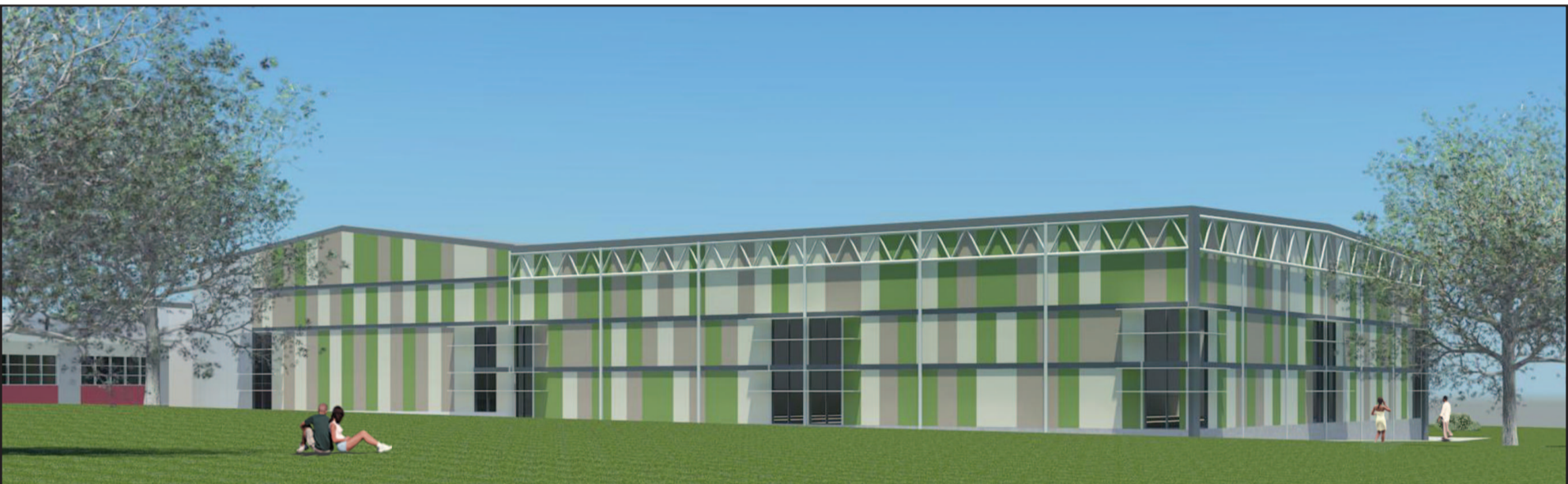


# CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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## \$4.8 Million Upgrade of Leisure Centre Underway



Works have commenced on a \$4.8 million refurbishment of Latrobe Leisure Churchill, with local company Kirway Constructions P/L appointed to undertake the project.

Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Lisa Price, said the project had been a collaborative effort between Latrobe City Council and Monash University Gippsland, with funding from Latrobe City, Monash University and the Federal Government.

Pro Vice Chancellor, Helen Bartlett of Monash University Gippsland, said that when Monash was able to access the Federal Government funds, it made sense to build on and

improve the existing Leisure Centre for the benefit of the whole community rather than the University constructing separate facilities.

Cr Price said that upgrades to the stadium space include three new fully compliant multi-use courts, new change and toilet facilities, new 400m2 gym facility which is three times the size of the old gym, upgraded reception and other internal alterations. To improve accessibility for all users, there will also be a lift installed.

"Some of the key benefits identified by the Latrobe Leisure Churchill user groups during the consultation phase will be the fully compliant run-off for the three basketball and netball courts,

twelve badminton courts and three volleyball courts," Cr Price explained.

Latrobe City councillor, Cr Darrell White, said that the user groups and general public were more than happy with the plans for the refurbishment.

"This is a major redevelopment from which the community as a whole will benefit. The various sports participants, keep-fitters, families, workers, students and other community members are looking forward to embracing a facility that encompasses their individual needs.

"The works at this stage are scheduled for completion by mid 2010 and I'm sure the com-

munity will understand that projects of this size and complexity cannot take place without some disruption to services. We would ask that patrons be patient over the coming months whilst construction is undertaken. The end result will be a major boost to the community with upgraded facilities accessible by all," Cr White concluded.

Project plans for the whole project and an artist's impression can be viewed in the foyer of Latrobe Leisure Churchill or at the service centres in Moe, Morwell, Churchill or Traralgon.

*Pictured above: Artists impression of the new leisure centre.*

## New Support Vehicle for Churchill CFA

Churchill Fire Brigade has recently commissioned a new support vehicle.

With donations totaling \$20,000 made since the January/February fires, this has assisted the brigade with the purchase and fit out.

Although its primary use will be for transport, the vehicle has been fitted with two CFA radios, a UHF radio, a GPS and a mobile phone, as the vehicle will be used in command and control of fires and other incidents.

Captain Steve Barling said, "The

brigade is very grateful for the wonderful support shown by our local community which has enabled us to purchase this vehicle and fit it out with all the new, useful and modern equipment. Brigades in our surrounding area will also benefit as the vehicle will be used extensively in operations throughout the district.

*Pictured right: Brigade members with the new support vehicle.*

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 Jeff Kemp 5122 1293; or  
 Sharon Middlemiss 0412 348 964

## ABC Documentary Black Saturday

Renegade Films has been working in the Churchill area creating a documentary on the Black Saturday fires. They have been commissioned by the ABC to produce the film which will document what happened on the day. It will include stories from people who experienced the fires first-hand, emergency service workers and fire scientists, among others.

As part of the documentary a commemorative and memorial photo-montage will be made of individuals who lost their lives in the fires. We welcome anyone who would like to honour their loved ones in this way to provide a photograph for the film. You can do this by calling Miriam Kenter on 8060 7212 or email her on [miriam@renegade.com.au](mailto:miriam@renegade.com.au). In addition, you can submit footage or photographs taken of the fire.

Throughout the last few months Renegade has been in the area researching the film. It has been an enlightening experience for the team, who have met many individuals who were affected by the fires, along with CFA and DSE volunteers.

The documentary will be in remembrance of those people who lost their lives in Australia's worst peace-time disaster.

#### Notices

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Red Cross change of office bearers at the regional conference: L - R: Robyn Irvine, incoming Deputy Chairman, Stanis Alexander, new Chairman, Isabel Ough, outgoing Chairman, Kath Peruzzi, new Secretary, Des Dowie, Regional Representative, Helen Langres alternative Regional representative

# What is the Red Cross Doing in Your Area?

Do you know what Red Cross is doing in your local area? There are units of Red Cross in Boolarra, Morwell, Traralgon, Erica/Rawson and Warragul. These units come under the Region 9 banner. All would love to recruit some new members and there is a wide range of activities to suit different people.

Red Cross is an international organisation that works for the improvement of health, prevention of disease and the alleviation of suffering in an impartial way. There are trained teams ready to help out in emergencies such as this year's fire and at other times provide regular services within the community.

Some of these are helping at the blood bank, manning Red Cross shops and driving people to medical appointments in the Red Cross car. First aid posts at community events, such as the Junior Fishing Competition to be held this month, are a big part of Red Cross services. There are lots of opportunities to learn new skills with good training provided.

Local Yinnar resident, Robyn Irvine, joined Red Cross two years ago and describes her experience as enjoyable, interesting and challenging. She would love to see more young people involved in Red Cross to assist the experienced members.

Anyone interested in joining can contact the secretary of each unit:

Morwell: Mrs Mavis Thompson: Phone 51222868

Boolarra: Mrs Gay Henry: Phone 51696539  
 Traralgon: Mrs Stanis Alexander: Phone 51745963  
 Erica/Rawson: Mrs Bev Dowie: Phone 51653293  
 Warragul: Mrs Helen Langres: Phone 56342561

Because of the overwhelming demands of responding to the February bushfires, the annual Red Cross Calling doorknock was not held this year. This has left shortfalls for other services, and units are urged to keep up their good work through regular fund raisers. Public support of these is much appreciated. Upcoming events include an Open Garden Peony Display at Erica/Rawson this weekend (free entry). Contact unit secretaries for more details

Bushfire funds collected under the Red Cross banner continue to be distributed to needy fire affected individuals and communities by the Department of Human Services. To learn more about how the bushfire funds are being spent visit [www.dhs.vic.gov.au/bushfireappeal/home](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/bushfireappeal/home).

Office bearers for Region 9 are:  
 Chairman: Mrs Stanis Alexander, Traralgon, Deputy Chairman: Mrs Robyn Irvine, Morwell, Secretary: Mrs Kath Peruzzi, Morwell, Regional Representative: Mrs Helen Langres, Warragul and Publicity Officer: Mrs Diane Moyes, Warragul.



Robyn Irvine from Yinnar giving some personal support at the Traralgon centre after the fires.



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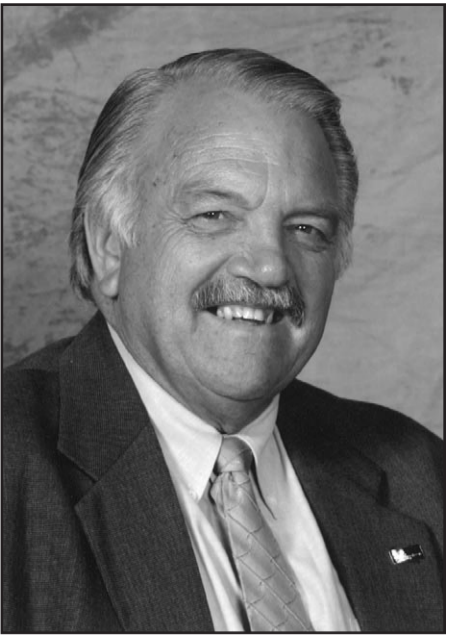
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**Cr Darrell White**

**No Charge Green Waste Weekend**

communities preparing for the coming fire season.

All three green waste recycling facilities - Moe, Traralgon and Morwell will be open from 9am to 5pm on both Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October to accept green waste at "no charge".

It is vital that residents started planning and preparing as soon as possible for the season ahead.

Now is the time to start clearing leaves out of gutters and raking up those fallen branches and getting rid of dead undergrowth. Much of this material including dry grass, fallen leaves, prunings and twigs can be placed in your green waste bin.

The "no charge" green waste weekend provides an opportunity to dispose of additional quantities where the fortnightly collection is insufficient to meet needs.

Latrobe City green waste recycling facilities, operated by PineGro, are located in Rocla Road, Traralgon, Monash Way, Morwell and Walhalla Rd, Moe and are open from 9am - 5pm Saturday and Sundays throughout the year. The Morwell facility is also open from 8am to 4.30pm weekdays.

For further information on the no

charge green waste weekends and on preparing your property for the fire season, contact Latrobe City Council on 1300 367 700.

**Latrobe Rose and Garden Show Spectacular**

The Gippsland Championships will be contested in roses, cut flowers, vegetables, floral art, photography and children's items, fruit, flowering shrubs and trees, Australian plants and container plants are also included in the schedule of more than 150 items. A local art group will have on display paintings of flowers and garden scenes which are for sale.

The championships will be held in the Morwell Senior Citizens hall. Open Saturday 21st November, 1pm-5pm, and Sunday 22nd November, 10am-4pm.

Adjacent to where the Gippsland Championships will be held is the Morwell Centenary Rose Garden, featuring more than 3000 Roses in over 130 garden beds. November will see the garden at it's pristine best for your pleasure and it never closes.

**Japanese Day**

Latrobe City's annual Japanese Day will be held on Sunday 1st November next at Kernot Hall in Morwell. This day is a celebration of the Sister City relationship that

Latrobe City shares with Takasago City.

Japanese Day is a celebration of the friendships with Japan, the Japanese culture and lasting impact that it has had, and continues to have in our community.

There will be first hand opportunities to experience a variety of aspects of the Japanese culture, including the sampling of exquisite foods, art activities, displays and entertainment. The ever popular Japanese drumming will also be performing.

**Feel the Earth move at the Gallery**

Audiences are being thrilled by the wonder of the sound of the Earth moving as part of a new exhibition, "Turbulent Terrain: Manifestations of the Sublime in Contemporary Art", which is currently featuring at the Latrobe Regional Gallery.

As part of the exhibition, Stephen Hurrell's 'Beneath and Beyond' is a sound-based artwork that broadcasts the noises of the Earth's seismic forces in real-time into the gallery space via the internet.

Growing up on the west coast of Scotland, in a land shaped by ice-age geological activity, has it seems, obviously made a huge impact on Stephen.

Stephen's installation provides a

direct encounter with the awe-inspiring forces of the Earth's crust. By tapping into seismic monitoring stations around the world via the internet, 'Beneath and Beyond' accesses the unseen shifts and movements of the Earth's crust.

Vibrations from these stations, several of which are located within Australia, are translated into sound arrangements that are broadcast in the Gallery and experienced in 'real-time' along with their corresponding visual representations - seismic lines and waveforms,

"Turbulent Terrain: Manifestations of the Sublime in Contemporary Art", presents work by artists from Australia and Scotland who evoke forms of human experience beyond the everyday through painting, sculpture, sound and installation-based artworks.

The exhibition continues until 1st November, 2009.

Latrobe Regional Gallery is located at 138 Commercial Road, Morwell, and is open Monday to Friday 10am-5pm, and on weekends 11am-4pm. The Gallery is closed public holidays. Entry is free.

For more information, contact the Gallery on 5128 5700, or e-mail [lr@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:lr@latrobe.vic.gov.au).

**No charge green waste weekend brought forward for 'Fire Action Week'**

Latrobe City residents are being urged to take advantage of a "no-charge" green waste disposal weekend being held on the weekend of Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October, 2009

The "no-charge" green waste disposal weekend has been brought forward from the previous scheduled weekend in November to take place at the end of "Fire Action Week", a Victoria-wide week of activity involving state and local government, CFA, Department of Sustainability and Environment and other stakeholders, taking place from 11th -18th October next.

The emphasis during 'Fire Action Week' is being placed on residents and

**Churchill Hub - The 'Write' Place for You**

If you enjoy writing and would like to hone your skills, the Churchill Hub is the place for you.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, now located at the Hub offers classes in Creative Writing every Tuesday, from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.

Classes are in workshop mode, with

group members writing and sharing their work with others. The atmosphere is friendly, encouraging and relaxed. People of all ages are welcome

Contact the centre on 5122 2955 for more information or simply show up next Tuesday.

**Rediscovering a Sense of Wellbeing at Monash University Gippsland**

A series of public lectures will be held at Monash University Gippsland on the theme "Rediscovering a Sense of Wellbeing."

These presentations are aimed at enabling people to gain a deeper understanding of the reality of depression and the resources available to assist in moving beyond such feelings to rediscover a sense of wellbeing.

Mr Terry Melvin, Co-ordinator of the Health Wellbeing and Development Department at Monash Gippsland said, "We are greatly aware that a person's feeling of wellbeing is very much linked to their capacities for resilience and for managing what is becoming a particular factor in today's society - the increase in depression."

Everyone at different stages in their lives faces difficult situations and can become depressed over particular circumstances in life.

"Disappointment over being unable to cope with studies, periods of unemployment, the death of a loved one, the break-up of a marriage, or even retirement are challenges that can cause depression to emerge," said Mr Melvin.

Fr Hugh Brown, Ecumenical

Chaplain, Monash Gippsland, said "We also know that depression can result following natural disaster experiences such as drought and bushfire. Sometimes we can feel down-spirited for no apparent reason."

"Depression can be an illness when the mood becomes severe over a period of time and interferes with our ability to function at home, at work or with our friends," explained Fr Brown.

The series of five lectures will be held in room 4N 120 at Monash Gippsland from 7.30pm to 9.00pm on a Wednesday. Sessions include Fr Brown's lecture on "The Practice of Mindfulness and its importance to Wellbeing" whilst Professor Helen Bartlett, Pro Vice-Chancellor Monash Gippsland will present on "Secrets for Healthy Ageing and Quality of Life".

Further information on this lecture series can be obtained by calling 5122 6425. The lectures are free to attend and have been organised through a partnership involving Monash University Gippsland with Lumen Christi Catholic Parish and the Co-operating Churches in Churchill.



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## 2009 Boolarra Open Gardens Bonanza

'We'll be back next year!' was the common refrain heard at the 2008 Boolarra Open Gardens Bonanza, when some 300 garden-lovers descended on the picturesque township to visit the gardens open for the day.

Well ...on Sunday 1 November this year, between 10am and 4.30pm, it's on again, with eight diversely different gardens being opened, most for the first time.

Located in a secluded valley bordering the forested foothills of the Strzelecki Ranges, the small town-

ship of Boolarra is blessed with a host of private gardens just waiting to be appreciated, and at mid-spring they will be at their blooming best.

A single \$10 ticket will provide access to all of the gardens. Children will be admitted free, however, dogs cannot be permitted. Tickets may be purchased on the day in Boolarra from the Boolarra Shop or from the Boolarra Plants Nursery and will be issued with an accompanying Garden Location Map. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to local community groups.

While visitors will be welcome to use the picnic table facilities in Boolarra's Railway Park for lunch, the Pony Club will be holding a 'Sausage Sizzle' in the park and the nearby Boolarra Shop will have take-away food for sale.

Ann innovation this year will be the inaugural Community Plant Sale to be held at the Boolarra Primary School during the day. Hosted by the Primary School, the sale will offer a wide array of plants donated by the wider Boolarra community.

## Common Threads DVD Launched

Phoenix de Carteret from Monash University gathered a group of women together for a series of story writing workshops, which concentrated on memories of Gippsland which has a special meaning for them. They spent the sessions talking, remembering, and recognizing the importance of events and activities in their lives. Phoenix and others brought things that had been a part of their lives to jog their memories. The sessions were recorded and eventually formed a book called Peripheral Vision which was published in 2008.

The women decided that they would like to continue the group with the purpose of producing a DVD incorporating some aspects of the book.

This DVD was launched at Tyers

Hall on Friday 4th September at 6pm. The hall was decorated with interesting displays provided by the group and the quilting ladies from the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. After nibbles and drinks, and admiring the displays, the formal proceedings began.

Ann O'Brien, the MC, started by introducing Gippsapella, a group of mixed singers who presented several items from various countries. Phoenix then told those assembled about the origins of the group, the book and the DVD. She thanked and praised the ladies for their efforts especially in seeing through the project of the DVD. Those involved were Carol Scott, Carol Campbell, Doris Chambers, Janet Cameron, and Janice Murray. The main aspects of the group's participation

were connections, memories and sharing.

