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Relay For Life Celebrate - Remember - Fight Back



The tenth annual Latrobe Relay for Life event was held at Gaskin Park Number 1 oval on the weekend of October 27 and 28, raising the outstanding amount of over \$97,500 plus.

The aim of Relay for Life is to celebrate with the survivors and carers, remember those who have been lost and never stop fighting back for a cancer free world.

Thirty-one teams registered to participate, a culmination of a hectic period of fund-raising. Interviewing some of the teams as

they set up or walked along, revealed a dedication to the cause, with many having competed over the years.

A full program kept the participants involved in the eighteen hours of challenges. These included a netball clinic, Sun Smart relay, Scavenger Hunt, the Miss Relay where the boys dressed in women's clothing, the height of fashion, including high heels and paraded like girls around the track. This challenge itself raised \$1,250.75. Others included trivia, paper plane flying, egg

and spoon races, and watermelon eating.

The opening ceremony was held at 4pm with the Survivors and Carers walk followed by afternoon tea, supplied by the Moe and District Cancer Council Volunteer Unit, with help from Woolworths in Moe who donated two platters of fruit.

Children were able to have their faces painted in wonderful designs.

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Relay For Life continued

Entertainment was provided by several bands and individuals at no cost. They included Totey, Rockenspiel, Miranda, Stutter, Infamous Minorities, Under Scarlet Skies, Liam Wilkinson, Evandera, and Euphoria. This was organised by Freeza and Headspace in Latrobe City.

The Candlelight Ceremony was a moving time when the track was lined with candle lit paper bags with messages of HOPE and remembrances of those who had died of cancer, or celebrating those who are survivors.

Many businesses throughout the Valley supported and provided prizes and donations, as well as clubs, the media, individuals and the entertainers, with the Churchill Football/Netball Club and Latrobe City Council providing the venue.

If anyone is interested in participating in the 2013 event, registrations are already happening.

Or you may be interested in being on the committee. You can contact Janine Hayes on 0408 135 274 or email her - janine.hayes@cancervic.org.au

Some of our Local Teams

Flannelette Roses team have nine members with some children. They held a school disco, a garage sale and sold homemade jams. On the day they sold roses.

Monica and Kate Chisholm lost their husband and father, Peter, to skin cancer at the age of forty. Peter's love of flannelette shirts and roses was the reason for choosing their name. Monica's and Kate's friends wanted to support them in their desire to raise funds for a cure.

Last year was their first year. They raised over \$5,000 and this year they hoped to raise more. The participants agreed that the good spirit of working together was good for all, especially the children, to help them with understanding the issues involved.

Moe Mad Hatters has a team of eight plus. They have been raising funds for twenty-five years and have been at every Relay. They held a raffle with eight prizes and raised \$800-900, sold a tent and had a soup and sandwich lunch with some very generous attenders who added extra money. As part of the Moe and District Cancer Council Volunteer Unit they are dedicated to fund raise throughout the year.

Mis Prints has twenty members, employees and family from Gippsland Trade printers. The staff took a salary sacrifice, held a garage sale, did a mystic reading and had raffles and a competition to raise their funds. They did it because it is good fun and a good cause, and most importantly, it is a good memorial occasion because many of their team had been affected by cancer and had their stories to tell.

The Sixties Swinging Scouts team was made up of Scouts and they raised their funds by a door knock, personal donations and by Mitchell Whelan shaving his head. They have an annual involvement because of family members dying of cancer. They want to make a difference and so help this good cause.

The Flaming Turtles are a group of fifteen Kurnai Churchill Junior Campus students. They raised their money by mainly cash donations. The team leader had encouraged the group to participate as she wanted to give the young people a positive attitude towards, and a desire to help others.

Valley Angels has eleven team members with one special member called Sophie Scholes, who is about nine years old. Sophie's mum, Marnie, showed Sophie the article and she read about the Relay for Life in the Churchill and District News and thought this was something she wanted to do. One group had asked for people to join them, so Sophie rang Helen Spicer and joined the team. Sophie has made and sold bookmarks, pens, pencils and bracelets at the school Mother's Day stall

with support from her school. She has also asked family and friends to sponsor her, which worked out very profitably. She did this because quite a few of her family members have died or had cancer and she wants to contribute to raising money for research and she loves the challenges of the Relay.

Woolies/Advantage Wonkas have a big team of twenty-one. They ran a fun day at Churchill shopping centre, had collection tins at the registers in both shops, sold hot dogs and held a raffle. An email to Advantage head quarters netted a donation of \$400. Bailey McLure is a young member of this team and he raised the most amount for personal sponsorship. The families of the staff have also been very supportive. Everyone has been touched by cancer! The team would like to thank the community for their great support in donating at the work sites. They really want a cure for cancer.

Churchill Champions has a team of eight compared with twenty-seven in 2011, but they have still raised just over \$3,000. Their funds came through Ritchie's Community Benefits, and two party plan events. The reason they get involved is to raise awareness and money and to be part of the Relay event. This brings everyone together to celebrate the efforts put in throughout the year, with the benefit of helping research for a cure for cancer.

Witches in Stitches is a team of nine members who held BBQs at Woolworths and collected personal donations for their group effort. They have been involved for five years now and consider the event a fun way to raise money for a cause that touches everyone. [A further report from this team appears elsewhere in this issue. Their excellent tent decoration won them a prize.]

The Fly by Nighters is a team from the Latrobe Valley Aero Club, and consists of fourteen members. They raised their funds by holding a pizza and fish and chips nights, and a coffee and cake night at the Aero Club. Sandra, a female pilot member has grandchildren at Mirboo North Secondary College and they decided to get involved. With permission from their Vice Principal, they held an out-of-uniform and crazy hair day.

Janine Hayes is Event Organiser, and also team captain of this team. They want to thank her for all her work.

Everyone has been touched by cancer, so this team relays in memory of those lost and for research for a cure.

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Churchill Fire Brigade - Presentation Night Awards



Members of the Churchill Brigade hosted invited guests and members from other local brigades at the Presentation Night on Saturday October 20, 2012, at the Churchill Hotel.

The guests included the Deputy Chief Officer Alen Slijepcevic, Shane Mynard Operations Officer, and Darrell White representing Latrobe City Council.

Captain Steve Barling welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to share in the celebration of the night. He commented that the preceding twelve months had seen great things happen for the Churchill Brigade. The new shed was complete and fitted out for use, due largely to Graeme Renwick whom he thanked. New gear had been purchased for the station, and powerful personal torch equipment had also been bought to improve night fire fighting safety. The floor of the station had been treated, Fire Equipment Maintenance (FEM) had been productive, and a new pumper was to arrive in the near future.

Steve continued by saying that training sessions needed to continue to be a strong focus to ensure the members were ready for the fire season ahead. He urged the members

to take up the challenge and practise, practise, practise.

