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Historic Bell Returned To Yinnar

Sunday 8 August saw the dedication of the new bell tower in Yinnar.

This eye-catching structure is the result of lots of work by the Yinnar and District Community Association, and Latrobe City Council who have managed the project to restore this piece of history in a prominent place opposite the site of St Matthew's Anglican Church, as a reminder of the town's heritage.

In 1898 George Firmin brought his wife Maria and their eleven children to live in a bark hut at Scrubby Forest, now Yinnar. They were Yinnar's first family.

George was a generous man who gave land for the Mechanic's Institute and the church. The church was dedicated in 1890.

In 1921, with both George and Maria deceased, the family chose a church bell as a memorial to them. The bell was cast in Melbourne, and a suitable inscription added.

The bell was erected in a tower at the back of the church and stood until the church was closed and the building and tower removed in the 1990s.

In 2006, the Co-Operating Church Parish Council decided to take steps to have St Matthew's bell installed at the Church in Main St. Yinnar. The Yinnar and District Community Association was contacted. They suggested a survey of the town's people. This survey was well patronized.

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The Firmin family and guests (back row left to right) Councillor Darrell White, Local Member Russell Northe, Bishop John McIntyre and MC Jeff Stolk

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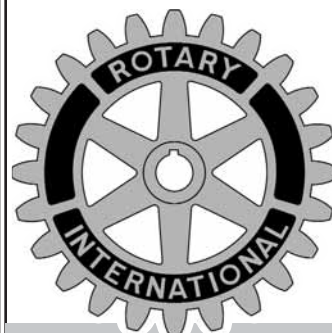
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The church then contacted the Anglican Bishop of Gippsland, the Right Rev John McIntyre for his advice. [The bell was the property of the Anglican Church.]

Bishop John offered the bell to the Yinnar Community to be erected on public land as an historical monument to help the town recognize and remember the pioneering family of George and Maria Firmin.

Then followed four years of planning, with liaison with Latrobe City Council, Yinnar and District Association, Pro Draft P.L. (construction), grant funding etc. to bring the project to fruition.

MC for the day, Jeff Stolk, said he remembered as a young man ringing the bell at 2am after a dance at the hall.

Win Morrison gave a brief history of the Firmin family, and how the bell fitted into that.

Councilor Darrell White spoke on behalf of Latrobe City Council, a key player in the project, and as a person who had past associations with the Firmin family.

He said he could remember



being taught Sunday School by a Miss Firmin at Hazelwood Estate Hall, and also played tennis with Stan Firmin, a Life Member, renowned administrator and tennis player of the Latrobe Valley Tennis Association.

Darrell thanked and congratulated all those who had worked so tirelessly to bring the project to its fitting conclusion, declaring: "This is a great day for Yinnar and district community, the Firmin family and the Anglican Church of Gippsland."

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Thank You Monash Gippsland from Churchill News

By Ruth Place

Over the last eight years, Monash University has been the welcome home for the Churchill & District News, due to its sponsorship support, in particular, from the Humanities and Social Sciences Department (HUMCASS).

Without the help of Monash University, the paper would not have begun production again in 2002. Various people and departments including Community Service's (now Health and Well-Being) David Abbott, GRIS's Tina D'Urbano, HUMCASS's Liz Hart and Marketing looked closely at the feasibility of restarting the paper and the equipment and space needed.

HUMCASS then provided a room, paid the rent provided programs, and early on, computers, which allowed the paper to operate productively, in a supportive environment. We were also given IT support.

In return, it was possible for Journalism students to 'work' with the paper for practical experience. It

was a third year student in 2002, Cathy Cochrane, who learnt the Quark Express publishing program required by the Latrobe Valley Express for printing purposes, who in turn taught our present Editor Val Prokopiv, who in turn passed on knowledge of the program to Tracey Burr.

At the beginning of 2010, it was decided that the partnership between HUMCASS and C&DN was no longer appropriate due to more modern approaches of the Monash Journalism course and the unexpected and often rapid growth of the paper.

Other volunteers joined the team to share and use their talents and skills and more space to train and work was needed.

We needed to formulate some new objectives.

One of the objectives was to find a space big enough to allow three or four people to work on production thereby reducing production time, and make communication. Discussions could take place imme-

diately; errors could quickly be recognised and dealt with.

Our other objective was to locate to a place that was more accessible. We felt it important that the public had an opportunity to talk directly to our volunteers for example advertisers, contributors, and those who might be interested in getting involved.

We have been offered, on a shared room basis, a room sufficiently big enough for three operators, at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill.

We have two grants, which will allow us to install up to date programs on our computers- three of which we need to purchase.

We say THANK YOU to Monash University, especially HUMCASS, for its magnificent support and sponsorship over the past eight years.

We are indeed grateful. We remain very happy to continue to promote courses and other events as necessary.

Churchill News on the Move

By Val Prokopiv

These few months have been challenging and exciting for the Newspaper. Moving to a larger room will allow for more volunteers to work together. It has been an opportunity to assess our volunteer base and the work we do.

We are working through the process of restructuring some of our

roles, breaking them down into smaller packages, to relieve some of the team who have carried a heavy load since the paper re-began and to encourage more volunteers to become involved.

If anyone is interested in volunteering in one of the many aspects of the paper (not just production but also with some of the other activities

in which the paper is involved such as competitions and events) please contact us so we can look at roles to suit.

Experience is not necessary - there is now a wealth of that in our present group and we are happy to share our knowledge. Please call Ruth 51221961 or Val on 04110 53546.



Churchill Town Centre Plan Implementation Consultation Group

A Churchill Town Centre Plan Implementation Consultation Group has been formed to ensure that there is local input into issues such as the details of designs, timing of construction and communication. The group meets every couple of months, is chaired by Cr Darrell White, and includes Marg Guthrie and Charles Uber representing the Churchill and District Community Association, Alan Scarlett (Monash University), Dan Jordan (Monash University Student Union) and Rob Whelan (Owners Corporation at Churchill town centre).

The tasks of the group are to focus on development in Churchill town centre, and:

- Provide advice on details of designs for the commercial centre prior to their finalisation
- Provide advice on construction issues, such as timing of construction to minimise disruption
- Provide advice on communication with stakeholders
- Provide advice on next steps in the implementation of the Churchill Town Centre Plan.

Anyone with an interest in Churchill who would like a matter to be raised at the Implementation

Consultation Group may forward your issue to Ian Gibson at iangi@latrobe.vic.gov.au

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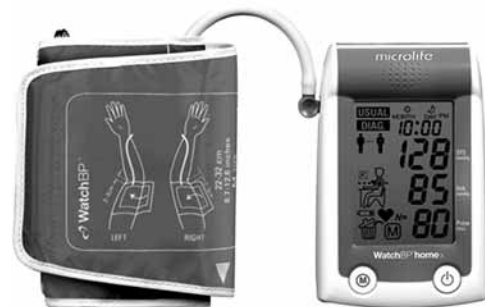
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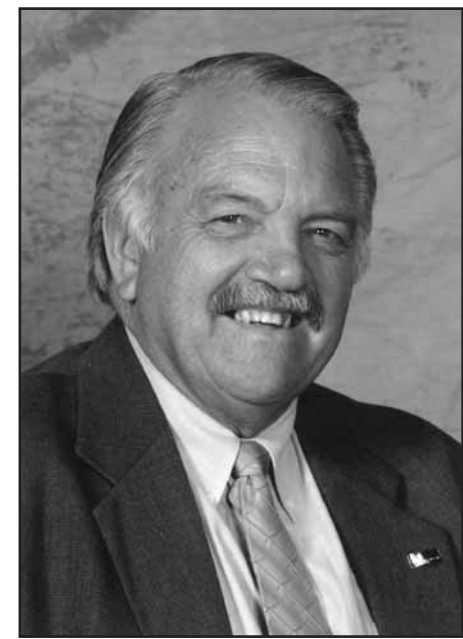
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"Draft" Community Engagement Plan 2010-2014

Members of the community are encouraged to have their say on Latrobe City Council's "draft" Community Engagement Plan 2010-2014.

The development of the "draft" Community Engagement Plan 2010-2014 involved significant consultation with the community to develop a clear understanding of the community's preference for how they would like to interact with Council.

Council wants to provide a clear guide as to how community engagement activities will be implemented with the community and how it is planned to maintain an effective and ongoing dialogue with the community. Residents are encouraged to review and provide feedback on the "draft" plan.

Comments on the "draft" "Community Engagement Plan 2010-2014" should be submitted in writing either:

by email to jacintake@latrobe.vic.gov.au
by letter to: Jacinta Kennedy, Manager Community Relations, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell, 3840 or by delivery to a Council Service Centre.

Submissions should be forwarded by Wednesday 29 September 2010, and will be presented in a Report to be considered by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on Monday 18 October 2010.

All submissions will be considered public documents unless specified otherwise by the submitter.

For further information please contact Jacinta Kennedy on 5128 5421, or email jacintake@latrobe.vic.gov.au

"No Charge" Hard Waste "Drop-Off Weekend" For Latrobe City Residents

Latrobe City Council's four Transfer Stations will be open on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 September to enable Latrobe City residents to dispose of their Hard Waste at no charge.

Special extended hours: 8am to 5pm on both days at:

Morwell Transfer Station – Porters Lane (off Tramway Road) Morwell
Traralgon Transfer Station – Depot

Road (off Liddiard Road) Traralgon
Moe Transfer Station – Haunted Hills Road, Newborough

Yinnar Transfer Station – Whitelaws Track, Yinnar South

The 'Hard Waste Drop-off Weekend' will allow residents to dispose of up to two cubic metres of hard waste at no charge, per vehicle.

To avoid potential delays, especially at Council's Traralgon and Moe transfer stations, residents are advised to arrive early during the special opening hours with their loads.

What can be disposed of:

Metal Products - Tyre rims, piping, sheets of iron, car panels, old tools, bathtubs, empty drums/cans, bed frames, sinks/troughs, scrap metal

Furniture - couches, mattresses, floor coverings, tables, chairs, exercise equipment, shower screens.

Household appliances - hot water services, fridges, freezers, ceiling fans, light fittings, photocopiers, printers, heaters, stoves, driers, televisions, air conditioners, kettles, microwave ovens, video recorders, toasters, washing machines, dishwashers.

The following items are not acceptable:

Excavated material, building rubble, car bodies (complete), engines, fuels, hazardous waste, inflammable material, dead animals, mirrors, industrial waste, windscreens, broken windows, concrete, tyres.

Household chemicals- Paint, fluo-

rescent tubes, compact fluorescent globes, motor oil, car and household batteries, and BBQ gas cylinders should be taken to the permanent 'Detox Your Home' Collection Point', at the Morwell Transfer Station, between 8 am and 12 noon, 7 days per week. All other household chemicals such as chlorine and pool chemicals, solvents, poisons, pesticides and herbicides should be taken to the next Sustainability Victoria 'Detox Your Home Mobile Collection'. For details of the next mobile collection in this area, please call Sustainability Victoria on 1800 353 233.

Asbestos: Special arrangements always need to be made for the disposal of any asbestos. If you need to dispose of asbestos, please contact Latrobe City Council on 1300 367 700 to make those arrangements.

Green waste can only be disposed of through the fortnightly kerbside green waste collection or the PineGro green waste collection centres in Morwell, Traralgon and Moe.

Residents who are not able to take advantage of the no charge hard waste drop-off can still contact Latrobe City on 1300 367 700 to arrange a booking for the next 'at call' hard waste collection service to be conducted week beginning 29th November 2010.

This 'at call' service is available for a fee of \$20 (full) and \$10 concession. Bookings and payment need to be made by Friday 19 November 2010

for this service.

Swooping Birds – Mark Them on The Map

Magpies and other swooping birds are in territorial mode as the swooping season gets underway. The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) has introduced the Victorian Magpie Map on its website to help residents in Latrobe City identify local swooping hotspots.

Whilst swooping birds can seem aggressive, they are only protecting their nests, eggs or young, but it can be a real shock for people to encounter a swooping bird, particularly young children. The most important strategy to deal with a swooping bird defending its nest is to keep as far away as possible, until the young birds have left the nest.

Exchanging local knowledge about current swooping hotspots is a key tactic in avoiding swoop attacks and taking extra precautions when around the area.

This year, the DSE have developed the Victorian Magpie Map and are advising Victorians who are swooped by any species of bird to report the incident, so that they can update the community on some of the swooping hotspots throughout Victoria.

Residents can contact the DSE Customer Service Centre by 'phone 138 186, or via email on swoopvic.vic.gov.au to submit a swooping hotspot to the Magpie Map.

Northe's Natter

about her amazing work she does in looking after injured wildlife. What a great job Jean does. Doing around 27 feeds a day, in between going out at all times of the day and night to pick up injured animals, Jean has been an extraordinary animal ambassador, and I have made representation to the State Government for any assistance which may be available for her.

Churchill has not been short of events this month, with the Monash University Auditorium being utilised to host the Gippsland Business Awards, and Latrobe Regional Hospitals Gala Ball. I attended both of these functions, and the facility is certainly very accommodating, flexible and popular with all guests with a great night had by all who attended these two important events.

Another event conducted at the Monash University Auditorium was Churchill Neighbourhood House's 3rd Biennial Quilt and Craft exhibition. I had the great honour in presenting the Quilt Challenge Prize, and was amazed at the incredible talent expressed by our local artists.

The exhibition itself was inspiring and I commend all who participated along with Henry, Jean and the Churchill Neighbourhood House team for hosting such a successful exhibition.

Monash University's Student organisation, MUGSU has also been very busy recently, with the launch of their Community Recipe Book. The book has some great recipes, and the proceeds go towards Latrobe Regional Hospital. To pick up a copy visit MUGZOO Central at Monash University, Churchill, Lifeline Churchill, and Pooh Corner.

I would also like to pass on my congratulations to those involved with the re-establishment ceremony of the St Matthews Church Bell in Yinnar. The official unveiling of the bell was a terrific ceremony, and it is fantastic that our rich history is highlighted and made a focal point of the town.

For many sports the year is drawing to a close and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all local sporting clubs who are participating in finals series every success.



It has certainly been a busy month in Churchill and district with the hosting of a number of functions and events during August.

One of the biggest events this month was the Bushfire Royal Commission community consultation. It appeared to be a valuable exercise for those local residents who attended and were able to speak about issues pertaining to the Royal Commissions final report. Unfortunately, numbers were down on the evening but those present were able to put forward some interesting thoughts and ideas.

