valley including rebuilding the Churchill and Boolarra Police Stations, constructing the Latrobe Police and Courts complex and introducing the Koori Court.

### Conclusion

In closing, can I say that the choice is clear; - a strong voice inside the Labor Government tent or an ineffectual member of the opposition standing outside.

Vote for the Valley.



# Glyn Baker: Independent Candidate

Hello, my name is Glyn Baker, I'm 32 years old, and running as an Independent candidate. I am different to all the other candidates, because my political views are Libertarian, which means that I support lower taxes, smaller government, and greater social freedom. I work as an engineer in the Pulp and Paper industry, and first started my interest in politics 14 years ago when I was a teenager. After being a victim of bullying as a child, I started studying martial arts as a teenager so that I could better defend myself. After watching Kung Fu films, my dream was to master a martial arts weapon called the "nunchaku", but the federal government banned this weapon in 1996, with the "Prohibited Weapons Act", and thus ended my dream. Since then I have been studying politics, and noticed governments creating more taxes, rules, regulations, fees, & fines, which are eroding our democratic freedoms, as we move towards becoming a "Nanny State". This larger government has also significantly led to a significant increase in the cost of living, with higher taxes, and spending.

This will be the first time that I am running in an election, and my reason for running is over disappointment in policies by the major parties, which are not respecting our democratic rights under our constitution. In the past I have run my own small business as an electrical contractor, and was recognised as one of the top electrical apprentices in Australia, winning several "Most Outstanding Student" & "Apprentice of the Year" awards. I am originally from Melbourne, and moved to the Morwell district 4 years ago.

## Industry and Employment:

Regarding the future of the Latrobe Valley, I strongly oppose the closure of Hazelwood Power Station. I believe that it should be up to Victorian consumers to decide where they get their power from, not government. If Hazelwood closes, then there will be less competition in the energy market, which will potentially drive up prices and the cost of living for Victorians. I am currently trying to help raise the profile of this issue with the Melbourne media, to help people in Melbourne understand, how it will cost them financially. Because unfortunately I don't think the message of local job losses, is

resonating with people over in Melbourne. And I believe that the major parties, are turning their backs on locals, with Labor pushing to close one-quarter of Hazelwood in their next term, and the Nationals have delayed releasing any policy on Hazelwood (at the time of writing, it's only 15 days from the election, and they still don't have no policy yet!), most likely because the Liberals are trying to do preference deals with Greens in Melbourne. The locals deserve better than this, and I believe that an Independent voice, can better represent locals without being compromised by party politics.

Geothermal energy has many disadvantages, making it unsuitable to completely replace coal. Geothermal turbines are 15% less efficient, the wells have a limited lifespan, it causes land subsidence (sinking, cracking, and uneven ground), it requires lots of land use and makes considerable noise. It also has carries problems with disposal of lots of hot waste water with high mineral content, and releases noxious gases into the atmosphere, such as hydrogen sulfide, ammonia and boron. The noise can be muffled, and possibly other methods of removing contaminants, but it isn't the "perfect solution" that the Greens and environmentalists make it out to be.

As far as coal conversion technology like the Dual Gas power station at Morwell, I support this project. However when it comes to jobs, it will only create about 50 jobs, and we will need a lot more than this to replace the hundreds that could be lost if Hazelwood closes.

When it comes to replacing local jobs, with something other than coal, this may take decades to achieve. Basically the bad news for locals, is that if the coal industry is shutdown, then it will be a disaster for the local economy in the short to medium term.

## Education:

I opposes the State-Federal duplication, and supports decentralising and devolving education to the State level. I support the introduction of a school voucher system, allowing greater competition between schools and more choice for parents. Instead of education being centrally managed and funded, with the state having monopoly

control over the school system, vouchers allow the money to follow the child and, in turn, give parents the freedom to choose between government and non-government schools. Accreditation of schools, with minimum standards, and removal of regulations that prevent new private schools from opening. A system based on incentives will also be better able to attract and keep highly qualified, motivated and committed teachers, many of whom become dispirited and leave the profession because of unreasonable and time-consuming bureaucratic obligations imposed by politicians, and also because many politicians have been too afraid to stand up against angry parents, that have verbally abused or threatened teachers. I have spoken to one former teacher that left the profession, because of problems from abusive parents. We need to help our teachers, and one way we can do this is by reducing the burden the government, and giving both parents and teachers greater choice, with more competition between schools.

## Health:

I oppose Federal control of healthcare, and believe that this should be for the States to manage. If the States can compete against each other to deliver better services, then this competition creates a better outcome and lower prices for consumers. More and more people are now heading overseas to get cheaper healthcare at foreign healthcare resorts, because of the high prices here in Australia, largely caused by a lack of competition. We need to fix this, before our healthcare system collapses.

I support giving more control back to consumers, and less dependency on decisions made by government. Reducing the waste and excessive costs of the public system, by re-aligning incentives back to consumers, and reducing the proportion of health care funded directly by government. Relaxation of regulatory controls, allowing new health services to emerge, while still limiting costs to consumers and improving quality.

I would take steps to create a more competitive market in the supply of medical professionals. By removing the power to limit the numbers of new health professionals through monopoly control of standards.



I support deregulating the health insurance market to facilitate a wider range of innovative policy options. Insurers will be at liberty to offer incentives for preventive healthcare such as weight control, solar protection, diagnostic screening and ceasing smoking. Consumers will be able to choose for themselves whether to take advantage of these.

I would reform access to pharmaceuticals so that pharmaceutical prices were deregulated but consumers were able to maintain access to high priced products through insurance.

Injecting competition into health care will assist the disadvantaged. Instead of the government forcing Australians to comply with a variety of rules and regulations, by being placed on long waiting lists for surgery, consumers would have the power to choose. While consumers would bear much of the costs of health care, this burden would be far outweighed by the benefits. The freedom to choose would force private providers to reduce waiting times, and improve service.

## Other Policies:

For more on my other policies (including roads, agriculture, bushfire prevention, local government reform, energy, environment, etc.), please check out my website:

[www.glynbaker.com.au](http://www.glynbaker.com.au)

or you can ask me question on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/BakerForMorwell](https://www.facebook.com/BakerForMorwell)

# Dan Jordan: Australian Greens Candidate

Dan Jordan is a local who has lived in the area for 40 years and has a partner Jenny and a son Clancy. He has been through the downturn of the 1990s, and made the transition from a blue collar worker to a white collar worker. He knows the Valley, he knows the people and he knows what needs to be done to ensure the future for our children.

## Industry and Employment:

We will work towards:

- Restructuring the power industry to encourage a major shift to the use of renewable energy, encouraging the development of new technologies and downstream industries including the manufacture of components for renewable energy equipment in Victoria.

- Facilitating the production of light weight materials using carbon fibre from brown coal and ceramics from Victoria's deposits of zircon.

- Facilitating the local, sustainable production of biofuels for off-road use by farmers, and promoting the installation of small scale combustible gas plants in regional towns for the production of heat and power.

- Supporting local manufacturing activity through reductions in payroll tax and other concessions, but only where a "manufacturing intensity" weighting and environmental improvements in products and processing are delivered.

## Education

We will work towards:

- Increasing funding for Victoria's public

education system to international best practice levels and:

- a. Phasing out fees and charges in the public education system at all levels

- b. Freeing Government schools and TAFE Institutes from the need to compete in the market place for other funding, students and resources.

- c. Providing two years free pre-school education to all children delivered by registered, fully qualified educators.

- d. Ensuring remuneration for all educators at all levels is commensurate with that of a respected profession.

- Providing a full range of education programs and subjects for the compulsory schooling years, including early childhood, within appropriately sized education regions through cooperative planning and delivery of education (within state-wide frameworks) that caters for the full range of learning needs within each region, including:
  - a. Access to a full range of specialised programs, tailored to all local students with special needs and talents, is provided within local schools or the region.

- b. Ensuring necessary educational facilities are available to all students through cooperation between schools within the region.

- c. Encouraging experiential learning activities and curricula relevant to local people, places and communities that equip students to be active, questioning and creative citizens in all facets of life.

- d. Planning and monitoring implementation of innovative educational ICT to be a shared resource, such as video conferencing to facilitate flexible teaching and learning.

- e. Promoting flexible but integrated arrangements between education providers of different levels (preschool, school, VET, University) to maximize student engagement with education throughout life.

- Optimum class sizes for each curriculum area, and student age and level needs.

- Assessment and reporting methods that integrate with, and support learning, rather than promote competition.

- Rigorous and appropriate professional development for all educators throughout their careers.

## Health & Safety

Primary Health Care, Allied and Community Health

- Increasing the number of community health centres in areas of need.

- Encouraging the co-location of GPs in community health centres.

- Increasing roles for nurse practitioners in community and outpatient health centres.

- Improving co-ordination and integration between health services, including hospitals, post-hospital services and complementary therapies.

- Addressing workforce and demand issues in the primary care sector, and providing improved conditions and career structures for



home care and personal care workers.

- Increasing concession cardholders' and high-risk groups access to public dental care.

## Public Hospital Services

- Reducing emergency department and outpatient waiting times.

- Expanding the Hospital Admission Risk Programme, and developing new programs to address the needs of patients with complex psycho-social needs.

- Improving linkages between hospitals and community based services.

- Increasing the number of outpatient services.

- Improving the working conditions and career structures of all hospital employees, including in particular nurses and allied health professionals.

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**Population Health**

- Evaluating the effectiveness of all local municipal public health plans.
- Developing programs promoting physical activity and healthy eating for young people.
- Ensuring that physical activity and healthy food choices become a recognised part of Occupational Health and Safety policies.
- Supporting research into the effects of work on individual and community health.
- Encouraging and where necessary requiring all food services in hospitals, schools, universities, and child care centres, to offer a variety of healthy food choices.
- Restricting advertising of unhealthy food during children's television viewing times.
- Encouraging urban agriculture and community based food systems.
- Establishing a management plan for the health risks posed by climate change.

**Community Consultation**

- Increasing funding for those health consumer organisations that assist consumers to participate fully in decisions about health care and health resource allocations.
- Developing a code of practice for the provision of health information.

**Maternal and Child Health**

- Increasing midwife-based birthing services and woman-centred services, and improving continuity of culturally sensitive maternity care in all public hospitals.
- Providing a free-standing Birth Centre in regions without local birthing services.
- Increasing breastfeeding programs based on women's needs and experiences.
- Expanding Maternal and Child Health and early childhood services.
- Increasing post-natal services, especially for women experiencing post-natal depression.

**Commonwealth/State Responsibilities**

- Redirecting existing subsidies of private health insurance to the public health system.
- Developing improved accommodation options for young people in aged care facilities.

**Safety:**

- Establishing a wide range of non-custodial civil penalty and criminal sentencing options aimed at rehabilitation and social reintegration of offenders.
- Providing for customary law and other cultural or personal factors to be taken more fully into account by judges in making sentencing decisions.
- Ensuring adequate funding of legal aid

services, community legal centres, tribunals and courts (including specialist tribunals), victim compensation and rehabilitation services, and offender rehabilitation and reintegration support services.

- Establishing and maintaining best practice through the use of specialist tribunals such as the Koori Court, the Drug Court and the Family Violence Division of the Family Court.

- Ensuring all Victorian Police stations are fully staffed with well-trained and appropriately selected public-contact Police.

- Increasing the Police's focus on preventing crime and violence through a stronger presence in the community, especially with groups and individuals at risk of committing violent crime or being victims of violent crime.

- Ensuring well-funded and best-practice training and support to assist all police officers in dealing with difficult situations, including situations involving armed offenders and situations involving people with a mental illness and/or under the influence of drugs. Training and other policies should be primarily aimed at minimising harm. The use of weapons, including tasers, should be

restricted to officers certified as having undergone additional and specialist training.

- Creating a properly resourced, independent body to investigate complaints against Police.