Graeme Renwick and his supporters were thanked for their effort with fire equipment maintenance, which brings in funds for the brigade. These funds help the brigade to increase its resources.

The membership attendance has declined over the year, but Steve is hopeful this will improve as the fire season approaches. 2012 has the potential for fires after the increased growth due to the wet year.

Steve thanked the officers of the brigade for their support especially in light of his extra work with the Group.

"Volunteering is a personal choice," said Steve. "Contributing brings rewards as you see the benefits you get out of it." Brigade members' families were also thanked for their support and tolerance.

Steve called upon the Deputy Chief Officer to say a few words. Alen started by saying that February 7, 2009, changed the way we see fire for ever with its death and destruction. Since then many changes have been made over the last three years and more will come. The changes will be positive. Alen also thanked the members and their

families for their dedication and support.

With Shane Mynard, Alen presented the CFA Service medals to the following people.

- For five years- Jess Bevis, Aaron Marriott
- For ten years- Steve Shankland
- For fifteen years- Chris Gallagher
- For thirty years a clasp to Anthony Gallagher, Rob Langston and Allan Larkin.

Steve Barling presented the Firefighter of the Year to Graeme Renwick for his consistent work for the brigade with particular thanks for his work on getting the shed in place and his work with FEM.

Lieutenant Shane Renwick presented the Most Consistent award to Chris Gallagher for his dedication in being at the station all the time for training, and his contribution in other ways.

Encouragement Awards were presented by Steve Shankland to Mark Andruschak, Amanda Ashworth and Bert Penco.

Steve presented the Captain's Trophy to Shane Renwick.

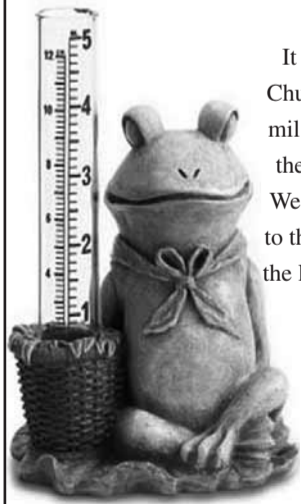
Shane Renwick presented the Special Man Award to Mark Andruschak and Steve Shankland.

All those who attended enjoyed the food served by the hotel staff.

Churchill Rainfall

By Bruce Stephenson

It was average rainfall for Churchill in October with 58 mil. That brings our total for the year to date of 839 mil. We are now well on the way to the second wettest year for the last 20 years.



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Hazelwood House Happenings



Our residents joined in Seniors Week by attending a fashion parade at Morwell. A lovely afternoon tea was enjoyed by all and we all picked up a few bargains.

We also attended the Jade Hurley concert in Kernot Hall where we sang and rocked to the music.

Residents have been enjoying our version of carpet bowls, along with hookey and quoits. We get quite competitive, so there is a lot of concentration.

We had a reminiscing afternoon where we put all

vibrating chair!

Musical bingo was played in our dementia unit and was a success. Some of the residents sang to the tunes, while others were happy to just listen to the music.

Our cultural day was a presentation from one of our volunteers, Lorraine, who went on a European cruise that set off from Amsterdam to Budapest. Lorraine showed her photos and gave a documentary along the way. Our residents found it very interesting.



of our nostalgic items on a table. Residents enjoyed talking about the items which led into stories about their pasts.

Pamper day and aromatherapy is popular with the ladies. They enjoy a gentle neck and shoulder massage along with a foot spa and a chance to sit in our

Hazelwood House held a trivia night as a fundraiser for activities.

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This opportunity is taken to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who favoured me with their vote in the recent Latrobe City Council South Ward 2012 election. I am

very honoured to have again been elected a Latrobe City Councillor, and to have the opportunity to represent the interests of South Ward voters in particular, and also the broader

community of the Latrobe City as well. As always, I will continue to be committed to being an approachable and accountable Latrobe City Councillor on behalf of our community, as we face the key issues and challenges associated with transitioning to a low carbon future.

Latrobe Leisure Churchill to host International Basketball

2012 FIBA (International Basketball Federation) Oceania Pacific Youth Basketball Championships: November 24 to December 2:

International Basketball is coming to the Churchill Leisure Centre. The Centre will be hosting the 2012 FIBA Oceania Pacific Youth Basketball Championships from November 24 to December 2, 2012.

Northes' Natter

I was grateful for the opportunity to help launch the Latrobe "Relay for Life" event at Gaskin Park, Churchill on the weekend of October 27 and 28. This year's event attracted in excess of 600 entrants and credit must go to our local community and business community for the enormous support of such a wonderful cause.

Unfortunately we are all touched by cancer either directly or indirectly at one stage of our lives, and therefore fundraising activities such as "Relay for Life" are vitally important. The event is a cause to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those lost and raise funds for cancer research.

The event is organised by a local volunteer group with this year being the 10 year anniversary of the Latrobe "Relay for Life" at Churchill.

In this time in excess of \$500,000 has been raised locally which is a staggering amount and a wonderful achievement from our local community.

The Latrobe "Relay for Life" raised over \$100,000 last year and it is hoped a similar amount can be raised this year. For every \$1 raised, 85 cents goes back into the community

for research, community and education programs.

Congratulations once again to all participants for taking the time to support such a worthy cause. For more information about "Relay for Life" or to register a team for 2013 please visit www.relayforlife.org.au.

The Hazelwood Car and Bike Show was also a featured event during October. This year the event was also held at Gaskin Park, Churchill. The event attracted a large crowd with all proceeds going to the Chapman family of Yinnar to support their three young girls who suffer from Glycogen Storage Disease and what a worthy cause to support.

It's great to see these types of events being held at Gaskin Park, Churchill. Our Government is pleased to have allocated funding for the purpose of upgrading lighting at the Gaskin Park Precinct in the future. This will not only enable greater opportunities and flexibility for sporting events but also improve conditions for events such as "Relay for Life" and the Hazelwood Car and Bike Show.

A reminder for Churchill's younger community that the NightRider late night bus service is still running. This late night bus

The event will attract 16 teams from Australia and across Oceania, including teams from Tahiti, Fiji, PNG, New Caledonia, Guam, New Zealand and Samoa, seeing 200 competitors calling Churchill home for the duration of the event, by being accommodated on-campus at the Monash University Gippsland Campus.

The participating Oceania teams will also be making a positive contribution to sport in Latrobe Valley with the teams being involved with numerous community engagement activities. Teams will also invest time to promote themselves, their countries and basketball to the youth in our community.

For further information please check the website: www.fibaoceania.com

Latrobe City Council with the support of

FIBA Oceania, Basketball Australia, Basketball Victoria, Basketball Country Victoria and Monash University Gippsland is very proud to bring this event to Latrobe City and the Churchill and district community.

Volleyball Australia Women's High Performance Training Camp – December 2012:

Volleyball Australia women's annual high performance training camp will again be hosted by the Churchill Leisure Centre in December.