One local resident impacted by the bushfires was Boolarra wildlife sanctuary owner Jean Quick, who I recently visited and had a chat with

along with the new plans for even more development around the shopping precinct. All this is very exciting and with the new developments around the Churchill Pool and Monash University, Churchill is really moving forward.

Now to my gripe: Churchill has another feature, which I am sure many locals rallied for some time, which is the Cigar

next door to the Service Station, a beacon shining in the night, a marker for the town. But, the land immediately around it!!

What an eyesore, weeds, uneven ground half removed cyclone fences! Was it too much to expect it to be landscaped and made to look attractive when the other land right up to it was, when

the shopping centre was finished?

The one thing living in the country has impressed on me is Community, here we have an icon, let us show our pride and present it well.

Lynn K
Churchill

CHANGE OF BUS ROUTE IN CHURCHILL EFFECTIVE FROM 25 AUGUST 2010

The reconstruction of Philip Parade will require temporary changes to the bus route through Churchill.

The new temporary bus route will run from Canterbury Way into Philip Parade, Balfour Place, West Place (bus stop) and through Georgina Place into Monash Way.

The existing bus stop and shelter in Marina Drive will be closed. A temporary bus stop will be located at the northern end of West Place at the back of the Churchill Town Symbol (near the former nursery site).

The reconstruction works are expected to be completed in December 2010.

Please contact Bishes Pokharel on 1300 367 700 if you require further information.



Letter to the Editor

Churchill Cigar

As a recent arrival (2 years) to the area, I have watched the new Churchill Community Centre and the Woolworths complex being built, the road works taking place around the area, the old hotel/motel being rebuilt and renovated and due to be open before Christmas

Jessica Chosen For National Youth Science Forum

Year 11 student from GEP campus of Kurnai College, Jessica Pocklington, has been selected to attend the National Youth Science Forum to be held in Canberra in January 2011. Jessica was one of only twenty students chosen from Rotary District 9820 (Eastern Victoria) to attend the prestigious event, which brings together the brightest young science students from around Australia.

During the two week event, which is a mix of scientific, formal, personal development and social

activities, students take part in forums at the Australian National University, attend seminars, visit laboratories and hear speakers who range from prominent scientists to former attendees of the NYSF.

They have the opportunity to discover a range of alternative careers in science and to discuss possible employment opportunities with scientific companies.

Jessica and her family moved from Boort in the Mallee earlier this year and she has quickly settled into Kurnai very well.

Announcing that Jessica had successfully passed the competitive interview process conducted by Rotary District, President of Hazelwood Rotary, Leo Billington, said that the Club was delighted to be sponsoring her and wished her every success at the Forum.

"Jessica is a great candidate and I am sure she will gain a great deal from this experience," he said. Hazelwood Rotary last year sponsored another Kurnai student, Craig Dent to attend the NYSF.

Baw Baw Shire Gardevalia Festival

Two art shows will be a part of Baw Baw Shire Gardevalia festival in October.

The first is Fleur de Lillico. The official opening of this art show is on Saturday 2 October at 4pm at the Lillico Glass Studio, 243 Lillico Road, Lillico.

The exhibition will be on for the whole month of October from 10 am until 5pm. (Mondays and Tuesdays by appointment). The artists are Meg Abrecht, Alene Bonser, Celia Collins, Helen Fox, Dianne Guthridge, Susan Johnson, Maureen Quigley and Min Weggelaar.

These eight artists share a love of art and draw inspiration from their gardens.

The second show is Florals and More. This is the Annual Art Exhibition of Warragul Art Group who are a friendly group of people who meet weekly to paint, draw and chat.

The exhibition will be on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10th October from 10am until 5pm. The official opening is Saturday 9 October at 1pm at Yarragon Public Hall in Campbell Street, Yarragon. All welcome to attend.

Jetset Morwell Award Winners



The staff at Jetset Morwell is very excited. They have received three awards from the Jetset World Travel Awards Night held recently.

From Adventure World they received "Office of the Year 2010" for their record number of sales in Victoria and Tasmania.

From Scenic Tours they won the "Highest Sales Achievement of the Year 2010" in Victoria.

They won a Jetset Victoria/Tasmania JTG (Jetset Travel Group) "Recognition Award" for their achievements for financial year 2009/2010.

Irene O'Donnell, owner of Jetset Morwell said, "It makes us feel special, that our year of hard work was recognised by our peers. We are very excited and honoured. So if you want to travel, come and see us!"

Aloha!



Last month I travelled to the 50th state of the USA - Hawaii. I spent a lovely five days between soaking up the sun on Waikiki beach and shopping in a shopper's paradise.

For anyone looking for a tropical holiday, but with plenty more to do, Honolulu cannot be overlooked.

The atmosphere of the city is very casual and people walk the street in their bathers with towels and surfboards.

The beach area is much improved since my last visit there some eighteen years ago and safe for young children too. There are numerous restaurants and cafes for every taste and

budget. Name brand shops adorn the streets and of course the massive Ala Moana shopping centre.

But for bargains the shopping warehouses were really a place to find discounted merchandise, especially clothing and accessories. At the end of the day, take in a sunset cruise or just a sunset view and relax and unwind.

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Church Snippets.....

Our congregation continues to think about our future ministry in this area.

The Parish Council welcomes the public's input into how 'church' is seen and what expectations the community has of the church's work. Please send your ideas to Parish Council, 1 Williams Ave, Churchill.

The Ladies Fellowship prepared a wonderful service celebrating the memory of Winifred Kiek and supporting the scholarship set up by Winifred Kiek to help young Christian women with their studies, and using their talents to meet the needs of others in their communities. Many of the ladies took parts in the service.

At the conclusion of the service, a delicious morning tea was served and people were given a chance to select a piece of Lynn Johnson's exquisite embroidery, done while Lynn participated in a course last year. Lynn also challenged the congregation in a thought-provoking sermon. The proceeds of a retiring offering for the Winifred Kiek scholarship were gratifying.

During voting day, the church was a busy hive of activity as people came throughout the voting hours to cast their vote. It took another hive of activity to vacuum and replace the furniture ready for the following day's service.

The following afternoon the Francis and Latrobe

Orchestras presented a "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon". They played a delightful variety of musical styles which kept the audience's attention and involvement. The afternoon tea did its usual disappearing trick as the scrumptious scones with jam and cream were consumed. Thank you to the orchestras for sharing your talents with us.

Coffee Connections was again well attended. There was much chatter as people shared news and the morning tea, before listening to one member share her life experiences.

Several members were wished safe and happy traveling and touring.

For Saturday breakfast this month we were treated to a tour of Sweden, and to accompany the usual porridge, some delicacies which would form the items of a Swedish breakfast. It was all beautifully presented. Thank you Robyn and Garry Mauger for all the time you took to make the event so interesting. Thanks too Keith for setting up and making your famous porridge. Thanks also to all those who helped with the cleaning up afterwards.

The Ladies fellowship had a very successful sausage sizzle at Bunnings and wish to thank all those who turned up to help cook, serve, and to buy.

Saturday Breakfast

The Co-operating Churches "Saturday Breakfast" For August featured a Swedish style breakfast. It consisted of Keith's special porridge, followed by sliced cold meats and flavoursome cheeses on a selection of breads and crispbreads, topped with mayonnaise, cod roe caviar, tomato and fresh dill. Some herrings in various sauces were available for those making this a "brunch", while cloudberry and lingan berry jams were available for those preferring a more Australian style breakfast with a Swedish flavour.

After breakfast, we were treated to a talk on a Swedish family adventure in a magnificent summery setting, which ranged from exploration of sights and museums in city

settings, summer holidays in the archipelago, and roaming the countryside seeking out the Viking heritage, and fruits of the forest.

Thanks to Garry and Robyn Mauger for providing the foods and preparing and delivering the talk.

The next Saturday Breakfast will be held on Saturday 25 September at 7.45 am. The guest speaker will be Stephanie Cohen, Community Education Officer, Latrobe Community Health Service. Stephanie will talk about her work in relation to problem gambling in the Valley.

Those wishing to attend should contact Keith Enders by Thursday 23 September on 5122 1148 or at kben- ders@net-tech.com.au

Relay for Life

This is an amazing event, which aims to raise funds for cancer research. It also is a memorial for those who have lost their lives to cancer and a celebration for those who are cancer survivors.

A recent meeting at the Churchill Football/Netball Clubrooms outlined the progress being made by the committee organizing this year's Relay for Life event at Number 1 oval, Gaskin Park from 11am on Saturday 13 November to 11am on Sunday 14 November 2010.

It also provided time for teams already registered to receive information, ask questions and contribute ideas.

At this stage about 14 teams are registered and finding many ways to raise their pledged funds. However, there is room for more. Following is some important information to help you make up your mind:

1. Cost-\$15 per team member
2. The web site will give you lots of information:
www.relayforlife.org.au
3. Cancer Council of Victoria fax: 9635 5240
4. Phone number : 1300 656 585
5. Persons can register either as a Team Captain, team member or volunteer

6. Once registered, team captains will receive a team kit which includes team member handbooks, Relay for Life shirts (one for each registered team member), a fundraising booklet and receipt and banking deposit books.

7. Participants under the age of 18 years must have adult supervision at all times.

The teams have special names of significance to the members. Teams have a special baton, and often dress up in their emblem.

Following are a few:

Bad Hair Day Girls. This is their eighth relay. They are members of the Cancer Council Volunteer Unit at Moe.

To raise funds they have held a

luncheon at Tristams, had soup and sandwich lunches, and held raffles.

They love the companionship of working together in their group. All have been affected by cancer. They love talking to survivors and hearing their stories.

The Candlelight Ceremony is so significant for the past, present and future fight against cancer.

Moe Mad Hatters, established in 2005. They are a breakaway group from the Bad Hair Day Girls.

They love raising money for cancer research by holding monthly socials at members' houses, Trivia nights, a progressive dinner, movie nights, a garage sale, a Cup Day Garden Party, open gardens at Yarragon (a lady who joined last year offered to open her garden), having a Death by Chocolate event, listing things on eBay, and having a scrap metal collection.

They say they are a good group of friends.

Josie and the Pussy Cats. This group belongs to the Special Development School in Traralgon.

They have already managed to raise \$1,000 - their pledge, but hope to make \$1,500 with online donations.

They have held Soup Tuesdays, where a staff member has brought a pot of soup and sold it to staff. They also have high tea afternoons, a staff lunch, sell cans of soft drink, raffles. (Bunnings and McDonald's, Traralgon, Morwell Ten Pin and Village Cinema 8 have donated prizes).

Boolarra Stompers. They have 38 members in their team. So far, they have raised \$1,700 holding raffles, Father's day stall, guess the lollies in the jar, car boot sales, and Trivia nights.

All the members have been touched by, or had cancer. They are determined to see a cure found.

These ideas may give you incentive to participate in this significant event.

Churchill Community Bank Update

Volunteers are still gathering pledges to start a Community Bank@ branch for Churchill and the surrounding district.

Churchill & District Community Bank@ Steering Committee Chairman Wayne Casey said with a Community Bank@ branch we can keep some of the profits generated by our banking.

"We can have better equipped schools, sports and social clubs, and any manner of new services, but only if we work together to make it happen," Mr Casey said.

"Drouin has about the same population as Churchill, Warragul on its doorstep, but still distributed nearly \$400,000 last year to numerous projects from their Community Bank@ branch."

Mr Casey said Drouin was a shining example of what can be achieved if a community bands together to achieve a common goal.

"We have started a new strategy, asking the 80+ organizations in and

around Churchill to forward an email explaining the project and including links to our pledge form online, to our campaign website, and to the Bendigo Community Bank@ site." Mr Casey said.

"When you receive a copy, please help by forwarding the email to all your own local contacts so that we can wrap up the pledge raising phase quickly and get down to starting Churchill's own bank to build a better town.

"Let Churchill join the 18 other Community Bank@ branches now in Gippsland."

"You can visit the Churchill & District Community Bank@ campaign website at www.churchillcommunity-bank.org.au and download an online pledge form. Remember, no money is needed at this stage. People with a Bendigo account can also help now by having their accounts based in Churchill when we open, just quote # 72084 to your local manager."

Rotary Considers New Location for Historical Wall

Mike Answerth

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood is considering a number of options for relocating the Historic Wall, which is located in front of the Churchill cigar on Monash Way. The wall which contains bricks with the names of the first 365 families to settle in the Churchill Township, was built with the help of local citizens to commemorate the farmers who occupied the land where Churchill now stands and to record the names of the first families who came to the town in 1965-66.

It was erected in 1990 in a location that was then central and accessible but changes to the township layout have meant that access is now difficult and at times dangerous. Added to this, the bricks have deteriorated to the extent the reading some of the family names is difficult.

Former Rotarian Owen McKenzie, who was President of the Club when the wall was erected and was heavily involved in the project, has taken the initiative to ensure that, as part of the new Churchill structure plan, the wall is relocated in a suitable site which will give greater exposure and profile.

Owen addressed the Rotary Club recently and a number of alternatives for a new wall were discussed. With the support of Latrobe City the Hazelwood Rotary Club has applied for funding through a historic grant to carry out this work. The outcome of this funding application is eagerly awaited. Further details on this proposal will be announced when the issue has been finalized.

New Club Board appointed.

President Leo Billington has announced the appointment of the Club's Board for 2010/11.

President: Leo Billington; Vice President: Ken Peake; President-Elect (2011-12): Carole Crewe; President nominee: (2012-13): Margaret Palmer; Secretary/ Social Co-ordinator: Chris Payne and Ray Beebe; Treasurer: Mac Wood; District Liaison Advisor: Ken Peake;

International Service: Margaret Palmer; Community Service : Alan Ferris, Vocational Service: Aldo Minchella; Youth Service: Ian Wilson; Foundation: Rollo Roylance.



Rotarian Jen Rowley congratulates Lyn Lancaster on her excellent presentation to the Rotary Club of Morwell.

Morwell Rotary Club Shine on Award Winner Lyn Lancaster

Lyn is a local girl who has received the Shine on Award from Rotary for outstanding service to the local and wider community by a person with a disability.

As our guest speaker at a recent Rotary meeting, Lyn first described the feeling of her being selected for the award and what it means to her. Lyn has limited sight and despite the difficulties this poses to her normal day-to-day functions, she has been

able to give back a lot to the community and share her experiences, which of course have helped many others. Lyn has become a very confident individual who has the ability to succeed no matter what challenges life throws at her. She is a very worthy recipient of the 'Shine On' award.