- Providing support for the establishment of community safety and security measures coordinated through local governments and managed at local level including measures to increase the community engagement of people at risk of committing violent crime.

- Legislating to ensure triggers for special licence conditions on liquor licences are history of violence, levels of alcohol consumption, late night operations or patron numbers, NOT the presence of live or amplified music. Changes to licence conditions must be assessed for their impact on the viability of live music venues as well as reducing alcohol related violence.

For the full suite of Greens policies visit [www.vic.greens.org.au](http://www.vic.greens.org.au)

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## Lou Sigmund: Independent Candidate

**Campaign Platforms**

1. Sensible closure of Hazelwood Power Station – it is inevitable.
  - a) Short Term: Introduce technology to clean up Hazelwood Power Station emissions. A.S.A.P.

- b) Medium Term: Start construction of alternative power supply – to be chosen by the Victorian population by referendum or consensus.

- c) Put new power supply into grid.
- d) Close Hazelwood Power Station.

- e) Invest in technology for the best use of brown coal.

2. Aged Care facilities for an aging population including dental, medical, pharmaceutical

3. Smart Meters – Block introduction of

these meters as this is undemocratic.

4. Recycling – Introduction of deposit on bottles, cans and paper.

5. Speed Cameras – total elimination of fixed speed cameras.

## Russell Northe: The National Party Candidate

Having been elected to State Parliament in the electorate of Morwell in November 2006 it is difficult to believe that nearly four years have already passed. I have enjoyed immensely the experience but more importantly I am forever grateful for the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people along the way.

Our community does have many challenges ahead and one of those challenges relates to transitioning to a low carbon economy. This may see major changes in how Victoria generates electricity and this could have major impacts on our local energy industry. We have already witnessed announcements by the Brumby Labor Government that they support at the very least a partial closure of Hazelwood Power Station, whilst the Greens support a full closure by as soon as 2014.

Hazelwood Power Station does have a limited life due to its ageing infrastructure; however I will not support any proposal that threatens local jobs, our local economy and Victoria's energy security. Of course we must do all we can to improve our environmental credentials but this must be achieved in a manner that will not compromise the social and economic wellbeing of the Latrobe Valley.

Jobs are absolutely crucial to our region and if we are to transition away from current brown coal electricity production practices we must do so in a strategic and considered manner and in a sensible time frame. This should be done in conjunction with employers, employees, unions, local businesses and our community amongst other important stakeholders. A transition could of course open up new opportunities in our region; however we must also understand the ramifications of such major decisions.

A considered plan in conjunction with all relevant stakeholders can make a transition successful, but if not we will be confronted with enormous challenges. The energy industry is crucial to our region and I will be doing all that I can to ensure our region remains strong and prosperous in this sector.

We should not underestimate the importance of small and medium business either. I have consistently stated that where possible we should "Put Locals First". This is

to encourage our community to support local businesses by purchasing goods and services locally wherever possible.

Churchill residents and businesses are also struggling with the rising costs of living, due to the enormous waste of taxpayer's money on flawed Government projects such as the smart meter rollout. The Coalition have committed to delivering a full cost-benefit analysis of the smart meter disaster as recommended by the Auditor-General; a move that is strongly supported by our local community.

Churchill is blessed to have in its midst some wonderful educational facilities including of course a regional University campus in Monash University. There is no doubt that all political parties recognise the benefits of a strong education system; however a challenge for all Governments is to improve year 12 completion rates for regional students. In comparison to our metropolitan counterparts we fall well behind in percentage terms and unfortunately the trend is spiking down rather than improving.

Not all students have aspirations to complete year 12 and that is fine; however it appears more and more regional students are not completing year 12; or undertaking further tertiary education and training; or attending University due to a lack of opportunities and associated costs. Changes to the Youth Allowance criteria by the Labor Federal Government have impacted adversely on many regional students. I know my Federal colleagues continue to fight for a fairer Youth Allowance system on behalf of Gippsland youth.

It is imperative that we have affordable access to tertiary education and training but unfortunately the Brumby Government has increased TAFE fees considerably and this is impacting on a student's desire to improve their skills. For example TAFE Diploma and Advanced Diploma Fees have risen from \$877 to \$2,000, whilst those wishing to study at an equivalent or lower qualification to an existing qualification they hold, will have to pay for the full cost of that course. I don't see this as a way of encouraging people to broaden their skills and this is something I will seek to address if elected on November 27.

By the same token we have fantastic schools in our region and our principals, teachers and staff do a wonderful job. The Coalition has committed to improving funding for the Catholic Education System and this will enable Schools such as Lumen Christi Primary School in Churchill to better remunerate teachers; increase funding for students with a disability and improve facilities. We are also committed to ensuring that all teachers are adequately remunerated as they really are so important to our children's futures.

Health is a continuing topic of conversation in our local community and I am pleased to see recent announcements by the Government that seek to improve health services in the Latrobe Valley. The redevelopment of Latrobe Community Health Service in Morwell; the upgrade of the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre at Latrobe Regional Hospital and a funding commitment to Rotary Centenary House can only be good news for our local community.

Of course the Gippsland Medical School based at Monash University Churchill is well renowned for its impressive learning facility and it is hoped that our region will be the beneficiary once these medical students graduate. One of the major obstacles at present is the pressures placed on Latrobe Regional Hospital which has not grown in capacity despite significant increases in demand. Doctors, nurses and staff do a remarkable job but we need to increase bed capacity at the hospital to relieve the burden on patients and staff alike. I have raised in Parliament on many occasions the need to increase bed capacity at Latrobe Regional Hospital and a recent announcement by the Coalition to deliver 800 new beds in Victoria gives me hope that we can benefit locally.

With regards to community safety I have recently announced that if a Coalition Government is elected on November 27 that we will work with Victorian Police command to ensure Churchill Police Station is operational 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Unfortunately the Churchill Police Station is not manned full time and I believe this is simply not good enough for a community with a population of approximately 5,000 people.



We must not also forget that there are also a significant number of persons who reside on the periphery of Churchill that would also benefit from a full time Churchill Police Station.

Our local police officers do a terrific job within our communities and this initiative will assist substantially in supporting our hard working police men and women. We know that if an incident occurs within Churchill and the local police station is unmanned, police officers need to be dispersed from other jurisdictions. This means that response times to a Churchill incident are longer than one would desire.

Unfortunately Victoria has the least amount of police officers per capita than any other State and the Coalition has sought to address this anomaly by committing to recruit 1700 "new" police officer and 940 Protective Service Officers.

There are still many challenges ahead; however if I am elected as your State Member of Parliament on November 27 you can be assured that I have the drive, passion and commitment to fight for our fair share in our region!



# A Tribute to Colin Campbell

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Colin Kennaird Campbell, 94, of Churchill, passed away at St Hilary's Community Nursing Home in Morwell on 11 September 2010.

He was a most respected and much loved WWII Digger, who brightened many peoples' lives through his zest for life, his kindness and his constant support of family and friends.

The following eulogy was spoken by Colin's son, Bruce Campbell, at the funeral service held at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill on 17 September 2010.

Colin Kennaird Campbell was born March 18, 1916 at Thornbury, Victoria. He was the eldest son of James and May Campbell. He had an older stepbrother, Norton, from his father's first marriage. Dad was never happy with his middle name and always said it had 'caused him a lot of trouble over the years'. He had three younger siblings, Mavis, Heather and Gordon, and outlasted them all.

His father was a line foreman with the Post Master General's Department (PMG) and the family lived at various places, including Horsham, Murtoa and Ballarat, before settling in Mildura. Dad had no trouble remembering the school at Mildura, mainly because the Principal at the time had set fire to the building. The Campbell family leased a fruit block at Irymple and Dad had fond memories of this place, such as swimming in the irrigation channels, dams and the river nearby. The school at Irymple was well equipped, and by all accounts, very progressive. Dad often mentioned the big pumps that had been installed as part of the irrigation system designed by the Chaffy Brothers. Dad also remembered when his father had purchased an old horse to assist with the farm work. The horse unfortunately died a few days later and had to be buried in a big hole. It was amusing and informative to take Dad back to Irymple in the nineties and see him walk down the main street expecting people to recognise him, like the Prodigal Son returning, after only 65 years away.

With four children to look after, heat, flies and earthen floors, living conditions at Irymple were difficult for his mother, so in 1928 James obtained a transfer in the PMG to Sale.

In November 1930, Dad commenced work with the grocers Moran and Cato P/L and was indentured as an apprentice - 'in the trade' as he used to say, in October 1932, for four years. He was a keen sportsman and played football in the St Paul's premiership side of 1933. He continued to play tennis at pennant level well into his thirties in whites and long trousers. I recall his granddaughters, Shahan and Dayna, being amazed at Dad's ability with a tennis racquet nearly 40 years later.

Shooting was always a big part of family life for many years, at least for the male members. Ducks, quail, snipe, pigeons and rabbits were all 'fair game'. Dad liked to tell the story of his uncle, the Reverend Gordon Campbell, who they once took out duck shooting and who crept up and shot three decoy ducks belonging to someone. Just the sort of thing you'd expect from a Methodist minister!

Colin Campbell married Hazel Howard

in January 1940 and the happy couple first lived at Koroit, where Dad was the manager of the Moran and Cato store. Dad recalls the Irish community at Koroit, which was basically a shantytown. He used to say that it was not unusual to see the latest Chev bogged in the backyard.

With the threat of war, they moved back to Sale. Dad volunteered for war service

egg powder that was issued with no instructions. The first attempts at using it for cooking resulted in a new rubber formulation that he said would bounce off the walls. He claimed, at one time, he could open 30 tins of food in a minute. Dad continued to maintain contact with the 2/23 Battalion Association, known as 'Albury's Own' and he continued to 'fight the war' in

with the grocery business and church work.

Dad was a good salesperson and knew how to charm the ladies. In the times of no refrigeration, goods like smoked cod, saveloys and butter had to be sold almost on the same day. Many's the person who left Dad's shop with a bag of chocolate snowballs or some Strasburg sausage they hadn't intended to buy.

Colin was a good and faithful worker in the Sale Baptist Church from his teenage years up until 1986. He was church Secretary for many years and was actively involved with youth work and Christian education. He was an experienced lay preacher and pastoral worker, and with his wife, helped to establish the Baptist Fellowship at Loch Sport.

The death of his wife Hazel, in 1980, left a hole that was never filled.

As a grandfather, our children had a very close relationship with Dad. When he shifted to Churchill in 1986, he would regularly pick up Shahan and Dayna from the bus-stop at the bottom of Lindners Road. According to Dayna, there would usually be a Milky Way chocolate bar waiting in the glove box for them. He continued to establish and enjoy his garden. He was also a loyal follower of Collingwood and, luckily, will not be around to see them lose another grand final this year. He liked to do the Herald Sun crossword each day and cultivated the friendship of several magpies, a mudlark and several hundred starlings, sparrows and mynah birds. He managed to get plenty of exercise chasing the cats away from his garden.

In the Churchill Co-Operating church, he was involved with the Christmas and Easter Clubs, the Friendship Group and attended Coffee Connections.

Over the years, Dad was always great company and a friend to my wife, Ruth, and myself. He helped greatly with building the holiday house at Loch Sport, particularly with the painting. In recent years we would normally go shopping on Thursday mornings, followed by coffee at Claudia's with the Italian boys. While we had our differences of opinion over minor issues, the friendship and regard remained to the last.