For the third year in succession Volleyball Australia, Latrobe Valley Volleyball Association and Latrobe City Council have worked together to bring this important event to Churchill at one of the first class, high quality, sporting venues that exist within our city.

service provides a service from Traralgon to Churchill.

The service operates in the early hours of Sunday mornings to provide a transport option for people wanting to get home from a Saturday night out in the Traralgon CBD entertainment precinct, and for employees working in late night venues.

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- Traralgon to Churchill Departs 3.30am
- Traralgon to Moe, via Morwell Departs 4.30am

Normal public transport fares apply.

October 13 and 14 also saw the running of the 10km State Championship Swimming event as well as the 1km, 2.5km and 5km Hazelwood Open Water events.

It was pleasing to see a significant increase in the number of entrants in comparison to 2011. These events have become increasingly popular and the unique temperature of the Hazelwood Pondage is a definite plus on a

chilly day. Many of the swimmers came from all over Victoria during the course of the weekend, which adds to the local economic benefit to our community.



Russell Northe

Well done to our local swimmers who performed admirably over the various events on offer. As we are coming into the warmer weather and fishing season I would like to remind the keen fishing enthusiasts that Lake Hyland, Churchill, received a stocking of 750 rainbow trout in the September school holidays.

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A little bit about Tough Mudder Sydney

Once again myself and a group of equally mad friends set off for Tough Mudder, this event being set at Glenworth Valley on the Central Coast north of Sydney.

Tough Mudder is a brutal 20km obstacle course that will challenge you mentally and physically. It was designed by British Special Forces to raise money for Legacy.

We set off on our adventure of excruciating pain and torture at 8am. We soon lost half of our team due to some of them having legs up to my elbows, so we just stayed at a steady pace.

Some of the 26 obstacles included. The Berlin Walls - 4 metre high walls to scale over. Easy enough to get to the top with teamwork but a little bit daunting the drop on the other side. Especially when you're short and your legs are a long way from the ground. Trench Warfare - crawling through mud filled underground tunnels. The Funky Monkey - monkey bars that go up on an angle over freezing cold water, some of the bars spin and are very hard to grip. The Arctic Enema - a cold dunking under water that is full of ice that literally left me gasping for air. Walk the Plank - a 5 metre jump into a deep muddy pond. I could have sworn it looked and felt like 12 metres. The Mud Mile - that was a mixture of waist deep mud and clay. Finally Electric Shock Therapy where I was actually blown off my feet and momentarily knocked unconscious. When I tried to get up I was knocked straight back off my feet again, so I decided the only way was to crawl out on my stomach, sustaining another two good belts along the way. That one hurt a great deal and I don't think I would like to do that again. Well, till next time anyway

The one thing I really admire about an event like TM is that you get strangers helping strangers all the



Mandy Dempsey

way through the event, and a lot of friendships are made even if they are only for the day.

The terrain was some of the most amazing I have ever seen in Australia with breathtaking views of hills, valleys and rivers. Would I do it again? YES. Its got to be one of the best ways to see our beautiful country.

"Legacy is a charity providing services to Australian families suffering financially and socially after the incapacitation or death of a spouse or parent, during or after their defence force service".

Anzac Centenary

Monash University has launched a new project designed to capture community memories of World War One (WWI).

As Australia approaches the Centenary of the Great War, Monash Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Ed Byrne, said Monash was the most appropriate university to lead research in the field.

"We are not just a centre of scholarly excellence, we are also the University that bears the name of our country's most distinguished soldier, General Sir John Monash," Professor Byrne said.

"The University is developing 100 stories, symbolic of the 100 years since the outbreak of WWI."

The stories are to be drawn across the length and breadth of Australia, mindful that every community, large and small, was affected by the conflict and will highlight the ongoing cost of war to the community as a whole.

"The centenary is less than two years away. We need to find new ways of remembering that speak to the culturally diverse society that we live in today," Professor Byrne said.

"It is important to remember not just the men and women who gave their lives, but also those who returned to Australia, the gassed, the crippled, those irreparably damaged by war."

The project will also highlight the contribution of

women and indigenous Australians, two groups often marginalised by conventional military history.

Monash released the first 20 of the 100 stories today, sending them to every secondary school in Victoria and offering them to major government agencies, such as the National Museum, the National Archives and the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

"This is an instance of the University placing scholarship at the service of the community and very much in keeping with the Monash tradition," Professor Byrne said.

Monash University has invited Returned Services Groups and the wider community to nominate further case studies for the 100 stories program.

The research team is being led by Professor Bruce Scates, from Monash University's National Centre for Australian Studies. Professor Scates is a leading authority on war and remembrance and the chair of an expert panel appointed by the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board.

For more information on the project or to nominate a story, visit the Anzac Remembered website.

For more information or to interview Professor Bruce Scates on the One Hundred Stories Project, contact Shana Stewart, Monash Media and Communications on +61 3 9903 4815 | +61 414 389 496 or shana.stewart@monash.edu.

Fiddlehead Festival

Member for Morwell Russell Northe, today announced the Victorian Government would provide \$1,500 funding for the Yinnar Fiddlehead Festival.

Russell Northe said the funding was provided through the Government's Country Victoria Events Program, which assists local events with tourism, marketing and development.

"The Fiddlehead Festival being held on February 16, 2013 is an acoustic music festival family day with hands-on music making, staged concerts and a traditional country fair.

Events such as the Fiddlehead Festival not only provide entertainment for local communities they also provide much needed economic benefit.

This is particularly pertinent in smaller communities such as Yinnar, and having attended the Festival last year, I am sure 2013 will also be a great success.

The Government was pleased to support the Yinnar

Fiddlehead Festival in 2012 with a \$5,500 grant under the very popular 'Putting Locals First' program."

Mr Northe said the Government will continue to develop regional events as they play an important part in driving tourism, investment attraction and job creation.

"The latest National Visitor Survey results found tourism in Regional Victoria continues to grow. In the year ending June 2012, domestic overnight expenditure in regional Victoria increased 1.7 per cent to \$4.4 billion.

Twenty-two regional organisations across Victoria will receive a total of \$75,000 under the October 2012 round of the Country Victoria Events Program.

The Country Victoria Events Program provides up to \$10,000 per event to assist with tourism marketing and event delivery.

Closing dates for applications are April 1 and October 1 annually," Mr Northe said.

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Church News

Saturday Breakfast



Malcolm Grant

By Heather Enders

At our Saturday Breakfast on October 27, we were treated to a 'whirlwind' tour of 'Sustainability – A World View', by Malcolm Grant, the course co-ordinator of the Sustainability Diploma at GippsTAFE.

Sustainability, Malcolm told us, means to achieve a form of existence, which can be maintained indefinitely.

He encouraged us to consider the capacity of human systems to provide for the full range of human concerns, long term. The long-term survival of our species depends on it!