'Shine On Awards recognize outstanding service to the local and wider communities, by persons with a disability. The awards comprise two

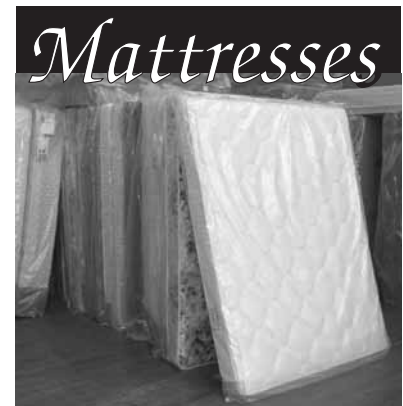
levels, Certificates of Commendation and award trophies and can be for any field of endeavour.

The awards originated in Rotary District D9600 inspired by the efforts of the Para-Olympians at Barcelona.

Candidates are sought from Local Disability Services and Advocacy Service or by referring to the local newspaper for articles on disability activities and achievements.



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Gippsland Medical School

A New Book Launched

A new medical history of Gippsland has been launched at the Gippsland Medical School at Monash University.

It is the work of Ann Dettrick and a team of wonderful women who provided most of the material which Ann has used to create this historic record.

Two years ago the Gippsland Medical School launched two banners of photos depicting the doctors and nurses who had worked in Gippsland through the 19th and 20th Centuries. These proved a success and also a catalyst. The historians at the launch were heard to say that only one or two photos from each area had been included; that they had many more, and archives with many stories ready to be told. The question was asked: Why don't you write a book about it?

This spontaneous response has resulted in valuable, unpublished stories and photographs, hidden from the general public, being published in an attractive volume, a record of medical history in Gippsland from the 1840's.

To begin this collation, Ann spent a year visiting all the small towns, hospitals, bush nurses and historical societies. She made contact with retired nurses through the Retired Nurses Association, as well as current practicing nurses to encourage them to contribute to the book.

Current and retired nurses wrote their own stories, historical societies used their archival material, and some hospitals were able to contribute from their records, especially with photographs.

Many of the eighty nurses felt they were not able to write, but the results are amazing- a wonderful valuable record, told with humour and incidental anecdotes of their contribution to health care in Gippsland.

One example of humour comes from Mirboo North. "The hospital milk was delivered by Dawes Dairy, and Doreen remembers that when asked, the two delivery men said their names were 'Shut' and 'Slam'. When a substitute

delivery man appeared, he introduced himself as 'Slightly Ajar'".

Ann then collated the records and memories into a comprehensive book about sixteen towns' medical history, using a comprehensive editing, layout and design process to ensure satisfaction. The chapters have been arranged in an historical order of settlement, as accurately as possible, using available information.

The book tells about the doctors who came from Scotland and England, well trained in universities and hospitals. It records the development of midwifery from women who had gained experience helping other women give birth on the boats coming to Australia, and from then on.

It records the doctors and nurses who practised alone, who became legends for those in isolated areas, as they traveled long distances along bush tracks to reach and treat injured and sick people.

The book is only a beginning, Ann says, to record the full history of health care in Gippsland. It is her hope that it may inspire others to make sure valuable records are not lost. In fact, Ann reports that many towns have seen how valuable this project has been and are now motivated to do their own histories of medicine.

Gippsland Medical School (GMS) supported and funded the project and is very happy with the outcome. The Monash University Off Campus Learning Centre Print Group staff was responsible for the graphic design and layout, photo reproduction and other talents required. Ann thanks them and the GMS staff, who did countless hours of proof-reading, very much.

GMS wants to thank all people across Gippsland who have co-operated and contributed to the project.

Copies of the book are available at the Churchill Newsagency for \$30, or by contacting GMS on 51226445.



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Good News From Churchill Gardening Group

Spring is nearly here. There are signs of new growth, swollen buds and colour everywhere. There are beautiful magnolias out everywhere we drive; daffodils galore.

I've even seen some ranunculus out in flower. Flowering fruit and blossom trees are looking wonderful, and just about everything in the garden is just spurt-ing ahead.

Of course the usual nasties (weeds) still need attending to, but even that never ending job seems a little more pleasant at this time of year. "It's a new gardening beginning".

The vegetable garden is also on the march, and with warmer weather approaching, we need to be a little more vigilant regarding bugs, keeping a good look out, and dealing with them as they show themselves.

For those growing celery, celeriac, and lettuce, we need to feed them quite regularly, at least every two weeks, as they need to grow very quickly. Seaweed based fertilizer is ideal, and of course also helps with any bug problem. A side dressing of aged animal manure is also excellent.

Time to Plant

Vegetables: Globe artichokes, asparagus, beetroot, cabbage, celery, chinese cabbage, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuce, potatoes, radish silver beet, chard, English spinach, turnips.

Flowers: ageratum, Canterbury bells, carnations, celosia, cleome, coleus, cosmos, delphiniums, gaillardia, holly hocks, marigolds, larkspur, salvias, rudbeckia, scabiosa, snow on the mountain, zinnias, statice.

Scadoxus:

This flowering bulb is called Scadoxus. It has lush, rather green leaves, topped by a large head of up to one hundred starry coral coloured flowers, followed by orange berries. I gave my berries to a friend who propagated them all quite easily. I am not sure if the quite large bulb is easily obtainable, but if you can get hold of it, it is well worth growing.

That is all for this month folks. Happy gardening!

Pictured left: flowering bulb Scadoxus



Captain Steve Barling

Churchill Fire Brigade's Captain for 13 Years



By Leith Hillard, CFA.

Steve Barling has been the captain of Churchill brigade for 13 years and a CFA member for 24 years.

He has worked up to Division Command level and is Chairman of the District 10 Regional Planning Committee and the Morwell group officer. During the furious days of late January/early February 2009, however, he was a sector and division commander and a firefighter seven days a week.

As the government's community consultation reached the bushfire-scarred town of Churchill on Thursday 5 August, Steve reflected on his experiences of January and February 2009.

"We were involved all the way through the fires," says Steve. "Boolarra happened and everyone thought that was the big event of the season. We started with three or four small fires in the Yinnar area in late January and we were doing a good job containing them and getting them out. At that stage the wind wasn't really kicking in and a lot of effort was going into the investigation of the causes.

"We had strike teams in place from the Yinnar fire onwards. I was with four strike teams working on containment in my sector. We were trying to protect the township of Yinnar and, given the conditions were relatively mild, track the edge of the fire in the bush. The perimeter of one side went from bush into grassland so that was easy. We knew there was the likelihood of stronger winds.

"The Mirboo North fire had been burning in plantation and forested areas and that joined up on Friday 30th, eight days before Black Saturday to ultimately become the Delburn Complex.

"Local brigades were doing a lot of work in their communities including running community meetings.

"Boolarra brigade was working 24 hours a day – they'd been going so hard for so long. We manned their station with crews from the Morwell group for 24 hours so they could go home and rest.

"We worked through the rest of that following week on control and maintenance. The weather forecasts were very alarming, especially since we were already in the middle of a firefight. Strike teams were doing mop up and patrol along with DSE and HVP and that gave our group the chance to pre-plan for Saturday 7th and pre-position strike team leaders. The plan was to quickly jump onto any fire that was going.

"On Black Saturday, the conditions started to get fairly bad from noon and we had people at the station. We got about six or seven jobs in a row supporting other brigades – the tanker and support vehicle went to Yinnar and the pumper went about half a kilometre out of town. Most turned out to be small.

Churchill fire begins

"I was one of the crew at Yinnar. We finished what we were doing and it was there that we sighted the plume from the Churchill fire."

The Glendonald Road Churchill fire – as it was and still is referred to by locals – started in plantations about one kilometre out on the eastern side of town. The prevailing winds sent the fire away from town although some houses were lost in Glendonald Road after the wind change.

"Within a few minutes it was very substantial," recalls Steve. "The wind was blowing strongly from the north-north-west and the huge plume of smoke was bending over towards Yarram. That was the moment for me; that's the image that's stayed with me. It made me think, 'We're in trouble. This is huge already.'

"The pumper crew said, 'Make tankers 20' and they started talking to households and alerting people. They came across one house with the curtains drawn and the air conditioner on, totally oblivious to what was going on outside.

"Within half an hour, the fire had extended well over four kilometres through the bush in the Strezlecki foothills. It took off like you wouldn't believe. I headed off to determine the control point but it was already well into the Strezleckis.

"I briefly took over as Incident Controller, operating from Thompson Rd out of the 4WD, and requested extra strike teams. Aerial support was in place.

"At that time – because of pre-planning – the Delburn fire was being managed by the IMT in Traralgon, so I went back to being Division Commander of the Churchill fire. A division was also eventually established in Yarram because it was spotting there. After the west-south-west wind change at 6pm, the fire impacted into the Callignee area.

"All we could do in the firefight was protect assets and ourselves. The only way it was going to stop was if conditions changed or it came out of the bush. When the wind died down we tracked the fire edge and Loy Yang was the first area controlled with containment lines. It was fully controlled 1 ½ weeks later.

"The Delburn fire was contained on Black Saturday and it remained contained. A lot of work was done outside the actual fire itself in case it escaped control. The power transmission lines to Melbourne were about five kilometres away and the Morwell open cut wasn't much further. A lot of preliminary work was done to secure those power lines.

"The brigade was still heavily involved in the weeks following with fire calls. People were jumpy. We were well supported with crews from South Australia. There were at least 50 South Aussies per shift on blackout and patrol at a time which meant we could get some rest. Strike teams stayed around for about three weeks

after the fire and some slept at Monash Uni where the Churchill staging area was.

"The second image from that time that has really stayed with me was from two days afterwards when I was on patrol. I looked out across a hillside that was grey and ashen with what looked like black matchsticks. There was so much going on during the firefight and so many people needing attention. I didn't have time to step back: the focus was on what was happening in the patch I was looking after. Other people saw fire balls and spectacular images of the power of the fire but I didn't see any of it.

"We had three trucks burnt over in the wind change with mayday calls put in. The Minimum Skills training that we'd been doing so regularly became second nature and crews did everything they were supposed to do. It was a very traumatic and difficult time until we reached their location and found everyone safe and well. An absolutely fantastic result and a huge relief."

Recovery process

"Peer support has been an important part of the recovery process. We've benefited from having it available because it was devastating. There were deaths in our community. There was a lot of property lost, houses burnt, substantial fencing and farm assets destroyed. It's certainly an event that's changed everyone's lives forever in terms of impact on the community. Some people will never come back into the community and the process of rebuilding will continue for many years.

"Our brigade is still substantially involved. We've had brigade members appearing before the Royal Commission and in the trial of the alleged arsonist – that's very nerve-wracking – and then perhaps there'll be a coronial enquiry. It makes you re-question the decisions you made. You can't put it behind you because of that. You might be travelling OK but you get called back into it. It's still going to reappear until those processes are concluded.

"I'm absolutely proud of the brigade and the others who helped us. The response to the fire and recovery process should make everybody feel very proud. There's been some recognition. Minister Bob Cameron presented a plaque to local brigades which probably helped. I think, generally, recognition is always well received.

"The biggest kick is when the local community acknowledges us. It helps us recognise how well we really did: knowing the things we did on the day saved a lot of people and property from death and destruction. It's the reason we do it and it all came home to us in those weeks. It makes you feel especially worthwhile. That's one of the good things. The work done by local brigades and the local community – how much we did for ourselves.



Captain Steve Barling

"I never felt that I questioned my involvement in CFA after the fires. We've had a pretty normal transition in that we haven't had a lot of people leave. Some will, of course, but many more are just as committed. I think a lot of us get a kick out of being in the CFA family."

Steve has two adult children living in Churchill who are not in the brigade. "But I get strongly encouraged to do the work I do in CFA," he says emphatically. "They're extremely proud of the things I've done, I guess. That encourages you a lot."

Royal Commission

"Because of the management-structure role I've played in this and other fires, I have an appreciation of both what happens in IMTs and on the fireground. I'm interested in what might come out of the Royal Commission in terms of command and control. I wonder about the impact on our systems and our communities.

"I expect that a lot of things will change - this is going to be another trigger. We need to make sure brigades are adequately supported as the programs that deliver the changes are rolled out.

"There will be a lot of community questioning of brigades and CFA. I think that will increase dramatically for a number of years. Communities are going to continue to question what they're going to do in the event of a fire. All communities are concerned about the day it happens in their patch and it's locals who get questioned.

"We need to work very hard at support to match the level of enquiry that communities have. Change can mark a natural end for some people. Younger people coming through have a different outlook so perhaps for them change isn't such a big deal.

"That said, I'm generally happy with the direction the commission has taken. Most of what they've recommended is all good and probably what a lot of us would have come up with or hoped for."



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Lionesses Racing to Go!!

By Jill Wall
 The Lioness Club of Churchill & District were kept busy waving the flags at the Annual Go Kart Rally which was held in Morwell over the weekend 7 – 8 August. Over 500 entrants participated and kept our ladies very busy waving the corner caution and danger flags with all the thrills and spills happening everywhere! A great day out was had by all helping our local youth and the visitors who came from all over the State.

We would like to thank the Morwell Go Kart Club who organized this event and invited our ladies to help out. The contribution given in appreciation will be used to fund future help in our local community.

Hazelwood House in Churchill have monthly working bees in their gardens and we have seen many of our ladies helping out. Our club has also purchased replacement roses and plant fertilizer in recent months. All the roses are trimmed back awaiting the spring sunshine.

Vicki and Margaret were invited to attend the Churchill & District News Photographic Competition to hand out awards to the winners. Thank you for the lovely evening and letting us participate in this great competition as some terrific talent was on show!

Lions Clubs International District 201V3 Breakaway Convention planning is well underway. Breakaway Bulletins have been sent out to 50 clubs and we are pleased to announce 10 clubs from Lakes Entrance to Mount Gambier have confirmed their members will attend. In February 2011, we are expecting over 100 Lionesses will be visiting our local area.