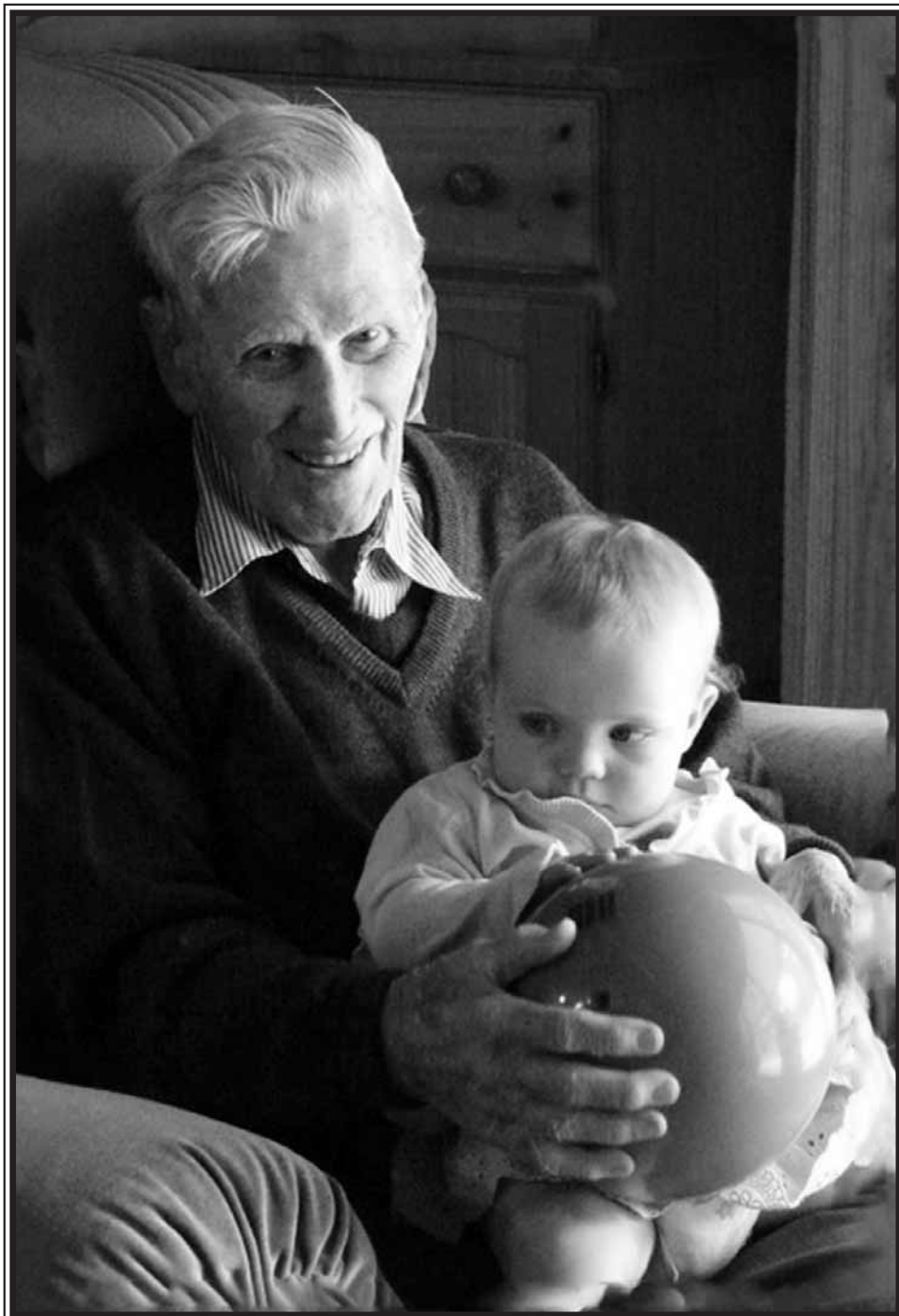
It has been good to see Dad interacting with his great grandchildren, particularly with Neve, being the closest.

I'm pleased that he goes to God with a new set of well fitting dentures. I suspect there may be some problems with fitting out of the wings, halo and harp, not to mention the white pyjamas - there'll be 'just one thing!'

Thank you Dad for your love, your wonderful life, and your inspiration to everyone. Goodbye Dad.

The family of Colin K. Campbell would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended the funeral service, and who helped and supported them over the recent months. In particular they acknowledge the support of Betty and John Wyatt, the Members of the Cooperating Churches in Churchill, Dr Buras, Dr. Webb and the Staff of St Hilary's Community.

I remember a happy family always busy



Colin Campbell with great grand-daughter Neve Roberts

and reported for duty in May 1942. While Dad was in the Army, Mum lived with her parents who owned a grocery and hardware shop at 76 Raymond Street, Sale.

There are many war stories that Dad would tell anyone who wanted to listen. On his second overseas period of service the troopship he was travelling in, the Anshun, was sunk by Japanese enemy gunfire while unloading at the wharf at Milne Bay, New Guinea. Dad considered he was lucky to escape being killed or injured in this incident. As the ship began to list, the black Americans, who'd been unloading the ship, hurried to escape from the holds and along the wharf, saying words Dad loved to repeat, like "Lordy, Lordy lift those legs and I'll put 'em down" and "Body do your stuff!"

Dad was a cook in the army, untrained I might add. He could tell many stories about army food. One story concerned the use of

recent years in discussions with veterans, Colin Bryan (WWII) and, Shahan's partner, Matt Gray (East Timor Peacekeeping, 2000).

After the war, Dad took over the grocery business from his father-in-law at Sale and continued in this business until 1963. Up to retirement in 1976, he worked as a nurseryman for Tom Trew.

Colin and Hazel had two children, myself and Jennifer. I was born in February 1945 and it has been a long-standing joke, of which Dad was never amused, that I was born while he was on R&R in the Glasshouse Mountains of Queensland. In truth, he had just finished jungle training at Canungra and was heading north for overseas action. Jennifer was born in December 1949 - three days before Christmas. Legend has it that the car had a flat tyre on the way to the hospital.



# C & D Celebrity Chefs

By Cora Pal

This month's chef is Anne Beschle of Churchill, originally from Hartlepool in England. She shares two

of her mother's old recipes with us. They are still part of Anne's culinary repertoire.

## GINGERBREAD

### Ingredients

225g (8oz) plain flour  
pinch salt  
2 tsp ground ginger  
1 tsp mixed spice  
1 tsp bicarb of soda  
50g (2oz) soft brown sugar  
100g (4 oz) margarine  
175g (6oz) black treacle  
50g (2oz) golden syrup  
150ml milk  
2 eggs beaten  
50g (2oz) sultanas (optional)

### Method

1. Heat oven to 150C. Grease a 7inch square deep cake tin.
2. Sieve together flour, salt, ginger, spice and bicarbonate of soda. Stir in sugar.
3. Melt margarine, treacle and syrup gently. Gradually beat in milk and allow to cool.
4. Add the beaten eggs and mix well. Stir treacle mixture into the flour and add sultanas.
5. Pour mixture into prepared tin and bake for about one and a quarter hours.

## MOTHER'S GOOD FRIDAY FISH PIE

### Ingredients

1lb cooked fish  
1/2 pint white sauce  
2 hard boiled eggs chopped  
1lb mashed potatoes  
Pepper and salt  
1oz butter

### Method

1. Remove any bone and skin from the fish and flake it.
2. Add the chopped hard boiled eggs. Mix in the sauce, season and place in a greased pie dish.
3. Cover with the mashed potatoes and place the butter on top in small pieces.
4. Bake for 20 minutes at 220C.

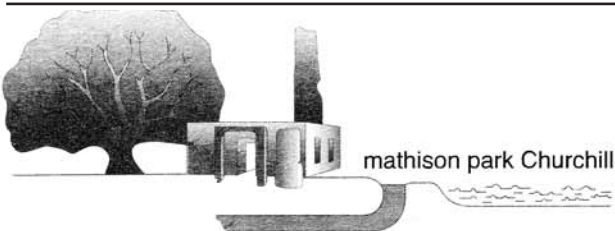
## Anne's Story

I was born in Hartlepool in the north east of England and therefore am a Monkeyhanger. (Legend has it that during the Napoleonic wars a French ship was wrecked off the coast of Hartlepool. The only survivor was a monkey who was washed ashore. The monkey was wearing a military jacket and so the fisherfolk came to the conclusion it was a French spy. A magistrate was called, a trial was held and the monkey duly hung.)

I came to Australia in 1970 for a two year working holiday where I met my husband Bernie and instead of going home in 1972 I got married. After spending time in NSW, South Australia and Queensland, we moved to the Latrobe Valley after Bernie left the Air Force and gained work at the SEC. We finally moved to Churchill 24 years ago. We have two children who also live in the town. I am now retired after working for some years in the Community Service sector. I



enjoy writing and craft work, but most of all I enjoy spending time with my grand-daughter Valentina and am looking forward to my second grandchild who is due early in 2011.



By Ken Harris

Kingfishers are delightful birds, famous for their fishing ability. The name originates from the Common Kingfisher in England which feeds almost entirely on fish, caught by plunging into rivers and pools.

Australia has 9 species of kingfisher, ranging from the tiny little Little Kingfisher from Northern Queensland to the familiar Laughing Kookaburra which is one of the world's largest kingfishers.

There are many kingfishers that do not live on fish and fish would rarely be eaten by kookaburras. The Laughing Kookaburra has a varied diet, which includes snakes, lizards, small rodents, birds and a great many insects. I saw one in Morwell National Park with a snake in its beak, which it repeatedly banged against the branch it was perched on.

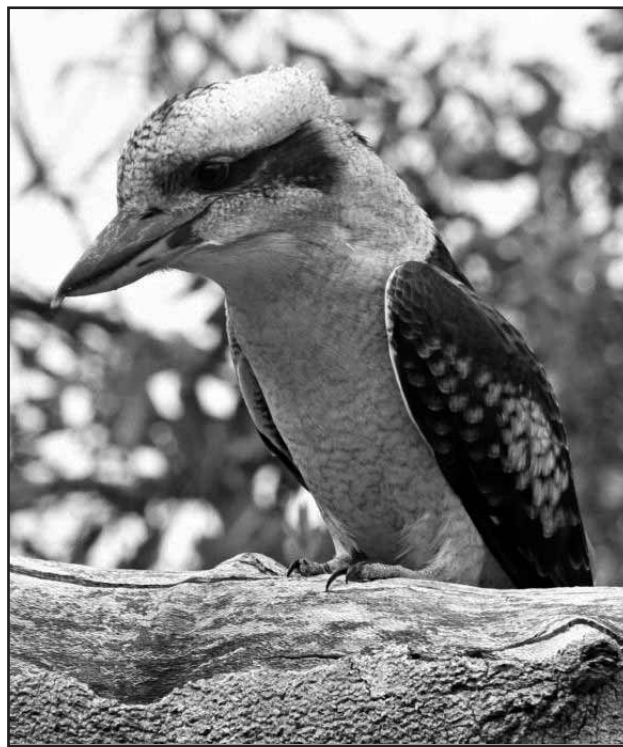
Victoria has three species of kingfisher and two of them come into Mathison Park.. Commonest in the park is the Laughing Kookaburra (*Dacelo novaeguineae*), which is possibly resident in the park. its loud laughing call, one of the iconic sounds of the Australian bush is frequently heard when

walking through the park.

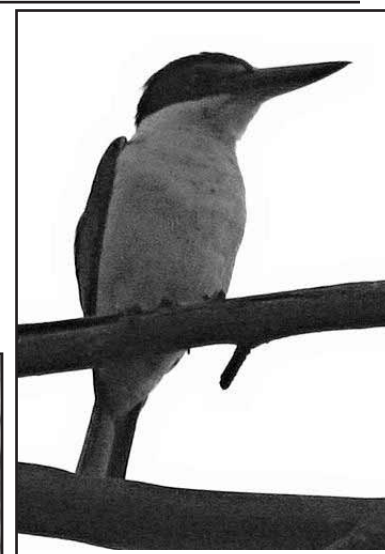
The Sacred Kingfisher (*Todiramphus sancta*) is much less common in the Park, but has been seen in October of each of the last 4 years and occasionally also a few times in November and December. The Sacred Kingfisher has a mixed diet, which does include fish and all sightings of Sacred Kingfishers in the park have been close to Lake Hyland or along Eelhole Creek. They don't just eat fish however and small lizards and large insects form a large part of their diet.