Carolyn Landon, author of "Jackson's Track" and "Cups with No Handles" was asked to come forward and launch the DVD.

To complete the evening's entertainment, the Traralgon Neighbourhood Centre Belly Dancers performed several items.

With the formal part concluded, food was brought out and everyone enjoyed the fruits of the women's labours of earlier in the day, as much chatting and sharing continued.

For copies of the book Peripheral Vision, or the DVD, contact Carol Campbell on phone mobile 0404773044 or email womenstoricircle@gmail.com

### ABC Documentary Black Saturday

February 7, 2009

This documentary is a commemorative film which will be shown on the ABC early 2010. The film will document what happened on Black Saturday, and will be an historical document for all Australians.

The documentary will be in remembrance of those people who lost their lives in Australia's worst peace-time disaster.

As part of the documentary we are preparing a commemorative photo-memorial of individuals who passed away in the fires.

If you lost family members or friends on Black Saturday and would like them to be remembered in this memorial, we welcome you to provide a photo.

If you would like to contribute, or would like to know more about the film, or have footage or photographs of the fire you would like to submit, please don't hesitate to contact me:

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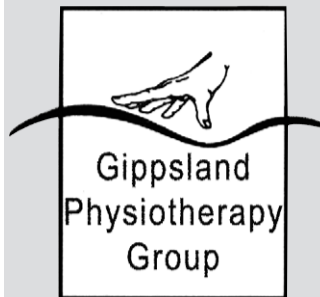
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## Co-Operating Church Snippets

### Cool Club 4 Kids

The final day for club in Term 3 was spent having a party, playing games, performing items and doing some dancing.

CC4K starts again on 14th October at 3:30-5pm. Cost \$1 per child.

The Club is grateful to Latrobe City Trust for a grant of money to help with costs.

### Open Gardens

Three gardens will be open to the public on 14th November between 10am and 4pm. Two will be outside

Churchill and one in town. One of the outside gardens will provide space for the serving of food- hot potatoes, hot dogs, Devonshire teas. There will also be plants on sale. See below for more details.



## Saturday Breakfast

Mark Gibson, the Bushfire Community Liaison Officer with Relationships Australia, was the guest speaker at the September Saturday Breakfast.

Mark outlined the beginnings of Relationships Australia which started as the Marriage Guidance Council and staffed by volunteers. It now employs professional staff and is engaged in a wide range of work. This includes counselling, lifeskills programs and parenting short courses. Counselling covers relationships, family, personal and child counselling.

Free drought and bushfire counselling is provided. The organization is involved in events to help those affected by the recent bushfires. The organization was quickly on the job of helping set up emergency help centres when the bushfires developed in February.

It has outreach locations in Bairnsdale, Leongatha, Warragul, Yarram, Wonthaggi and Sale. Appointments are made through the Traralgon office on 1300 369630. The office is located at 1/42 Kay Street and their e-mail is Latrobe@rav.org.au

Relationships Australia has a website: [www.relationshipsvictoria.com.au](http://www.relationshipsvictoria.com.au)

The next Breakfast will be held on the 24 October commencing at 7.45 am at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill. The guest speaker will be from Lifeline Gippsland who will give an up-date of what is happening at Lifeline at the local, State, Australian and international levels.

People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders on 51221148 or at [kbenders@net-tech.com.au](mailto:kbenders@net-tech.com.au) by Thursday 22 October.

## Latrobe City Brass Band 'Here & There'

The Latrobe City Brass Band (formerly Morwell Citizens Band) recently held a successful 3 day event, a soiree and art exhibition called 'Here & There'. So many people enjoyed this event we are having another!

The 'Spring Soiree' will be held on Friday 16th October at 7.30pm with music and a display of art from an eclectic mixture of local artists. Tickets will be \$10 with concession \$7.

The art display will also be open on Saturday 17th October and Sunday 18th October from 11am to 4pm. Entry will be by a gold coin donation. The venue will be the Bandroom on the Town Common, Corner of Chapel and Elgin Streets, Morwell (opposite the Centrelink office).

There will be further information about musicians and the artists publicized in the Latrobe Valley Express or if you are interested you can contact the Secretary, J.McKenzie

The Band would very warmly welcome any musicians or would-be-

musicians wishing to join our merry ranks. Contact Judy McKenzie on 5166 1412 or come along to our practice nights which are held between 7.30pm and 9.30pm on Tuesday nights in the Bandroom. We have instruments and lessons available for brass and percussion players of any age.

The Band will again playing for the Boolarra Christmas Carols on Tuesday 15th December.

The Band will also be playing with the Salvation Army Band for their annual Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Service on November 15th in the Citadel, Bridle Road in Morwell.

For anybody interested in matters celestial, the Latrobe Valley Astronomical Society will be having an observing night in the Bandroom on Friday 23th October at 7.30pm. This is part of a worldwide 'Gallilean Nights' event, honouring the telescope genius Gallileo.

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Sustainability and Environment. Bill has been an active member of the Committee for over sixty-five years. The hall was built after the Jeeralang North Primary School, on a different site, was destroyed in the 1944 bushfire. The present hall, on Crown Land was built in 1954

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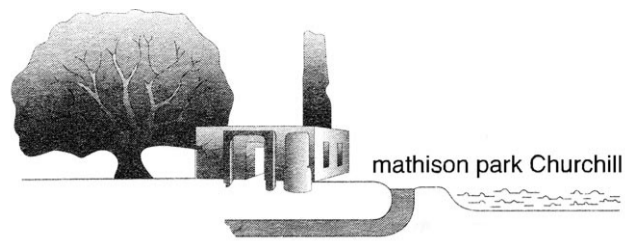
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# Working Bees



By Ruth Place  
 Another marvelous working bee achieved much to improve the surface of the eastern pathway. The hire of the bobcat and a willing driver-Terry- helped to shift the sand. Chris and Fay brought their trailer and that transported sand to other sections. Max, Neal, Geraldine, Allan, Jim, Dave and Ken used shovels and rakes to spread the sand.  
 Tom used his chainsaw to prune

some branches off wind affected trees.  
 Peta and her two children from Churchill Scouts, helped Ruth and Ken remove weed mat and return mulch to gardens beds near the toilets. They then cleaned up the rubbish.  
 A lot was achieved on the Saturday. Some hardy workers returned on Sunday afternoon to use the bobcat to spread more sand.

As we worked we had many positive comments from those who passed by.  
 It is nice to be appreciated. It would also be nice if we had some extra people to help with the work.  
 Working bees are held on the third Saturday of each month. For more information ring Tom 51661388, or Ruth 51221961

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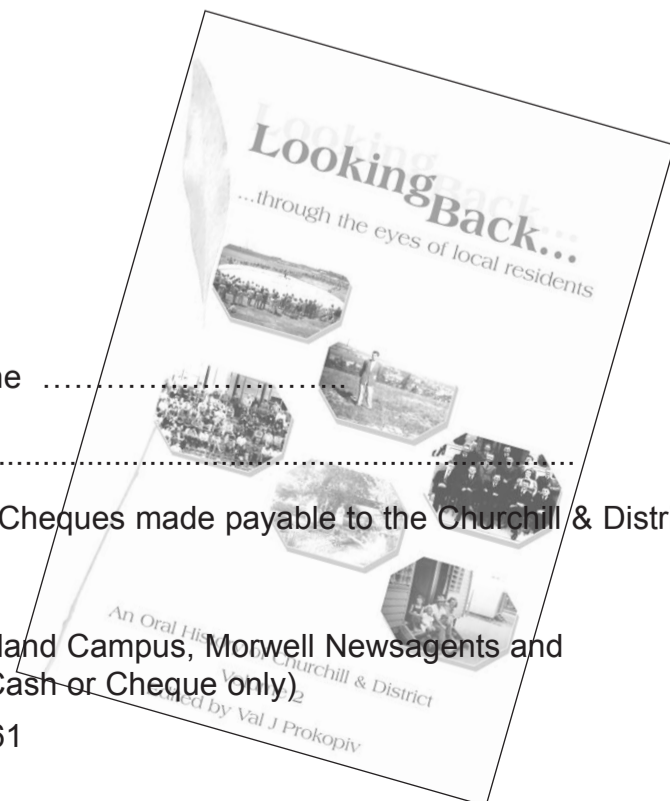
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# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



## Yinnar CWA

By Ruth Place



Mrs Anne Lawless, first President of Yinnar CWA

Recently Yinnar CWA celebrated its 70th birthday. Ruth Place has compiled a history of this extraordinary organization which will be published over the coming months.

### The Beginning

The Yinnar CWA group was formed on 7th September 1939 when eighteen ladies attended a meeting and decided to start a CWA in the town.

At the first meeting on 5th October 1939 the Executive was elected with the first President being Mrs. Anne Lawless, the Secretary Mrs. Fox. Shortly after, Mrs. P. Williams assumed office, and Mrs. T. Quigley as Treasurer. Vice Presidents were Mesdames Hopkins Sr., H. Bayley, R. Page, and F. Scheibel, with Magazine Secretary Mrs. T. Welsh and Miss Mary Welsh, who soon resigned to join the Younger Set of three members. There were nine foundation members and three junior members. Within the first year, membership rose to twenty-eight and six juniors.

Members sought help and advice from their men folk who gladly assisted, especially with transport. They were known as CWA 'godfathers'.

### First President

Mrs. Anne Lawless was the first President. Her son Tom says she was a school teacher and had many talents which she put to good use for many years as an office bearer. Mrs. Lawless (nee Brown) came from Axedale about eighteen miles north of Bendigo. She did her teacher training at the Bendigo School of Mines. Her first appointment was to Budgeree in 1911, where she stayed until 1916.

### How did CWA groups come about?

CWA evolved along with a progression of organisations such as the Women's Institutes of Britain and Canada, and the New Settlers Leagues (NSL) in New South Wales and Queensland because of a strong concern about the settlement of immigrants. NSLs also centred on health and social welfare issues.

CWA started in Australia in 1926 in New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia. These branches were modeled on the Women's Institutes of Britain and Canada. They did well, especially with issues of social welfare for settlers and Australian born rural dwellers through self-help projects and recreational aspects, and

because of its non-party political, non-sectarian values. The interstate branches were entirely self-funded.

The Country Women's Association of Victoria was begun in Melbourne by Lady Elizabeth Mitchell and Lady Finola Somers in 1928. It is a non-sectarian, non-party-political, non-profit lobby group working predominantly in the interests of women and children in rural areas. Its first president (1928-1932) was Lady Mitchell.

A major objective since its foundation was to 'arrest the (population) drift from rural areas', a problem which persists today. Its major activities have revolved around the provision of services to its members and the improvement of amenities in rural areas.

The formation of the Victorian Association was

prompted by a meeting organised by Lady Somers (wife of the then State Governor) in March 1928. It was quickly strengthened by proliferation of local branches and the decision of the seven Victorian Women's Institutes (the first of which had been formed in 1926) to join the new Association. By 1929 it boasted twenty branches with 1700 members.

The Patron remains the wife of the Governor General of Victoria, who is at present Mrs. De Krester.

### The Yinnar CWA Branch

The Yinnar branch was first a member of the North Gippsland Group, then the Latrobe Valley Group. It is now a member of Latrobe Central, which is an amalgamation between Central Gippsland and Latrobe Valley. This amalgamation has increased the distance members have to travel to various functions.

The North Gippsland Group consisted of Bungalaguah, Cobains, Cowwarr, Dargo, Giffard, Glengarry, Heyfield, Maffra, Morwell, Rosedale, Sale, Seaspray, Stratford, Toongabbie, Traralgon, Tyers and Yinnar.

Meetings were originally held in the Mechanics Institute. This building was next to where the Yinnar Public Hall now stands. The kindergarten is where the Mechanics Institute was having burnt down in the 1963.

Meetings would start with the singing of the National Anthem- "God Save the Queen", and the reading of the Collect. In the '50s the Motto was repeated at the end of the meetings.

### The Motto

Each lady's motto was to be:  
Honour to God  
Loyalty to the Throne and Empire,  
Service to the country,  
Through Country women,  
For Country women,  
By Country women.

### The Collect

"Keep us, Lord, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word and deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretence and meet each other face to face, without self-pity, and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment, and always generous.

Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle.

Grant that we may realize that it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are one.

And may we strive to touch and know the great woman's heart common to us all; and O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind."

In the War years meetings would include silent prayer for those in the services.

### What the Minutes Record

#### The Early Years: During The War

Over the seventy years since its inception, the Yinnar CWA Secretaries have kept a wonderful set of minutes, beautifully hand written, recording all the events in which the group has been involved.

Highlights from the early books record Mrs. Christenson from Glengarry coming to give a talk on cake icing, and Mrs. Grant giving a rug making demonstration.

In the War years the ladies were 'working for the Armed Services', making camouflage nets, knitting balaclavas and helmets, gloves and socks. There were 100,000 camouflage nets required. A lesson in making of same was given at one meeting.

They also collected fat to send to Britain, as Britain had little butter, and what they had was severely rationed. Food parcels were also made up to send. From sheep skins they made up vests and slippers for the airmen, the pattern for which was sent from CWA headquarters. They had to find a sheep skin to do this! A collection of cook books was made and also sent. On their first birthday they raised money by cutting and selling the birthday cake for 3 pence a slice.

In 1940 the hall hire was recorded as 2/6. Members were to bring a plate of afternoon tea. Visitors were to pay sixpence.

The competitions during that year were for the best plate of fancy biscuits, the best decorated sponge, the best pot of plum jam, the best saleable bag, and the prettiest covered coathanger.

In those early days there was a roll call. As the names were called the person would answer present and then have to say, for example, the use of a lemon, the most useful item in the kitchen.

Demonstrations were an important and interesting part of procedures. Three examples of these were savories, hair dressing and boning a four quarter of mutton. The latter created great interest.

Invitations were received from each of the branches in the group to attend each other's birthday parties. These were occasions which the ladies looked forward to. Often it was their husbands who would drive them there, as many wives would not have had a car licence. The first birthday of the Yinnar Branch was certainly an occasion with Mrs. Bolding making, and Mrs. Scheibel decorating, a cake. There were a number of items given by the visitors, then, community singing was enjoyed by all.

In December 1940, it was recorded that postage was two pence, and a phone call was one pence!

A dance held in 1940 had expenses of, hall hire 17/6, band £1.10 shillings, and buses £2.10 shillings. Buses were hired to bring people from Mirboo North, Boolarra and other surrounding areas. The proceeds of the dance were £16.11 shillings. £9 was forwarded to Miss Strong at Head Quarters with half of same to be returned in

wool and material to be made up by members for the Comfort Fund. This fund helped to buy items and pay postage for parcels sent to the service men and women overseas. Other ways to raise money for this fund were having market stalls. These coincided with the Market Day Cattle Sales in Yinnar.

The ladies supported a local family with cake and milk because the husband had been in Sale hospital for ten weeks.

It was agreed to donate £1.1 shilling to the War Service Fund. This donation was acknowledged by the next meeting.

Group Conferences were held twice a year, with the venues spread around the group area. There was always a speaker from HQ who would also preside over the election of office bearers.

The Magazine was and still is produced with eleven issues per annum. They were sent out from HQ. The magazine included general reports about various branches, craft expos and drama and music events. It always included a letter from the State President, which was often requesting help with a particular fund or need. The Yinnar ladies were very ready to read and respond to these letters.

A cupboard was required at the hall for the CWA property. Permission from the Hall Committee was applied for, granted, the cupboard was purchased, installed and put to use for £2.

The minutes were very detailed and outlined the contribution brought to each meeting. e.g. 14 pairs of socks, 4 balaclavas, 2 airmen's thick socks and scarves, 1 scarf, 3 pairs of mittens, 1 packet of cigarettes.

A picture night was held to raise funds.

The Quorn and Tennant Creek branches supplied wonderful hospitality to the service men and women and the wives of the men. When Yinnar CWA ladies heard about this they agreed to donate to Quorn to help them keep up the good work.

The ladies provided the afternoon tea for the Annual Flower Show.

Many War Loans and War Savings Certificates were purchased when possible.

In 1941, for Christmas, fourteen relief parcels were sent to local soldiers on overseas service. A similar amount of money was raised for the Comfort Fund which paid for the parcel contents and the cost of postage. Myers in Melbourne did the packaging and posting. That same year ten shillings was given to Mrs. Bolding to include in her parcel to her son, who was a prisoner of war.

In 1941 a Younger Set was formed in August. The President was Mrs. Lola Vinall, Secretary Miss Queenie Bolding and Treasurer Miss Maisie Morrison. They were a very active group socially, raising money for both patriotic and charitable needs.

Many Deb balls were held. The Debs were trained by Mrs. Lola Vinall. Debs were girls who were at an age to be 'coming out' into social life. This was the event that launched their social life. They all wore lovely white frocks and were partnered by young men in formal wear. They were presented to a local dignitary, with a curtsy by the young lady, and a bow by the young man. The partners would then give a demonstration of the dancing in which they had been trained. They were grand occasions, and looked forward to by those involved.

The 1952 Deb ball photo shows the Debs and their partners, with the North Gippsland Group President Mrs. S. Stuart, the Yinnar CWA President Mrs. Suaurs and Mrs. Wicks who presented the Debs.



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The proceedings included a flower girl who was Trish Suurs and a page boy who was Billy Ebbott.

In 1989 they instigated the Silver and Gold Deb Set for all those members who had not made their Deb previously. These were great occasions with wonderful suppers, beautiful dresses, and elegant dancing.

One meeting was termed a Hospital Day, where members gave gifts of old linen, jam and vegetables to be sent to the Sale Hospital.

The competition of the month was hot water bottle covers- knitted or flannel- with all bags being donated to the Sale Hospital.

The result was a good deal of old linen, 2 sacks of pumpkins, 1 bag of potatoes, 31 bottles of jam, 2 cases of apples and 16 hot water bag covers were taken by one husband, to Sale Hospital. This was duly acknowledged by Matron of Sale Hospital.

An acknowledgement of any donations was always received before the next meeting. Saying thank you was an accepted and polite part of life.

The ladies sent cards of sympathy and cheer to those locals who were in need, bereaved or ill.

Guest speakers on various topics from travel to Infant Welfare needs spoke at the meetings.

Entertainment by local individuals, pairs and groups was always well accepted.

## 1941

In 1941, petrol rationing is mentioned as a reason for non-attendance at the meetings. At a following meeting, the ladies agreed to give petrol money to those members who used their cars to bring other members to the meetings.