Some events in planning include dinner Friday night at Latrobe Convention Centre, two guest speakers have been invited for Saturday. Following this a luncheon at the Old Gipps town in Moe. After lunch, there will be a bus tour of local sites including Hazelwood Power Station, Morwell Dredge,

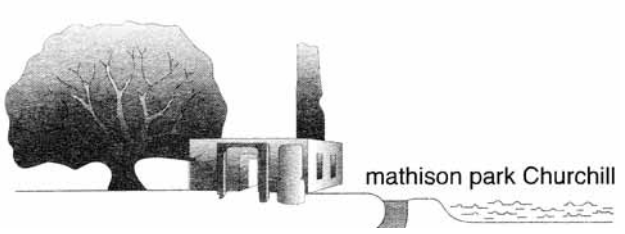
Morwell Rose Garden and Loy Yang Power Station. Saturday night dinner then Sunday will see a Lioness Memorial Service with a piper attending and another two guest speakers.

Place mats, table centres, bookmarks, show bags raffles with numerous prizes have all been discussed and are currently being put together.

We look forward to this very challenging and exciting event, which has involved monthly meetings whilst planning. We can't wait to welcome our visitors to showcase our local area and anticipate a fun time for all!

Upcoming events in which our club has been invited to participate include:

September – Hazelwood House Rose Garden.
 October – Barry Sheene Tribute
 November – Antique Bottles & Collectibles Show, Morwell Dog Show



Mathison Park Tree Felling

People who fish and walk regularly will have noticed that some of the old dead trees have been removed at the Mackey's Road end of the lake.

Thank you to our hard working tree fellers and the other volunteers who braved the cold weather and turned up at last working bee to remove the residue of these fellings.

There have been a few complaints from people walking in the park about dog droppings. We would respectfully like to remind people that being responsible dog owners means taking a plastic bag when you go walking and clean up your dog's droppings. This will make for a safer and more hygienic environment. We thank you for taking note of this request.



CALL FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES FOR WARREN TERRACE HAZELWOOD NORTH RESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council is looking for three community representatives for the Warren Terrace Hazelwood North Reserve Advisory Committee. The Committee will share information, feedback and advice on the future development, operational and maintenance issues and recreational purposes of the reserve.

Along with the selected community representatives, the Committee will comprise Ward Councillors and representatives of the school, sporting and community organisations. Members of the Committee will be appointed for three years.

Nominations will be received until 4pm on Friday 24 September 2010 and must be hand written and addressed to:

Ms Karen Tsebelis
 Acting Coordinator Recreation and Open Space Planning
 Latrobe City
 PO Box 264
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Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Gum Leaf Quilters: Quilt and Craft Exhibition 2010

The third biennial exhibition of the Gum Leaf Quilters was a huge success. Held at Monash University Gippsland Auditorium on the weekend of the 28 August, a stunning display of quilts and crafts was on display. Many interesting craft demonstrations were held throughout the two days including porcelain painting by May Sennet and the unique 'Fairies with Attitude' by Rhonda Hunt.

This year's winner of the Quilt Challenge 'my favourite place' was Christine Luck with 'My Garden'. Second place was taken by Patricia Symes with 'Lakes and Mountains'. Encouragement Awards went to Pam Vanderzalm for 'My Garden' and Helene Hunt for 'South Africa'.

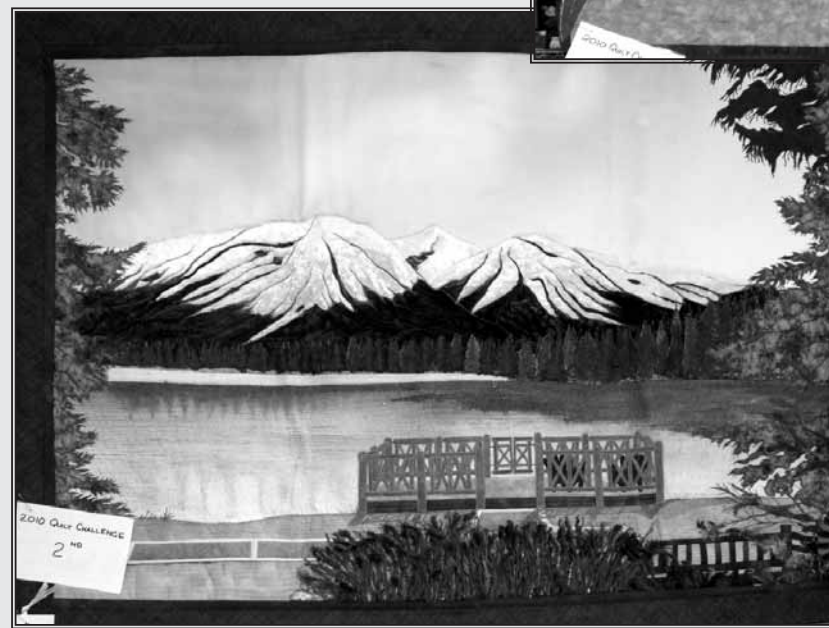
The Gum Leaf Quilters would like to thank all the crafty people who kindly offered their creations to be exhibited and congratulate them on the high standard and creativeness of your work.



Winner: 'My Garden'
by Christine Luck
(Above)



Porcelain Painter May Sennet (Below)



Second Place: 'Lakes & Mountains' by Patricia Symes



C & D Celebrity Chef

Peta Yong, brilliant cook and owner of Churchill's 'Scary Fairy' café is this month's celebrity chef.

The 'Scary Fairy' opened in February of this year and Peta and her staff have been busy ever since. The café's unusual name comes from Peta's nickname but there's nothing scary about this talented lady who has been in the hospitality business from the age of thirteen. Always smiling she makes everyone feel welcome whether they drop in for a coffee or for something more substantial.

Peta's early years were spent in Clifton Hill and Frankston. She now lives in Yinnar with her husband Bernie. She has a stepdaughter Lucinda aged twenty-six, a daughter Madeleine aged thirteen, and an eleven year old son Cameron.

In spite of her busy schedule at the 'Scary Fairy' Peta finds time to indulge her interests of gardening, 4 wheel driving, camping and reading.

Here is Peta's recipe for her scrumptious poppy seed cake.

Orange Poppy Seed Cake

Serving size: Serves 10 or more.

Cooking time: More than 1 hour.

You will need four large oranges for this recipe, which can be made a day ahead.

Ingredients:

4 large (1.2kg) oranges
1/2 cup (70g) black poppy seeds
500g butter, softened
3 cups (660g) caster sugar
8 eggs
3 cups (450g) self-raising flour
1 cup (150g) plain flour
Glaze Icing:

2 1/4 cups (360g) icing sugar mixture
1 1/2 teaspoons butter, softened
1/4 cup (60ml) orange juice

Method

Preheat oven to moderately slow (160C/140C fan-forced). Grease and line the base and size of a deep 30cm round cake pan with two layers of baking paper, extending paper 5cm above the edge of the pan.

Grate the rind finely from the oranges – you will need 1/3 cup grated rind. Squeeze the juice from the

oranges – you will need 1 1/2 cups (375ml) for this recipe. Combine the orange juice and poppy seeds in a small jug.

Beat the butter, rind and sugar in a large bowl with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating until just combined between additions.

Fold in the combined sifted flours and orange juice mixture in two batches. Spread the mixture into the prepared pan.

Bake in a moderately slow oven for about 1 hour 30 minutes, or until cooked when tested. Stand the cake in the pan for 20 minutes before turning onto a wire rack.

Glaze Icing: Sift the icing sugar into a small heat-proof bowl; stir in the butter and juice to form a firm paste. Place the bowl over a small pan of simmering water; stir until the icing is a pouring consistency, but do not overheat. Spread the Glaze Icing immediately over the cold cake.

The un-iced cake is suitable to freeze. The icing is suitable to microwave.

Cora Pal





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Las Vegas: Churchill Style

They say what happens at Vegas, stays in Vegas; but that old adage is referring to Las Vegas – not ‘Churchill Vegas’.

On 17 August, Churchill Preschool was adapted into ‘Churchill Vegas’, with the students’ grandparents invited along to experience the fun. They were treated to the vocal talents of Paul Hogan – the front man of a successful Robbie Williams cover band, and home-made pikelets with jam and cream. The day was topped off by a heart-warming rendition of ‘You are my

Sunshine’ by the students.

Latrobe City’s early childhood teacher, Kate McCulley, said that the day was a great experience for the children as well as the grandparents.

“As a part of the festivities, the children chose special books to be read at story time. They were all about celebrating the grandparent-grandchild relationship. It was really a special day. Having Paul there to sing made it very enjoyable too, with the children dancing along with their nanas and grandpas.

“In the Preschool, we try to

encourage a lot of family involvement in what the children do. Having their grandparents come along made the kids feel really special and you couldn’t wipe the smiles off the grandparents’ faces,” Ms McCulley said.

Although enrolments are officially closed, some Latrobe City Preschools still have vacancies they wish to fill. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact Latrobe City on 1300 367 700.



Neighbourhood Watch / Safer Communities
CHURCHILL CRIME REPORT
25/07/10 - 25/08/10



information in relation to suspect vehicles or person on or about the 21st August and 13th August could they contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000. One offender was charged with theft from Adina Court.

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

WHAT IS CRIMESTOPPERS?

Crime Stoppers Victoria is a Not for Profit Charitable Trust. Its vision is to provide: A safe and secure community for everyone in Victoria. Its Mission is: To engage with and build the trust of the community so that all people in Victoria, regardless of their age, social, cultural or economic circumstances, are confident that a call to Crime Stoppers with information about illegal activity will make their community safer and more secure.

Crime Stoppers works closely with the media to get out important messages about crime, safety and security to Victorians. Regular media segments support the program such as WIN TV broadcasting a weekly Target Crime on Monday evenings at around 8.30 pm and The Herald Sun publishes "Victoria's Most Wanted" every Wednesday.

Since 1987 Crime Stoppers has accepted more than half a million calls from Victorians who have knowledge of specific criminal activity. Callers are not required to

reveal their identity. It has tackled a wide range of issues of concern to the community and police including illegal drug manufacturing and dealing, graffiti, dangerous "hoon" driving, street violence, theft from country farms, arson, livestock theft, bogus tradesmen and con-men, property damage, copper theft, cyber-bullying, schoolies week and many more.

Crime Stoppers is Putting the Finger on Crime. If you've seen something, say something! Look at the statistics since inception.

- * More than 11,000 arrests
- * More than 50,000 criminal charges have been laid
- * Over 500,000 calls have been made to Crime Stoppers
- * Over 70 murder investigations have been solved in Victoria
- * 15 and 20 arrests per week from to Crime Stoppers information
- * \$140 mil of stolen goods recovered and illegal drugs seized
- * 40,000 calls made to the Crime Stoppers "Hoon Hotline" with information about dangerous drivers and illegal street drag racing

Through Crime Stoppers, and thanks to the community, Victoria Police have located missing children, captured violent offenders, arrested drug dealers and taken dangerous drivers off the road - the Crime Stoppers program, with the support of sponsors, the Victorian media and the community is helping to make our state a safe state.

- ASSAULTS**
Three assaults for the month. All came to notice as a result of Family Incident reports.
- PROPERTY DAMAGE**
Four offences for the month.
Graffiti was drawn on a BBQ at Monash Uni. One premises had a window smashed by unknown means. On the other occasions vehicles had tyres slashed by unknown offenders.
- BURGLARY**
Five offences for the month, with four offenders being charged for a burglary on the school where an amount of confectionary was stolen. A number of premises were left unlocked and computer equipment was the item of choice for the thieves who entered. Residents are reminded to keep premises locked when away from them.
- THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE**
There was one offence for the month. Offenders have entered an unlocked vehicle and stolen the GPS unit inside. Vehicle owners are reminded to keep vehicles locked when away from the car and to keep valuables either out of sight or better still to take them with you.
- THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE**
One offender charged with theft of a motor vehicle.
- THEFT**
During the month a trailer and horse float were stolen from the Monash Way area. If anyone has

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Rain Gauge

Peter Prokopiv
According to the Australian Bureau of Meteorology, rainfall in August was above average. I noted quite a difference in rain in comparison with the figures for Latrobe Valley Airport. The total I recorded in Churchill for the month was 90mm compared to the Airport at 66.8mm. The highest recording was on 2 August with 24.2mm being recorded at the Latrobe Valley Airport and 32.5 in my garden.

Temperatures for the month according to the Bureau were below average. The maximum temperatures were 1.5°C below average.



A Churchill & District News History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Eric Rowley

Memories of his early years in the Cowarr and Hazelwood South Area

By Ruth Place

Eric was born 95 years ago, at Maffra.

In 1928, when he was fourteen, his family moved to the Hazelwood South area.

The farmland they purchased was mostly timber that needed to be cleared before pasture could be established sufficiently for a herd of cattle to graze.

Eric explained some of the techniques his father and later he used to clear the timber, splitting them for fence posts and 'ring-barking' a tree.

There were no chainsaws, just a crosscut saw, for felling the giants.

Eric says he became so used to the work that he could pull a six-foot crosscut saw all day by himself.

Barking was a skill, which aimed to get the whole bark piece off in one bit. In the old days, these bark pieces were used to make bark huts.

The log would be criss cross (zig-zag) cut with an axe along its length. Then it would be given a belt with the back of the axe to loosen the bark. Then you would use the blade of the axe to slowly work the bark off. The trunk of the tree was cut in six foot lengths.

Once the bark was removed, the log was split in half, and then progressively brought down with further splits to eventually create the fence posts. The bigger the tree, the more logs could be produced.

To do the splitting a maul and wedges was used.

A maul was a wooden block with a steel ring around each end to stop it splitting. There was a handle through the middle. A wedge was a tapered piece of steel, similar to what is used as a doorstop. It was hit into the log at one end with the maul, used as a sledgehammer, causing a crack in the log. The wedge would be progressively moved along the crack.

Two or three wedges would be needed, starting with a thin one and progressing to thicker ones along the log as the timber further opened up.

If it was not opening up in the middle as required, two wedges (double dinking) would be driven into the log.

That is where the danger lay, as one wedge could fly out, and you had no way of knowing where it would go. It could go straight up, and if you are working above it, you could have been hit.

At times, depending on the type of timber you were working- box or messmate- a small tapping movement would be more effective than a heavy blow, especially in green (freshly fallen) timber.

Eric states emphatically that when the timber starts to open, and if one wedge falls in the split, you should NEVER put your hand in the split, without placing an axe in the split opening so your hand does not get trapped and squashed.

Eric says his Dad passed that warning onto him, as he did many other hints for safe and effective felling of timber and splitting for fence posts. Eric recalls his Dad telling of one bushman camped alone who did that and couldn't get his hand out. He died!

You would work from the small end of the log to get the right size posts with bigger bottoms to go into the ground.