The Azure Kingfisher (*Alcedo azurea*) is a true kingfisher feeding almost entirely on fish. This, the smallest of Victoria's kingfishers is seen in the region, but I have so far no definite records of it in the park. It is always found close to water.

Most kingfishers hunt by perching on a twig or branch and watching for their prey to move into sight. One kingfisher that lives in Africa and India, the Pied Kingfisher (*Ceryle rudis*), which I was lucky enough to see recently in South Africa, does its fishing by hovering over the water until it sees a fish.



Laughing Kookaburra



Sacred Kingfisher



African Pied Kingfisher

# Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

## The Heart of the Community

2010 is fast coming to a close. However classes continue on until Friday 17th December, so there is still time to join a class, meet new people, have some fun and get ideas for next year's classes. The Centre offers many and varied classes from computer basics to getting ready to enter the workforce, or just simply brushing up on your skills level. There are Adult Literacy and Numeracy classes – on line or in the traditional mode of classroom learning – however you feel comfortable. Let us bring you up to speed with spelling, reading, writing, and math's, in a happy and friendly atmosphere. Put pen to paper and unleash your talents and share with others in a wonderful and stimulating group who form our Creative Writer's class. If you enjoy a good book, join the Churchill Book Worms - our monthly book club, and enjoy many wonderful titles on offer with other class members who enjoy reading and discussing these wonderful writers. Come and join in on the journey through the written word.

Patchwork, Patchwork, and more Patchwork! As you would know Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is the Mother of all Patchwork centre's – we are the home to the famous Gum Leaf Quilters – whose Biennial Quilt and Craft Exhibitions are recognized throughout Australia. We have many very talented quilters who are led by the best teachers in the land, so if you would like to learn and/or rekindle your enthusiasm for quilting – Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is the place to be, to learn, have fun ,and quilt up a storm, forming new friendships and having fun along the way.

Men of Churchill and surrounding areas – come on down, don't be afraid any longer. We now offer YOGA for

men only - no ducks on the pond – its stimulating, invigorating, and you don't need to be busting your gut to enjoy a better way of life. Enjoy deep relaxation with awareness of self and surrounds, breathing techniques, physical postures and joint rotations – all designed to keep us healthy, mobile, and to live a longer and more fulfilling life.

Community Workshop – open to all comers – this is the Shed where you can create, fix, and build all those wonderful ideas/projects that need to be done around the home but don't have the tools/machinery to do so. Can you do all this at the Shed? - Sure Can.

Great Christmas Gift - at only \$ 30.00 a copy. Why not give a family member or a friend a copy of Street and Place Names of Churchill, by local identity and author Rob de Souza- Daw

Copies are available at the Churchill Newsagency, Monash Student Lounge, and at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

On Wednesday 20th October the Centre held its AGM, at which a new Committee of Management was elected as follows:

President: Jean Baudendistel  
Vice President: Anne Boothman,  
Treasurer: Lorraine Andrew  
Secretary: Robyn Kelly  
Committee Members:  
Jackie McLure  
Ann Vernon  
Ros White  
Kaye Charalambous  
Barbara George  
Patricia Symes.

For more information and details please contact the Centre: Phone: 5122 2955, Fax: 5122 2596 e m a i l : churchillnc@bigpond.com or go to the webpage at: www.churchill.org.au



# Closes This Week



Lions Club of Churchill  
and District Incorporated

PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842



## 2011 CHURCHILL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

The Awards are provided by the Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. and presented at the Australia Day Ceremony in Churchill on 26 January 2011. Person(s) who have made a noteworthy contribution during the preceding year

and / or given outstanding service to the local Community over a number of years shall be eligible.

Members of the Lions Organisation are ineligible to nominate. The person(s) being nominated must be a resident of

Churchill or the immediate surrounding district. All information is confidential. The decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

### NOMINATION FOR (Please tick appropriate box):

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Citizen of the Year Award

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Young Citizen of the Year Award  
Must be 18 years or under on 26 January 2011

### DETAILS OF THE PERSON BEING NOMINATED

Surname: ..... Other Names: .....

Private Address: .....

Occupation: ..... Telephone: Private: ..... Business: .....

Date of Birth: ..... Age: ..... Marital Status: ..... Children: .....

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

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### OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

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*Additional material may be attached if desired.*

### PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERSHIP OF COMMUNITY/SPORTING/PROFESSIONAL BODIES, ETC:

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### ANY OTHER RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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### OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY BE CONTACTED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEE:

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| Name: .....      | Name .....       |
| Position: .....  | Position: .....  |
| Address: .....   | Address: .....   |
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### TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION:

Mr/Mrs/Miss: .....

Address ..... Post Code: .....

Organisation represented (if any): ..... Telephone: .....

### SIGNATURE: .....

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
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Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc  
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PO Box 110  
CHURCHILL 3842



Dr David A Forys, Chiropractor  
Laberta K Forys, MSc, Dietitian

Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre  
Churchill

Phone: 5122 3336

# Lions Club Citizen Awards 2011

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

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

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

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

The awards will be supplied and presented by the Lions Club of Churchill and District at the Churchill Australia Day Ceremony on 26th January 2011.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc Young Citizen of the Year Award -applicants must be 18 years or under on 26th January 2011.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc Citizen of the Year Award - open to all applicants over the age of 18 years on 26th January 2011.

The closing date for all applications is Friday 19th November 2010.

## State Election: Churchill Polling Booth

It has come to our attention that there is often confusion as to where to go to vote in Churchill as the booth changes location.

For the State Election in November the Polling Booth will be at

**Churchill Town Hall, Marina Drive, Churchill.**



## Rain Guage

There was little difference in the total rainfall for September between our back garden in Glendonald in Churchill and that recorded at Latrobe Valley Airport, 53.5mm and 52.8mm respectively.

We recorded 22.9mm more rain in October than the Airport. Our total was 115.5mm and the Airport 92.6mm.

The total rain recorded by the Bureau of Meteorology the Airport for October 2009 was more than this year - 92.6mm compared to 106mm.



# Hazelwood House Happenings



Residents and staff participated in the Multi Cultural afternoon tea during Seniors week. The food was wonderful and everyone enjoyed joining in with the singing and dancing put on by the Italian club.



Bill Newton (Hazelwood House) and Annie (Mitchell House) with their winning trophies at 10 pin bowls during Seniors Week.

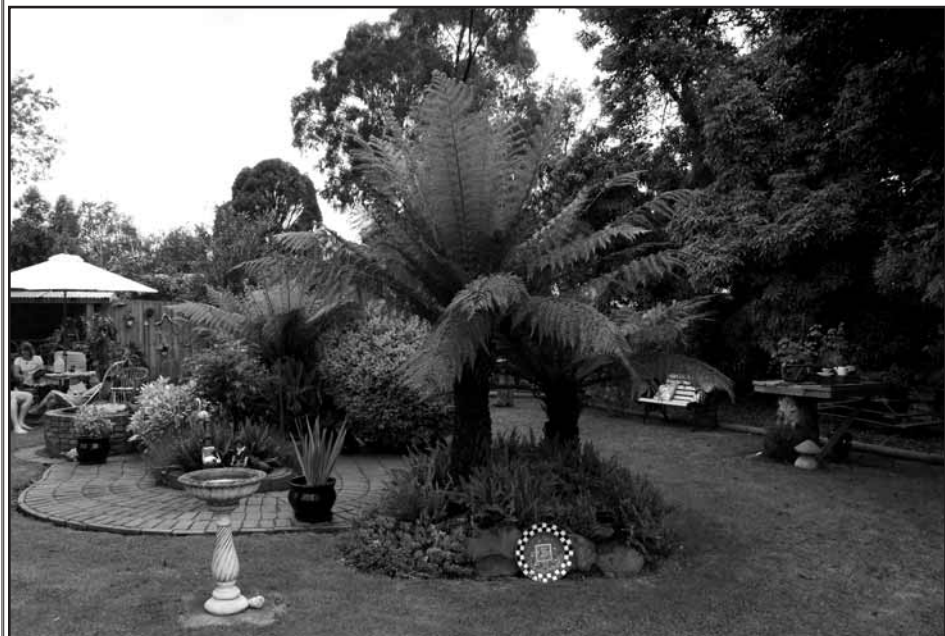


Irene Cox and her family celebrating Irene's 90th birthday. Congratulations from everyone at Hazelwood house.



Erindale Park, home of Joan and John Collins is a garden to relax and enjoy the peace in. Only 1/4 acre survived the 2009 fires but the garden is back after many hours of hard work

## Boolarra Open Gardens Success



Hanny and Gerry De Bryn's garden has grown over 43 years, and has numerous surprises throughout. They include beautiful mosaics, cacti, succulents. It also welcomes many colourful native birds



Carole Conabere's garden was completely burnt out in 2009 but through dedication and hard work the garden is spectacular! Scarlet Oak, Claret Ash and Persian Witch Hazel trees are planted alongside Hakeas, Wattles, Evergreen Strawberries, succulents, Lilliums and Dahlias



# Fishing Competition 2010: Thanks to all our Contestants - you were TERRIFIC!



Winning Line Up!

Perfect fishing weather saw 159 Junior Anglers register for this year's competition and reel in over 29 kilos of fish! In total 65 fish were weighed in with the heaviest catch of the day 2.1kg, caught by Dwayne Brand. Dylan Kamphuis was the overall winner catching a total bag of 3.044kg. Prizes were presented to some very talented anglers by our very welcome guest, Jason Kennedy from Fishin' Trip:

- Winners:**  
 Overall Winner: Dylan Kamphuis  
 Heaviest Catch of the Day: Dwayne Brand  
**4 – 8 Years:**  
 1st: Dylan Kamphuis  
 2nd: Sabil Akmal  
 3rd: Jarred Sullivan  
**9 – 12 Years**  
 1st: Maddie Batrich  
 2nd: Tahlia Medew

- 3rd: Gabrielle Medew  
**13 – 16 Years:**  
 1st: Chloe Stephens  
 2nd: Hayden Stephens  
 3rd: Alastair Hodgson

Congratulations to all our winners and to all those who took part. It was a fantastic day.