Stalls were held in Morwell to raise funds. These were prepared for months in advance, with, for example, bags one month; cushions and aprons the next etc.

An old time ball was proposed to raise funds for the Christmas parcels for the overseas service personnel. The Younger Set formed, agreed to supply and put up the decorations.

At each meeting a Market Stall would be operated. These were stalls where the ladies could bring excess goods to sell to each other, with a small commission e.g. a dozen eggs at \$2. \$1.80 for the person, and 20c for the revenue, being taken for CWA. These stalls were always well stocked and well patronized, providing additional funds for the CWA work.

A Birthday Ball was held in October of 1941 to raise funds for CWA activities.

At the Birthday Meeting a list of donations for the year was recorded.

They were

Maintenance of one bed (Sale hospital) for 1 year - £10

Annul effort- £2

Somers House (a holiday House for CWA members and families)- 2 pounds.

Scholarship fund- 10 shillings and 6 pence.

Travelers Aid- £1.1 shilling

Polish Relief- £3

Younger Set- £2.2 shillings

War Service Fund (Yinnar)- £2, 6 shillings and 10 pence

Gift to local family- £1

Gift of cigarettes to Mr. Heuston in recognition of services- 2 shillings and 11 pence

Gift of tobacco to Mr. McFarlane in recognition of services- 2 shillings and 4 pence.

The Hall Committee was requested to improve the condition of the hall kitchen. This request was accompanied by a £2.2 shilling donation.

Waste materials were collected to give to the Red Cross Waste Products Section.

The Younger Set organized an Easter Monday Ball. The Younger Set was supported through financial donations from the Parent Branch.

An American Afternoon Tea was held. Admission was a gift. Afternoon tea cost

9 pence, and was scones and jam and cream.

Hall rental is recorded as 2 shillings and 6 pence for an afternoon when the piano was used only for the National Anthem and no wood was used.

A millinery and flower making demonstration were given. The competition was a rag doll. Dolls were to be sent to a children's home. This decision was changed to being sold on a stall in Morwell. Another competition was making something new from something old. The ladies took it upon themselves to provide prizes for the winners of these competitions.

To one meeting, a member brought small posies and sprays of camellias which were sold for CWA Comfort Fund. 6 shillings and 6 pence was raised.

## 1942

By 1942, the price of postage had increased to 12 shillings and sixpence.

A spinning machine was purchased in March '42. At that time a War Savings Group was also formed, with 2 shillings collected from each member, at each meeting.

For 1943, the meetings continued to have a minute's silence at the beginning of each meeting for the fallen heroes, and the service personnel posted overseas.

A street stall in Yinnar raised funds for the Morwell Hospital.

A Question Box was suggested as well as an Empire Gift Box. The question box proved keen and interesting and worked like a competition with ladies being asked question and when they could not answer, a fine was imposed. At one meeting 1 shilling and 3 pence was realized.

The Empire Gift Fund according to the "Feisty Phoenix" was "Formed in 1939 as the King's fund for amenities for the troops. Members donated a penny per week. The fund continued until 1947 when it was renamed the Thanksgiving Fund." Each year since then, the fund has been allocated to a specific cause. For example in 2008 it went to Ovarian Cancer Research and in 2009 it will go to Stem Cell Research.

One lady offered to represent Yinnar CWA in helping at the hospital one afternoon a week.

A stall was held on the Sale Day (a day when cattle sales were held in the town) with proceeds of £10 going to Sale Hospital. The Younger Set took responsibility for this. The money was sent and acknowledged.

June '43 saw the men invited to attend the meeting to discuss the idea of a fair. After the discussion, a pastry making demonstration was held and a kettle holder competition judged. The next competition was to be the nicest peg bag.

The meeting finished with a social afternoon.

For the October meeting, each member was requested to bring a gift suitable for the Metropolitan Group Stall.

An annual ball was its usual success.

## 1943

The Annual Meeting in October 1943 heard the news that Somers House was to be used as a Convalescent Home for services girls. State wide activities of the CWA were reported by the Group President, Mrs. Ostberg, namely that an initiative to start a mobile library for men in the forward areas was presented. The meeting voted later in the meeting to purchase a book for the same. The minutes wonderfully record the "Birthday Cake made by Mrs. Nadenbousch, featuring four candles which was much admired. The honour of "lighting the candles" went to Mrs. Vinnall [Branch President], "blown out" by Mrs. Bond, whilst Mrs. Ostberg cut the cake, members fulfilled their task by sampling the cake and all voted it a beautiful cake. Mrs Vinnall conveyed the members thanks to Mrs. Nadenbousch."

A folk dance, afternoon tea and the display of felt belts made of scraps of felt, concluded the

afternoon.

At this stage approximately 29 ladies attended the meetings.

The President and Secretary each received 1 pound for their expenses while in office. The lady in charge of sending out the sympathy and cheer cards was also given an allowance of 10 shillings.

One meeting was termed a "sing, say or pay" afternoon. The afternoon raised 16 shillings and 9 pence, so it is assumed that more paid than sang and said.

The members also supported other effort in the town such as The Fire Relief Fund and the Queen Competition. The Queen Competition was one held in local towns to raise funds,

it is thought, for the Morwell Hospital. The Queen was selected from a number of young ladies who raised as much money as they could, and who were voted the best representative for their town. Yinnar, Boolarra and Morwell all had Queens.

The fire relief was required then, due to bush-fires, as it is in this present time. Then the CWA ladies supplied gifts to those burnt out and helped other branches with their fire relief efforts, holding a street stall to raise needed funds. Parcels of clothing were brought in. Thirty-four cookery books were also sent to those fire affected families.

(After the recent Gippland fires the CWA were again at the forefront of supplying gifts for those who lost property.)

A demonstration in soft toy making was well received by members.

## 1944

The minutes of 2nd March 1944, record the death of the first member of the Yinnar CWA, Mrs Silcock. She is described "as one of our most revered and oldest members, highly respected for her ideals, a real 'country woman', very accomplished, always having ideas on any subject." A minute's silence was observed to her memory.

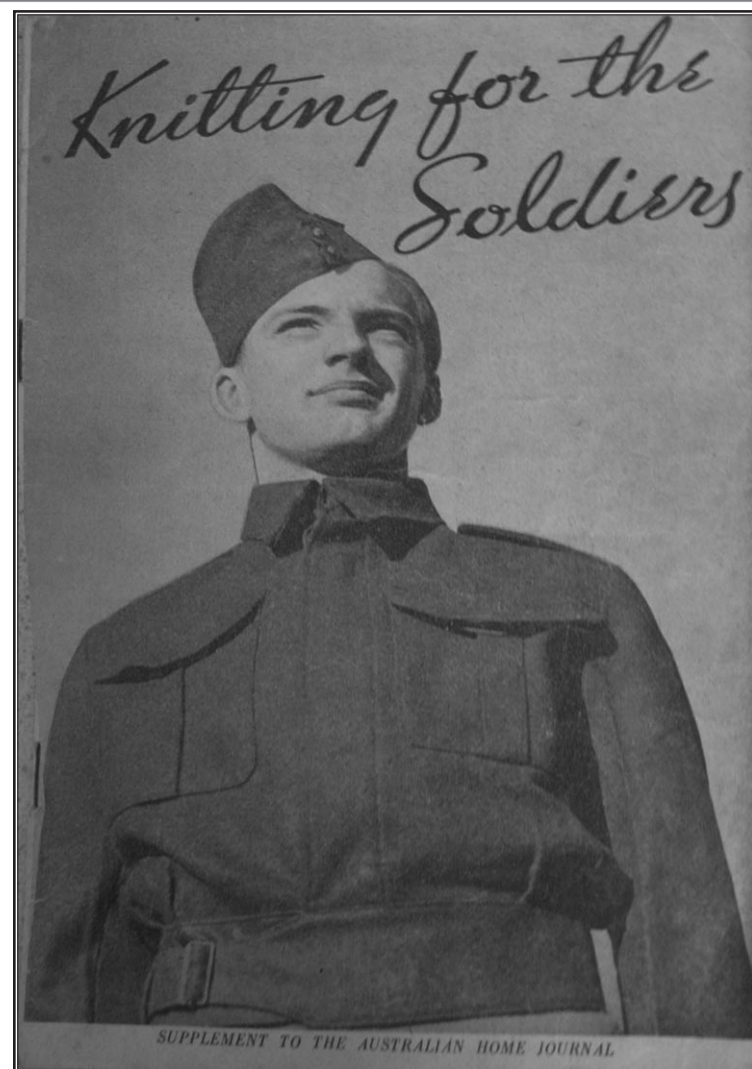
Hall hire had increased to 17 shillings and 6 pence.

Member's birthdays were recognized with a small posy of flowers at the meeting nearest to their birthday.

The ladies knitted baby garments for a mother of triplets. Members were sorry that one triplet had died, but presented two sets of garments for the surviving two babies.

Conferences were seen as valuable events where members learnt much which they then shared with the other members of the branch, the following meeting. In those days of petrol rationing, the President applied for 5 gallons of petrol to be used to get the ladies to the conference.

At afternoon tea one meeting, the ladies were asked to give their views on the "job I dislike most in the kitchen". Stove cleaning was the most common answer.



The next meeting saw the ladies vote "That a bank book and 5 shillings be given to babies of branch members."

The ladies were still busy making slippers and other garments from sheep skins, holding street stalls, and old time balls to support all the various services resulting from the war, local needs and the causes instigated from State HQ. They even made woolen rugs for the English evacuees.

An egg and jam appeal realized 62 dozen eggs, 17 jars of jam and 7 tins of jam. These were sent to Sale and Morwell Hospitals. These appeals were an annual event.

In October 1944, the prospects of a Rest Room for Yinnar were discussed. Members were keen to work for funds for this worthy appeal.

The talents of these ladies were far-reaching. Mrs. Nadenbousch gave a demonstration in bread floral posies.

Always, those who had contributed in some way, either making a birthday cake, giving a demonstration, performing a duty etc. were acknowledged by being given flowers or a round of applause. The ladies were very appreciative of others efforts, and took the time to show it many ways.

## 1945

The first meeting of 1945, had a competition of "something new from something old". A variety of goods were presented with the winner being Mrs. Currie who had made a mat from scraps of material. The roll call for that day was greatly enjoyed- "choosing a career". The ladies began the year with a stall which raised funds towards the Rest Room. These stalls continued each month for various causes. As well as that, their tireless work went on for quilts for British children, sheepskin slippers, and baby clothes, with regular donations to all the other funds including the scholarship fund, and appeals.

Membership had grown to 40.

The school children were enlisted to collect rose hips. These were sent to the Melbourne hospital, and duly acknowledged.

A very helpful talk was given on "Care of the Hair". The competition was plain scones. The scones were forwarded to the Morwell Hospital.

Hall hire was up to £1.10 shillings.

Continued next month

# Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

## Term 4 Up and Running

Term 4 is off and running. All classes are very well attended and there is a lot of learning happening with new friendships being formed. If you are at all interested in any of our classes, come on down and join in. It is a learning experience for life.

Learning does not end at year 12, it's ongoing, it's fun and it puts a smile back on your face and along the way new friends and relationships are formed. You can just come in and have a cuppa and a chat as everyone is most welcome.

Check our Term 4 program for what is on offer. If it is not there let us know and perhaps it could be arranged, nothing is impossible when you put learning and fun together. We can achieve great things together if we want to, so have a go, come on in and learn.

### Men's Shed

With an enthusiastic group of gentlemen there is a lot of sawing, banging and laughter happening. Benches and shelves are being manufactured and the workshop is starting to take shape.

Once again the participants are having fun, making

new friends and they are learning, but most importantly these guys are sharing their talents and expertise with others.

They are teaching one another and having a ball at the same time. So if you are at all interested in joining the happy band of gentlemen, then at 9.30 am on a Monday come on down to Studio 3 - lower Town Hall - and join in. There is much work to be done under the supervision and guidance of a qualified supervisor.

Ladies, sisters, mothers, daughters and lovers - we have not forgotten about you. You are most welcome to come and join this fine band of gentlemen. Help to get this workshop up to scratch and share your talents with others.

### Furniture restoration

Our talented workshop supervisor is also into antique furniture restoration - so if we can get enough people interested, a class will be set up. If this is your area of interest let us know, and it will happen.

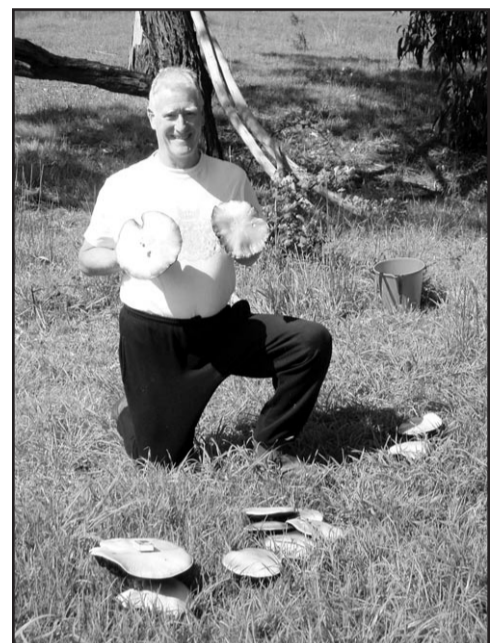


## Have the Fairies been?

That was question Jim Gardner of Yinnar South posed to his wife Joan when he found a ring of magnificent field mushrooms in his paddock

Field Mushrooms usually come up around Easter but imagine his surprise to find 40 mushrooms with some that had trouble fitting in the bucket. I suppose the wonderful rains we have had lately, with the 136.25 mm September, the most we have had in a month for years helped heaps.

It will be mushrooms cooked in many ways on the menu for a while.



**Churchill Neighbourhood Centre - the heart of our community**  
**You are that heart - without you this centre would not function -**  
**you are the reason it is here.**  
**The centre is run by the community for the community -**  
**so come and support us.**  
**Participate in the lifelong learning on offer, make new friends and best of**  
**all you will have fun.**

# Churchill Neighbourhood Centre Inc. Ph: 5122 2955

## Term 4 Monday 5th October - Friday 11th December 2009

Monday 10am - 12 noon	Tuesday 10am - 12 noon	Wednesday 10am - 12 noon	Thursday 10am - 12 noon	Friday 10am - 12 noon
Room available for meetings  Room 1	<b>Creative Writing</b> A wonderful & stimulating group. Discover your hidden talents by putting pen to paper & sharing your talents with others. Even have your writings published Room 1	Room 1	<b>Patchwork (advanced)</b> <b>Gum Leaf Quilters attend</b> Learn quilting, material choice, Technique & design, or if you need help/advice, call in & we will set you on the right quilting path. Rooms 1 & 2	<b>Chit &amp; Chat</b> Do something different, watch a movie, read a book - talk about it, share life's adventures, make new friends, cook & share, or go out for lunch Room 1
<b>M S Digital Imaging/Photo Editing</b>  Create, edit & manipulate images.  Computer Lab	<b>MS Excel/Publisher</b> Learn word processing, formatting of text, create files & folders, edit & save documents, create templates, tables & charts. Computer Lab	<b>E-Learning</b> Study areas that interest you, maths, English, Genealogy, Research methods, drawing and more. Computer Lab		<b>Computer Basics</b> For the beginner learn the basics - use of mouse, open & close programs, create files & folders, & more. Computer Lab
<b>Stitch &amp; Chat</b> <b>craft activity sessions</b> Finish UFO's, socialise, have a Cuppa/chat. Plenty of help and advice from many experts Room 2	<b>Craft Activities/ Patchwork</b> For the beginner & novice art/craft worker, come & develop your skills in a friendly & happy environment.  6/10, 20/10, 10/11, 17/11, 1/12 Room 2	Room 2	<b>Patchwork (advanced)</b>  Rooms 1 & 2	Show your support for the Centre Become a member - only \$2.00
<b>Monday 1pm - 3pm</b>	<b>Tuesday 1pm - 3pm</b>	<b>Wednesday 1pm - 3pm</b>	<b>Thursday 1pm - 3pm</b>	<b>Friday 1pm - 3pm</b>
Room 1	<b>Child Immunisation Program.</b> 1.30pm - 3.00pm 4th Tuesday each month Rooms 1 & 2	<b>Beginning Writing</b> Having trouble with spelling, reading, writing or maths, these basics are so much a part of your everyday life, let us help you get up to speed	<b>Patchwork (advanced)</b> <b>Gum Leaf Quilters attend</b> Learn quilting, material choice, Technique & design, or if you need help/advice, call in & we will set you on the right quilting path.	<b>Become a volunteer at the centre or Join the Committee of Management</b>
<b>M S Photo Story 3 for windows</b>  Continuing on with photo editing to creating projects such as Calendars and Photo Albums...and more Computer Lab	<b>M S Word</b>  Editing, formatting, apply styles, templates, layout, tables, columns, toolbars, shortcut keys & much more. Computer Lab	Night Class - 6.30pm -9.00pm <b>Patchwork - (beginners)</b> Learn quilting technique, design & material selection. Friendly & happy atmosphere. Rooms 1 & 2	Night Class 6pm - 7.15pm <b>Yoga</b> with Heather A holistic approach of postures, breathing practices & relaxation - assist with balance, strength, flexibility Rooms 2 & 3	<b>'Annie'</b> <b>Quilting Machine Training</b> by appointment only Learn to use 'Annie' our Quilting machine to complete your fantastic creations, or teach & help others. For more info. call the Centre.
<b>Men's Shed Program</b> Monday 9.30am - 2.30pm Term 4 will involve the setting up of the workshop, construct workbenches & installation of equipment Studio 3	<b>Craft Activities/ Patchwork</b> For the beginner & novice art/craft worker, come & develop your skills in a friendly & happy environment.  6/10, 20/10, 10/11, 17/11, 1/12 Room 2	<b>Folk Art</b> Wednesday 1.00pm - 3.00pm Learn different brush techniques, create beautiful & functional items for your home, or gifts for family and friends. Studio 1	<b>Patchwork (advanced)</b>  Rooms 1 & 2	<b>Lead Lighting</b> <b>Friday 10.00am - 1.00pm</b> Popular & creative class, create your own designs, lamp shades, butterflies, dragon flies, window & door inserts Studio 1

# Summer Safety Competition

## Solve the Crossword Puzzle to win a great prize!

Answer the questions, fill in the entry form and send it to:

Summer Safety Competition  
PO Box 243  
CHURCHILL 3842

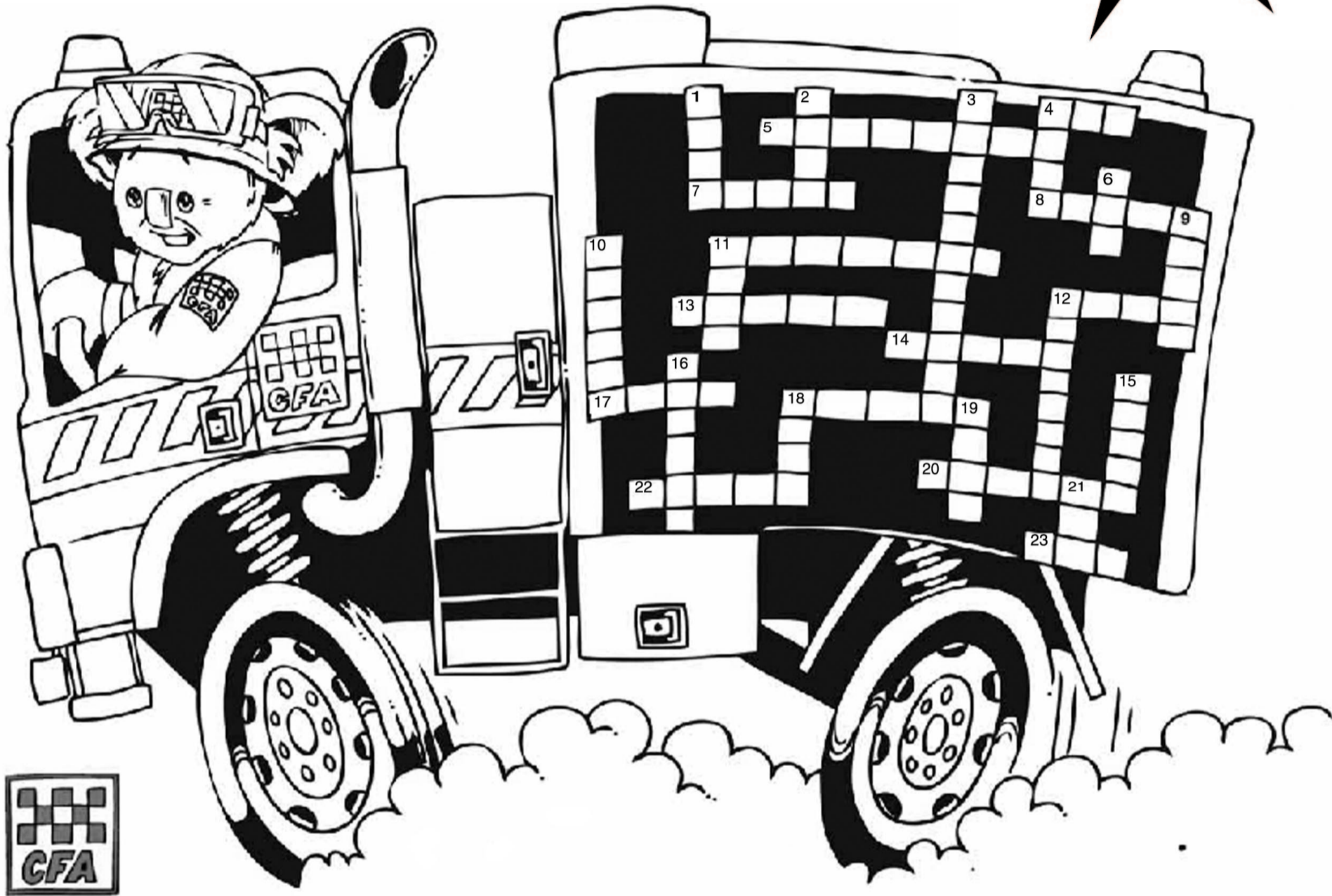


Or put your entry in our 'Drop off Box' at Cafe Le Mac at the Shopping Centre in Churchill

The Crossword Competition is open for all pre-school and primary school age children.

Closing Date: Friday November 20th

(BIG PEOPLE can help young ones with the answers if necessary. The aim is to make sure our young ones understand the risks and are fire ready through a fun learning activity.)



NAME ..... DATE OF BIRTH.....

ADDRESS.....TELEPHONE NUMBER.....

### Summer Safety Crossword Questions

#### ACROSS

- 4. A day of high fire risk is usually very \_\_\_ and dry.
- 5. A \_\_\_\_\_ usually happens during summer.
- 7. You can use the TELE \_\_\_\_\_ to find our more information about a bush-fire and also to tell other people what is happening.
- 8. These large things can sometimes catch fire in a bushfire, but can help to protect your home.
- 11. You can survive a bushfire and protect your home if you \_\_\_\_\_ a survival plan.
- 12. Breathing in too much smoke, or getting too hot will make you feel very \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13. If you plan to leave, it is safest to leave \_\_\_\_\_.
- 14. You will need lots of \_\_\_\_\_ to put a little fire out and to drink.
- 17. Make sure the \_\_\_\_\_ to your home is wide enough for a fire truck to safely drive down.
- 18. These are useful to squirt water at little fires, ant to wet down the outside of the house.
- 20. This is the most important thing when planning to stay or leave.
- 22. The first part of your survival plan is to work out whether to stay or \_\_\_\_\_.
- 23. When you go home, have a look at how prepared your home is against bushfire and be a FIRE\_\_\_\_\_.

#### DOWN

- 1. All members of your family can \_\_\_\_\_ to prepare a survival plan.
- 2. Your clothing might \_\_\_\_\_ if it is made from synthetic materials and gets too hot.
- 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ might not be able to defend your home because they could be fighting a bushfire somewhere else.
- 4. The most dangerous part of a bushfire is not the flames, but the part that travels in front called RADIANT \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6. Don't forget to plan for the safety of your \_\_\_\_\_ animals.
- 9. This can be seen and smelled from a long way away if there is a fire.
- 10. Most (but not all) bushfires happen in the \_\_\_\_\_ season.
- 11. You must have a survival \_\_\_\_\_ and stick to it.
- 12. If your family is well prepared, you can \_\_\_\_\_ a bushfire.
- 15. A day of high fire danger can also be very \_\_\_\_\_.
- 16. If you decide to evacuate your home too late with a bushfire coming, you will be in a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 18. The safest place for your family to be in a bushfire is inside your well prepared \_\_\_\_\_.
- 19. If your family chooses to \_\_\_\_\_, you will need to make sure your home is prepared and you have lots of water.
- 21. You can fill buckets of water under a garden \_\_\_\_\_.

# New National Warning System

Work will begin immediately to build the infrastructure for a new national telephony-based warning system that will alert Australians in the event of a life-threatening emergency, following Telstra signing the contract to provide this new system, Police and Emergency Services Minister Bob Cameron announced yesterday.

Mr Cameron said that after a rigorous tender process, Telstra would build and deliver a fixed and mobile phone national emergency warning system.

"The built system will be completed by the end of October, with comprehensive testing to take place throughout November," Mr Cameron said.

"This system will provide emergency service authorities with another way to warn communities in the event of an emer-

gency and in Victoria will complement the actions our Government is taking to better protect Victorians from bushfires.

"Experts predict this fire season could be potentially worse than the season we've just experienced and Victoria led the delivery of the new national based system because we wanted a system in place for this fire season that could alert communities in the event of a life-threatening emergency."

Following the Council of Australian Governments decision on 30 April 2009 to develop the system it was agreed that Victoria would lead the process of the procurement and implementation of the National Emergency Warning System. The Victorian Government, on behalf of other jurisdictions, announced the selective ten-

der process for the NEWS on July 15.

Up to \$15 million has been made available from the Commonwealth Government for the system to be built and implemented.

Mr Cameron said the Victorian Government was grateful to the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Premiers and Chief Ministers for agreeing to fast-track the roll-out of this technology.

"The system will alert communities to emergencies via a recorded voice message on landline telephones and a text message on mobiles based on the subscribers' billing address," he said.

"Telstra is well-placed to manage the system and the complex requirements of this project."

The Victorian Government, in partnership with the Commonwealth Government,

is exploring the feasibility of developing an additional capability to deliver mobile phone messages based on the physical location of a handset at the time of the emergency.

Telstra Chief Executive Officer David Thodey said that Telstra was well placed to develop and build this crucial system that will assist communities in the event of an emergency.

"Telstra is extremely proud that our technology will be used to assist emergency service organisations by delivering warnings to communities through the telephone system," he said.

*This article was taken from a media release from the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.*

## New Bushfire Survival Kit

The Bushfire Survival Kit is a new publication, being developed by community safety to help residents prepare their bushfire survival plan.

The kit will replace Living in the Bush and incorporates a strong emphasis on survival and updated advice about leaving early, staying to actively defend and stressing the consequence of not being adequately prepared.

In October, kits will be available to everyone by calling the Victorian Bushfire Information Line (VBIL) on 1800 240 667 or electronically from [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au).

Prepare. Act. Survive

A Bushfire Survival Kit to help you prepare for bushfire. If you live, work or travel in Victoria this summer, you may be at risk of bushfire.

All those living near bush, grassland or the coast need to be fire-ready and have a Bushfire Survival Plan. This includes people living in suburban areas.

The Bushfire Survival Kit has been designed to help you understand your risk, prepare your property and develop a Bushfire Survival Plan. Bushfires can kill, so careful planning and preparation is vital.

This kit will help you determine if staying to defend your home is a viable option or if your plan should be to leave before bushfire threatens.

Not all homes can be defended from bushfire and survival must be your main priority.

Start preparing your plan now using the following items in this kit:

1. Understanding Your Risk. Identify your surroundings and determine the level

of risk it poses to your home and family.

2. Household Bushfire Self-Assessment Workbook. Use this tool to determine if your home has adequate defensible space. This will help you decide whether staying to defend is a viable option.

3. Preparing Your Property. Start now to make your home fire-ready even if your plan is to leave before a bushfire threatens.

4. Leaving Early. Plan and prepare to leave before bushfire threatens. This is always the safest option. You'll find a template for your Bushfire Survival Plan here.

5. Defending Your Property. Learn what it takes to actively defend your property and understand the risks associated with staying. You'll find a template for your Bushfire Survival Plan here:

Community Fireguard: A Bushfire Safety Program Join a Community

Fireguard group and learn about planning and preparation for bushfire.

Radiant Heat: Understand the dangers of radiant heat and how you can protect yourself from bushfire.

You are urged to read this information carefully. The Bushfire Survival Kit is just one of the tools you should use to prepare for bushfire.

For more information CFA recommends:

- \*Attending a local community meeting.
- \*Attending a Bushfire Planning Workshop in your area
- \*Joining or establishing a neighbourhood Community Fireguard Group.

To find your nearest community meeting, workshop or Community Fireguard group visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au).

## Community Information and Warnings

The Community Information and Warnings Project has two main aspects, the Warnings themselves and the enhancement of the Information Unit.

CFA and DSE are working together on the project, which will ensure a set of tools and training that support the delivery of accurate information in a timely and consistent way.

Warnings will be readily and broadly accessible, with clear, simple and consistent language, resulting in better informed communities and stakeholders during fire

service announced 'Code Red' days and emergency incidents.

### Fire Danger Rating

Victoria recently announced the new Fire Danger Rating scale. The scale was the result of many hours of in depth discussion, research, community consultation and negotiation between emergency services across Australia, Bureau of Meteorology, State and Federal Government.

The rating will assist CFA to provide advice for those people who plan to leave early when there is extreme fire danger. It

will also assist residents to think through and act based on how defensible their house might be on any given day, should a fire threaten.

### Warnings

As announced by the Premier, warnings will fall under two categories, 'watch and act' and 'emergency warning'. These warnings will be used to warn the community about a specific fire incident.

Code Red days - days of catastrophic fire potential will also be advised through 'watch and act' warnings.

The project team are working to finalise the templates for these warnings, based on Royal Commission findings, market research outcomes and a warnings risk matrix - which will assist Information Unit staff to prepare warnings for authorisation by Incident Controllers or delegated duty officers and quickly disseminate information through the new single portal (One Source One Message) to websites, radio and other electronic means when communities need to be alerted to the threat of fire in the area.

## Summer Fire Safety

### VICTORIA HAS DAYS OF EXTREME FIRE DANGER EVERY SUMMER...

If you live in a high bushfire risk area, you can expect several days on which you, your family and your house may be threatened by fire. You need to know exactly what you will do on these days. You need a really practical bushfire survival plan.

### ATTEND A COMMUNITY MEETING

Each summer CFA takes it to the streets to hold community meetings in local halls and on street corners. Find a meeting near you

### DEVELOP A BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN

Developing a bushfire survival plan is an important job that should take you more than just a few minutes. And it's best to make the plan before the start of the summer bushfire season.

The Living in the Bush bushfire survival plan workbook can assist you to develop a plan.

### ARE YOU READY FOR THE BUSHFIRE SEASON?

\* Are you at risk? Remember you can still be at risk in an Urban Fringe or Semi-Rural Area.

\* Will you be able to protect your property if there is a bushfire in your area? During a bushfire there will not be a fire truck available to protect every property. If you want to stay and defend your property you will need to do some preparation well in advance and develop your own bushfire plan

\* Will you be able to protect yourself if there is a bushfire in your area?

To defend your home may take many hours of strenuous activity. Are you physically and emotionally able to defend your home? If you intend to stay and defend your

property, you will need to have the right gear and to be prepared

\* How will you know there is a fire in your area?

It is likely that the first sign of fire in your area will be smoke - or even flames - near your property. You may not get an official warning, so you need to be alert and prepared on days of high fire risk

### FARM FIRE SAFETY

Running a farm is a business, but there aren't many businesses which are also your home and your way of life. Just like people in many other kinds of business, farmers must cope with things beyond their control, such as the weather, outbreak of disease and fluctuating commodity prices around the world. Farmers are at the mercy of the climate in good years and bad. Success is a tribute to a farmer's ability to manage these risks.

In Victoria, farmers must also be alert to the bushfire risk and include fire protection in their business plans. This is because Victoria is one of the world's most bushfire prone regions. There will always be bushfires and grassfires in Victoria because of the nature of the climate and the vegetation. Loss of life and property is a possibility every fire season. In fact, from July 1997 - May 2005 there were over 11,000 fires reported on rural properties involved in agricultural production in Victoria. However, in many cases these fires could have been easily prevented. Destruction of a home causes shock and material and financial loss for the whole family. But when a bushfire sweeps across a farm, the losses can be even more devastating.

**MORE INFORMATION:** Contact CFA Farming and Rural Living Project Manager, on 03 9262 8697

# Top Tips for This Week

1. Look through the items stored in your roof space, shed or under-deck area and sort out whether they are junk or useful. Get rid of what you don't want or need. Make plans to hold a garage sale, put items up for sale online or take them to a local charity shop.

2. Sit down with your household and share the information you each have about bushfire safety. What extra information do you think you need? Call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 to find the information relevant to you, or look through the CFA website: [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au). You have now begun to think about your Bushfire Survival Plan.

3. Do you see jobs related to bushfire safety around your house and property that you need help with? From installing copper flywire over doors and windows to larger jobs, is it time to budget in the services or a local handyman or tradesperson?

4. If you are planning excavation works as part of your fire season preparations, make sure that work won't damage electricity cables. Tough laws and penalties are in place to prevent damage to pipes and cables. Cable damage can result in major expense, injuries and even death. Dial 1100 before you dig.

## Your Home HOME FIRE SAFETY

CFA attends more than 1000 house fires every year. Fortunately there are a few simple things you can do to help protect your family from the dangers of fire. Taking the time to "check your hotspots", making sure you have a working smoke alarm, and preparing a home escape plan can give you a greater chance of avoiding the devastating effects of fire. \* Know the common causes of house fires and ways to prevent them from occurring in your home \* Make sure you have a working smoke alarm. \* Install home fire safety equipment including a fire blanket and fire extinguisher and learn how to use this. \* Make a home fire escape plan and practise it with all members of your family. \* Teach all members of the family how to dial 000 in an emergency.

Are you prepared for a house fire? There are many precautions you can take to help safeguard your home and your loved ones from the threat of fire in the home. Download the home fire safety checklist from [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) to find out how you rate when it comes to home fire safety. If you're unable to answer 'yes' to most of the checklist questions, then you increase your risk of a fire breaking out in your home. Keep the checklist on the fridge as a

reminder of what you can do to help keep your home safe.

### Home fire safety tips

- \* Never leave cooking, heaters, open fires or candles unattended
- \* Don't overload power boards
- \* Keep electrical appliances in good working order
- \* Ensure cigarette ash and butts are extinguished. Never smoke in bed
- \* Do not dry clothing less than one metre from heaters
- \* Clean lint filters on clothes dryers after every use and always let dryers complete the cool-down cycle
- \* Store all matches and lighters out of reach of children
- \* By law every home must have at least one working smoke alarm installed on each level of the house. Clean and test your alarms regularly and make sure they are working
- \* Install a fire extinguisher and fire blanket and know how to use them
- \* Have a home fire escape plan and practise it regularly
- \* Never deadlock yourself inside the house. Keep keys in the lock when you are at home.

Every household should have a home fire escape plan and practise it regularly. It

should identify all the exits in your house and the designated location where family members will meet once they are safely outside.

All those who care for your children or stay in your house should be aware of the home fire escape plan. Show them all the exits and where the telephone and emergency numbers are located.

Create your family's home fire escape plan at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

Step 1: Download the grid to create your family's home fire escape plan. Draw your home floor plan on the grid, marking all the exits.

Step 2: Get the children involved by asking them to help identify the two quickest and safest ways to get out of the house from every

room, including upper floors.

Step 3: Decide on an outside meeting place, such as the letterbox.

Step 4: Practise your home fire escape plan regularly with the whole family.

Step 5: Keep the plan handy (on the fridge) to remind everyone of the safe exits in case of fire.

# What is Community Fireguard?

Every Victorian resident has a role to play in protecting themselves and their family from grass, scrub or bushfire. Survival is the most important thing and you are most likely to survive if you are well prepared and educated about bushfire well before fire hits. CFA will attend every fire but cannot protect every person and home during a major bushfire. This means that you may have to face a fire without the support of CFA fire trucks so you need to be self-reliant. You can survive bushfire if you take responsibility for your own fire safety and prepare and plan in advance.