When Eric and his family came to live on what is now Glendonald Road, they needed to clear the timber for fence posts for their own property, and also to sell to make some hard earned cash. It was hard work, but Eric declares that you can be hardened up to anything.

They would do the splitting where they felled

the tree. Then they would snig the posts out on a sledge. That is they pulled then sledge laden with posts.

The sledge was made of a couple of posts and a few cross pieces. Then front of the posts were cut on an upwards angle so they would slide over anything on the ground. These were dragged to another place where they could be unloaded conveniently for sale, or laid out where the fence would go.



A wooden dray used to collect the posts

Eric says that trees not far apart could display different characteristics. From one you could split matches, another or you could work all day for a few posts. It was nothing for Eric to split 100 plus posts between milkings.

He has had the actual experience of splitting a lot of posts alone. First, he has to fell a tree using a "dead man". It could be a lump of wild willow-strong and pliable, one end of which was inserted into the handle of the crosscut saw, and the other end pushed into the ground. It would act like another man (not as efficiently), but allow the saw to go backwards and forwards and complete the felling task. Eric would be on the side of the teeth working. Eric says it was hard work, but to got used to it.

So what sort of breakfast was eaten to sustain the men through this hard regime of work?

It was porridge and toast. Eric says he and his brother Len were batching, so they had to make their own meals as well as work. The day started with milking, then post splitting. If they were close to home, they went home for lunch, if not they took a sandwich and boiled the billy for a cup of tea.

Trees could be different in the degree of difficulty to cut down. One tree Eric remembers had a complete circular twist from bottom to top. Eric thought it would be really difficult to work, but he says, he could have split match sticks from it.

Some trees had knots. The split would go around the knot, but the post produced would be just as acceptable.

Through word of mouth, Eric and Len gained a good reputation for producing good fence post. However, Eric explains, most tree felling was done to clear the land, and the posts produced, used for fencing of that land.

The summer routine began at 4:30am when Eric would get up, and have a cuppa. Then he would milk, and separate the cream from the milk. The cream went to the butter factory, which was located close to where McDonald's is now. The two palm trees are still there. The skim milk was used on the farm, often to feed pigs.

Breakfast followed, then post splitting or other farm work, before the night milking.

A four wheeled cart with a dray called a lorry, and drawn by two horses was the vehicle which picked up the cream for the butter factory.

Bread from Billy Wilson's Bakery in Morwell, was delivered once a week and left in a box on the corner of Jeeralang West (now Monash Way) and Glendonald Road.

Thomson Road was called Blowfly road,

marvelous thing was that when the rain stopped the flood waters went.

Eric believes that Eel Hole Creek is a man made drain, not a real creek. He doesn't know how it was made, but he knows he had to clear it out several times over the years. It was necessary as when it rained it flooded so the creek/drain was essential.

On the farm, there were a lot of dead trees. They would be grubbed or cut out. If the tree was cut out, they would 'stove the stump'. This meant that they dug down around the tree stump, and then lit a fire all around it. When it was going well, they would cover it in with dirt and it would burn for weeks until the roots and stump were gone.

Charcoal was sometimes produced. To do so a pit was dug and logs put in and burnt into charcoal. This was bagged up and sold to the Morwell Blacksmith located near where the Post Office is now. Al Foster owned it.

During World War 2, charcoal was used to burn in cars. Lumps were best.

Other farmers had bigger pits, which accommodated larger logs.

Dead wood was cut up into 2 foot lengths, and taken up to the road to be stacked. It was sold for 14 shillings a cord (128 cubic feet or 2 1/2 tons.)

The stack was 2 feet wide, 4 feet high and 16 feet long. Solid. The less holes you had the better. Wood would be re-arranged to achieve this. Eric says you got to know your timber!

A Quoits Club in the district took in towns of Yinnar, Morwell, Middle Creek, and districts like Hazelwood South, etc. Eric enjoyed his involvement saying there was "lots to learn".

Hazelwood South was the king team with pretty good players. If you threw six on the peg you would get another go and keep going. Eric remembers a mate who put 1000 on in one game in Morwell. Norm Northway was his name.

When Eric was still in Cowarr, there was an old German man who would come down to their home a lot as he was lonely. This man had a horse, which he would drive into town, which was fine. However, when he turned the horse's head for home, it would bolt.

because the horses would be blowing going up and flying back down the other side.

From Hazelwood South it was a long way to anywhere, but Eric says you would go anyway, whether it was walking, by horse, horse and jinker which could take 2-3 people, bike or pony.

Eric played football for Morwell. He walked into Morwell, played and then got a ride home.

The shops in Morwell were open on Saturday afternoons and closed Wednesday afternoons.

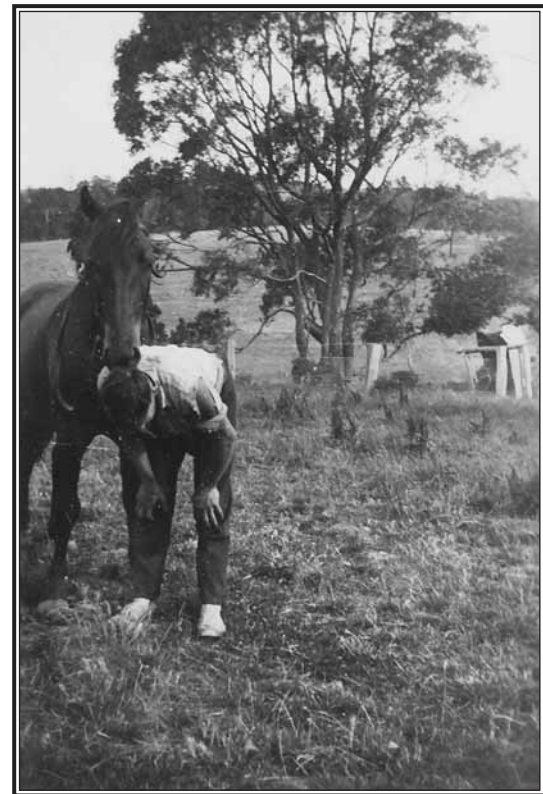
Tuesday was Market Day in Morwell. Everyone went into Morwell to do their shopping and to attend the cattle sales. McLean and Hills ran the sale yard where Coles is now, and Lou Vary ran the sale yards on the north side of Morwell around Buckley Street.

There were farms all around Morwell Bridge and surrounding areas. Any surplus cattle would be taken to the market for sale. Dealers or traders would be there to see if they could "make a bob" out of them. If in the affirmative, they would buy the cattle and run them for a while to fatten them by building up their body weight, before again selling them.

Commenting on these past dry years, Eric said he was not surprised as the great weather forecaster, Indigo Jones, had predicted the 2000s would be the driest on record.

But dry weather was not all Eric and his brother had to cope with over the years on the farm. Floods also visited them. Eric says you "took them in your stride, moving cattle to higher ground if required."

In the early 1950's the south arm of Eel Hole Creek, which only ran when it rained, flooded. It was estimated that 14 inches of rain fell overnight. Eric recalls that he had to swim through 3-4 feet of water to collect the cows. All the flats were covered. It washed all the culverts tops off around. The



Eric with his pet horse, which he rode from Cowarr



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...through the eyes of local residents



He came to talk about lancing its eyes to stop it, but Eric's Dad said no. He offered to swap him for a quieter mare.

His Dad then gave it to a farmer for ploughing. Three horses were used in a row in harness to plough. When the farmer turned the horses for home, if it did bolt it was stopped by the other two horses.

The German man offered the family a share in a bacon pig. Dad asked, "When did you kill it?" The answer was, "It died last night."

A buggy was a type of cart which had a dicky seat at the back which was lifted up and the kids could sit in it.

The family had a buggy that belonged to Eric's step-mother. There was to be the usual school picnic in January, at Billys Creek prior to the start of school. They decided to go in the buggy. They lifted down the dicky seat and out jumped a chook cackling proudly as she had laid an egg in there.

There was lots of fun trying to catch the chook. Eric said they invented a new game!

Picnic activities included races such as the egg and spoon, and sack races. There was also high jump.

The food was packed in a basket. You found a shady place on the hot day, and enjoyed your own meal.

On hot days, the children would all paddle in the creek.

At school, you always sang the National Anthem-God Save the King-, and said the Oath of Allegiance on Monday mornings.

Eric says what he knew he picked up and learnt as he went along.

In Cowarr they milked about 18 cows by hand. They also cleared blackberries, and had a fruit orchard. The fruit from this orchard was very good quality.

When Eric was driving cattle from Cowarr, he ran out of water. He stopped at a farm to replenish it, even though the people were unknown to him. They not only filled his water bottle, they invited him to have dinner.

In 1956, the Hazelwood South farm was connected to power. They were still doing the cream. One weekend the power went off, as a tree fell over the power line. Stewart McFarlane, Howard Walker, and Lindsay Willaton, all turned up with buckets to milk the 60 odd cows by hand. "That was friendship, and what people used to do," stated Eric.

When there was no work in the Depression of the 1930's, people were able to work on farms for 10 shillings a week. They could not milk, but they could do farm improvement work like fencing, clearing land, removing tussocks.

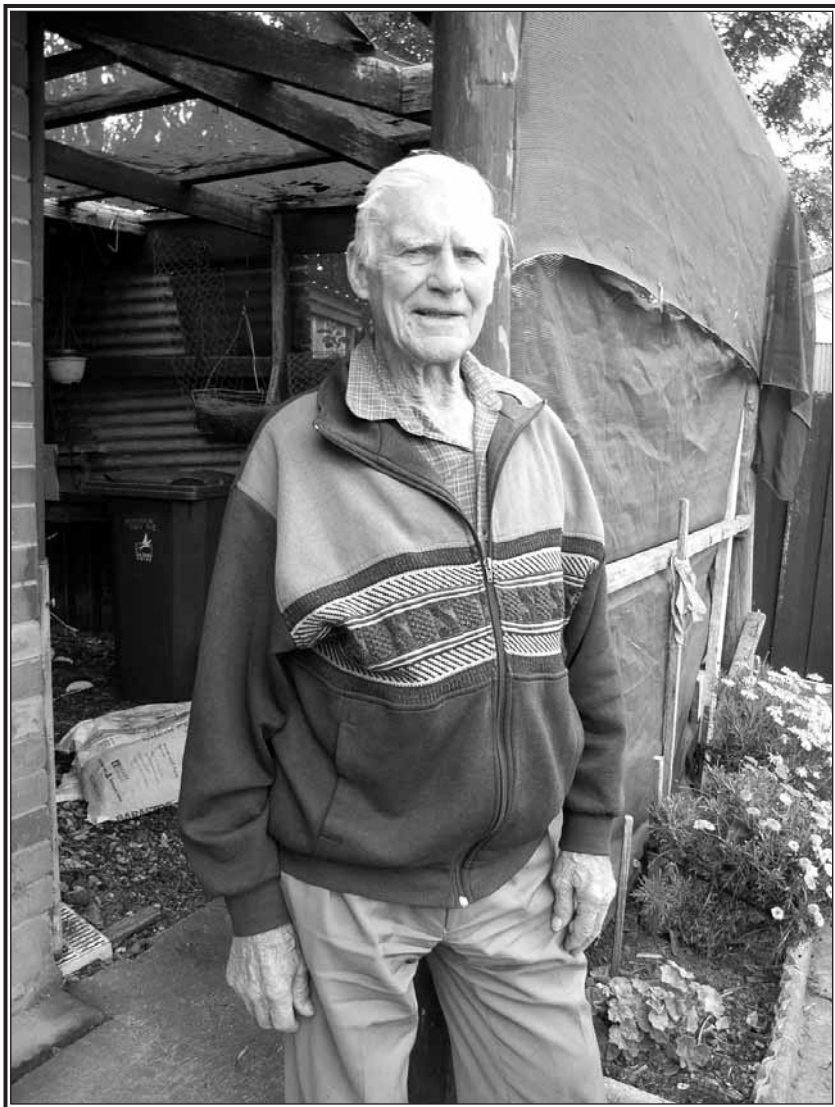
The farmers provided food and lodging.

This all happened on farms, which belonged to the McFarlane's - Alan, George, Arch and Jack. Most of these farms are now under water with the creation of Hazelwood Pondage.

The forming of the open cut brought work as it created jobs and got people back to work.

What did you think of the idea of the town of Churchill being built?

"The area was all farmland and everyone milked cows. We didn't want the town here. It was quiet and peaceful; a beautiful area. It's all altered now. But it is no use living in the past. All through the hills it is all altered." said Eric.



Eric Rowley

Latrobe City to Provide Sustainability Focused Financial Assistance

Applications are being accepted for Latrobe City's funding program to assist landholders to protect and enhance native vegetation on their property.

The Native Vegetation Protection Incentive Scheme will see a rate rebate of up to \$500 provided to landholders for actions including: weed control, the construction of fences to prevent stock grazing or any other damage to native vegetation, covenants, legal agreements, property planning, and the erection of nesting boxes or other actions that will protect native vegetation and biodiversity.

Latrobe City's natural environment sustainability manager, Deirdre Griepsma, said that the incentives help Latrobe City recover its lost and damaged native vegetation.

"Native vegetation and biodiversity are crucial in order for sustainable land management; they are also essential for a healthy eco-system, which is what provides us with clean air, water and food. By clearing native vegetation, many problems can arise; including salinity, erosion, climate change, and a lack of biodiversity. It can also threaten tourism, agriculture, and property value.

"Research has shown that between 30 to 35 per cent of land must be bushland in order for a sustainable landscape. At the moment, Latrobe City is covered with only around 20 per cent bushland, with much of that heavily degraded. Much work needs to be done now, to ensure that Latrobe City can have a sustainable future," Ms Griepsma said.

Native Vegetation Protection Incentives applications forms are avail-

able from any of Council's Citizen Service Centres or from Latrobe City's website www.latrobe.vic.gov.au. Applications close Friday 29 October 2010.

Contact Cameron McGregor from Latrobe City's sustainability and environment unit on 1300 367 700.

Another rebate scheme that provides financial assistance is Trust for Nature.

Trust for Nature's West Gippsland conservation officer, Debbie Topp, explained that some people don't realise the value in their bush, so they don't understand why it's worth protecting.

"The Trust's purpose is to protect, manage, and conserve biodiversity, as it's the vital interactions between flora and fauna that maintain a healthy ecosystem. Every ecosystem, from grasslands to wetlands, has its own value and function in keeping our environment sustainable.