A huge thank you goes to all our supporters and sponsors:

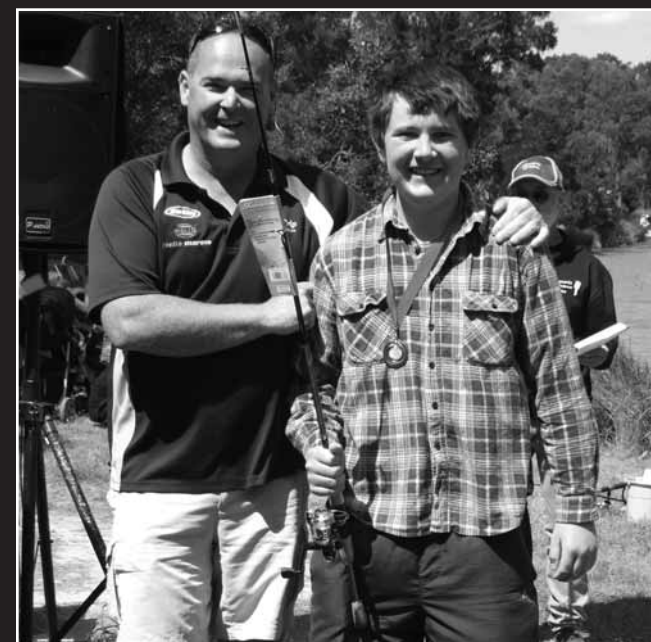
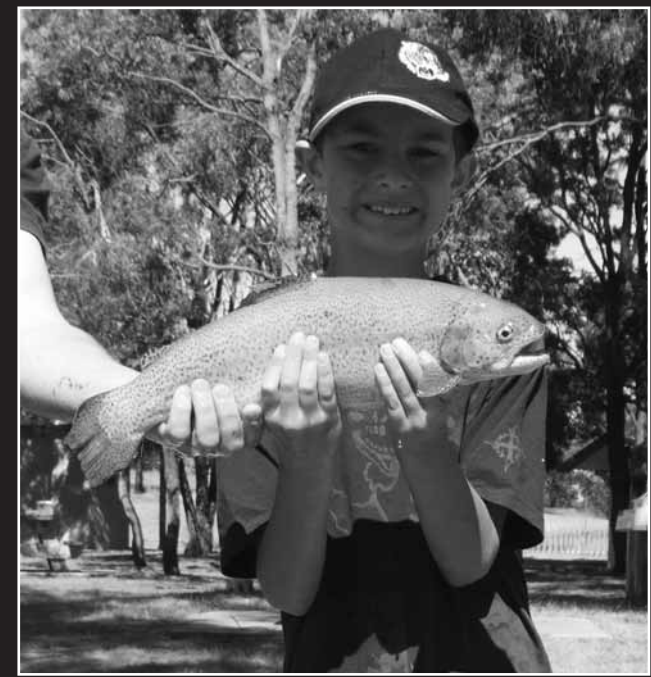
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Finally – thank you to all the team who worked so hard to make this such a special day:

Tracey, Ruth, Geraldine, Allan, Peter, Matt, Carol, Wendy, John, Bea, Annette and Abbey. A special thanks to Cameron for his hard work and for very generously donating the proceeds from the sale of icy poles to the competition.

One of the hardest tasks for me was picking the photographs for the newspaper – Allan took so many wonderful pictures of all our contestants and families. All the photographs will be put on our website as soon as possible – have a look and then you will understand how difficult my task was!





# Record Breaking Relay for Life



**The rain did not deter the Bad Hair Day Girls!**

An amazing \$100,532 was raised by 27 teams of dedicated participants in the Relay For Life Event held at No. 1 Oval Gaskin Park Churchill on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 November.

The teams which participated carried on doggedly despite the very wet conditions, showing their dedication to this cause.

As Cynthia Rawlings of the Mad Hatters team explained, cancer sufferers have cancer twenty-four hours a day - no respite, and the walkers show their support and empathy by carrying on regardless, with the view to raise the money needed to find a cure.

The Relay for Life Oath is read during

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

**“ In the name of all Relay For Life participants I confirm that we are here to celebrate the lives of cancer survivors, to support those fighting cancer, and to honour those we have lost.**

**Our commitment will be symbolised in every step we take, each and every one moving us nearer to our goal, the goal of a cancer free world for future generations.”**

*More stories and pictures from the Relay for Life will be printed in December's Edition.*



## Anzac Lookout Plaque Dedication

A plaque honouring the memory of 44 World War 1 veterans who farmed the Hazelwood Estate area was unveiled in a respectful and moving ceremony on Sunday 14th November 2010 at the Anzac Lookout near Hazelwood Power Station, below the Hazelwood cemetery on the new section of road.

The plaque was unveiled by Latrobe City Council Mayor Kellie O'Callaghan and past

Mayor Gloria Auchtelonie. The plaque lists the names of the soldiers who were part of the Soldiers Settlement Scheme after the war. Many of the names have become significant in our history.

Many descendants of the families were present at the ceremony, and keen to view it, proud of their ancestors contribution to our district.



# Churchill & District Schools Round Up

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## Churchill North Primary School After School Care & Playgroup

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

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

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

### Playgroup

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

**Playgroup allows children to:**

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

### Activities include:

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

**Where:** Churchill North Primary School  
Coolabah Drive, Churchill.

**When:** Wednesdays (during school terms)

**Time:** 9.00—11.00 am

**Bring:** A healthy snack & drink

**Cost:** Gold coin





# Lumen Christi Primary School

## LUMEN CHRISTI FETE

The annual Lumen Christi fete was a huge success once again.

There was fun for all with pony rides, tractor rides, a petting zoo, jumping castle, tombola, face painting, food galore and many more stalls run by both the students and the teachers.

The grand finale was an auction of the classes works of art made by the children especially for the fete.

A huge thankyou from Lumen Christi to all the wonderful people who made our fete such a great success!!!



## Arts Centre Melbourne

Recently Grade 3's and 4's at Lumen Christi visited the Arts Centre in Melbourne.

During their visit they watched Letter's End, a show created by physical theatre actor Wolfe Bowart.

The show included a mix of pathos, puppetry, magic, music and interactive film. The teachers and students were selected to participate in parts of the show, leaving them in awe of the brilliant performance.

...Letter's End was funny, sweet and

a little silly!...(Gabby, Grade 3)

...a funny and interactive show...(Chloe, Grade 3)

...It was a fantastic show, with awesome shadow puppets and marionettes...(Cameron, Grade 3)

...Letter's End was exciting, funny, interactive and a little sad, but most of all, it was AWESOME...(Skye, Grade 3)

After the show, students walked to the Ian Potter Foundation Children's Garden to enjoy their lunch.



# Lavalla Visit



On Friday 22nd October, all Grade 5 headed over to the St Paul's Campus of Lavalla to have a day filled with a variety of experiences.

The children were split into groups with students from other local Catholic Schools.

The woodwork task was making a dice and everyone concentrated on getting their dice just right, especially getting the holes just right as well as sanding the edges with a professional finish.

Physical Education saw the children playing indoor hockey while in the food session the biscuit decorations took on an artistic slant.

There were other activities such as Italian, Art, Technology and the Wii.

The day was very well planned and organised and all the students came away being impressed by what they had experienced.

## LCHS and Camera Club

LUMEN Christi's Camera Club enjoyed a great day out this week as guests of the Latrobe Community Health Service's (LCHS) day of activities to celebrate the opening of its new \$21 million premises in Morwell.

Significantly, the budding young photographers, ranging from grades three to six, were invited to display their photos on the day.

The photos were a diverse mix of shots capturing emotions.

The school's Camera Club formed several months ago after Lumen Christi secured a \$300 grant through School-Focused Youth Services – a State Government service aimed at supporting collaborative structures to keep students-at-risk engaged.

The grant covered the cost of purchasing eight new cameras and memory cards which were used regularly by Camera Club students to take their own photos, both at school and home, then contribute them for discussion and consideration amongst the group.

With the guidance of Monash artist and Masters student Neale Stratford, the students used the photos to help identify and express emotions.

While some of the photos were collated for an initial exhibition at the LCHS opening, the best will be showcased at an official exhibition opening of the Camera Club's work at the Latrobe Regional Gallery on 22 November.

The grant also paid for the photos to be professionally framed and mounted.

Along with a number of other community organisations, the 18 students joined parliamentarians and community leaders at LCHS' special event.

They enjoyed a traditional Koorie welcoming and were entertained by a range of performers and theatre



groups.

The students also participated in a drumming workshop, met several AFL Essendon footballers, toured the new dental wing of the building and had some refreshments.



# Churchill North Primary School

On Wednesday 13th of October the senior grades left to go to Melbourne camp. It took ages to get there by bus. The bus drivers name was Sudsy. When we got to the hotel called Nomads, we met up in the cinema lounge to get our room keys that were cards. The cinema lounge had a giant screen.

My room number was 407. I was in a room with Abby W, Jessica M, Mickayla B and Rachael C. There were three bunks that made a lot of noise. The other girls were also NOISY!! After settling in we left to go to the Yarra River Cruise. When we got to the river cruise we hopped on and it felt like hours before we got back to the dock. When we finished we caught two trams back so we could have showers and go out for tea at Pizza Pasta Universal.

On Thursday we all got up and had breakfast. When we finished breakfast we started to walk to Eureka Sky Deck. When we got there we went up 88 floors and we were the last ones to go out. It was really scary. Next we went to the sound house. Abby and I were in a group. The man that helped us his name was Ryan. When we finished we left and went back to Nomads and left for tea. After tea we went straight to bed.

On Friday we left to go to Vic Market I spent all of my \$15 on souvenirs for my family. Next we went to the Aquatic Centre. There was a water snake, a slide, a wave pool and a lot of diving boards. My favourite thing was the slide. After all that fun we went home. Straight after tea I went to bed and fell asleep.

I loved our Melbourne camp. By Jasmine P. 4/5 O

## The Awesome and Noisy 4/5/6 Melbourne Camp

On 13th of October Grade 4's, 5's and 6's went on a bus to Melbourne camp. Churchill North Primary left school at 8.30 sharp. If we didn't come to school by 8.30 we got left behind.

When we got to Melbourne the hotel we stayed at was called Nomads. The hotel was awesome because it had a lift, pool table and dorms. When we went inside the dorms they were good because they had fans, heaters cupboards and also bunks.

Before bedtime we played 'Minute to Win it' games. My group won five games and we came 4th overall. It was hard because the teachers made it challenging for us. After we played 'Minute to Win it' we went to bed. I couldn't sleep for 1 hour because there were noisy children in other rooms.

When it was 6 o'clock in the morning we woke up and had breakfast. After breakfast we left Nomads and went to the Eureka Sky Deck, Sound house, Police Museum and Fitzroy gardens. At about 6.30 at night we went for tea at a Chinese restaurant. I ate beef, chicken, dim sims and soup.

On Friday the 15th we went to Vic market. I had \$20 to buy things for myself. I bought a watch and two crystals. The Vic market was big and there were people everywhere. There were also a lot of cheap things to buy

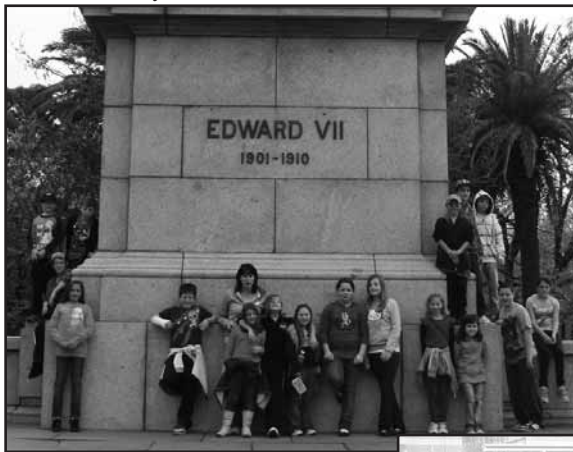


# MELBOURNE CAMP

there. When it was 11.30 we went by bus to MSAC to swim. There was a waterslide, inflatable crocodile, wave pool and diving boards. My group went on the 3-metre diving board; we were lucky because the other groups didn't get to.

It was then time to jump on the bus and go home. The bus trip was quiet and some children fell asleep. The camp was awesome because we got to do so much and spend time in the city.

By Josh K. Grade 4/5



The 4-6 Melbourne Camp was a hoot, The bus drove off with a very full boot. For 3 long days we had lots of fun, And because it was raining we all had to run!

We got on the boat, nearly hitting our head, At any low bridge we ducked down instead. It was a cold and wet day so we stayed inside, But some people were tough and braved the outside.

On the first night, we ate pizza and pasta, The food was cooked by an Italian master. Our table was named the 'bins' of the night, Because we all ate, everything in sight!

We all had a blast at the Eureka Sky Deck, When went onto The Edge, only a 4 inch deck! Our shoes were covered to protect the glass, We saw lots of buildings with rooftops of grass.

The last thing we did was on day three, We enjoyed the Aquatic Centre, especially me. We jumped off the diving board and made a big splash, But everyone was disappointed when we had to dash!

We enjoyed our experience staying in the city, Coming home to our families was oh such a pity. Thanks to the parents for giving up their time, The fantastic teachers also did just fine!!