## Community Fireguard is free

CFA's Community Fireguard (CFG) is a fire safety education program that is free of charge. It teaches residents to plan for bushfire and manage their own risk. Community Fireguard helps community groups develop bushfire survival plans that suit their lifestyle, family, environment, values and sense of wellbeing. This means your Bushfire Survival Plan will be based on who you are, where you live and what is most important to you. Community Fireguard is not about making a promise to stay and actively defend your home if that is not the right decision for you and your family. The safest place to be is always away from a bushfire, and many Community Fireguard group members have made the positive decision to leave home early, before a bushfire hits.

## Community Fireguard Facilitators

CFA facilitators support and deliver the Community Fireguard program in high-risk areas across Victoria. Facilitators help

establish groups and provide support, information and reading material. They also help group members develop a written Bushfire Survival Plans.

## Community Fireguard Groups

Community Fireguard encourages residents to work together to improve bushfire safety. You are most likely to share the same bushfire risk as people who live close to you. For this reason, Community Fireguard groups are usually made up of neighbours such as people living in the same street. With support from CFA, groups can develop strategies that are simple, inexpensive and effective. People get to know their neighbours and work together to build bushfire safety. Community Fireguard is not about following rules made by someone else. By becoming involved in a Community Fireguard group, residents develop strategies that are right for them.

## Community Fireguard Program

As you move through the program, the following topics are covered:

- \* fire behaviour;
- \* personal survival;
- \* house survival;
- \* a street walk;
- \* fire protection equipment; and
- \* developing a written Bushfire Survival Plan.

Most groups cover these topics in four to five meetings over 12 months.

## Getting Started

You can join a group that is already running or talk with your neighbours about

starting your own group with the support of CFA. Phone your local CFA Area office Ph: (03) 5149 1000, to find out about Community Fireguard groups in your area.

## Local Community Fireguard Groups

Here are comments from three people who are with Community Fireguard Groups. Lorraine Peake, and her neighbours have this year begun a group in the Haverbrack Estate. Lorraine says John Henshaw has been so helpful.

The members started by looking at their properties so they could be better prepared. Lorraine says they have done a lot of pruning of trees near their house, and pruned pine trees nearby. We have developed an increased awareness of what is needed.

It is quite reassuring, comments Lorraine, as John explained about fire behaviour and they are now more aware of what they can expect in case of fire. She also says she feels it has united the neighbours as a group who will help each other and work together.

They have formed a communication tree of contacts which is clearly set out. They know to contact each other if they are to be away so that in the case of fire the neighbours will not be worried that someone may be trapped in the fire. Lorraine would like to acknowledge Noel Hutchinson who she says has been a driving force in getting the group off the ground and organizing meetings.

Overall Lorraine feels that belonging to the Fireguard Group has been very helpful, that they know what they face if they stay and they know how to make informed

decisions about whether to stay or go.

Keith and Heather Enders live in the Jeeralangs. They have been a member of a Fire Guard Group for three years now. Their group consists of ten families on varying size properties.

They are confident that each member family will work hard to ensure that their property is as safe as possible for the benefit of all the neighbours. Heather stated that when they first formed they learnt about fire behaviour.

They also learnt about how best to prepare and protect their individual properties. "It has reassured us and given us confidence," she says. At the last meeting of the initial ones three years ago, each family visited each others properties to critique each other about the preparations made. Heather says it was a very powerful and valuable tool, as the other families were able to give them some ideas they hadn't thought, of to be better prepared. Before Black Saturday last year, they group held a meeting with John to refresh their memories about preparedness.

Then post Black Saturday they met again to have a debrief and identify their strengths and weaknesses, and to hear what CFA had learnt about the fires. Keith proudly stated that of the six of the ten families who had experienced fire on their property, no lives or houses were lost, only fencing and some out buildings.



# Northe's Natter



their neighbours as the recovery phase rolls on.

State Upper House MP Peter Hall, our Federal colleague Darren Chester and I spent a recent afternoon in Yinnar. Residents were invited to join us for afternoon tea to raise any issues of concern or express their views on government matters. Thank you to all those who took the time to share their ideas and opinions, and particularly to George Telford for accommodating our visit during school holidays.

The Nationals team then journeyed up the road to Boolarra to hear locals' stories and offer assistance with problems of a government nature. Residents are experiencing ongoing difficulties with the restoration of fencing and removal of dangerous trees post the fires

and we will continue to advocate on their behalf.

Worried landowners have raised the lack of fuel reduction works undertaken in and around Morwell National Park and I will be reminding the state government that its departments have a responsibility to their neighbours. We all need to do our part in preparation for the coming fire season.

Finally, congrats to Churchill United on their premiership hatrick – a mammoth achievement of which players, club volunteers and supporters should be proud. Mixed success for the Cougars on their Grand Final day which I'm sure will only feed their hunger for glory next year.

# Want to get Cycling?

Have you ever seen cyclists out on a leisurely ride on a warm sunny day and thought I wish that could be me; well now there are no excuses!

Latrobe Community Health Service along with Victoria Police and Roadsafel Latrobe are offering a free adult bike riding program to get you riding on your way safely. The program will commence in October 2009 and will be run after hours. On your Bike is funded through Transport Accident Commission Community Road Safety Grants therefore the nature of the program has a particular emphasis on road safety. The progressive bike riding program caters for novice riders who want to increase their confidence, and those who haven't ridden for a few years but would like to start riding with their road safety in mind.

In six sessions qualified instructors will cover minor bike maintenance, an introduction to basic skills, riding off road, on shared paths and on road with road safe techniques including how to use

gears and a review of the road rules for cyclists. With summer evenings on the way this is the perfect time to become involved in cycling.

Bicycles and bicycle helmets are available to loan during the program.

For further information or to register your interest please call Health Promotion at Latrobe Community Health Service on 5171 1440 or email [alycce.rees@lchs.com.au](mailto:alycce.rees@lchs.com.au).



# Hazelwood House Happenings



Family and staff enjoyed a Trivia Night at the hostel. \$650 was raised which will go towards a shed for the bus.



Jeanie Creati celebrates her birthday with family and residents at the hostel



Some of our residents enjoyed afternoon tea at the Old Moe Hospital Café



New resident, Toni, and one of our volunteers celebrated their birthdays on the 23rd of this month. The photo shows Toni and Robyn with flowers Toni received from her family.



# A Stitch in Time - Bushfire Recovery Quilt Project

This is a series of extracts from the Journal of Meg Viney

M.F.A., Grad Dip Ed., B.F.A., R.N., Sec Dip. who facilitated 'A Stitch in Time - Bushfire Recovery Quilt Project'.

Many years ago, whilst studying Fibre Arts in San Francisco, the Anglican Diocese of San Francisco asked if I would coordinate an 'Anglican Symbology Quilt'. I was to work with 15 women who would execute the designs researched from Church history. Yes, I would. We began with the symbols/designs and fabrics that I had found and began work on the many squares that would comprise the quilt.

The finished article would tour the diocese and be auctioned. It raised a lot of money. The Diocese was pleased. But the value was not monetary.

The outcome was that each woman brought her 'self', each week, to share, to laugh, to cry, and all that belongs between. It was not about the stitching, it was about the trust that was engendered as we stitched - meditatively, as quilting invites - as we came to know one another in the safe environment in which we found ourselves. Together.

I suppose my appreciation of working with communities stems from that experience. It told me that women working shoulder-to-shoulder share emotions, stories, grief, laughter, whatever it is that needs to be shared, in order to be healed. And that was a gift that stayed with each of us.

I was informed by Deb Milligan, the Regional Arts Development Officer for our region that there was a 'Quick Response Fund', the initiative of the Victorian Government and I thought back to that earlier experience. Then, aware of the Bushfire Recovery Committees operating within Latrobe City, I contacted Heather Farley, Coordinator of Community Recovery, to find that she had been offered four sewing machines and quilting supplies. Serendipity.

I was able to write an application that included this wonderful gift. The aim of the Project, entitled 'A Stitch in Time - Community Bushfire Recovery Quilt' is to give women who have been impacted by the fires an opportunity to articulate their experience, to create one or more squares to express this visually, and to piece these together to create a Quilt.

The application was successful. Delighted, I contacted ABC Gippsland Radio, and was interviewed by Catherine McAloon at 7.15 am. Within an hour, three women had booked in! The bookings flowed from women in the Boolarra, Yinnar and Churchill areas.

And then came the day that the group from Melbourne brought their gifts. What we expected was a box of fabrics and four sewing machines. Instead, there were about twelve boxes containing beautiful fabrics, quilting rulers, rotary cutters, the best scissors, threads, pins, needles, books, magazines, wadding.

As we opened and then sifted through box after box, our emotions were somewhere between incredulous and overwhelmed. We asked how this gift had come into being. We were told that a quilting shop in Wantirna had informed their clientele that they would be closed for sales one particular day, informing quilters that they were open for gifts to donate to people impacted by the bushfires.

The stories of those participating are many and varied. From someone who is nearly eighty, and whose entire life history has been charred to nonexistence, to someone who wanted to give, and so turned up with a platter of scones and ended up volunteering in the recovery kitchen for four months.

There will be one quilt that is the document created by the group; that which expresses what it is they want to say. I know that Lori, who lost the home in which she had raised a family and planned to remain into old age, could not create a square about the old home. But she could create a square about the home that would soon replace it. And a second square would include the gazebo where her son's ashes were scattered, that had survived, albeit by a metre or two. This square would feature a climbing rose that she will plant to cover it.

In the long-term, however, we hope that the quilt will remain, for years to come, as an 'historical document' to give a glimpse of what it was like for women during those horrific bushfires.

I began by talking about the Project and gave out Visual Diaries and pens, explaining their value to methods of working.

And so we began. Each person was given a Visual Diary, in which to journal their thoughts, sketches, designs, to document their progress and to note what is happening as they move forward.

Then we went around the table, giving the women an opportunity to talk about their experience. They shared this without restraint. Lion-hearted, wonderful women, whose courage had me in tears. Women who had endured the unendurable and yet who still had a sense of humour.

I asked them why they had come. Responses were varied. For some it was because they had secretly wanted to learn to quilt for many years, but working on the land had come first; others simply wanted to participate, to be with other women to share their experiences and learning a new skill was a bonus; another had lost her house, her husband had had a heart attack, and during an angiogram had suffered two aneurysms, was still in hospital in Melbourne and had told her she must go and have some pleasure. She surprised herself as she shed some healthy tears whilst she spoke.

Another day Evelyn brought two more sewing machines and a box of quilting fabrics from a friend in Geelong. A further box arrived from a group in Patterson Lakes, with about 20 kits of 'heart' quilts, and a letter about their hearts being with us.

And the lunches! The girls seem to relish the idea of bringing something delicious, and about midday a couple disappeared to the kitchen and put things in the oven or a soup on the stove. It has become an important part of the process - stitching and eating.

Gifts are being exchanged as we learn about one another - special plants, books, fabrics, recipes - handed around with pleasure from giver and recipient alike.

So there were many activities being carried out in pairs - ironing, helping newcomers, cutting, stitching the calico borders on, putting delicacies into the oven - when Heather Farley arrived with her assistant. Heather was overwhelmed with what she saw, declaring that she was expecting to see something nice, but nothing as outstanding as was before her eyes.

She asked the women if they would like to keep going and they all said yes. She then made a lovely speech, saying that she felt this project is both meaningful and powerful in healing the community after the bushfires, and said that she would like to invite the communities of Hazelwood and Jeeralang to come and look at what we are doing, with a view to inviting them to either join or to form a similar group. Heather said that the Shire would like fund our group another six sessions, to help them develop further. She is bringing the Mayor next week because 'she will love this!'

Lisa Price, the Mayor, arrived. The Mayor asked if the work might perhaps hang in the Shire offices for a while. We agreed, and she offered to

do a special reception and morning tea for the hanging of the work.

At this stage, lunchtime, no work had been done, but a lot of talking and laughing had.

After lunch, we turned up the pace and got going. Yvonne, our experienced quilter, sat diligently at her machine whilst we all pinned, ironed, trimmed and handed her the squares, now in strips. By the end of the day, the strips had been stitched into a quilt top.

It looked absolutely stunning and we were quite incredulous to see what we had achieved.

We folded the quilt and took it to Lyn's house, where we gasped at her amazing quilting machine - it takes up a whole room.

The women wanted to know if they would learn to hand quilt and I assured them that hand-quilting would be the method for all future work, as a quilting machine cost as much as a small car!

And so we parted. I think it would have been very difficult if it had in fact been a final day. We have become a cohesive and very happy little group, and, I think, a group who are indeed grateful for this powerful and meaningful experience that has led from the anguish of the fires to the beginning of something new and beautiful.





# Lions Club of Churchill and District Incorporated

PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842



## 2009 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 2010. Person(s) who have made a noteworthy contribu-

tion 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):

<input type="checkbox"/> Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Citizen of the Year Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc Young Citizen of the Year Award
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Must be 18 years or under on 26 January 2010

### 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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*Additional material may be attached if desired.*

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

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# Lions Club Citizen Awards 2010

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 2010.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc Young Citizen of the Year Award -applicants must be 18 years or under on 26th January 2010.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc Citizen of the Year Award - open to all applicants over the age of 18 years on 26th January 2010.

The closing date for all applications is Friday 20th November 2009.

## Lifeline Gippsland Grows On You!

Lifeline Gippsland really does grow on you and we mean that literally! The charity will hold its annual Plant Sale on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th October at its Morwell Warehouse on Fleming Street (corner Church/Fleming Streets) between 8.30am and 4pm.

Said Kate Buxton Lifeline Gippsland's Operations Manager, 'People look forward to the Lifeline Plant Sale each year.

Gardening is a great way for people who are concerned about the environment to do something practical. We have a huge range of plants and seedlings on offer and will be opening our warehouse and book shop as well so there will be bargains for everyone'

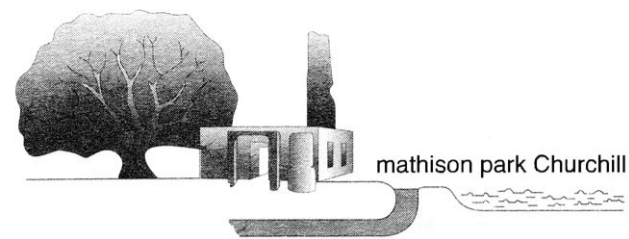
Proceeds from the Plant Sale support Lifeline Gippsland's vital 24 hour counseling and support services. Said Kate Buxton 'We expect to answer over 13,000 calls on the 24 hour telephone counselling line this year and events such as our Plant Sale are terribly important as they enable us to continue providing a wide range of services to the community'.

The annual Plant Sale is a good fit for a Lifeline Gippsland event. Gardening is a healthy hobby that has a wide range of physical and mental health benefits. Nor do you need a big garden or deep pockets to reap the rewards.

Plants from the sale have been cultivated over many months by Lifeline volunteers and, continued Kate Buxton, 'Our Plant Sale is a terrific event and, like much of the work we do, would not be possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers. We urge the public to come along on Friday and Saturday'.

For further information on the Plant Sale contact Kate Buxton on 5136 3500.





mathison park Churchill

By Ken Harris

Millipedes used to be rarely seen by most people, but one introduced millipede, the Black Portuguese Millipede or simply Portuguese Millipede – *Ommatoiulus moreleti* has reached plague proportions in some parts of Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia.

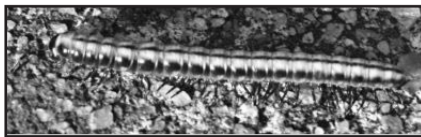
The name millipede means 1000 legs, but no millipede actually has that many. Reportedly there is a millipede with 700 legs, but not in Australia. Most have far less, with the minimum being about 60 legs. They are easily distinguished from their distant cousins the centipedes (which despite their name don't have 100 legs) by the arrangement of the legs. Both animals have their body divided into distinct segments. Centipedes have one pair of legs to each segment. Millipedes have two pairs (four legs) on each segment. Count the segments on the picture of the Portuguese Millipede. I make it 45, so this millipede has  $4 \times 45 = 180$  legs. That is quite a lot of legs, but still well short of 1000.

Portuguese Millipedes are very common in this area. Nearly everyone will have come across them because they often get inside houses. They do not do any direct harm to people, although they release a pungent yellow secretion if disturbed, which may stain skin or clothes and is extremely irritating if rubbed into the eyes. They have been reported to have stopped trains west of Melbourne by swarming over the rail lines.



Portuguese Millipede

## Millipedes in Mathison Park

*Pogonosternum nigrovirgatum*

We often see them in our house and garden and they seem to be very fond of strawberries and we have found no way of controlling them.

This is certainly the commonest millipede in Mathison Park.

While walking in the park recently, I found another millipede, walking across the concrete path through the arboretum. I have been told that the native millipede species are found only in almost natural bush, but this one is an exception. It is a native millipede, with the scientific name *Pogonosternum nigrovirgatum*. Its brown and cream stripes easily distinguish it from the Portuguese millipede. It has fewer legs than its Portuguese cousin. I counted 18 body segments, which would mean this species has about  $4 \times 18 = 72$  legs.

I have found this same millipede in Morwell National Park, but I have also seen it more than once in my Churchill garden and it is good to see that it also lives in Mathison Park.