We were encouraged to think of the 'stuff' we need, and the 'stuff' we don't need.

The concept of first, second and third world, needs to be redefined. We are now all one world and we need to think at that level only.

At the conclusion of a most thought provoking and erudite presentation, those who had managed to stay the course with Malcolm's whirlwind presentation, felt we should have been given quite a few credits to our Diploma course in Sustainability which Malcolm teaches!!!

When we have recovered from this session, we may be brave enough to tackle the next instalment!

Chaplain's Reflections

What do we need to hear God?

In Job's response, we discover one of the key themes of the story: it was only after Job's suffering that he could 'see' God. This is not a physical seeing but an inner, spiritual one. Through Job's hardships and trials his inner sight and understanding were opened to a new understanding of God's nature, love and presence. None of the material rewards with which God blessed him compared to his new, intimate knowing of God.

It is good to know, that no matter what life throws at us, God is there and calls us on to bigger and better lives grounded in God's love.



Pene Brook

There is much in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures that troubles me deeply. Some passages or stories disturb and challenge my ideas and understanding of God and of our relationship with God. For me, the story of Job is a bit like that.

If I take it literally, it makes me uncomfortable and raises some very thorny questions about the nature of God. But if taken as it was written; as a wisdom story, it has much to tell us.

The book of Job was probably written about 200BCE by a Jewish scholar to a community of people undergoing suffering.

They were Jobs' godly sufferers. In his story, the author of the book of Job broke out of the tight, logical mould of the traditional orthodox theology of his day that said 'good' people will never suffer. Instead of offering logical arguments, the author tells a story rich in meaning and from which we can still learn so much today.

Job the righteous man, suffers the loss of his children and worldly possessions, is blighted by horrendous physical discomfort and lectured by his closest friends.

Although stretched to breaking point, Job refuses to curse or turn away from God.

The story ends with God speaking to Job from the whirlwind and telling him to 'gird up your loins like a man,' (to get prepared to get going- a call to action). In the whirlwind was no gentle Creator's breath but a dynamic, awesome force. Elisha needed the still small voice but Job needed the whirlwind.

Co-Operating Church Snippets

Happiness and excitement in the Parish

What a month October has been. It has been full of rich celebrations which have been sad and filled with exciting anticipation.

For eleven months Rev Marilyn Obersby has been our splendid locum minister, caring and encouraging and guiding us.

She has endeared herself to us with her compassion, humour and willingness to go that extra mile.

So it was with a degree of sadness that we began to farewell her at Coffee Connections where she was presented with a gift, letters of thanks and lots of flowers.

The following Sunday, Marilyn took her final service calling "Back to Sunday School".

It was a fun-filled combined service, with lots of favourite old choruses like "Hear the Pennies Dropping" (and we actually had some pennies to drop) and "Wide, Wide is the Ocean". There were two birthday chairs, and sheets of activities to do.

There were also some naughty boys who played up something shocking.

A church full of wellwishers attended this joyous celebration of a new beginning, including family, friends and members of the Lumen Christi Parish as well as many who had made the journey from Western Port Parish, where Brenda has just finished serving.

Over supper provided by the ladies of the church, in a time of fellowship, many were able to greet Brenda and welcome her further.

The very next Sunday we had the pleasure of attending Brenda's first service with us.

Saturday Breakfast this month had Malcolm Grant as its guest.

Malcolm spoke of a topic dear to his heart- sustainability, and how we see our part in its success.



Many people came dressed up in what they would have worn to Sunday School as a child. At the end gifts and flowers were presented to Marilyn in thanks for her time with us.

A time of fellowship was had over an excellent array of food for lunch.

The following Wednesday night the Reverend Brenda Burney was inducted as our new minister. Brenda's induction is the start of a new era for our church co-operation. We are excited and filled with anticipation at her appointment.

The Most Reverend John McIntyre, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland, with the Reverend Tim Angus of Gippsland Presbytery, installed Brenda into her position.

Following the service of readings, prayers, sermon in which Bishop John encouraged Brenda to think outside the square in her ministry, and presentation of symbols, Brenda was given her licence for the parish.

The Archdeacon of the West, Philip Muston, conducted a time of engaging speeches of welcome from Darren Chester, Federal Member for Gippsland, Father Hugh Brown of Lumen Christi Parish on behalf of the churches of the area, Ed Vermeulen for Latrobe City Council, Pene Brooke on behalf of the Chaplaincy at Monash University Gippsland, Reverend Tim Angus on behalf of the Uniting Church in Australia and Robert Lubawski on behalf of the Parish, with Ian Combridge welcoming Brenda's husband Rod. Brenda responded by thanking everyone who had played a part in the service and said how welcome she and Rod felt, adding she was looking forward to her new placement, and of being 'home' in the area where she grew up and had worked for many years as a kindergarten teacher.

Lumen Christi Snippets

Churchill Cuppa

There is morning tea served after 9.00am Mass on the last Sunday of the month.

Lumen Christi playgroup

Playgroup is held fortnightly on Thursdays at the Eco Centre from 9.30 - 11.30am during school term. Contact

- Catherine Campbell ph: 5122 2231.

Community Singing

Community Singing is on again! At Lumen Christi, Churchill November 25 from 4- 6 pm. All welcome!

A desire to sing, a bottle of water, some food to share is all you need to bring!

Church Times

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

35 Walker Parade, Churchill
Tel: 5122 2226

Father Hugh Brown

Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass: 9.00am

1st and 3rd Sundays:

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2nd and 4th Sundays:

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Week 1 - 11am at Boolarra

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Week 3 - 11am at Yinnar U C A H C

Week 4 - 11am at Yinnar

Worship Service

Week 5 - 11am at Yinnar

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Sunday: 10.00am

Church News

New Minister - Rev. Brenda Burney



Bishop John McIntyre, Rev. Brenda Burney, Rev. Tim Angus.

I was born in Box Hill but moved to Gippsland at the age of four. Most of my growing years were spent in Morwell.

Our family worshipped at St. Mary's where, as a teenager, I met my husband Rod.

We have two adult children - Sarah and her partner John live in Mt. Waverley; Matthew, his partner Eli-sha and our grandson Logan live in Ipswich.

I spent an enjoyable and rewarding 23 years teaching in various preschools in the Latrobe Valley before I felt God's call to ordained ministry.

In 2003 I combined part-time theological studies with my appointment as Parish Worker at St. James,

Traralgon.

From February 2004 I was responsible for family, youth and children's ministry in the Parish of Drouin until my appointment as Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Westernport in July, 2007.

Since February, 2010 I have also been responsible for ministry in the Uniting Church Parish of Koo Wee Rup/ Lang Lang, with the Anglican and Uniting Churches worshipping and working together.

I am looking forward to my new appointment in Churchill, Boolarra and Yinnar and to the journey of faith we will share together.