# GRADE 2/3 WOORABINDA CAMP

By Maddison

On Monday I woke up at 8:00 in the morning then we went to school.

The bus was there. We got on the bus. Then we were at Woorabinda School Camp. We went to meet the people.

We saw Kerry and the other people. They told their names to us. I was in Group 1 and Steve showed us around the camp. Then we did our activities. Then we

had tea and dessert. In the morning we had some breakfast. The girls were on duty. Then we did some more activities. Then we went and had some lunch and we got on the bus then we went home.

By Tahlia

When we got to the school we got on the bus at 8:30am and then we left at 9:00am. Then we got to camp and dumped our bags under cover and then we did some activities and then we had some fruit. We went for a tour around the camp. Then he lady rang the bell, so the boys could set up for dinner.

By Shaylah

On Monday and Tuesday I went to camp. My roommate was Alyssa. The boys did kitchen duty. For tea we had chicken schnitzel, chips and salad. On the first night we did a night walk then we had chocolate milk and banana muffins when we got back. Then we brushed our teeth and got into our beds. In the morning the girls did duty for brekkie. Then we did activities and had lunch. Then we went back to school. I liked the high rope, spotting birds and archery.

By Guy

On Monday morning we went to camp. We did archery, high wire, hut building and a cook out. We met Temay, Josh, Steve, Fee, Mitch, Rick, Kerry and Bruce. The place had a lot of life. Beware of the evil mozzies. The sunset was the best part of the trip.



# Grade 1/2C – Creative Writing

Grade 1/2C has been busy working on adding more detail in our writing so our readers can picture the stories in their heads. Grade 1/2C has produced outstanding work and we thought we would share our achievements with you.

By Hamish

On Monday we had assembly. Mrs Edwards got taken by Zac Power! Zac power couldn't fly. Mrs Edwards was saved by Superman. But Zac Power had really good power and Mrs Edwards was caught again. Superman needed to save her again! Superman saves the day!

By Dublin

On Monday we had assembly. Mrs Edwards was taken by a giant. I turned into Ben 10 and saved the day!

By Tayla

On Monday we had assembly. Mrs Edwards had got turned into a fairy by another fairy. She yelled and yelled. A buffalo came in and the buffalo chased the naughty fairy and then the naughty fairy turned her back.

By Jarrah

On Monday we had assembly. Mrs Edwards got taken by a troll and I asked my five fairy friends to help me save Mrs Edwards. Mrs Edwards got taken by Spiderman and I asked my mum and dad to help me. Mrs Edwards got taken by Batman and Robin and I asked my sister to help me. I chased them and mum and dad turned into superheros and saved Mrs Edwards.

By Rhys

On Monday we had assembly. Mrs Edwards got stolen by dragons. They had a gold belt and they had gold rings on their legs. I had boots and I got my rocket and I blasted the red dragons head off! Another red dragon

came to take Mrs Edwards to his cave. The cave had lots of red dragons. I went in the cave. I pushed a humongous rock down on all of them. I ran really fast. I picked Mrs Edwards up and I picked up the red dragon and threw him into the sea. I saved the day!

By Hayley

On Monday we had assembly. Mrs Edwards was doing a speech. She asked a magician to perform in front of the school. He turned Mrs Edwards into a chicken! She danced and danced. I thought and a minute later I came up with a plan! I asked some friends to help me steal the magic to turn Mrs Edwards into a person again.

by Lachlan

On Monday we had assembly. Mrs Edwards was talking and I saw a giant bear behind her. She screamed and the bear took her. I quickly turned into Spiderman and saved her.

By Jake

On Monday we had assembly. Mrs Edwards was talking. Then the room broke in half! Mrs Edwards jumped in the hole. The hole went to the dinosaur world. Then I turned into Superman. I told Mrs Edwards to hide while I wrestled dinosaurs! Everyone was watching me. Everyone cheered for me because I won! I saved Mrs Edwards and bought her back into the room.

By Caitlyn

On Monday we had assembly. Mrs Edwards saw that outside there was a bomb outside. Then the assembly room split in half. One side had us on it the next side had the preps on it and then Mrs Edwards fell down the crack that was split in half. I went to the crack and then I climbed up and then I was a hero. Then everyone cheered.



# Gippsland Education Precinct



## VCAL Technology

A group of VCAL technology students were treated to lunch as well as being formally presented with a certificate by Monash University.

VCAL technology students are encouraged to find a client within the community that requires a design need to be met.

Monash University were very happy with the attention to detail of their Storage Container. It consisted of difficult mortice and tenon joints, lined with carpet, castor wheels and burnt on logos.

Well done boys!

### Term 4 at The Precinct

Term 4 at the Precinct Campus of Kurnai

College has already been hectic!

Our Year 12 Physics students were very fortunate to be able to visit the Australian Synchrotron. The Synchrotron is located in Clayton, and is the only one of its kind in the southern hemisphere. State Government funded, it is used in partnership with the CSIRO, as well as Melbourne and Monash Universities and is primarily used for scientific research and development.

The synchrotron is a large particle accelerator which produces very high intensity electromagnetic radiation (light) that can be used for imaging things such as proteins right down to a molecular level. Students were given guide tour of the multi-million dollar facility,

which is approximately the size of the MCG, and were amazed by its design and capabilities.

Following the tour students were taken to the education centre, where they were able to complete four practical experiments that were directly related to their study of Light and Matter. Students were able to gain a lot from the experiments, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They study Light and Matter in their coursework, so this excursion enabled them to get an insight into the theory that would not otherwise be available.

### Year 12 VCE And VCAL Students

Year 12 VCE and VCAL students have now completed their formal studies and celebrated this important milestone recently. Some student decided to dress up on the last day of classes. It was rather odd to walk into the Biology class, only to find Oscar the Grouch, complete with rubbish bin (or garbage can, as he would call it!).

Many students went to Delhantie Park at Trafalgar East on the final day of school for Year 12s where they enjoyed the traditional "muck up" activities of throwing eggs, flour, and other less savoury mixtures at each other.

After a shower, students were able to participate in a variety of activities, including swimming, canoeing, the giant (and I mean GIANT) swing, the "leap of faith" and a flying fox across the lake. Students thought their luck was in when Kate Grange, a Year 12 Advocate, and English teacher, rode the flying fox. They pelted her with water balloons, not realising that she was armed with a bucket of water. Many students copped a drenching!

The principals, teachers and education support staff wish the Class of 2010 the very best in their future endeavours. We are proud of the way they have acquitted themselves during their senior years at school, and are sure that they will be fine representatives of our community, regardless of their future path in life.



# Boolarra Primary School



Regional Bike Ed with Russell Northe

### Fantastic Effort!

Our fabulous Bike Ed team came third in the regional final. Some of our riders really improved on their previous individual scores, which was impressive since we've had little opportunity for them to practice. This achievement earned \$350 for the school (which will be used to purchase resources for our traffic education program) and qualified our team for the state final, to be staged on 19th November.

### Happy & Sad News

Ms Jo Dryden is on family leave and we are delighted to have Ms Roz Carstairs filling in for her and teaching our grade 3/4s. Ms Dryden had her babies on Thursday 28th October. Sadly one of her boys, Kayd Jack, was stillborn but her other baby Kahil Robert is thriving and gorgeous! The grade 3/4s made a beautiful book for Ms Dryden's baby called

"Your Mummy".

### Children's Day

We recently marked Children's Day with lots of fun and frivolity. Dressing up, cooking and riding bikes about the school were the order of the day!

### Reading Recovery Works!

Some schools do not run this program as it is very labour intense and expensive to provide such one on one support. We continue this program because it helps students who show early

signs that they might have some literacy difficulties, to overcome these. We are used to seeing our Grade Ones come ahead in leaps and bounds as they work with Ms Karen Twomey (and before this, Ms Cheryl Hilton). However, one of our students has managed to achieve progress above and beyond anything we have ever seen before. Our most recent Reading Recovery Graduate, Declan has improved a massive 16 reading levels in his time on the program.

### Personal Development

Our current theme as part of the Bounceback Program is Courage. Some of our senior students provided the following thoughts about this topic when it was introduced:

1. Courage means to go on even if you are

terrified. 2. Courage is standing up to someone to defend yourself and/or others. 3. Courage is to admit when you did something wrong, take the consequence and not complain. 4. Courage is to step forward when something needs doing. 5. Courage is not being 'fearless'. It's going on despite your fears. 6. Courage is the same as bravery. 7. Courage is part of the Tri-Force (whatever that is - apparently it's very long and involved!) 8. Courage can mean that you are fearless. 9. Saying what you know is right. 10. Being you when others want you to be different. 11. When you do something brave. 12. When you go into war.

Compiled by Bri, Maddi P, Storm and Dzinny.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Shari and Thomas received Ms Karen Twomey's very special "Artist of the Term" awards.

Some of the outstanding work they have produced during art classes has been framed and will hang in pride of place near our main entranceway until later this term when Shari and Thomas will take it home.

### Walk to School Day

On Wednesday 20 October our Junior School Council encouraged as many people as possible to walk to school. It was great that we had 39 students take this opportunity to enjoy some fresh air and sunshine whilst getting some exercises. On the day before we only had 19 students walk to school so we know that some extras were encouraged to walk through this initiative. Hopefully they will keep this up and boost their fitness and wellbeing in the process!



Shari and Thomas who won Ms Karen Twomey's very special "Artist of the Term" awards



Declan with Ms Twomey



Walk to School Day



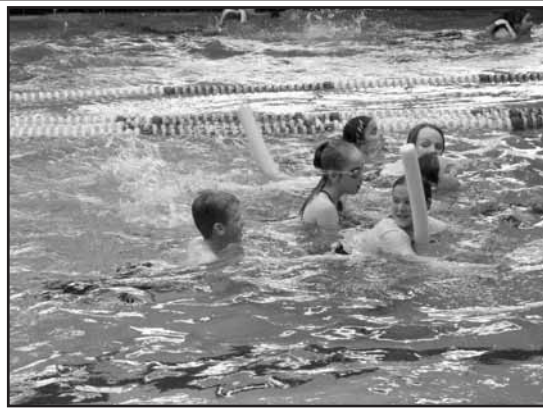
# Hazelwood North Primary School

## Vegetable Garden

### Regional Athletics

By Clare

On 14th of October Jessica, Clare, Lauren, Libby and Rachael went to the Yinnar and District Regional Athletic sports which were held at Joe Carmody Oval in Newborough. There were lots of schools there such as Churchill, Inverloch, Warragul, Bairnsdale, Hazelwood North and more. We all enjoyed ourselves very much. The teachers were all proud that we had got this far.



Swimming is Fun.

By Jessy

Today the Grades 3 to 6 went to the pool to get their canoe licence so we can go canoeing when we go to Camp Rumbug next week. We all had to do the same swimming activity. We had to swim in our clothes and swim under a floating shape. After that we played swimming games with our camp groups. It was great fun and we had lots of helpers at the pool.



By Sam D and Sam W  
Some kids from 1/2P have made a vegetable garden to help Mr Drysdale and the school.

They love working in the vegetable garden. Barb from Bunnings Warehouse gave them all the plants. "We are making food so we can have a salad," they said.

They put parsley in-between the carrots so the snails eat the parsley instead of the carrots. They will take good care of the garden.

They are growing tomatoes, carrots, strawberries, spinach and lettuce. Before they planted, the kids from 1/2P pulled all the weeds out, loosened the soil and then planted the seeds. They will put up wire to stop birds from getting in. Mrs Pursch has done a great job organising the garden.



### Health and Human Relations

By Jessica and Jordy

For two Mondays of Term 4 all the Grade 6's had Health and Human Relations. We learnt about how to keep our bodies healthy and about reproduction and puberty.