Millipedes mostly eat decaying leaves and branches and are important recyclers in our forests

## Churchill Monash Golf Club Results Round Up

### Women's 1st Round Aggregate Stableford Championship 15/09/09

Winners M. Munckton (36), V. Verheyen (26) 59 points; DTL C. Barnes (34) H. Croft (34) 57 points; D. Scurlock (14) J. Leslie (24) 56 points c/b NTP 5/14 33-45 A. Hibbert Birdies A. Hibbert

### Pairs Championship Aggregate Stableford Winners 12/09/09

1st Round J. Jeffrey (25) B. Barnes (27) 73pts; Runners Up T. Richardson (21) J. Robinson (17) 70c/b DTL G. Hornsby M. Bren 70; A. Auld T. Collins 68; R. Ancilleri P. Coad 68 NTP 3rd K. Hills; 5th J. Jeffrey; 12th C. Waterman; 14th P. Ludlow Birdies K. Hills 5th; J. Robinson 14th

### Womens 1st Round Aggregate Stableford Championship 15/09/09

Winners M. Munckton (36) V. Verheyen (26) 59 points; DTL C. Barnes (34) H. Croft (34) 57 points; D. Scurlock (14) J. Leslie (24) 56 points c/b NTP 5/14 33-45 A. Hibbert Birdies A. Hibbert

19/09/2009 Pairs Championship Aggregate 2nd Round

Winners: B. Downie (27) T. Webb (15) 71 pts. Runners Up K. Garlick (28) N. Hutchinson (22) 70 pts. DTL P. Ludlow R. Welsh 69, G. Fraser P. Jordon 67, T. Richardson J. Robinson 67. NTP 3rd T. Webb 5th K. Hills 12th G. Miller 14th T. Sterrick Birdies P. Shields 3rd. Pairs Championship J. Jeffrey B. Barnes 139 pts. Runners Up P. Jordon G. Fraser 132 pts

### 20/09/2009 Stableford

Men's Winner: B. Kearns (22) 37 pts, DTL T. Webb 35 pts. Ladies Winner E. D'Alterio (21) 29 pts

22/09/2009 Pairs Championship Aggregate 2nd Round

Winners: V. Verheyen (26) M. Munckton (36) 65 pts. DTL J. Leslie (24) D. Scurlock (14) 57 pts; L. Welsh (39) K. Raber (28) 51 pts NTP S. Cooke 5/14th; Birdies D. Scurlock 3rd Championship Winners: V. Verheyen (26) M. Munckton (36) 124 pts; Championship Runners Up: J. Leslie (24) D. Scurlock (14) 113 pts

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Winners: V. Verheyen (26) M. Munckton (36) 65 pts. DTL J. Leslie (24) D. Scurlock (14) 57 pts; L. Welsh (39) K. Raber (28) 51 pts NTP S. Cooke 5/14th; Birdies D. Scurlock 3rd

Championship Winners: V. Verheyen (26) M. Munckton (36) 124 pts; Championship Runners Up: J. Leslie (24) D. Scurlock (14) 113 pts

### 26/09/09 Monthly Medal

A. Grade Medal: J. Thornby (19) 70; B. Grade N. Lugton (21) 71; Scratch K. Hills 85 DTL. J. Robinson 71; P. Shields 72; P. Jordan 75; K. Garlick 75. NTP 5th K. Hills; 12th M. Smith; 14th P. Ludlow. Birdies K. Hills 3rd. Count Putts P. Shields 26

### 29/09/09 Green Keepers Ambrose

Winners: N. Hutchinson (22) S. Jeffery (29) M. Munckton (36) 50 points; DTL A. Van Den Ham (26) B. Beebe (31) M. McDonald (32) M. Mitchell (45) 50 1/2 points NTP 5th/14th N. Hutchinson, 5th S. Jeffery Birdie S. Jeffery 5th

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### 3/10/09 Guest Day Stableford

A. Grade P. Ludlow (16) 40 pts; B. Grade R. Welsh (23) 37 pts; C. Grade P. Rickwood (26) 37 pts. DTL P. Williams 36; A. Casey 36; W. Peter 35; B. Kilday 35; P. Sheridan 34; B. Downie 34; T. Webb 33 NTP 3rd A. Casey; 5th C. Barnes; 12th V. Sammut; 14th P. Ludlow Birdies 3rd A. Casey

### 4/10/09 Stableford Mens

Winner B. Kearns (19) 41 pts; DTL L. Stein 35 pts NTP 3rd P. Smart; 12th B. Kearns

### 4/10/09 Stableford Ladies

Winner J. Busch (26) 29 pts; DTL E. D'Alterio 27 pts

### 6/10/09 Monthly Medal Winners

Scratch J. Leslie 102 Handicap/Medal C. Ellis (30) 75 DTL J. Leslie 78 Counts Putts J. Leslie 28 c/b

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# Kurnai College Churchill Campus

## Running Training

This year at Kurnai College Churchill in conjunction with the GEP campus, we have been running a lunch time running training session.

The session concentrated on the students' ability to learn how to run properly and gain the knowledge to help them develop better techniques and abilities when involved in sporting activities.

It has been running from the start of the year every lunch time on a Monday and has been very successful.

We have expanded it in the last month to include high jump for those interested. The results have been very good with one Year 9 student getting through to the 5th round of athletics final to be held at Knox at the start of October.

We have also had 2 high jumpers getting first place at the same year level, with both coming 1st and 2nd in the last round. We hope to develop this even further next year and involve many more interested in getting faster.

The sessions are run by two teachers with varying running backgrounds, which helps to enable the students to gain the most out of their experiences.

If your child attends Kurnai, please coax them into attending the training sessions as it will help in all sports by giving them the knowledge and skills to make them faster, stronger and

more in tune with how their fitness is progressing through the teenage years.

## Solar Cooking Project

Over the past term our Year 7 students have been undertaking a study into the use and development of solar cookers.

These cookers have been designed for use in developing countries in an attempt to decrease the reliance of natural materials that are becoming vastly scarce.

Throughout this global project students have been communicating with pupils from all over the world via online forums. This has been a very enlightening experience for many of our students and was great to witness some great discussions on various topics.

Our aim in the future is to use webcams to chat with students and teachers over the internet. This will hopefully further develop the student's thoughts to a world much larger than the Latrobe Valley.

Unfortunately this was difficult to organize this time because most of the northern hemisphere was on holidays during the course of the project.

During our Thinking Week all Year 7 students were able to design and build their own solar cooker that will be used later in the school year when the weather gets a little hotter.

There were some great designs

among the group, which displayed some great ideas and teamwork. The students had a fantastic time learning about solar power and the massive impact that it can have on people's lives all over the world that are less fortunate than us.

Congratulations to all Year 7s for their participation and enthusiasm towards our first global project.

## By Josh Garth Kurnai College Thinking Games

Year 7 students at Kurnai College recently competed in a Thinking Games Championship Week. Students competed in a variety of games designed to cater for the multiple intelligences and thinking hats.

Students were divided in to 19 countries with six competitors, they rotated through over 20 events including; maths quadathlon, masterchef mystery box challenge, mousetrap cars, egg drops, chalk drawing, Wii Olympics, memory games, marshmallows and toothpicks, soccer, circuit, spontaneous creative thinking challenges, animation challenges and more.

Students ended the week by choosing their best solar cooker designs they had developed after participating in a global project for several weeks through iEARN and making them, followed by a BBQ lunch and medal presentations.

Turkey took out the medal tally followed by Mexico and Nauru. Canada was awarded the most supportive team and the best individual participant awards went to Emma Telford and Sam Flanigan.

The staff put in hours of work after school and at weekends to prepare for the Thinking Games. They were thrilled that some of the students came up to thank them for the effort they had made.

Lots of positive responses came from the students through the week, about the great activities.

Parents also rang the school and commented personally to staff involved about how excited and engaged the students had been in the weeks.

By Nicole Pryor

## Nathan Lugton

Nathan has been trying out for the U 15's Victorian Soccer Team for the last 4 years. This year he was selected for the final 16 players to go away to play for 8 days, in the National Tournament in Coffs Harbour.

The cost for this involvement was \$2,000. Nathan and his soccer club ran fund-raising raffles, and a Trivia Night to help him raise the required amount.

Nathan had been given lollies to sell from the Victorian Team. He also had in-kind donations from certain people like a cricket bat, and a quilt.

Nathan won Best on Ground, receiving a mobile phone. This he donated to the Trivia Night as a prize.

Kurnai College, where Nathan attends school also contributed a donation of \$200. Nathan was very pleased to receive this.

*The school wished Nathan all the best.*

## Year 9 Melbourne Discovery Camp

Feel free to read only the last paragraph.

It is nigh impossible to retell the majesty of our experience with the Melbourne Discovery Camp with mere words.

So we must warn you now, the following is but a diluted, toned down retelling of the truly epic odyssey that was: Melbourne Discovery Camp.

We were placed into Group "A", and we have hypothesised that "A" stands up for awesome, as this would suit us and our group members admirably. Group "A" started off the first day by going to the Melbourne Gaol.

It was educational, but not to the

point of being boring. Next on our itinerary was rock-climbing at Hard Rock.

This was an enduring and arduous activity, but the challenge was making each one of us want to touch the roof and say we achieved the unachievable!

Both of us attained this feat and were overwhelmingly pleased with ourselves.

Our memory has eluded us on this particular day; probably because whatever it was we did must've been really super good, and the pure awe of it just completely blew our minds. Probably.

The next morning we arose excited, and ready for what gifts the day would give us.

We were informed that during the day, we would partake in swimming in the MSAC, and playing M9 Laser Skirmish. The MSAC was a fast-paced, exciting venture, our favourite segment thereof being the Water Slide.

The M9 Laser Skirmish could be similarly described; fast-paced, action packed mayhem that made you nervous to walk around every corner. Fortuitously, or rather skilfully, Brad's team completely annihilated Ryan's (I feel I really needn't mention that, it's a given).

If you, like most people I imagine would, skipped this entire article hitherto, not entirely understanding whether we were being serious or exaggerative, then you need only read this: "Camp was really, really cool, and I honestly believe there was not a person there who didn't have immense fun! Thanks to all the staff that attended with us for giving us this opportunity.

By Bradleigh Holcombe and Ryan Pither.



# Kurnai College Debutante Ball 2009

On a cool but fine evening in August sixty eight year 11 and 12 students from Kurnai College took part in the increasingly popular

Debutante Ball. The event began early in the afternoon as students arrived in style to the Kernot Hall venue for their formal photographs

and to mix with their fellow debutantes.

The hall filled quickly with the 560 guests as the doors opened at 7.30 pm. Purple and silver glittering stars decked the tables as more moving stars set the backdrop to the garden scene on the stage. As 8.00 pm drew around the first debutante couple walked under the garden arch to present themselves to the official party.

The official party consisting of Acting Kurnai College Principal Geoff Block, Campus Principal Matt Jobling and his partner Cherie Vajler, Assistant Principal Michelle Reid-Metcalf and her husband Barry Metcalf sat as 33 debutante sets followed; walking down the boards to the applause of the crowd and the flashing of photography.

The formal dances followed the debutante's presentation. The stu-

dents showed that they not only had learnt the required skills and techniques but were able to enjoy their time on the dance floor.

Sharon Jessup, the lead dance instructor of the students, had been extremely impressed with the dedication the debutante set had displayed in learning the wide range of dances for the evening, and when the five dances were completed felt the students had done an excellent job.

The participating pupils had a memorable final dance with selected family members before the lights went down and they had a chance to have a dance of their own.

The evening continued well into the night with debutantes, families and friends spending time dancing, chatting and relaxing. The Kurnai College debutante set was to be congratulated for their dedication in time and effort to the event. Their mature, yet light-hearted attitude along with their dancing performance on the night proved what a special group of students they are.



## Churchill North Primary School

### Introducing the Press Club

Introducing the Churchill North Primary School Press Club - Emily Vella, Lachlan Huizer, Gemma Laidlaw, Alanna Dosser, Emily Lugton, Courtney Vella and Samantha Tullet as they take on their first assign-

ment. All students selected an area of interest and wrote an article about this; students were keen to embrace their first task.

#### Soccer:

*By Reporter Emily Vella, Grade 4*

Every year our school has a soccer tournament. This year the team's names were Gladiators, Rams and Socceros. Our teachers, Mrs Hunter and a group of JSC members thought of the idea. We asked Mr Rayner to be the umpire.

First the Rams and the Socceros versed each other and the Socceros won. Second the Rams and the Gladiators played off and the Rams won by 2 points. The third game was the Socceros and the Gladiators and they had to do a penalty shoot out with the three teams.

The gladiators got 3 goals, the Socceros got 2 and the Rams got 1. The Socceros and the Gladiators made it into the finals. The Gladiators won with pride, all students were excited and all students received a certificate for their efforts.

#### Parents & Helpers:

*By Reporter Gemma Laidlaw, Grade 5*

On the 4th September 2009, the Parents and Helpers organised a Father's Day Stall for the school. All students at Churchill North Primary School took part in the Father's Day Stall. The Parents and Helpers had gifts from 50c - \$5.00. We raised \$200.00 from this stall. On the 17th September 2009 the Parents and Helpers organised a footy lunch day for the school. Students placed an order in the mail box at the office. They had a choice to wear their favourite footy colours and bring a gold coin donation for wearing footy colours. The money raised from both of these activities is going towards painting exciting playground markings on the asphalt for the kids to play games at recess and lunch time. This term we are having a Krispy Kreme drive. Orders can be placed over the school holidays. The price is \$15.00 for a box of 12 donuts and the profit goes towards an end of year excursion to Inverloch for the whole school.

#### Swimming:

*By Reporter Emily Lugton, Grade 3*

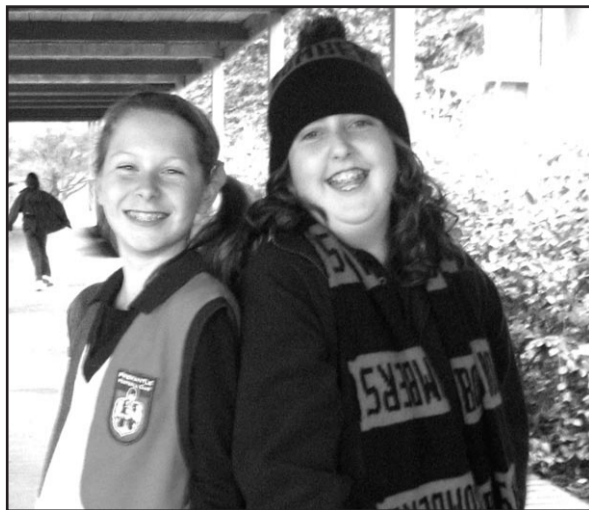
Churchill North Primary School went in the pool with a **SPLASH!!!!**

Throughout Term 3 Grades Prep/1, 1/2 and 4/5 walked down to the Churchill Leisure Centre for their 6 week swimming program. After all grades finished their swimming I asked some students questions about how they felt about going to the pool.

Q1. What did you like about swimming? Chellce said, 'When I did a flip in the water.'

Q2. Do you like swimming? Jalee said 'Yes it is my favourite sport.'

Q3. Do you feel more confident in the water now? Jamie and Jacob both said 'YES'.



We are lucky to have the swimming program at our school because for some children it's the only time they get to go swimming. We would like to thank the teachers for taking us down to the pool and thank the parents for helping us.

#### Sport, Health and Fitness:

*By reporter Courtney Vella, Grade 6*

On Friday 28th August selected students from our school went to Joe Carmody Reserve in Moe to compete in the athletics day.

The events consisted of shot put, discus, long jump, high jump, relays, long distance, running and sprints.

All of the students who participated got to choose which event they went in. Some student's weren't in one and some chose more than one.

A great time was had by all and students represented our school well.

The Zone Sports were held on Friday 11th September Jazzy, Breanna, Yongle, Taylah and Bryan went. They all tried their hardest and enjoyed the day.

Blue Earth is a sports program at our school. Every Tuesday each grade spends an hour with

Mrs Hanratty doing fun games and activities such as capture the flags, star wars, tabloid sports. Mrs Hanratty came back to our school at the start of Term 4 after a nice break on long service leave.

During this time Mrs Tullet taught sports at the school. The best activities were basket ball, netball, soccer, circuits and aerobics.

*In conclusion I would like to thank each and every member of the press club for giving up part of their recess and lunch times. This shows great dedication and commitment. Special thanks to Mrs Judkins for getting this wonderful initiative up and running.*

*The Churchill & District News Team would also like to congratulate you on starting the press club and we look forward to your stories.*

# Bike Education:

*By reporter Samantha Tullet, Grade 6*

Bike Education is a bike safety programme which students from Grades 4 to 6 participate in.

About 8 students from different schools participate in the Bike Education Challenge which is held at the Morwell Traffic school.

Michael Morgan from VIC Roads came to our school on Thursday August 27th and Monday 31st to teach us about bike safety, how to ride our bikes properly on the road and to show us the activities that we do at the Bike

E d u c a t i o n Challenge. These activities were the figure eight bow, the gutter ride up, the look back, the slow box and a few more.

During our training Michael chose the eight people to represent our school to go to the Bike E d u c a t i o n Challenge. They were Yongle, Jedd,

Samantha, Chloe G, Jake, Scott, Emily V and Jaryd.

On Wednesday 2nd of September these eight students did their best and came 4th.

I interviewed Yongle about what it was like at the Bike Education Challenge.

Q1. Was your bike road worthy? 'Yes'.

Q2. Did you enjoy the day? "Yes, it was a lot of fun and our team did really well and our teacher came to watch us."



### ACTIVITIES AT RECESS AND LUNCH



*By Reporter Lachlan Huizer, Grade 3*

Students were photographed enjoying the sun at lunchtime this week, drawing pictures on the concrete with chalk, playing in the sandpit and skipping rope games.

Pictured are students building an amazing sand castle, this was a great

team building activity.

Lunch Time Links runs each day. I interviewed Samantha Tullet and Courtney Vella about What is fun about Lunch Time Links, she replied that students get to do fun activities and aren't bored.

## Book Week Safari

*By Reporter Alanna Dosser, Grade 4*

Today I am interviewing Emily Lugton, aged 9.

Emily came to Book Week Safari as a giraffe and WON!!! the competition for our grade along with Jordan Hammer.

About Book Week: - On the 26th of August Churchill North Primary School had a Safari

book week. The students came as animals or something to do with a book.

Students were sorted into different groups 1 - 5. We had different activities to participate in. There was also a colouring competition, for our grade. Alanna Dosser Won!!! (Me)

The activities were amazing...there was excitement in the air.



## Hazelwood North Primary School

### BRAND NEW BUILDING FOR SCHOOL...

*By Jordy Allan and Chelsea Chambers*

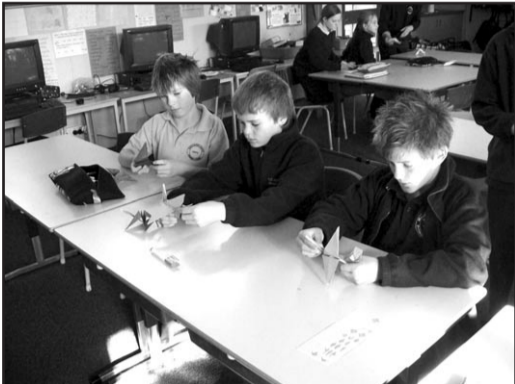
Hazelwood North Primary School is knocking down buildings and rebuilding bigger and better classrooms. It was great to see them gone but it was a sad goodbye.

We will be knocking down the: library, two classrooms and moving the little playground to the big playground. One class went to the staffroom and the other class went to the music room. There were big cranes to lift the buildings up onto a truck.