Rev. Brenda Burney



Above: Rev Brenda Burney, listening to Registrar Brian Norris, and Bishop John McIntyre

Right: Rev Brenda Burney receiving her licence from Bishop John McIntyre.



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Pooh Corner Child Care Centre in Churchill has been operating for over 30 years, with enrolments of 210 children from over 160 families. The childcare centre supports students and staff from Monash University with 40% of enrolments coming from students and staff. In May 2012 a survey was administered to all families currently with enrolled children in the Pooh Corner Childcare Centre. The most important factor in the success of the centre is the experience of the families and children enrolled at Pooh Corner.

The aim was to provide an open and honest forum whereby parents and guardians could provide feedback regarding the quality of care their children received.

The response from families was excellent with 98.5% of families indicating that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the Pooh Corner service and they would recommend this service to others.

They were very positive about the operation of the centre, specifically in regards to the care provided, opening hours, outdoor play areas and menus.

This was an excellent result where parents provided open and honest feedback. MUGSU inc and Pooh Corner Childcare Centre would like to thank all the families that participated in the survey.

Pooh Corner encourages new families to arrange an inspection appointment and all current families to confirm their 2013 bookings.

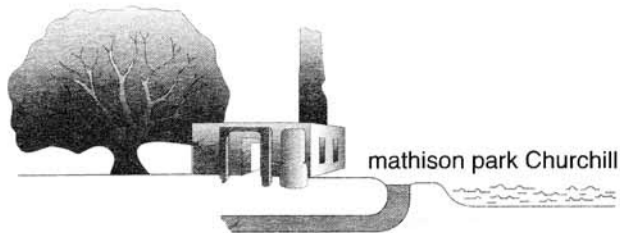
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Mathison Park



What fun we had at the Mathison Park working bee.

First we finished the staking and tree guarding of the newly planted trees.

Then we loaded some fallen branches onto Dave's ute and took them to the piles for later burning.

We missed Chris' pole saw and chainsaw, but Jim brought his bow saw and that was a great help.

The weather was perfect for working, and we all felt good about helping keep such a great park maintained. Thanks to all who turned up and worked so hard.

It was a pleasure to sit after our hard work and enjoy some morning tea.

The grass is growing quickly.

We have mowing contractors lined up but the amount of rain we have had has made the ground too wet for the mowers to get in.

But be assured as soon as the land dries out, they will be into it.

We are proud to be associated with the Churchill and District News Junior Fishing Competition which is to be held on November 17.

Members of the Mathison Park committee help out with the cleaning of the area and parking on the day.

The next working bee would normally be on November 17, but this will be changed, so keep your eyes out for the notice in the mail, or ring Ruth 5122 1961 for further information.

Member for Morwell Russell Northe today called for the Latrobe Valley community to honour extraordinary women by nominating them for the 2013 Victorian Honour Roll of Women.

Each year, the Honour Roll acknowledges and pays tribute to women from across Victoria who have made a lasting impact on their communities through their vision, leadership, commitment and hard work.

"I encourage local residents to nominate a woman or women who have made a significant contribution locally, nationally or internationally," Mr Northe said.

"The women we honour are those who have made a personal contribution that has positive, lasting impacts for women and for the broader community.

They may come from the many diverse areas where women are making a difference, including health, science, law, social justice, environment, arts, media and education.

There are many inspiring and outstanding women who live and work in the Latrobe Valley who deserve

to be recognised for the contribution they make to our region.

The 2013 Victorian Honour Roll of Women builds on the success of previous Honour Rolls, reflecting the diversity of Victorian women and their skills, strength and personal determination.

Almost 500 women have been inducted on the Honour Roll since it began in 2001 as part of Victoria's Centenary of Federation celebrations.

If you know of a woman who has been instrumental in making an exceptional difference in their community or field of endeavour, then nominating them is a great way to recognise their contributions," Mr Northe said.

Nominations are open until Friday December 7, 2012 and on-line application forms and guidelines can be found on www.dhs.vic.gov.au/womeshonourroll

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By Sam Gillett

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Paul S Adshead wrote and illustrated

this fun picture puzzle book. Once children have finished reading the story they can go back and find the missing birds in the pictures. The pictures are well-drawn and the rhyming sequence adds to the story. This book is available at Latrobe City Libraries.



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Scenic Tzar was moored for three nights in Moscow, the base to explore this ancient and sprawling city. Red Square was most magnificent. St Basil's Cathedral probably the most well known landmark with its colourful unique domes. Highlights included the Russian choir singing inside the Cathedral and the Armory tour at the Kremlin.

The Russians are very passionate about their heritage and this is reflected in the way they have maintained their ancient treasures.

cient treasures.

A very enjoyable trip overall with the culinary delights such as borscht (traditional Russian soup) and schashliks (marinated kebabs) adding to the fine memories I have of a country I would revisit.

And who could forget the Matryoshka dolls for sale at every good souvenir shop!

Irene O'Donnell

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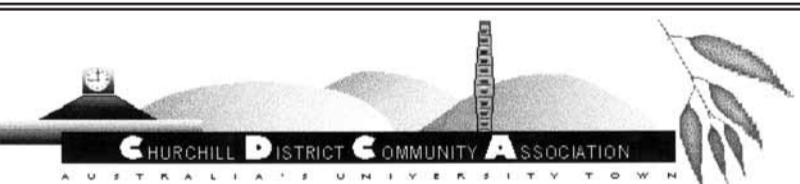
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The Hazelwood Car and Bike Show



Support for a local family

The Hazelwood Car and Bike Show has successfully raised over \$5,700 for the Chapman family of Yinnar.

The Chapman family have 3 small girls with the rare genetic condition called Glycogen Storage Disease (GSD) type 3a.

The twins are aged 4 and the oldest is 5 1/2.

This condition is very rare with it affecting 1:1,000,000 births. The treatment requires hourly feeding with a special corn starch only available from the USA.

Further treatment and support for the condition is only available from the USA.

The Hazelwood Car and Bike show was run by the Piston Car Club at Gaskin Park to support the Chapman family. The Car and Bike show had over 300 vehicles on display.

Some of the vehicles travelled from as far as Melbourne just for this show.

The range of vehicles included: vintage cars, hot rods, street machines, early model Holdens and Fords, a range of bikes, custom cars, modern performance cars, and restored ambulances and hearses.

A raffle was run over the day with prizes donated by a range of sponsors.

Over 20 people were happy winners of raffle prizes.

The Roulettes performed a series of stunning acrobatic routines for the crowd.

The SES drew a large crowd demonstrating the techniques they use to break a car apart.

For the children there was face painting and jumping castles.

Trophies were awarded in 28 different categories with approximately 50 vehicles winning trophies and prizes.



Churchill Gardening Group

Hi all, here it is almost Christmas again.

It seems like only yesterday that we took down our Christmas decorations and now it's time to put them up again almost!!

Now is the perfect time to plant your tomatoes, if newly bought maybe let them harden off in a sheltered spot for a couple of days, then give them a soak in Seasol and water, then plant.