On the last week of Health and Human Relations we separated the boys from the girls for part of the session and a man named Neil went to talk the boys and a lady named Corina talked with the girls. We enjoyed learning about the changes in our bodies and we did some interesting activities.

### Cyber Smart Talk

By Josh & Hayden

On Monday we went across the road to the hall. A man called Greg was there to talk to us about being safe on the internet. He talked to us about lots of things that could affect us on the internet such as fake sites and stalkers. He also said that we always have to be careful on the internet and he had lots of

interesting stories to tell us. He gave us some mouse pads that have some handy tips to do with being Cyber Smart. After school he also talked to the teachers and the parents to make sure they're safe as well.

### Mental Health Week

By Thessa and Christina

The Grade 5/6's have been celebrating Mental Health Week. We made flannel flowers. The flannel flower is the national symbol of mental health, because it is strong and can live in extreme conditions. Our flowers are origami and we have written reminders on how to keep healthy. We wrote this on the petals. We put a display up in our rooms and in the foyer of the school.

### Orientation Day

By Damon

On Wednesday 13th October, 2010 the Preps for 2011 came for their first of three orientation days. 24 kids have enrolled so

far. They were all really excited and had a lot of fun doing great activities. They all settled in well and made some great new friends ready for next year.

### Mini Society

By Jayde and Tyson!

This term 5/6D and 5/6F are doing mini society. We run our own shops and have a job in the classroom. We have a market day every second week on a Friday. It helps us with using money and paying bills, keeping a budget and having a balance.

### Parent Book Club

By Alice and Megan!!!

This year the Parents Club has been very generous and given us an extra \$5,000 from their fundraising to provide the school with some books. The books will be interesting and more up to date. The kids are looking forward to reading them. We appreciate the fantastic donation.

# Churchill Primary School

### Regional Sports Representatives

Congratulations to our competitors in the Regional Athletics Sports

- Ellis Hayes Hills (long jump and relay), Tristan Turpin (relay), Brandon Gladman (relay), Brenton Hodson (relay), Bailey Flanigan (long jump and 200 meters), Bradley Sands (long jump) and Jade Davern (800 meters).

The relay team came 2nd in their heat and 6th overall.

Bailey Flanigan was 2nd in his 200 meters heat and 4th overall as well as coming 4th in long jump.

Bradley Sands came 4th in long jump. Jade Davern came 7th in the 800 metres run.

Ellis Hayes Hills came 2nd in long jump and competed in Bendigo where he came twelfth in the state.

### Walktober - Walk to School

Walktober day was held on the 20th October for the purpose of raising awareness of a healthy lifestyle - environmental and social benefits of walking; an excellent habit.

A walking school bus was formed at Glendonald Park with about 20 students and teachers who supervised.

Over 90 students from the entire school population walked on the day.

By participating the school received a Certificate of Participation and Golden Shoe stickers and has the chance to win some fantastic prizes for the

school, including sport's equipment vouchers and one of two Tabloid Sports Carnivals.

### Many thanks go to Mrs. Smart and the 5/6 Gardening Group.

Laine says he loves the painting aspect of the activity as it is great fun.

The weeding pulling part is not attractive as sometimes it is hard to know what a weed is and what a planted plant is.

### Play Group

Churchill Primary School Play Group has begun. It is held on Friday mornings from 9-11am in the General Purpose room at the school.

The program includes inside and outside activities.

A number of families are already attending, but there is room for more.

This a free program lead by Leading Teacher Helen Dyson who plans and sets up the activities which include stories, physical activity and craft work..

The school is providing the venue and activities. Tea and Coffee is available for parents as they wait.

The participating children will need a drink and a snack, plus a hat for outside play.

Families are welcome to come and join in.

This is a wonderful way to develop a support network and friendships with other young families of the area.

### Transitional Activities

These important visits continued for the Preps of 2011.

We had a group of delightful children from Miss Jessica's group, arrive by bus. They also went on to Lumen Christi.

The children had breakfast in the class-

room and a play in the playground. We look forward to seeing the children enrolled at Churchill Primary School in 2011.

Next visits to the school are 24th November and 7th December (the Statewide Orientation Day).

### School Safety Club - October 25th

The members of the Safety Club initiated and organized what they hoped would be an injury free day, raising awareness of safety around the playground. Band-Aids were handed out to children seen playing in safe ways. Seemore the mascot was carried by the Safety Club members as they did their rounds.

The teaching staff had been talking with the children about safe play in the classrooms to raise this awareness in the lead up to the day. Activities included a colouring competition.

Further work will continue to be done to ensure safe play at Churchill Primary School.

### Grade 5/6 Gardening Group

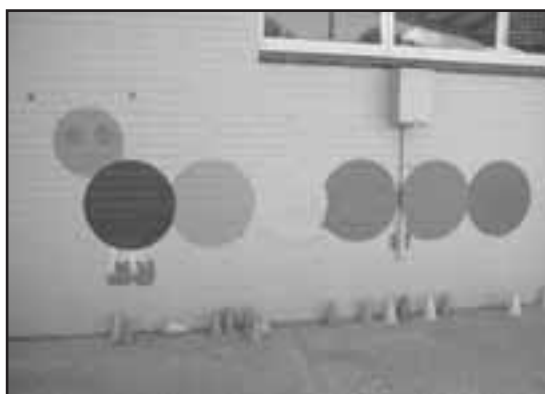
This group consisting of all Grade 5s and 6s has been continuing to paint murals around the school to brighten up the environment and add interest.

The aim of the activity is to develop creativity, encourage student engagement and beautification of the school environment by planting and maintaining garden beds.

There is a competition to design the feet of the caterpillar (see photo).

Comments have been made on how bright and colourful the school yard looks for this activity. Many thanks go to Mrs. Smart and the 5/6 Gardening Group.

Laine says he loves the painting aspect of the activity as it is great fun. The weed pulling part is



not attractive as sometimes it is hard to know what a weed is and what a planted plant is.





# Kurnai College Churchill Campus

## Girls Dance Group

A girls after-school dance group has formed and takes place on Wednesday's in the Drama Room. Kiyomi Marshall was instrumental in obtaining funding to subsidise the lessons which has significantly reduced the cost by nearly three quarters of the normal going rate. It is expected that the dance group will continue next year and that the girls will be able to come up with some fundraising ideas to subsidise the group once the funding ceases.

The girls are having a great time and the numbers are growing. They have begun a routine to the song 'Just The Way You Are' by Bruno Marz and are furiously practising in their own time too. The girls were asked how the dancing was going and they commented 'it is good', 'it is enjoyable', 'it's exciting', 'the teacher Ange is very nice', 'it is something to do after school', 'the warm up is good and it really gets you stretching your back and legs', 'the newcomers caught on really quick'.

Thank you to Kiyomi Marshall, the school welfare coordinator for making this happen and arranging the dance teacher.

## Global Poverty Projects

On Wednesday 24th November 11.05 am - 1.05 pm we will be presenting our Global Poverty Projects.

Students will have booths set-up with information to tell you about the research and their responses to the U.N's Millennium Development Goals. As part of their project students will have developed 10 questions, which will be located in a bowl at their booth for you to ask them about their project. All year 7 students have been working on this project. Many of our students have been developing and planning practical fundraising actions to support their work.

There will also be a display of the Students 'Children Like Me' research, their solar cookers for sun-rich resource poor countries, and their involvement in iEARN a global student forum.

We invite all to come to the Year 7 rooms and walk through the booths and see the students hard work. It is important that the stu-

dents can share their work with our local community.

## Girl Effect Dinner - Invitation

I am pleased to announce that seven of our year 7 girls have organised a Developing vs. Developed country dinner and Trivia Night fundraiser for Friday 19th November 6pm.

The girls aim to highlight the extreme difference between how we eat and people living on \$1.25 a day. The girls are focusing on the plight of girls in poverty as they receive less than 2 cents of every AID dollar. Intervening at the age of 12 and keeping girls in schools increases their safety and life chances and reduces the future generations living in poverty. The girls will use all raised funds to support the Girl Effect organisation who donate to programs to support empowering women out of poverty.

### DETAILS:

Friday 19th November Dinner is at 6pm Trivia begins 7.30 pm

Dinner and Trivia \$25, Trivia only \$5, Dinner only \$20.

The event will be held at Kurnai College Churchill Campus.

Please RSVP to Nicole Pryor, Year 7 Team Leader, Kurnai College Churchill Campus

pryor.nicole.a@edumail.vic.gov.au (03) 51323700 / 0402208641

## The Arts at Kurnai

Two of the arts plays remain for this year. "Repo, Genetic Emancipation" on November 20.

This is a fascinating sci-fi/quasi-opera about the future of human transplants. A repo man wanders the city looking for transplants repossessions to rip out. Yes this is going to be something never seen before; highly creative and wildly imaginative, written as a film adaptation by a student - James Melton.

"Repo, Genetic Emancipation" is dangerous, kind a funny and absolutely thrilling.

The Year 8s are presenting an adaptation of the teen film "Mean Girls" on November 25, 26. This is going to be fun, even though the story happens to be real. It's a story of transformation, from naive schoolgirl to bitchy

groupie and back again. Every kid loves this movie and the kids are turning it into a wild and wacky stage play.

When asked what benefits are gained by the students by being involved this way through the Arts, their teacher Klein replied that

"The benefits come from exploring and using youth culture to develop awareness of core values of kindness, love, forgiveness, faithfulness, compassion and trust. This happens when the students look closely at the content, become involved as actors, etc., explore the feelings and begin to appreciate outcomes of various behaviours.

The process of working on a play gives the students the opportunity also to work together in groups to develop values such as self-worth, doing your best, teamwork, consideration of each other, and trustworthiness in a group situation.

Skills are also developed in the fields of character interpretation of a role, lighting and sound and set design, as well as front of house and promotion, which require organizational skills. There is too, the development of the need to meet deadlines. All these considerations are valuable life skills applications.

In 2009, the theatre industry was the largest growing industry in Victoria, so there is the potential for jobs in the future in this industry, especially in the technical side.

Klein stresses the need to generate more Australian trained workers in this industry in order to create more Australian content on tel-

evision. He believes the demand for more television in the near future is great.

## Youth Forum - Morwell

A Youth Forum was held in Morwell on 12th November at Headspace.

It was sponsored by The Youth Affairs Council of Victoria and Young People's Legal Rights Centre. It is one of three to held throughout Victoria in the lead up to the State election.

Students from different secondary colleges, alternative education providers and local youth services in the area were invited to participate in the forum with the theme Marginal not Marginalised: A state election forum putting young people on the agenda. It was an opportunity for young people to ask questions of local members and candidates in their electorate, learn more about their policies on youth issues and raise issues of importance to youth, and find out more about the political process.

## Building Education Revolution

The new Language Centre building is now under way after the delays of winter.

The slab has been poured, and the framing is progressing. The projected completion date is end Term 1, 2011.

This will coincide with the school offering Mandarin as a subject to the Year 7s.

When completed, the facility will be available for use by the feeder schools to develop awareness of foreign languages and cultures.



## BREAKFAST CLUB



### From the Chaplain

Brekkie Club is open for all students and not only provides a nutritious meal where so many young people skip breakfast these days, but also provides a warm and friendly environment where adults can connect with students and build positive relationships with them.

At each program there is juice, hot Milo, toast and cereal provided along with a different special each week like pizza toast, fruit smoothies, scrambled eggs or spaghetti and baked beans.

We play games like Jenga and Uno, and there's always someone to talk to and connect with.

Brekkie Club runs at Churchill campus on Wednesday and at Morwell campus on Thursday from 7:50 until 8:30am in the Home Economics rooms.

Brekkie Club is run as part of the chaplaincy program which happens across Kurnai College.

If you are interested in volunteering and becoming part of the team then please contact the Fusion office on 5134 6922.