### SADAKO AND THE THOUSAND PAPER CRANES

*By Jessica N and Caitlin*

Yesterday grades 3 to 6 went to see Sadako and the 1,000 Paper Cranes. The performance was at the Wellington Entertainment Centre in Sale. The show went for one hour and it was really good. It was about a girl named Sadako and she got Leukemia from the radiation of an atom bomb that was dropped in Hiroshima when she was two. The story is about how she tries to make 1,000 paper cranes so that they can hopefully save her life. There were four actors who played eight different roles, Sadako, Mum, Dad, Masahiro, Chizuko, nurse, doctor and the nar-



rator. We went to see it after our classes had all read the book and we thought that it was a good story. We thought that the show was excellent and lots of people should go and see it.

### Prep V Team Excursion

*By Nelly and Clare*

On Wednesday the 12th of August the Preps from Hazelwood North Primary School went on the bus to the V team at the GEP to go on the computers. The V team were so nice they came to the bus

and showed them where to go. The preps learnt Kahootz on the computer. They learnt how to animate a picture and label it. They also wrote their name. The letters came up one at a time and at the end their whole name flashed.



### Activity Day

*By Molly*

On the last day of term two Hazelwood North Primary school had an activity day that was organised and run by Junior School Council. The students were split into 11 groups. Each group had a leader to keep everyone together and to lead them



around, also, at each activity there was a director. There were 11 rotations. These included: basketball skills, netball skills, skipping, rebound wall throwing and kicking, volley ball, soccer skills, jug-

gling, relay running, football (kicking goals), playground games and hula-hoops. The students had lots of fun. It was a fantastic end to the term. All Junior School Councillors learnt a lot about organising events.

### A.F.L WIGHTS TOYOTA

*By Alex B & Tyson K*

On the second Monday of September 2009 schools from around Latrobe Valley went to a footy clinic out the front of Wights Toyota at Traralgon. The players who attended were from the Kangaroos (Adam Simpson), Hawthorn (Luke Hodge, Jarryd Roughhead and Jordan Lewis), Adelaide (Mark Ricciuto) and Melbourne (Brock McLean). They showed us different skills, both hand and foot skills. After that we got autographs and posters. Mark Ricciuto had his 2003 Brownlow Medal with him. THEY EVEN HAD THE 2009 PREMIERSHIP CUP THERE WITH THEM!! We got time to ask the players questions and they gave away copies of Specky Magee books that have not come out yet. A few people got to go into the bus that they



arrived in to have a look around. EVERYONE HAD GREAT FUN!!

### GRADE 3/A SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

*By Daniel 3/A*

In Grade 3/A science we are seeing what breaks down faster and what doesn't. Some of us have paper, cardboard, fruit scraps and plastics in water, dirt and air. We are looking to see which of them breaks

down. We are doing these experiments because we are studying litter and endangered animals. We have learnt about stuff that can be recycled and what can't and where it goes.

### Football Zones

*By Alex*

In term 3 the Hazelwood North Primary School played footy at Traralgon in the Zone Finals. We were representing schools from Yinnar and District. We won the previous round so we got through to the Zones. We played 4 different teams and improved with each game. Mr Meade and Mr Kimpton coached us. We had an enjoyable day.



### CHAMPIONS DAY ATHLETICS

*By Tyson and Riley A.*



Most of Grades 4, 5 and 6 at Hazelwood North Primary School went to a Yinnar and District Sporting Day held at Joe Carmody Reserve in Newborough. They had different events such as long jump, discus, shot-put, high jump, 100 metres, 200 metres, 400 metres, 800 metres, 1500 metres, triple jump and relay. There



were events for 10 years, 11 years and 12/13 year old boys and girls. About 8 different schools competed. The top two placegetters go to the next round which will be held in September. The relay teams that came 1st were the only team that went through to the next round. Congratulations to all those who made it through to the next round. We thank all the parents, teachers and student teachers who helped us on the day.

### Book Week Dress Up and Literacy Day

*By Luke*

To celebrate Book Week we had a dress up day at school and swapped teachers for an hour.

In the morning we had a parade at assembly to show off all the awesome costumes like Batman, Superman, Snow White, Little Red Riding Hood, Harry Potter, pirates, army men and just normal clothes but everyone looked great.

Firstly the teacher read a book then they did an activity with the class.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and put a lot of effort into their outfits.



### Clubs are Finished

*By Jake Brown*

On Wednesday 4th Hazelwood North finished clubs, everyone was very sad that clubs had finished for the year.

The activities were:

- Sport
- H.P.V
- Technology
- Bike Ed

- Craft
- Origami
- Best foot forward
- Cooking
- Teaching preps computers

# Churchill Primary School

## TOYOTA GRASS ROOTS FOOTY TOUR

On Monday 14th September, 31 students and three teachers made a trip to Wight's Motor World in Traralgon to meet AFL players. They were treated to a BBQ breakfast, before a huge bus carrying the AFL players arrived. The players were introduced to the students who came from several Latrobe Valley schools.

They were Brock McLean (Melbourne), Jarrod Roughhead, Jordan Lewis, Luke Hodge, (all Hawthorn), Mark Riccuito (Adelaide) and Adam Simpson (North Melbourne).

The day was compared by Danny Frawley and Brian Taylor. The players showed their skills in handballing and kicking many different ways. The students were encouraged to ask questions. Some were given copies of the next "Specky Magee" books.

Player's autographs were keenly sought. An opportunity to look inside the bus in which the players travel excited the curious students.

All who participated had a great time, and wish to thank Toyota and the AFL for the chance to meet some footy heroes.



## More CPS News

### District Athletics Championships

A number of students participated in the District Athletics Championships on Friday 10th September.

The following eleven students represented the school at the Zone Finals:- Bonnie Kearns, Brenton Hodson, Bradley Sands, Claudia Davern, Ellis Hayes-Hill Brandon Scott, Tristan Turpin, Andrew Maxwell, Luke Collinson, Ben Lewis, Lani Murdoch.

Six of these students qualified for the Regional Athletics Day held on 13th October.

### Individual Sporting Achievements

#### Golf Success

Ellis Hayes-Hill competed in Melbourne at the school's golf championship. This qualified him to compete in golf for the Victorian Under 12 boy's against teams from other States at Rosebud. This will be a 4 day tournament at the beginning of November.

The school is very proud of Ellis' achievements. They wish him good luck.

### Victorian Girl's Soccer Team

Lani Murdoch travelled to Adelaide with the Victorian Girl's Soccer Team. They played very well and came third in their section. A highlight for the team was defeating Queensland, which the Victorian team has never done before.

### Staff Successes

Congratulations to the staff who have recently played in grand finals.

Ms. Brooke Henry for netball for Morwell Tigers.

Mr. Brandon Mahoney for Churchill Cougars Seniors Football team.

Mrs. Halie McColl was Runner Up "Best and Fairest" in Yinnar "A" Grade Netball Club.

Mrs. Maria Bradford's son, Matthew, has reached Gippsland Zone finals in 800metres and 1500 metres.

A number of students have also won Club Grand Finals in soccer and basketball. It has been a busy time for families also!

### Literacy and Numeracy Week

#### Numeracy Activities

The Junior School Council organised and ran multi-age activities for their peers, to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week. It was a fun day and showed positive outcomes as the older students helped the younger ones with the activities.

Academic pursuits have continued at Churchill Primary School with teachers having planning days in preparation for Term 4.

Several of the students have attained distinctions and credits in Australian Mathematics Competition.

Similarly, in the University of New South Wales Competitions in Science, Computers, Spelling and Writing, Churchill Primary School students have achieved very pleasing results.

### Building Education Revolution An update of the new building

A project manager has been appointed, final costings and measurements have been completed.

Classes will continue as normal, but Grades 3-6 will be moving into Block B and 2 portable classrooms, while demolition and re-building occurs.

The school is very excited by the prospect of a new library, Information and Communication Technology area and 4 new classrooms.

### National Pride School's Money

Meanwhile, the school has been replacing aging spouting on the roofs to be retained, new shade sails will cover the play equipment, and a new school sign has been erected. The computer network and cables will also be upgraded.

## Churchill Community Walk

Prep-Grade 2 students divided into groups and went on a walk around the town centre, calling in at several pre-arranged businesses as well as the fire station.

At Ritchie's Supermarket, Ros showed the children around the store. Simone at the post office explained about how the mail is sorted. Wendy at the pharmacy informed the students about the workings of the business. It was fascinating to see the bakers make the pies. Shane, Darlene and Clinton helped with a tour of the fire station. A visit to the Hub was also included to help the students discover the library, and to see where the pre-school was now located.

The school extends its thanks to all the people in the businesses, the members of the fire brigade and those at



the Hub for being so helpful and informative, allowing the students to be better informed about their community.

## Churchill Primary School Fete

This Monster Fete will be held on November 7th at the school, from 10 am-3pm. Roll up; roll up! Come one and all! See advertisement on page 19

## WOOLWORTH'S OPENING

Churchill Primary School leaders were invited to be part of the grand opening of Churchill Woolworths.

It was an early start at 7am but a good number of students and parents attended.

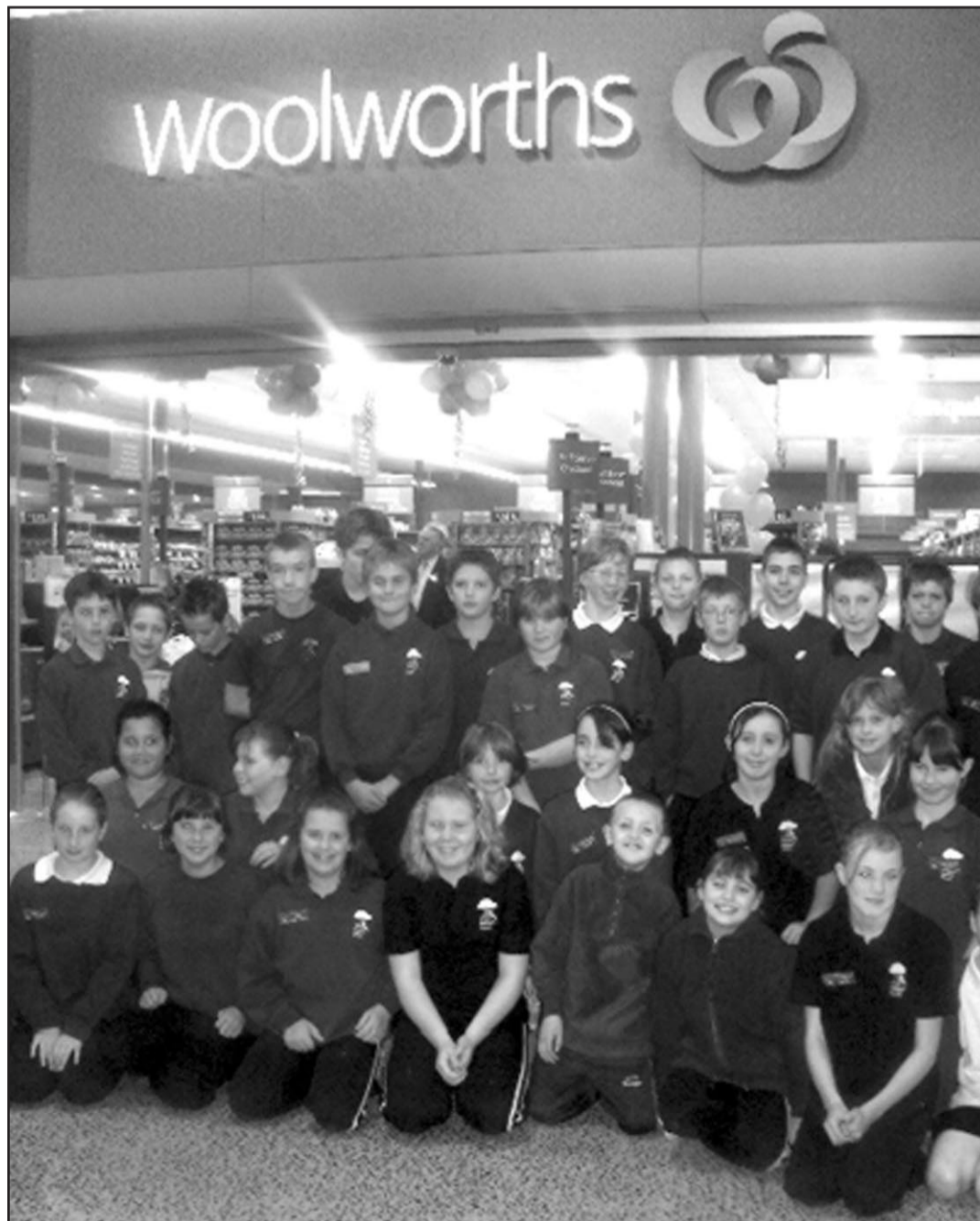
Those who were there were treated to a BBQ breakfast cooked by the Churchill Fire Brigade.

School Captains Ben Lewis, Jaymee-Lee McIntosh and Russell Whelan cut the ribbon to offi-

cially open the store.

The students sang our National Anthem, Advance Australia Fair, before a big green cake was cut and eaten.

The school was very excited to be involved. Churchill has a great shopping precinct.



# Boolarra Primary School

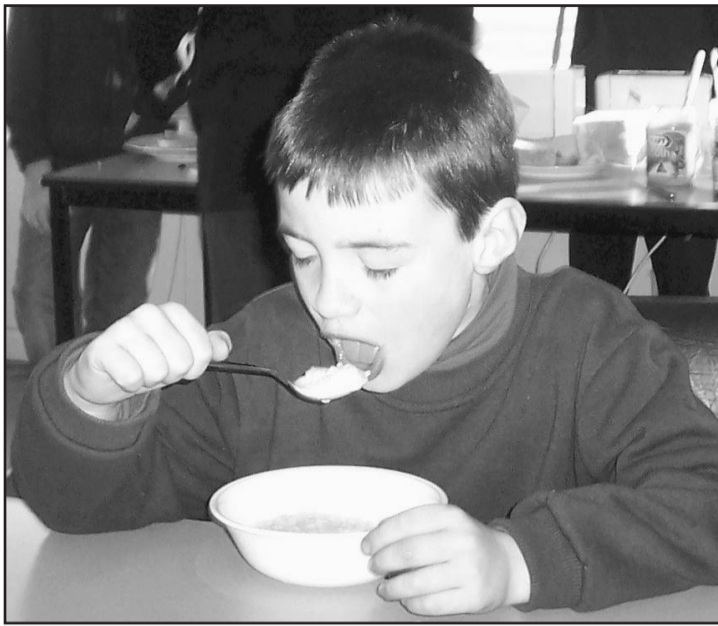
## BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL

We have been delighted with the magnificent manners our Breakfast at School participants display.

The only charge we impose for our toast, porridge and juice is good manners and our students have little difficulty in meeting this requirement.

We are fortunate to have Ms Liz Black supporting our Breakfast Program (her home made blackberry jam is superb!).

We are also grateful to Ms Lois Thornton and Ms Libby Robertson for their assistance whipping up delicious porridge.



## BOOLARRA IDOL



Throughout term 3 our Junior School Council conducted a talent quest to discover who our Boolarra Idol and Anti-Idol champions were.

The grand final was staged on an action packed last day of term 3. Congratulations to our Idol winner Tyson and our Anti-Idol winners, sisters Bella & Maddi.

There were some entertaining performances so they did well to prevail.

There is no question we always uncover some unexpected talent. We're all really looking forward to seeing more emerge during our whole school production development during term 4.

## Bonus Recess & Biscuit Baking Rewards

On the last day of term 3 we had an extra 15 minutes play for our students as a reward for their sensational playground behaviour this

term. We have had very few names recorded in our rule breakers book, which is fabulous! Some of our students spotted by the teachers on

yard duty doing the right thing during recess breaks also recently enjoyed baking biscuits as their reward.



## More News From BPS

### Exciting Gardening Opportunity

Thanks to our neighbours, Rob & Marietta Herni of Boolarra Ferns, gardening guru Jane Edmonson visited our school on Thursday 8th October. Each of our grades is working to develop plans that can be set in place, with some help from some of our enthusiastic parents, to create three new gardens. Rob Herni has also

arranged the donation of some mature trees and shrubs to support this work. We are grateful to the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria for their donation of some established trees and the Boolarra Community Development group who will provide a BBQ lunch for us on the 8th of October when Jane visits provided expert input.

### Free Computer & Internet Access

We successfully applied for a com-

munity access to our computers grant at the end of last year. Under this scheme we employ experienced computer instructor, Pauline Garood to oversee an open session in our computer laboratory from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm on Tuesdays during the school term. Everyone is most welcome to come along. Pauline is able to provide assistance for inexperienced computer users. Just sign in at our Visitors' Book near the office and head over to

the Library / Computer Lab. If you require additional information, please contact the school on 51696471.

### Continued Bike Ed Success

We recently concluded our intensive 2 week Bike Ed program thanks to the brilliant coordination of Ms Tina Larrad and the sensational combined team effort of our staff and parent volunteers. This year we also benefitted from some expert input from Eamonn Flahavin, who has been

undertaking work placement duties at our school. Our work in this area was rewarded when our team won the competition to become the LV Champions for the 7th year in a row (we've only missed out on this honour once since this competition commenced!). Our team will now compete to gain selection to represent our region again, as they did last year.

## Footy Day



On the last day of term our Junior School Council (JSC) conducted an out of uniform day where students were invited to dress in their footy colours or in whatever clothes represented their passions.

A staff and parents versus students footy game proved a fun conclusion to the term.

The staff and parents narrowly prevailed in a great game.

Principal Ms Emond needed some cheering up as, despite her best efforts, there wasn't nearly enough red, white and black on display at school - the best supported team was Essendon.

## 125 years Old!

As the establishment of a registered school is the official recognition of a town, our 125th Birthday is also Boolarra's 125th Birthday.

The staff and students are endeavouring to pull together a school contribution for this milestone celebration.

We will invite our students to dress in clothing from some era in the past 125 years and to provide suggestions as to what we could contribute to a town time capsule.

The grade 5/6s are also helping the

Historical Society to create a computer presentation of the new signs to be in place about town to mark this significant occasion.

Mengar Hibbins has been using any available time to gather some of our old school photos and records for our school display.

The town celebration was set for Sunday 11th October, which is the first Sunday after we went back at school in term 4.

## Athletic Champions

After representing Yinnar & District schools, two of our students have won through to now represent our zone in the regional athletic finals to be staged next term. Congratulations to Kayla Napier who competes in the 1500 metre run and Erin Hoghton who is a champion at discus!