"Our current focus is to protect the critically endangered woodland and grasslands on the Gippsland Plains. Only about 13 per cent of Red Gum woodlands remain on the plain, and of this, 90 per cent are on private land. Protecting this endangered ecosystem is going to take a community effort.

"One negative perception that many landholders have of covenants is that they will by locking away their land. That's not the case. They are about working with landholders to protect remnant vegetation and biodiversity while working around the landholder's use of the land," Ms Topp concluded.

For more information on Trust for Nature, phone 1800 99 99 33 or visit www.trustfornature.org.au.



Consul General for the United States of America, Mr Michael Thurston, listens to a research presentation Monash University's Gippsland. (Photo: Monash University)

Consul General Visit Recognises Opportunities Of Gippsland Region

Consul General for the United States of America, Mr Michael Thurston, recently visited Monash University's Gippsland campus, where he spoke about the education, economic and research opportunities for the region.

Meeting with the University's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ed Byrne, and the Pro Vice-Chancellor of the Gippsland campus, Professor Helen Bartlett, Consul General Thurston said that education was the single biggest factor in ensuring productive, prosperous communities, and effectively responding to the challenges of our time.

Consul General Thurston said this was particularly so in regard to regional sustainability, the environment and low carbon futures, and recognised the efforts of Monash University in shaping its teaching and research efforts accordingly.

Citing examples from the US and his experiences as a senior diplomat in posts around the world, Consul General Thurston said successful education providers needed to be not only locally responsive and relevant, but internationally engaged and connected.

During his visit, Consul General Thurston met with Monash University researchers working on clean coal, carbon sequestration and water management, before inspecting the unique training spaces of the Gippsland Medical School.

Pro Vice-Chancellor, Professor Helen Bartlett, said that Consul General Thurston's visit reflected the growing profile of the campus, and an increasing appreciation of the value universities played in regional Australia.

"I'm delighted that Consul General Thurston has found the time to visit the campus, and allow us to draw from his significant experience and interest in education."

"Consul General Thurston's visit confirms that Monash University Gippsland continues to be seen as a leading regional campus, and one that is positioned to support the community well into the future."

Outside of his professional duties, Consul General Thurston said that he and his family had enjoyed discovering Gippsland's unique environment since arriving in Australia in 2008, including several camping trips to Metung and Lakes Entrance.

Closing Date 19th November 2010



*Lions Club of Churchill
and District Incorporated*

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**2011 CHURCHILL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS
NOMINATION FORM**

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

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

DETAILS OF THE PERSON BEING NOMINATED

Surname: Other Names:
Private Address:
Occupation: Telephone: Private:
Business:

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

Date of Birth: Age: Marital Status: Children:
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OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

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FORM TO BE RETURNED TO:
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CHURCHILL 3842

**Lions Club
Citizen Awards
2011**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Girls, Are
You In?**

Join the 50,000 Victorian women attending a Girls Night In this October and turn a get together with the girls into a powerful fundraiser for Cancer Council Victoria to support women facing cancer.

Girls Night In is a great excuse to spend time with girlfriends while raising key funds for the fight against women's cancers. Simply invite the girls over for a fun night in and ask them to donate what they usually spend on a night out.

Cancer Council Victoria spokesperson Deborah Stringer said Girls Night In is all about getting the girls together now, to keep the girls together later.

"It's about sharing knowledge, information, and supporting each other, all the things women do best, while helping Cancer Council Victoria fund research, prevention and support programs for women's cancers," Ms Stinger said.

Girls Night In raises money specifically for women's cancers including breast, cervical, ovarian, vaginal and uterine cancers. More than 4,000 Victorian women are diagnosed with breast or gynecological cancers each year.

Last year, over 4,000 Girls Night In events were held in Victoria with more than 48,000 women joining together to raise \$1 million to fund new innovations in women's cancer research, prevention and support services. These breakthroughs aim to overturn the confronting statistic that 1 in 6 Victorian women will be diagnosed with breast or gynecological cancer before age 85.

This year Cancer Council is aiming to raise over \$1.2 million to help beat women's cancers. So whether it's a DVD marathon, a good old-fashioned 'pj' party or an indulgent pampering experience, set a date now in October for your Girls Night In.

Who: You, your best girlfriends (family, friends or colleagues)

When: Any date in October

How: Register online, invite your girlfriends around for a 'night in' and ask them to donate the equivalent of what they would have spent on a night out.

Where: Your house!

Register at: www.girlsnightin.com.au or call 1300 65 65 85



Boolarra Primary School

Gippspell

Kayla Napier and Alannah Green (of grade 5) and Georgina Brick and Storm Caldwell (of grade. 6) represented us in the first round of this spelling competition. Competitors had to sit on the stage in a large hall, walk to the microphone, draw a number that corresponded to a word, repeat the word the adjudicator gave then spell it within the permitted time, and announce the word again at the end.

If a bell was rung, this signified that they were incorrect. They could ask for the word to be repeated, for it to be used in a sentence or to hear the definition. Some of the words were quite challenging (rhinoceros, chasm and so forth!) All our entrants made it through several rounds and appeared very composed and confident, which was fabulous.

Georgina managed to win the grade 6 section (correctly spelling 'precipice' to do so) and will now go on to the next round of this competition. Georgina is not only a good speller, she is very honest -she said she would have probably come to grief on one of the grade 5 words (quokka)! We are very proud of all of our entrants for their willingness to take on this challenge!

Girls Footy

Our senior girls did a brilliant job in the State Finals of the girls' footy. It was lovely to see them mixing and teaming so well with their team mates from Yinnar Primary School.

The weather was hideous - no rain but masses of mud and a bitterly cold wind. Our team was very competitive in their first game against Werribee kicking 6 behinds to their 2 goals, 2 behinds, 14 points. In our next game we were thrashed by a very proficient and skilful Tucker Road Primary School.

We are counting our third game as a victory because Ocean Grove forfeited.

We had a good laugh when some of the opposition asked if Boolarra was even in AUSTRALIA!

Book Week

As part of our Book Week celebrations we staged a very special Breakfast at School. Our students invited some adults to come along and share their favourite books with us over some toast and porridge. We had a great turn out which meant that the Junior School Councillors and the toasters were kept very busy!

Ms Wendy Jones 'Rox' (according to our students that's how this should



Book Week - Special Breakfast at School

be spelt!)

On the last Monday of August, we paid special tribute to our sensational Business Manager, Ms Wendy Jones because August was Educational Support Officer month. We gave Ms Jones a bottle of her favourite champagne, the 3/4s made her a banner and the 5/6s wrote a song and made her cup-cakes for afternoon tea. We also had a big shared morning tea! We gave some chocolates to our lovely volunteer classroom support helper, Ms Val Henderson and our super effi-

cient computer technician Michael Jelinic.

Scrabble Tournament

Our four competitors in the Trafalgar Scrabble Tournament were Georgina Brick and Nikkea Wilson (both of Grade 6), Mitchell Schelling (Grade 5) and Ella O'Kane (Grade 4). They all performed well and enjoyed the experience. Georgina was overall equal first but lost on a count back. However, she did receive a trophy for the word that scored the most points

('eldritch' which means weird or eerie and scored 80 points). We are grateful to parent, Tristan O'Kane, for transporting and supporting our team. Next year the Scrabble tournament will be staged at our school, hopefully in our new Learning Centre.

Literacy/Numeracy Week

We kicked this week off in grand style with the staging of our annual Boolarra Idol and Anti-Idol talent quest. The competition was extremely fierce and there was a very diverse range of talent showcased (we had gymnasts, dancers and puppets amongst the impressive acts). The audience helped the judges to choose the winners. Our 2010 Boolarra Idol winner was Maddi' Papa for her piano recital. Our Anti-Idol winners were a ruler rock band featuring Gus Peter, Bryce Hall, Tyler Birkbeck, Ryan Potter and the amazing gymnastic and theatrical vocalist Zach Bell. The great literacy and numeracy work our students do was displayed on our well attended Open Evening and the week concluded with a P-6 board games session.

ATHLETICS

ZONE ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP:

Congratulations to the following students who won through to represent Yinnar & District schools at the next level of competition: 1st place: Kayla in 11 year girls high jump, Billy in 12/13 year boys shot-put and high jump and Erin in 11 year girls discus. 2nd place: (All in the 1500m run) - Daina in 9/10 year girls, Rory in 9/10 year boys, Kayla 11 year girls and Tom in 11 year boys. Tom in 11 year boys 800 m run and our 12/13 year old boys' relay team (which included Tom running an age level up to help us out). Tyler will join this team, as all competitors must be in the correct age

bracket under zone rules.

ATHLETICS!!

Our students performed exceptionally well at the recent Yinnar and District Champions' Day, demonstrating good skill and determination, and helping one another out. Our very first competitor, Rory, finished his long race to find Ryan waiting at the finish line with his Ventolin and a drink (which was Ryan's own initiative!). We were very grateful to Kate Reiske, Janet Napier, Michelle Birkbeck and Di Sharman for their help in running the discus; thanks to them our event ran very smoothly.

Bollywood Night Triumph!

Not only was the food delicious and the student dancing fabulous, the prizes were excellent and the evening raised lots of money for the school (almost \$1,000!).

Well done to our fundraising team, in particular Gabrielle for the great idea and her drive and coordination to make it all come together so brilliantly. The \$1,000 will be very helpful in making sure our new building is set up really well and will allow lots of extras we wouldn't have had otherwise..



Yinnar South Primary School

HAIRY HARRY



On Wednesday, the Grade Prep/1s made a "Hairy Harry". Over the next few weeks the children will enjoy watching Harry's grassy hair grow. ?

Thank you to Jack Scott and sons at Yinnar for donating the grass seed to make our Hairy Harry's .

Volcanos

In science we have been learning about natural disasters. The children enjoyed making volcanoes and watching them erupt.

Brigades in School Excursion



On Thursday 26 August our whole school went on an excursion to Yinnar South Fire station and then onto Churchill Fire station.

This was part of our participation in the CFA Brigades in Schools Program.

The children discussed fire plans and how you would prepare for bush fires.

They also learnt how to make an emergency telephone call, how to "Stop Drop and Roll", about hazardous chemicals and how to identify them.

The children were then able to look around a fire truck and try on the fire fighters uniforms.

They were even lucky enough to get to squirt the fire hose.

Kurnai College Churchill

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL



Two students from Kurnai have spent the last semester at the English Language School located in the grounds of Liddiard Road Primary School where they have studied English.

They are Lydaina, who is from Papua New Guinea and who is spending a year in Australia with her family, and Shivika from Fiji who is now a permanent citizen of Australia.

Both girls were very enthusiastic

about their experiences at the school. With only 15 students and 2 teachers they had plenty of individual attention. It was a very multi-cultural experience also as there were students from Africa, China, and Cambodia, so they learnt about other cultures and countries as well.

Gippsland Education Precinct

KURNAI SENIOR BOYS SOCCER TEAM RUNNERS UP IN VICTORIAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Thursday 26th August, our senior boys soccer team travelled to Melbourne for the State finals. We played three preliminary matches and then played off in a final for the title.

We defeated Bendigo Secondary College one goal to nil. We defeated Rowville college one nil, being the first school in four years to do so.

This was a great achievement, as they are a boy's academy team drawing the top secondary soccer players from all over Melbourne, and having many state squad members. We had to at least draw Bayside Secondary College to make the final against the winner of the other pool.

In an exciting contest, we came back

from behind each time to draw 2-2. The final was against Lyndale, another powerhouse of schools soccer. In a great match, we went down two goals to one.

The boys are to be commended for their skill, team work, fighting spirit and the and the ability to rise to each challenge. They were a credit to themselves and the College.

The members of the team were: Ross Johnson, Kieran Brown, Jake Logiodice, Matt Coward, Kevin Carcellar, Reuben Langerak, David Shoenerger, Shaun Pickett, Dragon Milesevic, Jordan Fenech, James Curwood, Nathan Osborne, Nathan Lugton and Brodie Downie.



Hands on Learning Group

Under the careful watch of Dave Frendo and Michael Stubbe, eight boys have been chosen to participate in the Hands on Learning Group once a week on Tuesdays. Their day includes having breakfast, morning tea and lunch together. The boys cook their lunch and clear up on a roster system.

During the time, they have been involved with projects around the school, and in particular with extending their own Hands on Learning Meeting Place. The boys

have learnt many skills like concreting by putting a concrete slab in place for their extension, concreting paths around the extension, erecting a roof and covering the walls with laserlite, installing mesh and trellis. They have also done some landscaping by creating a small garden along the outer wall. During this process they have not only learnt skills, but have had the opportunity to use a vast array of power and hand tools.

The inside of their meeting place

has also been painted and they hope to paint a large Hands On Learning logo on the wall.

This has not been their only work this year. They have also concreted another part of the school yard and will put their skills to work in the Year 7 area to make an outdoor classroom with seating, paving and a concrete path. Their future plans also include building a pizza oven.

Kurnai Dominates Gippsland School Soccer Finals

Five Kurnai College soccer teams will travel to Darebin International Sports complex in the coming weeks to challenge schools around Victoria for the honour of being crowned state champions.

Last year's Year 8 Girls team, comprising of Churchill and Morwell residents, will be attempting to defend their State title on the synthetic surface at Darebin. In the play off, Shannasai Iorangi and Gabby Maynard were key contributors on the day with Rosie Twomey sealing victory with a hat trick in the last game of the day at the Crinigan Road soccer complex, Morwell.

The Year 7 Girl's outfit seems to be following in the footsteps of these talented local athletes, winning the

Gippsland title which included teams from as far away as Korumburra and Lakes Entrance. Joelly Firmin was the standout player for the team scoring four goals.

The Year 8 Boys team was a surprise packet, needing a two goal win to assure a place in the state final. Toby Richards and Isaac Van Rhine shone on the day to ensure a berth in the competition at Darebin.

The senior campus also succeeded at the Latrobe City soccer venue, winning in both male and female categories. Alicia Huizer was captain for the day and demonstrated great leadership. The Boy's team put in a huge effort to seal a win for the Year 11 and 12 team.



THE ARTS ARE ALIVE AT KURNAI

The drama program at Kurnai Churchill is firing up to finish with five shows between now and the end of the year.

The five eclectic wide-ranging programs will happen in the theatre on campus. They will commence at 7pm.

First up is perhaps the most powerful of all. "Black Rock" starts on Friday and Saturday nights, 17 and 18 September.