Drive in stakes for the tall varieties. Basil and marigolds make good companions for tomatoes.

All vegies can now be planted, seeds or seedlings need rich soil with added compost mulch (chopped lucerne is excellent) water and watch them GROW. Keep the slugs and snails at bay.

Small plantings of all vegies every week or so, works well, that way you don't have a feast or famine but an ongoing supply. Strawberries are now fruiting, keep up the liquid feeding, place straw or other mulch around the plants, pine needles are very good for this, and once again watch out for those snails.

Bearded irises are coming into their own right now, there are many wonderful colours, just to mention a few - there are bi colours, bi tones, speckles and stripes.

They suit our hot summers



as they like to have their rhizomes exposed to the sun and don't require much water.

I planted a number of foxgloves in the hope that they would all flower around the same time but no such luck - some are out and some still to do so.

My poppies are giving a great show in my garden both the flanders and oriental poppies.

My clematis are also blooming beautifully.

I planted 2 plants in each hole and as they grow and entwine with each other it appears that each plant is multi coloured when flowering.

When planting clematis they like their heads in the sun and their roots shaded, so I have placed a rock strategically over the root area.

That's all for this month. Happy gardening and don't forget the sun block.

Rotary Club of Hazelwood

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood is inviting Year 11 students to express their interest in participating in the Rotary International project known as MUNA – Model United Nations Assembly. Applications for MUNA 2013 are now being taken and successful students are sponsored by a Rotary club.

The United Nations Association created MUNA to enable young people to simulate the workings of the United Nations Assembly, by having teams of about three Year 11 students represent a particular U.N. country in debates on matters of world political and social concern. Students are given the opportunity to improve their research, debating and public speaking skills by addressing a wide range of contemporary world focussed issues.

The U.N. Assembly chamber is recreated complete with country name plates, national flags and where the students are encouraged to wear the national costume of the country that they represent.

The Assembly is chaired by the "Secretary General", and judged by Rotarians.

Prizes are awarded in various categories such as best overall representation and the best national costume.

For anyone interested, please contact the Rotary Club of Hazelwood President, Margaret Palmer on 0413 847 446.

During October, the club hosted guest speaker, Senior Sergeant Brendan Scully from the Traralgon Police Station, who spoke about drink driving. Providing a detailed analysis of the dangers associated with drink driving and the surrounding legislation, Senior Sergeant Scully gave an example of breathalyzer readings with an interpretation of the results. His talk was a salient reminder that this hideous problem "eats away" at community safety in general.

Another guest speaker, 2013 Rotary Strzelecki District Scout of the Year, Campbell Pike, told us about himself and Scouting. He is a Patrol Leader of the 1st Traralgon Troop's Panther Patrol. District Leader (Scouts) Jeff Kemp, from 1st Churchill Scout Group, also attended, along with Campbell's parents.

Campbell is 14



year of age, and is in Year 8 at Gippsland Grammar. He plays the saxophone. His other interests outside Scouting include hockey, art, footy, chess, his bike riding and Nippers (Sandy Point). He does not have a mobile phone. In Scouting, he arranged a 37km bike hike from Koornalla to Foster, camping overnight at Waratah Bay. He has attended the Leadership course, Corroboree, Scoutarama, and is very much looking forward to the 2013 Jamboree at Maryborough, Queensland in January (11 are going from his Troop). He has learnt a lot through Scouting, and thanked his Leaders for their work.

Club members continue to raise funds for wider community allocation by organizing barbeques (sausage sizzles) at Bunnings stores at Mid Valley and Traralgon. December will also see members at Mid Valley Shopping Centre wrapping Christmas presents right up to Christmas Eve.



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By Peta Whelan
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 One of the many teams that entered this year was the Witches in Stitches. We raised over \$1300 for this great cause and won the best camp site award.

Our tent was covered in spider webs, we had a jack-o-lantern and our HOPE sign was a mini clothes line hung with bras of all shapes and sizes. A lot of fun was had by all teams and the organisers did a great job in keeping us awake throughout the night with challenges and games. A great weekend for a great cause. Now to catch up on some sleep!

Relay for Life Celebrate - Remember - Fight Back



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Friends of Morwell National Park

Hello everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter.

This month we will report about the recent Koala count and other October activities. The group also had the opportunity to check out the new toilet at Kerry Road.

Last month in the October activity, the work group started clearing fallen trees from Billy's Creek Track. They did not get far since they encountered a massive tree blocking the track, which was too large for them to remove. Parks staff have cleared this tree over the last month and access to this part of the park has been restored.

Recently the Grand Strzelecki Track has won a national award. The walk track won the 2012 Parks and Leisure Australia Award of Excellence, Inclusive and Connected Communities Award.

This award supports volunteer groups who put their heart and soul into initiating a project like this, and taking part in the ongoing commitment of setting up and maintaining the tracks.

The whole Grand Strzelecki Track consists of 110 kilometers of walking tracks and 70 creek crossings with many of these being on our National Park.

The Grand Strzelecki Track was closed because of winter floods in Billy's Creek. The track is now open with the track's volunteer group having put a few days of work into improving the track. Sleepers have been added to steep areas and access along the track has been improved.

Next month Parks Victoria will again hold their Friends and Volunteers BBQ Dinner in Traralgon at Bert Thompson Reserve (behind Red Rooster in Argyle Street, Traralgon) on Sunday November 18, 2012, (same day as our next activity) starting at 5.30pm.

The BBQ dinner is to celebrate the significant contributions made by Friends Groups and volunteers in park management during 2012. Soft drinks and food will be provided. BYO drinks, plastic plates, cutlery and chairs.

October Activity Reports

Sunday October 21

In October there were two activities both on October 21. In the morning there was the Orchid Walk and in the afternoon there was the Koala Count.

Orchid Walk

For this activity we had Wendy, John, Margaret, Mike, Cathy, Brenda, Graeme, Ashlee, Craig and Darren in attendance. For Brenda, Graeme and Ashlee it was their first activity. Graeme met the group last month while they were track clearing and he alerted Ken to an early flowering Butterfly Orchid. Ken's photograph of this orchid was in the last newsletter. Brenda was along looking especially for orchids. Ashlee is a volunteer at

the local wildlife refuge.

The day started off very overcast and rain was a possibility. Fortunately it only rained a little during our walk. The group decided to walk to Foster's Gully since it should have had the most orchids for us to see at this time of year. During the walk the following orchids were seen: Common Bird Orchid, Mountain Greenhood, Wax Lip Orchid, Sun Orchid and Butterfly Orchids which looked ready to flower in the next month.

It was good to walk with some experts who could quickly identify what was found. Most orchids found were just at the leaf stage, few were in flower. With it being overcast and wet, the conditions were not the best for finding flowers. It was surprising that many small plants that you would just walk past were orchids, pre or post flowering.