## Next Fundraising Event - Party Plan Night

Do you (or someone you know) sell Tupperware, Avon, or other make-up, shoes, handbags, clothing, jewellery, perfume, or anything similar? If so, please contact Janet Napier on 51696651 to set up a stall at our Party Plan Night.

We charge stall holders \$10 to book a place at our Party Plan Night which will be staged at the Football and Netball Social rooms on Friday 16th October from 7:00 pm - 10:30 pm. We also ask that stall holders donate an item we can use as a door prize.

It is hoped that this night will raise sufficient money to replace our soccer goal nets and to buy a rebound trampoline for our PMP program.

We hope lots of people attend and help us to have a great night. Entry will be \$10 per head, which will entitle you to a wonderful shopping opportunity, a glass of champagne or soft drink (subsequent drinks may be purchased from the bar), and free supper.

# Lumen Christi Primary School

## DREAM SAFARI CONCERT

What an exciting month it has been at Lumen Christi.

September 3rd was the date of the school concert and this year it was magnificent!!!

The audience was sent on a dream safari from scary outer space all the way to freezing Antarctica.

It was so wonderful to see all the students

and the teachers really enjoying themselves and putting on a terrific show.

Many hours had gone into making it such a special occasion and the comments from parents, especially those who never really thought they would see their children performing to such a huge group have been overwhelming.

The audience was captivated, the children were very professional and the teachers were

extremely proud. The night would not have been possible without the help of so many people from Lumen Christi. We say a BIG thank you to you all.

If you missed this spectacular event or if you want to relive it over and over then there are copies of the DVD available at the school office.

## ODYSSEUS PERFORMANCE

September was concert month at Lumen Christi.

Not only were the children performing their own concert but they were also given the oppor-

tunity to see a professional actor in action. Lumen Christi children were very lucky to have the Nexus Arts Company from Melbourne visiting. Andreas performed the story of the Greek Odyssey. He used a combination of puppetry, mime and storytelling to weave the tale of Odysseus and his travels to and from the city of Troy to rescue the beautiful Helen. We heard the story of the wooden horse, Cyclops, the one-eyed giant, the scary witch, the underworld ghosts and the sirens. The children were all enthralled by this wonderful story.



# Lumen Christi Primary School Concert in Pictures



Dream Safari Concert at Lumen Christi



Nexus Arts Company from Melbourne performing the story of the Greek Odyssey



# Yinnar South Primary School

## EISTEDFODD

Congratulations to our students who performed at the Latrobe Valley Eistedfodd a big thank you to our wonderful music teacher Mrs Lay :

" Tiarlah and Vanessa 1st duo recorder

" Kim - Award of merit for solo

" Declan - Award of merit for solo

Our successful musicians with their teacher Mrs Lindel Lay.



Congratulations to our students who performed at the Latrobe Valley Eistedfodd

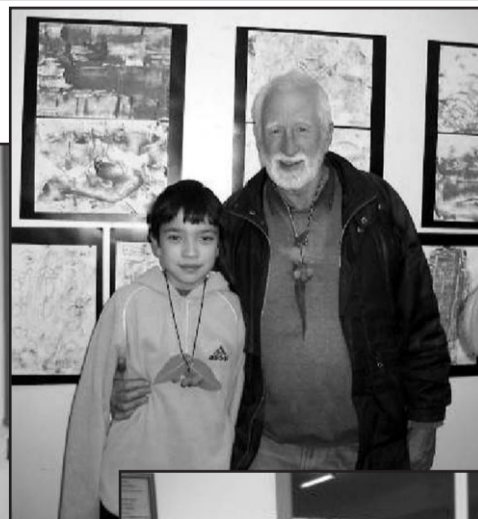
## ART SHOW

On Thursday the 10th of September we had an Art Show and Art workshop evening. Every child had Art work on display.

This comprised of paintings, prints, collage and construction using natural materials around an indigenous culture theme.

On the evening students with parent support made constructions and necklaces, weaved and painted.

Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to socialise and appreciate the artistic talents of the students.



# Childrens Corner

## BIRTHDAYITES

WELCOME TO OCTOBER CHILDREN!

This month we have a colour in, a puzzle and some riddles!Q

**Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Happy Birthday**

**LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB**

**Proudly sponsored by the  
Lions Club of Churchill and District**

Hi Kids,

If you are under 13 years old "JOIN THE CLUB". Ask Mum, Dad, Guardian or Carer to ring the Editor of the CHURCHILL AND DISTRICT NEWS on 5122 2589 or fill out the application below.

Each month two lucky Birthdayites get to win a \$15.00 voucher to spend as they like at the Churchill Newsagency. It's that easy, join up now and be in it.

**WE HOPE YOU ALL HAD A GREAT DAY**

**THE LUCKY BIRTHDAYITES FOR AUGUST**

<i>Jaydan Wilkins</i>	<i>Kerry Missingham: 18/08/2003</i>
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**THE LUCKY BIRTHDAYITES SEPTEMBER**


<i>Kerri Rosewell: 20-09-1998</i>	<i>Joshua McKellar: 23-09-2002</i>
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**THE LUCKY BIRTHDAYITES OCTOBER**

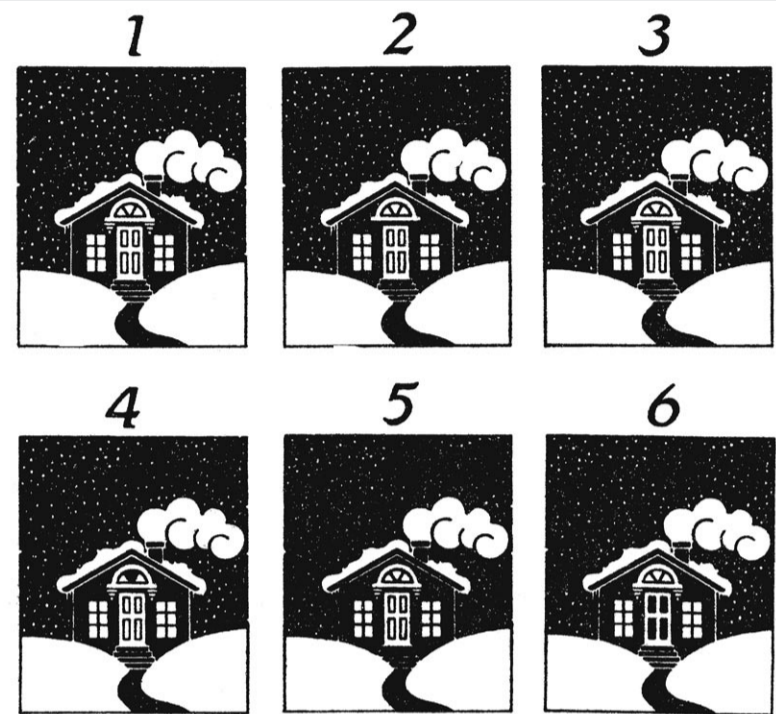
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Congratulations to the lucky "BIRTHDAYITES" You have each won a \$15 voucher for Churchill Newsagency.

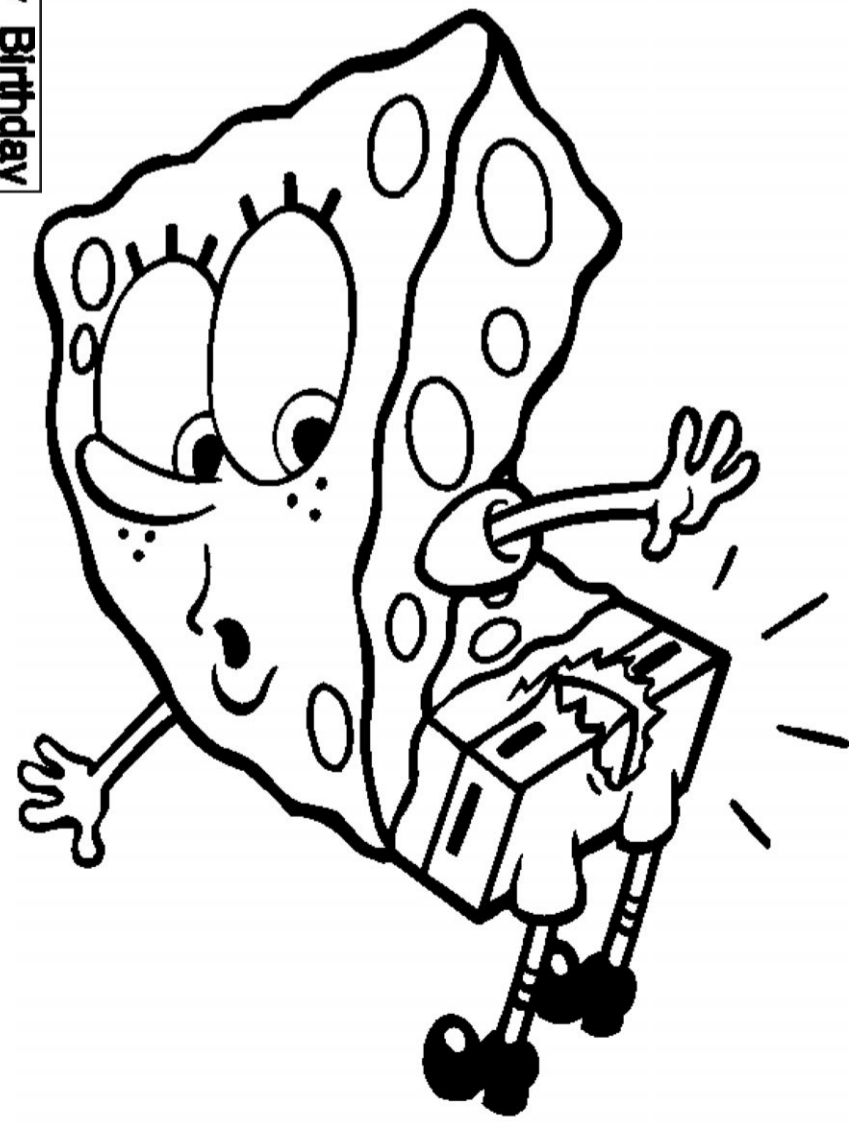
We will contact you soon.



Which 2 are pictures are identical??



Please colour me in. I am Spongebob Squarepants. Enjoy!



**R** Why did the woman wear a helmet at the dinner table?  
She was on a crash diet.

**T** What do you call a fairy that hasn't taken a bath?  
Stinkerbell.

**D** Which word in the dictionary is spelled incorrectly?  
Incorrectly.

**D** Why are Teddy Bears never hungry?  
Because they are always stuffed.

**D** What did the chewing gum say to the shoe?  
I'm stuck on you.

**L** Why was the belt arrested?  
For holding up the pants.

**E** What do you call a funny book about eggs?  
A yolk book.

**F** What does the Invisible Man drink at snack time?  
Evaporated milk.

**S** What did the beach say when the tide came in?  
Long time no sea.

What did one potato chip say to the other?  
Shall we go for a dip?



### Kurnai College State Champions Soccer Team

Back Row: Ben Skinner, Alicia Huizer (Coach), Rosie Twomey, Meg VanRooy, Shanasai Iorangi, Bella Scott, Shaquill Politis, Toni Ipsen, Hayley Beyer, Vanessa Holcombe (Ass Coach), Justin Maloney (Coach), Front Row: Caitlin King, Tiarnah Nicola, Megan Kearns, Gabby Maynard, Katelin Iugton, Ainsley Brown

## Kurnai College Yr 7 Girls State School Soccer Champions

On Wednesday the 16th of September Kurnai Colleges year 7 Girls Soccer Team travelled to Darebin International Sports Centre to compete in the 2009 State Soccer Finals. The girls needed to rise to the challenge to play an intense day of soccer. Their first match of the day saw Kurnai defeat Northcote High School 3-0. Goal scorers were Shanasai Iorangi, Rosie Twomey and Bella Scott.

They went into their second match full of confidence, but the game did not go their way, with a nil all draw against Waverley College. Teams traded blow for blow but neither could get the ball into the back of the net. Game two's performance placed their finals campaign in jeop-

ardy, relying on the outcomes of other teams to keep their finals chances alive. They went into their last match with a fighting spirit, outclassing their opponents with a goal feast against Ballarat, by defeating them 7-0. Goal scorers were Shanasai Iorangi x2, Ainsley Brown, Gabby Maynard, Bella Scott and Megan Kearns x2.

In the Grand Final, the first half was very tight, but Kurnai went into the break 1 nil up. In the second half they showed off their fantastic ballskills, scoring three goals past McKinnon's defence. Goal of the tournament was set up by a brilliant corner taken by Shanasai Iorangi and finished off with a stunning volley by Caitlin King. The teams bat-

ted on until the final whistle was blown, Kurnai College winning 4-0, State Champions 2009. A big thanks to the coaches, Alicia Huizer and Vanessa Holcombe, also lines persons Ben Skinner and Justin Maloney for their assistance as well as Tom Sands and the Kings for their support on the day. Teachers Andrew Leeson and Robin Fitzpatrick were highly impressed with the team's efforts. A good day was had by all. Well done to all year 7's who competed! The day was long, but with outstanding results. The last final won by Kurnai College was way back in 1997.

## Churchill Hockey Club 2009 Season

Our Junior and Senior Presentation night was held recently in Morwell. A great night was had by all with a fantastic turn out. Flowers were presented to our Life Members who are still associated with the club, Debbie Wells and Pauline Linke. After tea, presentations were made to the following:

### Men's Senior Team

Best and Fairest - Matthew Wells  
Runner Up Best and Fairest - Zafar Iqbal  
Most Determined - Shaun Wells  
Most Improved - Steven Fallon  
Leading Goal Scorer - Robbie Wells

### Women's A Grade

Best and Fairest - Rebecca Cheater  
Runner Up Best and Fairest - Priscilla Harvey  
Most Determined - Nicole Ypelaan  
Most Improved - Linda Whitney  
Leading Goal Scorer - Amanda Ripper and Rebecca Cheater

### Churchill Junior Team - Coach: Jeff Kemp

Best and Fairest - Bevan Kemp  
Runner Up Best and Fairest - Ben Butterworth  
Most Determined - Lachlan White  
Most Improved - Bevan Kemp  
Leading Goal Scorer - Terry Lee

### Intermediate Boys - Coach: Robbie Wells

Best and Fairest - Todd Birkbeck  
Runner Up Best and Fairest - Tamara Kemp  
Most Determined - Todd Birkbeck  
Most Improved - Dean White  
Leading Goal Scorer - Todd Birkbeck

Rebecca Cheater won the clubs' Barrett Award and

Top Gun Award. The Top Goal Scorer for the club went to Terry Lee. Robbie Wells won the Best Club Person Award. Robbie does a lot for the club, with both the junior and senior teams. His greatest effort was getting the Churchill Men's team up and going again. We appreciate the work Robbie and his family does for our club. A thank you also goes to all our coaches, umpires, parents and players who give up their time to do extra jobs around the club. Without all their work we would not have a club. These people attended meetings, mark the grounds, wash tops, organize fundraising and purchasing of equipment, and much more.

Big congratulations also goes to Rebecca Cheater who won the Latrobe Valley Women's Hockey Association Best and Fairest runner up in A Grade and to Bevan Kemp who won the Junior Hockey Association Best and Fairest. What a great effort!

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 22nd February 2010. It will be advertised in the Latrobe Valley Express two weeks prior to the meeting.

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

The 2010 season begins in April next year, with training starting in March. Our new synthetic ground in Churchill should be ready by then, so it will be an exciting year to play. We are still looking to fill coaching positions for next year. If you are interested in coaching or playing please contact our President, Debbie Wells on 51 337750.



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## Ellis Hayes-Hills to Play for Victoria

Churchill Primary School student and member of the Churchill Golf Club, Ellis HayesHills, has been selected for the Victorian Primary School Sport Australia (VPSSA) 12 & U Golf Team

The selection process began in August. His results at Qualifying, Regional and State final level culminated in his selection in the final team of 12. It was a great performance.

Many students who play for VPSSA

go on to play at higher levels, for example Geoff Ogilvy and Sara Kemp who have gone on to play professionally.

Ellis will join with team mates to play the School Sport Australia Event to be held at Rosebud Country Club in November.

We wish Ellis and all his team mates the best for the Australian title and hope that Ellis may play professionally in years to come.

## Boolarra Bowls Club

John Wyatt

The pre-season opening days and special events are being held by many bowls clubs around the area. These activities are usually a precursor to the start of the pennant season. The opening day for Boolarra Bowls Club was held on Sunday 13th September. The formalities were carried out and the first Jack was rolled by last year's Ladies Champion, Jan Whelan and the first bowl by Men's Champion, Bob Allen. While the attendance was down on previous years, those who did attend had an enjoyable day. Winners for the day were Russell Peters, Eddie Dudak and Shane Peters with the raffle being won by Peter Canavan. The \$156 that was raised will go to "Heart Kids". All committees are now in place and working towards a successful year. The Ladies President is Val McLean and the Men's President is Barry McLean.

At Boolarra a major effort has been underway for several weeks carrying out a diverse range of maintenance on the club house, re-habilitation of the surrounding gardens and the greens following the effects of the January bushfires. A great vote of thanks is extended to the small group of members who carried out this work.

The pennant season is fast approaching and members are urged to support their club by indicating their availability to be part of a team and help sustain and ensure the future of our club. I am told that the Ladies Pennant commenced on

Tuesday 5th October so they will be well into their season by the time this article goes to press. The men are reminded that their season starts on Saturday 24th October, so now is the time to start limbering up with practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### Club News and Happenings

During the winter months the ladies conducted a carpet bowls competition which proved to be very successful and passed on a cheque for \$650 to the treasurer. A great effort and very much appreciated ladies.

Triples days will be held on the fourth Monday each month starting on 28 September and on the fifth Monday as and when that occurs.

A *Try Bowls Day* will be held on Sunday 25th October so if anyone who reads this note and would like to have a try, then come on down. You would be most welcome. There should be posters displayed around town for this day.

Ladies Social Bowls days will be held on the third Tuesday of each month starting about 1.00pm.

Twilight Bowls will be held again this year, more on that later.

The club also takes great pleasure in congratulating Joy and Cliff Prior on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary (Golden). Cliff, it sounds expensive but keep saving - in ten years its diamonds!

Keep bowling - we all need exercise!

# JUNIOR FISHING COMPETITION

## Saturday 31st October 2009 Lake Hyland, Churchill

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