It is an intense story of a surf community torn by a brutal act of savagery. The play deals with the most relevant issues facing our young people today; how do boys treat girls; is it right to let somebody get away with murder because you don't want to 'dob' them in; how does society deal with rising violence?

"Black Rock" includes some rough language and very wild scenes, which may be quite confronting, but the style is real and the story is true. The actors, mostly Year 10's, are ready to rock and shock our audiences in this powerful live play.

Next, the Year 9 Group is presenting an adaptation of "The Breakfast Club", on Friday 22 and Saturday 23 October.

This production is about a group of kids who are in detention, and find something real about themselves and each other. The characters are types we see all around us... popular, jocks, outcasts, brainy nerds and emo weirdos.

"The Breakfast Club" weaves them into a tale of tragedy and comedy which will leave the audience amazed.

The Year 9 Cohort is presenting an adaptation of the teen film "Mean Girls" on Thursday 4 and Friday 5 November. This is going to be fun, even though the story happens to be real. It is a story of transformation, from naïve schoolgirl to bitchy groupie and back again.

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

The most ambitious project of the year is a bizarre adaptation of "Repo, Genetic Emancipation" on November 26/27.

This is a fascinating sci-fi/quasi-opera about the future of human transplants. A repo man wanders the city looking for transplants repossessions to rip out. Yes this is going to be something never seen before; highly creative and wildly imaginative, devised by the Year 9/10 'special operations' team.

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

At the end of the year the Year 7 team will present a night of "Film in Theatre", which is a culmination of work using multi-media to enhance stage production. This is an original work, and given the response to the first semester's big play, this one will be fantastic. This production will be on Wednesday and Thursday December 1 and 2.

Present and Coming Events

The Year 9 Camp to Melbourne
Year 10 Central Australia trip on 9 September
Year 7 Thinking Games underway
Term 4 Dance lessons for girls only

Churchill Primary School

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support - PBS

We have begun explicit teaching in the classroom for the value: BE UNDERSTANDING. Our team meets fortnightly and the students are excited when they visit the Beehive to cash in their good behaviour BEE tokens. Sam Pincott and Shannon Clark have been nominated to assist our Beekeeper, Shannyn Clissold. Students can receive a prize or a voucher e.g. A 30 token voucher = 30 minutes playing the Wii.

Our leading teacher, Helen Dyson, will be attending the Australian Conference of School Wide Positive Behaviour Support with a team from the 5 Pilot schools in Gippsland. The conference is in Brisbane from 6th - 9th September. The wonderful thing about this approach is that we have an enthusiastic team of people helping us to put our PBS in place.

Gardening Club Grade 5/6:

Our gardens are looking very colourful thanks to the efforts of grade 5/6 Mrs Smart, Mrs Shields and Mr. Pearson. We also have a big thank you to give to two representatives from Bunnings, Kristi and Barb, who gave of their time and effort to help us establish a new garden. They had some wonderful ideas about plants that would grow in the gardens and they sponsored CPS, through Bunnings Community Projects. Barb explained that her role is linked to the Sponsorship that Bunnings gives to many projects in the Community. Again thank you to Bunnings and especially Barb and Kristi.

Sporting Achievements

The students at Churchill Primary School have been involved in a number of sporting events this month. Many have been successful at the local level and have progressed to the regional level and some have gone through to State finals.

Ellis HayesHills has won the regional golf tournament and is going to Melbourne to try out for the State Primary School team.

Our mixed netball team came 2nd in the Regional tournament held in Sale.

Many students participated in the Champions Tournament at the District level and these students will represent CPS in the Zone finals: Luke Holdsworth - Discus, Bradley Sands - Long jump and shot put, Bailey Flanigan - 200 m and long jump, Cameron Ipsen - Discus, Riley Flanigan - triple jump and discus, Claudia Davern - 800 m, Brenton Hodson - 800 m, Tyler Wilk -Clarke - long jump, Tristan Turpin - long jump, Jade Davern - 800 m. Our boys' relay team in age groups 12 / 13 yr, 11 yr, 9/ 10 yr, will also compete at the zone finals.

We congratulate Tristan Turpin who came 2nd in the Traralgon and District Football League's U 12 Best and Fairest vote count.

Many more of our students have reached finals in other sporting events in the community and we congratulate all of them on their effort, persistence and determination.

Spelling Bee

Two students from grade 5 and two from

grade 6 represented our school at the Gippsell competition in Morwell recently. Congratulations to Riley Flanigan, who came 2nd in the grade 6 level, Tristan Turpin, Bonnie Kearns and Lucy Severson for their effort. They realised how hard it is to think on their feet, while feeling very nervous and excited.

International Competition & Assessment for Schools

Congratulations to those students from Grades 3-6 who have participated in the International Competition for schools (ICAS). These tests are run by the University of New South Wales and have thousands of participants from Australia and 20 other countries. Several students also participated in the Australian Maths Competition. All competitions have now been completed and results will be announced as they come in. Congratulations to the following students for their efforts :

Participation certificates in the Computer Skills Competition were awarded to: Damian Toward, Tyler Wilk-Clark and Bailey Flanigan and a credit in Computer Skills was awarded to: Riley Flanigan.

In the Science Competition, credits were awarded to: Ellis HayesHills and Riley Flanigan.

In the writing competition, participation awards were given to: Hayley Huizer and Ellis HayesHills.

In the spelling competition, participation awards were given to: Bradley Gill and Ellis HayesHills and credit awards were given to Riley Flanigan and Bailey Flanigan.

Well done to all students who participated in these competitions. We are very proud at CPS of

our students' achievements.

Visiting Performance

Tony Bones and a helper, Lisa, came to our school and presented "Schumann the Shoeman". This play was based on the finalist book of the same name in the Australian Children's Book Awards.

Tony was dressed up as Schumann the Shoeman and, at one stage the lady, Lisa, was dressed up as his dog. They sang songs about the scenes in the book. In another part of their show, they called up three students who modelled the shoes. Gary became Justin Beiber, Mikayla was Jennifer Hawkins and Kristen was Miranda Kerr. They had to walk up and down the runway showing off the Ugg boots and "fashion" clothes. The lady did the commentary about the clothes and shoes. Tony and Lisa also used marionette puppets to tell the story. We enjoyed the fashion show and some people enjoyed the part where Schumann died when he fell off the ladder. His beard got caught in the ladder. The show was really enjoyable.

Mikayla

Anderson and Ben Wilson

Book Week - dress up day

To celebrate Children's Book Week, we all dressed up as book characters on Tuesday. The students paraded their costumes for the whole school and represented a myriad of book characters. The teachers also did their best to dress up. While some awards were given for effort in costumes, the reward was hearing the buzz around the school and students as they discussed the books from which their character came. There was a feeling that dressing up helped the books "Come to Life".

In August there has been an emphasis on Healthy Choices.

Life Education Van:

We had a visit from the Life Education Van this month.

Jan and Harold the Giraffe spent three days here talking to, and educating, the students about healthy choices and the things we can do to make sure we keep healthy.

The students in the school are involved in follow up activities related to the messages introduced in the Life Education Van.

Dental Health Awareness

Ebony Newton from Pacific Smiles

Dental visited our school and presented information about dental health and the need for proper and regular oral hygiene.

It was interesting and enlightening for the students to hear about, and see in the slide show, the effects of tooth decay and gum disease.

The students received a show bag of information to help them make good decisions about how to look after their teeth and mouth.



Lumen Christi Primary School

Lumen Christ Eisteddfod

The students in grade 5/6 from Lumen Christi Primary school were involved in the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod. We performed in the choral speaking section for Grades 3-6. Our poems were called "Sister Stephanie and the gang" and "Hist". We performed well on the day and came third in our section. We are very proud of ourselves.

Athletics

On Friday 13 August, 35 people represented Lumen Christi at the athletics competition at the Newborough athletics running track. We competed in many different events, like high jump, shot putt, discus, long jump, 100m, 200m, 800m and 1500m. We also had relay teams. We did our best and 9 people are going to continue on to compete against other districts soon.

Go For Your Life

The Go For Your Life Van visited Lumen Christi recently to promote the message of 'living a healthy lifestyle.' Students from across the school participated in a question/answer quiz against the teachers. The Go For Your Life presenters highlighted the importance of consuming fruit, vegetable and water each day; and limiting the intake of 'sometimes' foods. The presenters also promoted the importance of engaging in physical activity everyday for a healthy lifestyle including improved mental well-being.

Prep Zoo trip

In August, as part of their Lifecycles unit, the prep children travelled by train to the Melbourne Zoo. They saw lions, seals, tigers, snakes, Mali the baby elephant and a very inquisitive orangutan, just to name a few. They also took part in The "Cycles of Life" school program where they met and petted a corn snake called Princess Peach and a frog named Liam. Overall it was an exciting adventure for our preps who are to be commended for their terrific behaviour. Well done Preps!!!!

Pyjama / Story Night

In library during Term 3, all classes at Lumen Christi have been studying the shortlisted books for the Children's Book Council's book of the year. We have studied each of the books and completed many fun activities around the Bookweek theme, "Across the story Bridge".

We then celebrated Bookweek itself with a pyjama night. Staff and children came to school dressed in their pyjamas and spent a lovely hour reading and listening to bedtime stories. All the books read to the children were new to them so it was with a great sense of adventure that they progressed through the stories. This was held in our beautiful new library and administration block. We then finished the night with a warm Milo and a teddy bear biscuit. A really great night was had by all!

Science

This term grade 5/6M has been doing some science unit. As one part our teacher, Miss Mitchell gave our grade detective badges and we did experiments about different changes we could see. We had to investigate how different messes happened. We have also been given some homework about science. Some people are studying zoology, engineering and astronomy. As part of National Science Week, Grade 5G and 5/6M went to see science movies at Monash University. We watched one about the little bug who is killing our bee population and there was another movie about bugs that live on our skin.

Gippsell

On Friday 20th August, 4 students from Lumen Christi competed in the Gippsell competition at St Vincent's in Morwell. There were students from years 5 to 8 competing in different sections. First of all the Year 8's competed, then the Year 7's, Year 6's and Year 5's. We had to sit in a semi circle and then pick a ball with a number on it out of a bucket. We said our number and the judges told us the word to spell. We had to say the word, spell the word and say the word again. If we got it correct, we advanced to the next round. Duke and Stephanie were our Gr 6 representatives and Teresa and Liam were our Grade 5 representatives. We had fun, even though we did

not win.

Star Swimmer Farienne Schoutens

At Lumen Christi we are very proud of our star swimmer "Fabiennne Schoutens". Fabiennne won a gold medal in the 50m breaststroke event, at the Victorian Country Short Course Championships in Shepparton. Fabiennne trains very hard seven days a week and is a member of the Traralgon Swimming Club. It is Fabiennne's goal to represent Australia in the Olympic Games. We wish her the best of luck next week when she is competing in the Victorian Short Course Championships!



Hazelwood North Primary School

SCIENCE DAY

By Daniel & Sam.

On Friday the 20 August, we had a science day to celebrate Science Week. Everyone brought either a bug or a feather to school.

The seniors split into four groups. The first activity was looking at bugs through a telescope then we got iPods and listened to bird sounds, then we looked at feathers through a telescope. We did this activity with two scientists named Michael and Fiona from Monash University.

Then we went to the next activity, which was making the life cycle of a butterfly on a strip of paper and colouring it.

On the next activity, we went on a site on the computer and played games like mazes, word search, sliding puzzle, colour in and more.

In the last activity, we talked about how seeds had parachutes so they could spread around and grow. We made a parachute, put string on it and taped a rock on the string that was supposed to be a seed. It worked really well.



The junior grades split into three groups. The first activity was making grass heads. The second was gardening with Barb from Bunnings. They planted carrots, beetroot and beans. The last activity was making butterflies.

Both the seniors and the juniors went over to the hall for a talk by Rolf from Parks Victoria.

Science day was fun and we learned lots of information like how seeds had parachutes and what bugs look like up close.

A big thank you to Mrs Pursch for setting up the whole science day for us.

DENTAL NURSE

By Jessy.

When the dental person came, we looked at some pretty disturbing photos of plaque.

Gingivitis, that was on people's teeth, had eaten away teeth and gums. It was unpleasant looking at it on seven month old babies. It reminds you to brush and floss.

They also gave us show bags. They came with a Spiderman toothbrush, dental floss, some Colgate toothpaste and a special mirror to look at our teeth. We also received a tattoo and a sticker.

I will never not brush my teeth again. The talk sends some people a message to

brush your teeth whenever you can and have regular checkups.

Dental Nurse

By Jessica S and Mitch B

Our school was visited by the dental nurse. She showed us a slide show on dental care and how to treat your teeth properly. She went around the school to all the classes. We got to play with puppets. We got dental goodie bags that had toothpaste, tooth brush and some pamphlets. Then she showed us a cartoon about a rabbit dentist trying to tell children to look out for PLAQUE!

We all liked the slide show and the cartoon and I think we all learnt a lot about how to take care of our teeth properly.

SPECIAL MATHS LESSON

By Hayden and Rose
On the 23 August, Mr Vingerhoets came into our classroom to take us for a special maths session.

He taught us that you can fit a lot of numbers in the middle of 17 and 23. Everyone thought it would be hard, but not for this teacher and as it turned out not for us.

Mr Vingerhoets also went to Mrs A's and Mrs Pursch's Grades to demonstrate maths skills.

We did an activity where we had 26 cards and they had decimal numbers, percentages and fractions on them. What you had to do is make an equa-



tion with the cards. The sum had to equal 1. It was hard but at the same time, fun!

MORE NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

Eisteddfod

By Christina and Thessa

The Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod was on the 27 August for the singing group.

Prep/1/2 sang Doctor Doctor and came first, Grade 3/4's sang Gilly Gilly Ossoeffeffer and came second and Grades 5/6 sang Seize the Day, coming third. Before we went on the proper stage, we went on the stage at the Little Theatre to get in our places and have a quick practise. We really enjoyed learning the songs and practising them.

For a while now Mr Wall has also been teaching three people from 5/6D to play some songs on the recorder. They are Jordan, Thessa and Christina. They have all been practising very hard.

We are all playing in a group with some kids from Nambrok. We are playing solos as well. Christina

is also playing a duet. We will be performing on the 3rd September.

We have all had a great time practising and we hope to do very well.

Kahootz

BY Attack by Charlie and
BY Boat Disaster by Riley.