Koala Count

For the Koala count a large group (26 people) was ready for seeking the elusive koalas. It was especially good since the weather was not great and rain was very possible. We were joined by a few family groups and a few locals. The event was well advertised with interviews on ABC Radio, WIN TV coverage and newspaper articles. Along for the journey was also a cameraman from WIN television taking footage for WIN news.

All of the walkers were organized into three groups. Each group had at least five walkers. The first group to depart was led by Peter, Cathy and Mike and they travelled over the Stringybark Ridge Walk. They were the most successful by locating 6 koalas. Ken's group with Craig, travelled by car to Jumbuk Road and walked back along the Jumbuk Road fire track to the Kerry Road car park. They had the more difficult terrain to travel and spotted two koalas. The last group was led by Beryl and Darren and they walked the Foster's Gully track. This group spotted two koalas making a total of 10 koalas located during the count.

The WIN cameraman followed the group that travelled the Foster's Gully Track. The footage he shot was shown during the following week. The total of 10 koalas was slightly higher than the

numbers located during the counts for the last three years.

Over the day, people who were at both activities, had spent the morning looking at the ground seeking small orchids and the afternoon looking into the treetops for koalas hiding from the cold.

Sadly all groups did get a little wet. The rain did not hold off and since the Stringybark Ridge group had the longest walk, they got the wettest.

November Activity

Sunday November 18

The group will meet at 10.00am at the Junction Road car park to complete the

Butterfly Orchid Survey and some odd jobs.

Ken, along with a recorder and few photographers, will conduct the Butterfly Orchid Survey. Across five plots the survey will be conducted and hopefully we will see some improvement in the Butterfly Orchid population after this wet year. Another goal during the Butterfly Orchid Survey is get some good photos of these orchids. This is the challenge for the keen photographers.

The remainder of the group will work on some odd jobs that need to be completed. These will be determined on the morning.

You will need to bring your lunch and clothing suitable for the weather conditions on the day.



Celebrating 150 years of Gold Discovery in Walhalla



Pictorial Calendar 2013

Walhalla is set to celebrate 150 years of gold discovery

December 26 is the anniversary of 150 years since gold was discovered by Ned Stringer and his party all those years ago.

To mark this special occasion the three not for profit organizations which operate in Walhalla, the Walhalla Heritage and Development League, the Walhalla Board of Management and the Walhalla Goldfields Railway, have joined forces to produce a pictorial 2013 calendar of images of Walhalla and the

surrounding district.

The profits of this calendar will go to support these three organizations and highlight this special milestone.

Calendars are available in Walhalla and throughout the Latrobe Valley at participating newsagents and post offices RRP \$9.95.

For more information on where you can purchase a calendar, please phone 5165 6250.

Future Plans



By Margaret Guthrie
 CDCA is delighted to advise local residents that the guest speaker at our next Community Forum and General Meeting is a representative from GDF Suez, Hazelwood.

The topic for discussion is 'The Future of Hazelwood Power Station'.

Hazelwood Power Station is now fully owned by GDF Suez, which has bought out the Hazelwood operations of International Power.

Our guest speaker will provide some information on the company and its continued plans for our 'local' power station, including current licensing arrangements.

Ample time will be provided for questions and answers in a discussion-type forum.

All local residents are welcome to attend.

Proceedings commence at 7pm on Wednesday November 28 in the Board Room at Green Inc (McDonald Way), Churchill.

Tea, coffee and a light supper will be provided.

Latrobe City Council has released its 'Draft Public Open Space Strategy'.

Public consultation ends on December 16, so now is the time for residents to have their say on this matter.

The strategy identifies where public open space in Latrobe City is now, where it should be in the future and how it is used and maintained.

It also provides guidance to developers on the standard of open space and the type of infrastructure that should be in our parks and reserves.

The documents can be viewed on Council's website.

A simple 'search' of Council's website - type in 'draft public open space strategy' in the search facility - will quickly take you to the correct location.

Copies of the draft Public Open Space Strategy are also available from Council's Service Centres,

including the information stand at Churchill Community Hub (Library desk).

The Churchill summary, recommendations and maps are of interest.

The major focus appears to be on continuing to develop Churchill's pathways and walking trails, ensuring linear links are retained between our open spaces (parks and reserves).

The recommendations also include a review and update of the Mathison Park Management Plan and to implement the recently adopted Gaskin Park Master Plan.

Council's website provides opportunity to give feedback on the draft strategy and written submissions may also be made to Council.

For further information about Council's draft Public Open Space Strategy, please contact Ms Karen Tsebelis, Senior Recreation and Open Space Planner on 5128 5483 or email karen.tsebelis@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Council officers will also be available to meet with local residents at the Churchill Hub on Tuesday December 11, to discuss matters relating to the draft strategy.

Appointment times are available by contacting Karen Tsebelis on 5128 5483

Our November General Meeting and Community Forum (to be held at 7pm on Wednesday November 28, at Green Inc) is our last meeting for 2012.

CDCA doesn't formally meet in December; our next Committee meeting will be held in late January 2013.

CDCA can be contacted at any time by writing to us at PO Box 191, Churchill, emailing mgcdca@hotmail.com or phoning 5122 2997.

BreastScreening Participation

Russell Northe calls for boost in breast screening participation

Member for Morwell Russell Northe, said the annual electorate report card for the Morwell Electorate from BreastScreen Victoria showed encouraging participation rates from women aged between 50-69.

"It is encouraging that 60% of women in the Morwell electorate are having a regular mammogram every two years, however a higher participation rate among women aged 50-69 years is necessary to achieve substantial reductions in mortality from breast cancer across the Victorian community," Mr Northe said.

"The current state wide participation rate is 55% with the target rate set at 70 per cent. So it's pleasing that participation rates in the Morwell electorate are above the state average.

Women over 50 years of age have a higher risk factor of breast cancer with 75 per cent of women diagnosed with cancer over the age of 50. Treatment is likely to be most successful with early detection, which is why I am a strong supporter of the work undertaken by BreastScreen Victoria," Mr Northe said.

"The early detection of breast cancer



BreastScreen Victoria

Caring about Women

is crucial as is the need for quality treatment and facilities. We are lucky to have in our midst the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre and Gippsland Rotary Centenary House. These services, along with local quality accommodation, are crucial in supporting individuals and families as they tackle cancer."

There are 66 breast screening centres available across Victoria including some mobile sites.

From a local perspective a screening centre is located in Traralgon at the Latrobe Regional Hospital, Consulting Suites 1 and 2, Princes Highway, Traralgon West.

To make an appointment call 13 20 50 or book online at www.breastscreen.org.au.

Bird Challenge Count Day

On Saturday December 1, members of the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club, their relatives, friends and anyone who is interested in birds take part in the Australia-wide Bird Challenge Count Day.

We have been doing this since 1998 in an area from Yarragon to Traralgon, Tyers to the Morwell National Park.