## ELMUTH OTTEN VISITS CHINA TO TEACH ENGLISH

Elmuth has been to China for six weeks. Two of those - our school holidays period - were spent in touring, but the other four were spent in a secondary school in China where she had the pleasure of teaching English to eager students.

Elmuth says these students are 'hungry for the world, hungry to be educated. Learning English is the key and a great incentive'.

The Chinese teachers and students were fantastic, very welcoming, and received her with open arms. There were forty-eight sixteen year old students in the class. These students are from ethnic minority groups from the far NW of China.

At her first class she was welcomed with a round of applause. Then it was deadly quiet. "You could hear a pin drop, in each class," marveled Elmuth. It was a great learning atmosphere. These students work the normal

hours for school in China-6:45am- 9:15 pm.

The school also set up an English drop in centre, where students could come when they had some spare time, to practice their English.

At the end of her visit the students put on a concert of traditional and modern jazz dancing. It was brilliant enthused Elmuth

For Elmuth it was a fantastic, stand out experience. "It was great to see a culture so different to ours. I was blown away by how little understanding of the culture I had, but how friendly and helpful the people were," she said.

### Students in China

The group of students who hosted the Chinese visitors earlier this year have been to China themselves.

They were accompanied by Anthony Rodaughan, College Principal, and Elmuth Otten. students and principal from Lowanna College also were part of the party.

The students attended the tenth anniversary ceremony of the sister city relationship between Latrobe City Council and Taizhou.

The students experienced home stays, visits to schools, and cultural experiences such as the terra cotta warriors, Great Wall of China, Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, the International School in Hong Kong, including Disneyland, Shanghai Expo etc.





# Mallard Racing Team



In 1999, Shane Dunn, Wade Lewis, Nicholas King and Andrew Northover, plus other volunteers decided to build a downhill mountain bike racing track for downhill cycling.

The track was built after permission was sought, on land belonging to Latrobe City Council, but leased by Hancock Victoria Plantations.

The track consists of a 2-8 km trail with a 500 meter vertical fall from the top of Dobbins Road, and finishes at Glendonald Road.

Shane Dunn describes it as a "very fast, very good training ground for younger riders striving to be better 'down hillers'.

At present there are fifteen members of the team.

This track is well known in downhill circles, and attracts riders from all locations of Victoria. They receive terrific feedback about the facility.

During the Black Saturday bushfires, many of the jump bridges and other structures were destroyed, but the team has received a great deal of help to reconstruct the track. Because the foliage of the trees was burnt, a lot of grass and weeds have now grown so the track takes a lot of maintaining.

With Shane being in the Mallard Cycle shop in Morwell, he has been able to support this team, arranging discounts for team riding kits, and reasonable rates for bike maintenance and servicing. There are 4-5 other teams in various parts of Victoria. The MCRT is the third largest. Nick and Shane have set up the team with the idea of encouraging younger riders to extend their skills. They insist on full dedication and commitment to the team. The members are encouraged to bond as a team and to help each other by sharing skills and ideas.

Two months ago, Shane and Nick organized for the team (boys and girls) to participate in an ITrain six week course to increase their stamina, fitness and strength.

There is a State Downhill Competition, with events held each month from October to May at various venues including Mt. Baw Baw, Mt. Buller,



Mt. Beauty and Eildon. These venues are spectacular for scenery and riding. The leads from these competitions can go on to participate in the Nationals which is a very standard leading to World Class riding.

If you are interested in this sport, the team meets every Sunday morning from 9:30am to 4pm at the top of the track. You can find out more details by ringing Shane in working hours on 51343891.

Please note, downhill is an extreme sport demanding and fast. It needs people with full concentration and full-face helmets and safety gear. It is not for the faint-hearted.

# Churchill Bowls Club

The Churchill Bowls Club has become the first club in the Latrobe Valley to sign up to Gippsport Welcoming and Inclusive Clubs Program.

Gippsport program coordinator, Chris Stanlake, said the program was designed to help clubs break down barriers and engage people from all sections of the community to become involved in a sporting and social activity at club level.

It is hoped the program will encourage more Churchill and district community members to become more aware of the barriers preventing people joining sporting clubs and take positive steps

towards improving access for all people.

The Club held its second successful Trivia Night for 2010 at the Top Pub Morwell on Saturday 23rd October. Overall winners were the formidable M&Ms team, consisting of H. Kennedy, S. Kennedy the entire Smith family and L. and K. Tierney who were just too good on the night.

Our thanks to Marya Stait and Gillian Turpin who did a great job in organizing and running the event. Also our thanks to Willaton Transport, Morwell Lighthouse, Flexitray Wet Area Waterproofing, The Top Pub and Ampworks for donating the myriad of prizes.

Membership to the club is now due at a cost of \$20.00 per year. Any person/s wanting to join can contact M. Stait on 5122 1252, V. Hargreaves on 5122 1304 or W. Brown on 5122 1860 for joining details.

The Churchill Bowls Club has been successful in obtaining a 2010 Minor Capital Works Grant for office equipment from Latrobe City. We would like to thank Councillor D. White and Latrobe City for their assistance and generosity in awarding us this grant.

Until next time may your bias be on the right track.



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## Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

### 9/10/10 Men's 4 BBB Par

Winners J. Thornby (18) & G. Down (29) +12; Runner Up G. Millar (22) & P. Coad (18) +10; DTL G. Spowart & K. Garlic +8, M. Smith & V. Sammut +8, P. Williams & A. Vandenharm +7, G. Fraser & J. McCafferty +7 c/b NTP 3rd T. Collins, 12th P. Shields, 5th D. Byers, 14th M. Smith

### 10/10/10 Stableford Men's

Winner J. Ambrosini (28) 38 pts, DTL J. Thornby (18) 30 pts

### Stableford Women's

Winner E. D'Alterio 35 pts

### 12/10/10 Stableford Gold Putter Round 1

Winner Division 1 0-34 E. D'Alterio (29) 45 pts, Division 2 35-45 H. Croft (45) 42 pts. DTL V. Verheyen (31) 37 pts, M. Dear (45) 37 pts, J. Blizzard (30) 36 pts NTP 3rd S. Cooke, 5th (2nd shot) A. Hibbet, 12th J. Blizzard Birdie 14th V. Verheyen

### 16/10/2010 Stroke

A. Grade J. Ambrosini (28) 70 c/b; DTL A. Sharrock 70, T. Webb 71 NTP 5th B. Kilday, 14th P. Smart

### 19/10/2010 Ladies Stableford 2nd Round Gold Putter Day

Winner D. Judkins (41) 37 pts, DTL J. Blizzard (30) 32pts, S. Cooke (44) 31 pts, V. Verheyen (31) 30 pts c/b NTP 14th (2nd Shot) H. Croft Winner Gold Putter H. Croft (45) 42 + 29 = 71 pts

### 23/10/2010 Mens Stableford

A. Grade J. McCafferty (19) 36 pts, B. Grade R. Welsh (27) 39 pts; DTL J. Ambrosini 37, P. Jordan 36, A. Casey 35, H. Martin 34 c/b NTP 3rd T. Collins, 12th R. Welsh Birdies J. McCafferty 3rd

### 24/10/2010 Open Mixed Canadian

A. Grade Winners G. Sanders (18) & M. McConville (26) 67 1/2, B. Grade Winners W. Judkins (21) & D. Judkins (42) 72 3/8 Visitors Trophy G. Laity (10) & J. Mitchell (32) 77 1/4

(Garfield) NTP 3rd P. Williams, 5th G. Laity

### 26/10/2010 Ladies Invitation Day 4 BBB

Winners M. McDonald (37) & D. Elleman (40) 44 pts, Runners Up J. Pilditch (31) & L. French (28) 43 pts, Best nine in A. Chapman (44) & M. Ophthoog (29) 23 pts, Best nine out, A. Hibbert (42) & B. Jamieson (38) 23 pts DTL T. Buxton & M. Beruldsen 42 pts, J. Beck & M. Brown 42 pts c/b, M. Munckton & J. Catherwood 42 pts NTP 12th S. Turner

### 30/10/2010 Monthly Medal

A. Grade H. Martin (19) 71 c/b; B. Grade A. Auld (21) 66 Medal; NTP 12th D. Byers DTL J. Ambrosini 68, T. Collins 69, B. Baldock 70 Count Putts P. Smart & D. Byers 27 Scratch P. Smart 85

### 2/11/2010 Stableford Ladies Melbourne Cup Day

Winner M. Munckton (42) 42 pts, DTL M. Dear (45) 38 pts NTP 5th 2nd Shot H. Croft

### Stableford Men's

Winner G. Blizzard (29) 38 pts, DTL P. Williams 37, B. Baldock 32 c/b NTP 5th P. Williams, 12th B. Baldock, 14th J. Thornby Birdies W. Peter 12th

### 6/11/2010 Mens Stableford

A. Grade P. Smart (15) 45 pts, B. Grade J. McCafferty (19) 37 pts, C. Grade A. Percy 42 pts DTL. J. Robinson 42, R. Madigan 39, B. Barnes 39, J. Jeffery 38, V. Monument 38, M. Bren 37 c/b, J. Ambrosini 39 NTP 3rd R. Madigan, 5th P. Ludlow, 12th T. Gabbett Birdies P. Ludlow 5th, A. Body 12th, R. Madigan 3rd

### 9/11/2010 Ladies Monthly Medal Stroke

Scratch V. Verheyen 102, Medal Winner H. Croft (45) 60 nett, DTL M. Munckton (42) 62 nett, C. Barnes (42) 63 nett Count Putts C. Ellis 26, NTP 14th 2nd shot J. Beck





## Visitor to Walker Parade

This little critter was spotted walking along Walker Parade by William, Gabby and Paul Bonnici and their Mum Sara.

environmental asset Walker Park and the corridor to the Jeerelangs is," said Bruce Stephenson.

"This just proves what a



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## Making Victoria FireReady



**“Without a plan, you haven't got a hope.”**

– Tony, Black Saturday Survivor, Clonbinane

Victoria is one of the most fire-prone areas in the world. So even though we've had some good rain recently, we're still facing another highly dangerous fire season. If you live in the bush, on the coast or along the urban fringe, you need to be FireReady. The more you do to plan and prepare now, the better your chances of survival will be.

### 9 things you can do right now.

- 1** Many homes in high risk bushfire areas are not built to withstand bushfire and survival must be your main priority. To find out if you can defend your house from bushfire, use the CFA's online Household Bushfire Self-Assessment Tool. You can also book a free site inspection at the CFA website or call 1800 240 667.
- 2** Clear up around your property. Even if you plan to leave well before a fire threatens, you may not be able to. A well-prepared building may shield you from radiant heat, which can kill.
- 3** Find out the location of the nearest Neighbourhood Safer Place and how to get there. The CFA website lists Neighbourhood Safer Places.
- 4** Pack your relocation kit. This should contain, food, water, woollen blankets, battery powered radio, mobile phone with charger, a first-aid kit, medication, prescriptions, important contacts, pet food and bedding and anything else you need away from home.
- 5** Be aware of your children's school Bushfire Survival Plan by talking to school staff or visit [www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au)
- 6** Prepare a written Bushfire Survival Plan and consider the needs of the elderly, people with special needs, children, pets and/or livestock. For a free FireReady Kit, visit the CFA website or call 1800 240 667.
- 7** Practise your Bushfire Survival Plan. Doing so increases your chances of survival in fire. Fires are erratic and can arrive at unexpected times, so make sure you have back-up plans and alternative exit routes in place.
- 8** Regularly monitor conditions, know the Fire Danger Rating in your area and keep up-to-date by tuning into ABC Local Radio, commercial radio and Sky News. Fire Danger Ratings are your trigger to act.
- 9** To be better prepared in your local area, join your local Community Fireguard Group and attend FireReady Victoria community meetings. So start preparing now. For a free FireReady Kit, or for more information on how to prepare, act and survive, visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call 1800 240 667.

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