This term the 5/6's went to the precinct to use Kahootz, an animation program, on the computer. The Year Elevens taught us about Kahootz. We all had a computer and they told us how to operate the program.

We all made wacky creations that move and presented them at the end. The year 11's enjoyed it as much we did. People made good animations, they were great to watch and people liked them.

It was hard to calibrate the objects to the other ones but people did a superb job. Memorable anima-

tions were Dino

Sports Shed

By Aiden & Jack

We have recently got a new sport shed built. The new shed has lots of room to move and store sports equipment. It is better than the old one because you couldn't move around in it. We have enough room to put the Human Powered Vehicles (H.P.V) in there.

We have sports monitors to hand out sports equipment. People are written down on a list if they are borrowing and if they do not bring it back they will be banned for a week, unless it has gone over the fence.

We are so lucky to have a bigger sport shed, and have a very good principal! Now we hope he will buy us more sports equipment. YAY!!!!

Churchill North Primary School

A message from Churchill North Primary schools Principal - Mrs Edwards

It makes me extremely proud to be associated with the school when we can all come together on a grand scale, producing exceptional entertainment for our school community.

I was overwhelmed at the great teamwork, courage and cooperation of all students and staff. A great deal of time and effort goes into planning costumes, choreography, staging, lighting, sound and ticketing. A big thanks to our wonderful staff.

Special mention to our wonderful lead characters-Emily L, Kayla C, Maddison B, Chloe G, Corey KD, Richard C & Breanna KD. Under the careful guidance of Mrs. Hunter and

many hours of rehearsal students sung and danced their way on an exciting adventure.

Championship Day

A message from Miss Hanratty - Blue Earth and Health teacher

On Friday August 13th, Miss Hanratty and Mrs. Lugton supervised 18 students from Churchill North P.S. at Joe Carmody Oval for Championship Day (next level up from Yinnar & District Sports Day). Firstly and most importantly congratulations to all children on their impeccable behaviour. Secondly, I would like to congratulate both Mrs. Lugton and parents for overseeing that the children were at the right event on time. Thirdly, without the amazing help from Mrs. Lugton, Janet

Kootstra, Greg Curtis and all the other supportive parents who transported children, cheered them on, offered assistance and even supplied me with coffee (many thanks Cheryl) the day would not have been as nearly as successful as it was. The weather was superb, the organisation was amazing (due to Mrs. Foster, Hazelwood North) and the whole day was just a wonderful event to be part of. Many thanks to all the wonderful children and parents at Churchill North for helping us make these events possible. Some of our children were successful within their event and will progress to Regional's in Melbourne.

German Poetry

The first annual German Poetry competition was held at Churchill North Primary School, students & staff from Kurnai College were special guest judges.

Eight students elected to compete in the competition, each learning a poem to recite to an eager audience of parents and judges.

After a very nerve racking wait the winners were announced.

Grade 6

Runner Up - Richard C

2nd Placing - Tamara A & Chloe G

1st placing Scott A

Grade 5

Runner Up - Ryan C & Bree M

2nd Placing - Emily V

1st placing Jaryd DS

All students can be commended on their confidence and commitment this was a great challenge and all put in their best effort.

BY Gemma Laidlaw Reporting year 6

BREAD making!!! in 5/6 Hunter

Why is there bread making in 5/6 Hunter??

Last week grade 5/6 H students participated in an experiment with yeast in bread.

First the flour was put in the bowl, then a pinch of salt, and then we added a 1 cup of luke-warm water. We let the Yeast sit in luke-warm water for 10 minutes.

After all that we mixed all the ingredients together, then we kneaded the dough for 2-3 minutes. We put the dough in a warm place for 35minutes, to let it double in size.

After 35 minutes, we put the dough in a moderate oven, for 35 minutes or until it is cooked.

Well the bread looked & also tasted!! GREAT!! as well, so why don't you try it yourself instead of buying bread for once.

School Concert - Vegemania

By Jasmine Porter

On Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 August 2010 Churchill North Primary School held their school concert. It was called Vegemania!

It was a story about children battling with the Mayor to get a veggie patch growing on an empty block of land beside the school.

The Mayor wanted to use the land

to build a car park and tried to stop the kids from making the veggie garden work.

All grades participated in the concert.

1/2 C sang two songs, 'Veggie Ball' was their first song.

The students looked fantastic when they dressed up and danced around the stage in their colourful vegetable cos-

tumes.

Their second song was called 'Scarecrow Scat'. Silas and his 1/2C scarecrow friends did a great job of keeping the audience interested and entertained, while still keeping the birds away from the vegies that the kids had planted in their new veggie garden!

Everyone, including the Mayor enjoyed the vegies from the veggie garden, and everyone, including the students enjoyed the performance.



SCHOOL NEWS IN PICTURES



Churchill North Primary School German Poetry Team



Boolarra Primary School Spelling Team



Churchill Primary School Gippsell contestants Bonnie Lucy Riley Tristan



Lumen Christi Primary Go For Your Life



Hazelwood North Primary School Hayden & Tyson on Science Day



Hazelwood North Primary School Kahootz



Kurnai Hands On Learning Group at their extended meeting place

Gippsland Soccer League



Rams Under 14 Tteam: Left to right:Back row- Coach Marc Johnson, Corey Stewart, Nathan Prezioso, Jarryd Johnson, Toby Richards (Captain), Mark Foster, Alex Lawson, Ben Skinner (Vice Captain), Jaye Anders (Man of the Match) Josh Eaton, Matt Maselli (Assistant Coach). Front row- Caitlin King, Dale Duncan, Michael Price, Libby Vincent, Mitchell Azlin, and Sue Azlin (Team Manager)

There are many team in the Churchill Soccer Club for the Under 18's from Under 7, 8, 9, and 10 in the small-sided teams. These teams play on a smaller pitch, which corresponds to their size. There are multiple teams in some of these age groups.

There are also competition teams in Under 11, 12, 13, 14, and 16, as well as two girls' teams in Under 14 and 18. These latter teams play on a full pitch.

The grand finals for the qualifying teams were played on Saturday 28th August 2010, at Falcons Park in Crinigan Road, Morwell.

They had some fantastic achievements with the juniors this year:

Under 12 Boys won the League Championship

Under 14 Boys were runner up League Champions and runner up Cup Winners

Under 14 Girls were League Champions and Cup Winners

Under 18 Girls were League Champions and Cup Winners.



Under 12 Boys Team



Under 14 Girls Team



Under 18 Girls Team

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Resident Ethel Stein celebrated her 93rd birthday with family and residents



Emily Cadwallender celebrating her birthday at the hostel

Above top: A group of residents enjoy a game of guess what's in the paper bag. Above: Thank you to Heather and Trevor, who have just recently returned from a holiday in Egypt and gave a very interesting talk to our residents for our monthly cultural day.

Churchill Junior Football Club Presentation Day

Donna Turpin

On Sunday 29 August 2010, we held our Club's Presentation day. It was a time to thank all our parents who have worked hard throughout the season to ensure our children have enjoyed their football. After the awards, an afternoon tea was provided.

We commenced with the presentation of participation medallions to our Cougar Cubs. Cougar Cubs is an introduction to football offered to children aged between 5-7 yrs. The children learned the basic skills and rules of playing football. A big thank you to Cheryl Mason and Casey McMillan for coaching our Cubs.

U10 AWARDS

Best & Fairest: Joel Mason
Runner Up: Patrick Kearns
2nd Runner up: Caleb Bell
Coaches Award: Ryan Lowrie
Most Consistent: Jay Barry
Most Improved: Casey Wilson
Quiet Achiever: Thomas Hayes
Best Clubman: Caitlyn Beale

U12 AWARDS

Best & Fairest: Tristan Turpin
Runner Up: Josh Liddicoat
2nd Runner Up: Tyson Key
Coaches Award: Josh McCord
Most Disciplined: Cameron Beale
Most Improved: Brandon Gladman
Quiet Achiever: Jaryd Downes-Smith
Best Clubman: Ryan Baptie

U14 AWARDS

Best & Fairest: Damian Yates
Runner Up: Brad Brereton
2nd Runner Up: Daniel Brick
Coaches Award: Patrick Haines
Most consistent: Matthew McMillan
Most Improved: Jacob Didjurgies & Jaymes Piripi
Quiet Achiever: Darcy Kearns
Best Clubman: Bradley Tyas & Brendan Mason
U/14's Most Promising: Brendan Campbell (Donated by TFNC)

U16 AWARDS

Best & Fairest: Harley Lowrie
Runner Up: Gene Iorangi
2nd Runner Up: Ryan Pither & Rodney Croft
Coaches Award: Jed Mudge
Most Consistent: Matt King
Most Improved: Nick Quinn (donated by NGFL)
Quiet Achiever: Justin Adams
Best Clubman: Josh Donovan
U/16's Most Promising: Jayden Hawkins (Donated by TTUFNC)

Brooke Hornsby Award

Awarded to John McMillan.
John has provided endless hours to the running of our club. He has fulfilled many roles around our club such as Vice President, Committee Member, League Representative and trainer to several of our teams. This was a great way to thank John for his

dedication over the years.

Good Bye to Our Club President

After 5 years as Club President Cheryl Mason is standing down. Cheryl has continuously striven to build our club to what it is today. When taking over the reins, the Club was struggling for both players and financially. Cheryl has led the way to resurrecting all this. She has put in many hours organising committees, coaches, game days, presentation days, attending league meetings and having to deal with any problems that may have arisen within the club.

This at times has caused her to miss watching her own sons play football. Cheryl has always conveyed that junior football is about the children enjoying themselves and every player feeling just as important to the team as their teammates. She believes it takes every player to make up a team not just your more skilled players. She hopes the next committee will continue with this.

We wish Cheryl all the best for her next endeavors in life and once again thank her for all her time and efforts in making our club run well. Those who really know her and the hard work she put in for the children appreciate it more than words can express.

Cheney Awarded Scott Frendo Medal



Churchill United coach Luke Cheney was recently recognised with the Scott Frendo Medal as the GSL's most valuable player as voted by his peers

Churchill United Soccer Club's Luke Cheney was recently awarded the Scott Frendo Medal as the Gippsland Soccer League's most valuable player.

The award is voted by all senior players in the Gippsland Soccer League and represents a huge honour for the Churchill coach as he is recognised by

his peers.
In the Reserves, sixteen year old Churchill player Nathan Lugton was runner up best and fairest behind Hayden Tanti of Fortuna, whilst in the second division Churchill's Trevor Riess was awarded the best and fairest award.

Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

7/8/2010 Par

A. Grade: P. Ludlow (18) +5, B. Grade: T. Collins (24) +5, C. Grade: B. Baldock (28) +3 NTP 3rd P. Ludlow, 5th R. Scurlock, 12th K. Hills, 14th G. Hornsby DTL R. Scurlock +3, H. Martin +2, W. Peter +3, G. Hornsby +3, K. Hills +3

8/8/2010 Stableford

Men's Winner: D. Taylor (22) 33 pts. Ladies Winner: C. Barnes (38) 34 pts

10/8/2010 Drawn American

Foursomes

Winner: J. Blizzard (28) A. Hibbert (41) 25 7/8 77 1/8, DTL M. Munckton (41) C. Ellis (32) 27 3/8 80 5/8, J. Leslie (26) J. Timbs (45) 26 5/8 82 3/8

13/8/2010 Men's Stableford

Winners A. Grade G. Beyer (11) 38 pts, B. Grade W. Judkins (20) 35 pts, C. Grade B. Baldock (31) 31 pts NTP 3rd B. Baldock, 5th F. Peel, 12th M. Smart, 14th L. Stein DTL K. Hills 35 pts, P. Kearns 35pts, J. Thormy 35 pts Birdies 12th K. Hills

15/8/2010 Mens Stableford

J. Ambrosini (25) 34 pts c/b.

Ladies Stableford

H. Croft (42) 30 pts

17/8/2010 Stableford

Winner A. Grade D. Scurlock 12th

(18) 36 pts, B. Grade D. Judkins (39) 32 pts NTP 5th M. Munckton Silver Spoon Winner D. Scurlock

21/8/2010 Stableford

A. Grade M. Smith (14) 36 c/b. B. Grade P. Jordan (30) 34 DTL R. Madigan 36, J. Robson 35, P. Smart 35, L. Stein 34 NTP 5th J. Robinson, 14th M. Smart Birdies A. Sharrock 14th, M. Smart 14th Eagle M. Smart 18th

22/8/2010 Stableford

Men's Winner J. Ambrosini (25) 35 pts Ladies Winner E. D'Alterio (25) 36 pts

24/8/2010 2 Person Ambrose

Winner J. Beck & L. Peake (18 3/4) 72 1/4, DTL J. Leslie & M. Munckton (16 3/4) 74 1/4, L. Casey & V. Verheyen (16) 78 Longest Drive 0 - 34 J. Beck, 35 - 45 L. Peake

28/8/2010 Men's Monthly Medal

A. Grade M. Smith (13) 68, B. Grade J. Thornby (17) 71, C. Grade B. Baldock (28) 65 DTL S. Little 69, J. Robinson 69, R. Scurlock 71, D. Taylor 71, J. Jeffery 73 c/b NTP 12th D. Byers, 5th B. Baldock, 14th B. Baldock Counts Putts G. Fraser 25 Scratch S. Little 77 Birdies B. Downie

29/8/2010 Stableford Mens Winner

G. Down (27) 34 pts Ladies Winner E. D'Alterio (26) 33 pts

31/8/2010 Womens Stableford

Winner M. Dear (45) 37 pts DTL M. McDonald (36) 31 pts, M. Munckton (41) 30c/b NTP 5th M. Dear, 14th M. Dear

4/9/2010 Mens Stableford

Winner D. Taylor (24) 39 pts DTL P. Smart 38, L. Stein 37 c/b NTP 3rd L. Stein, 5th A. Sharrock, 12th P. Smart, 14th J. Robinson

7/9/2010 Women's Monthly Medal/Stroke

Winner Scratch V. Verheyen (29) 100, Medal Winner V. Verheyen (29) 71 net, DTL H. Croft (45) 74 net Count Putts V. Verheyen 29 NTP 5th L. Peake, 14th L. Peake

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Churchill Cougars Presentation Day



U10's Patrick, Joel and Caleb



U12's Josh, Tristan and Tyson

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See Page 23 for the full story



U14s Daniel, Damian and Brad



U16's Rodney, Harley and Gene

JUNIOR FISHING COMPETITION

Saturday 6 November 2010

Lake Hyland Churchill



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