Participants are organised into groups with an experienced "bird" person as leader, and set a series of sites in which to observe and count birds.

Some members are able to identify birds and others assist by spotting them.

Data on the types and numbers of birds recorded are sent to Birdlife Australia.

This information provides ideas about bird populations and movement in the area.

It provides a great opportunity for people to learn about the local birds.

If you are interested in joining in the fun; please contact the organiser on 5127 3393.

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Neighbourhood Watch



Crime Report – October 2012
 Robbery: Nil for the month (Nil previous month)
 Assaults: 5 for the month (3 previous month)
 In all incidents an offender has been charged with assault- related offences.
 Arson: Nil for the month (Nil previous month)
 Property Damage: 1 for the month (6 previous month)
 One offender has been charged with criminal damage during October.
 Burglary: 3 for the month (1 previous month)
 Cash was stolen overnight October 23, from units at Monash University. Unknown offenders have entered a property in Coolabah Drive overnight October 24, however it is not known what has been stolen. Two firearms, fishing rods and reels were stolen from a rural property in Boldings Rd overnight October 28.
 Theft From Motor Vehicle: 2 for the month (3 previous month)
 Sometime between October 1 and 29, unknown offenders have attended at a vacant block in Church Rd and stole

fittings from a vehicle parked there. A fuel cap on a vehicle in Jacka Crt was tampered with overnight October 2.
 Theft Of Motor Vehicle: Nil for the month (Nil previous month)
 Theft: 3 for the month (Nil previous month)
 A wallet stolen from the change rooms at the Leisure Centre was recovered a few days after being stolen without the cash. A front water tap was stolen from the front yard of a premises in Fraser Cres overnight October 7. Police are making follow up enquiries in relation to a theft at Dunbar Grove.
 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.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Invitation to Visit

Come one come all - Friday 30 November, starting at 10.30 am, you are invited to come and have a Captain Cook at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, inspect our facilities, and admire the wonderful works done by our participants.

Listen to the beat of African Drums.
 Centrelink personnel will be at the Centre as well.
 Morning tea will be available from 10.30 am, so come and enjoy this wonderful facility, located inside the Churchill and District Community Hub - 9 - 11 Philip Parade, Churchill. Ph. 5122 2955 or email: churchillnc@bigpond.com

Computer classes at the HUB

Adult Education at the HUB - yes come on all you Silver Surfers, have you been gifted a computer by your children, need to learn how to operate this electronic equipment?

Well the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is the place for you. Whatever it is you wish to learn about

computers we can help – from basics – never used a computer before - to - advanced – returning to work or full time study – MS Word / Excel / Publisher / Powerpoint / Quickbooks.

We can put you on the right path to success.
 Come and learn how to use ebay, how to send / receive e-mails, how to access WWW, facebook, skype and much more.

Other activities at the Centre include:- porcelain painting, tai chi, patchwork, folk art, creative writing, adult literacy and numeracy, community workshop, and our own Churchill Bookworms – Book Club.

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1st Churchill Scout Group

By Peta Whelan, 1st Churchill Group Leader
 This weekend the Relay for Life was run in Churchill at Gaskin Park.

A team of Venturers and Scouts from the district put in a team, The Swinging Sixty Scouts, and raised well over \$1000 and still counting.

Mitchell Whelan, from 1st Churchill, bravely shaved his head and raised \$500+. A great job by Mitchell and his team.

Last month it gives us great pleasure to announce Scott Marriott has completed his Queens Scout Award.

A lot of hard work for Scott and a great reward. Well done.

Also Bevan Kemp completed his Scout Medallion in scouts. A great job and very well deserved.

Congratulations to both Scott and Bevan for these achievements. Also congratulations to Mitchell on his head shave.



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Lions Club Citizen Awards 2013

The Lions Club of Churchill and District 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 Inc. at the Churchill Australia Day Ceremony on January 26,

2013.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Young Citizen of the Year Award - applicants must be 18 years or under on January 26, 2013.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Citizen of the Year Award - open to all applicants over the age of 18 years on January 26, 2013.

**Closing Date
November 30, 2012**



*Lions Club of Churchill
and District Incorporated*
PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842



The Awards are provided by the Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. and presented at the Australia Day Ceremony in Churchill on January 26, 2013.

Person(s) who have made a noteworthy contribution during the preceding year and / or given outstanding service to the local Community over a number of

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

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

2013 CHURCHILL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

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 January 26, 2013

DETAILS OF THE PERSON BEING NOMINATED

Surname: Other Names.....
 Private Address.....
 Occupation: Telephone: Private: Business:
 Date of Birth: Age: Marital Status: Children:

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

.....

OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

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Additional material may be attached if desired.

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ANY OTHER RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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

Name:	Name
Position:	Position:
Address:	Address:
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TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION:

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 Organisation represented (if any): Telephone:

Signature:.....

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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 Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc.
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Boolarra Primary School



Regional Bike Education Final:

Our fabulous team placed 6th in the field of 14 schools that competed, beating both the other, much larger Latrobe Valley Schools (Grey St and Albert St) in the process.

The Spirit of Polynesia:

Our most recent visiting show was fabulous! The solo performer, Bernard, shared information about the beliefs, traditions, dance and music of other cultures in a very entertaining manner.

Bandanna Day:

CanTeen is a cause near to the hearts of many folk at our school. The bandanna is the symbol young people use to show they are fighting cancer, and that they are in the fight together. Our Junior School Council recently raised \$218 for CanTeen by selling bandannas.

Gardening Blitz:

Every student in the school, along with lots of parents, pitched in together one lovely sunny Wednesday afternoon recently to tidy our gardens. The school grounds are looking vastly improved as a result and we now have an assortment of herbs and vegetables growing. This was a great team effort and a lot of fun!

Fire part 1

By Lydia Reiske

Boom! That's the first sound of the early morning cattle milking.

Hi! I'm Milly, I'm eleven years old and I live on a dairy farm. I have thick black hair, long legs and I love to help my dad on the farm. Every morning I get up and get changed into my overalls and go down to help with the milking. Today, when I got down to the shed I saw dad trying to fit a rather large cow into its place. Dad's friends went over and helped him. Finally, they get her in her place.

When we finish I went up to my room and I fell down on my bed. It rattles with the weight of me, and then it calms down like my mood sometimes. I grab the picture of my mum and look at it. She died, when I was three, in a bush fire. I stare at it for a while, wishing she could be back with us, a tear rolls down my cheek but I wipe it away.

"Milly," yells dad.

"Coming," I yell back. I slide down the stair rail jumping off at the last minute. I jog into the kitchen and Dad is sitting at the table in his usual place. We don't talk much, we don't talk at all really, not since mum died.

When I finish my breakfast I walk out the door with my bag on my back

and wait for the bus to come. When it arrives I get on and sit next to my best friend Lilly. We talk about what we want to be when we grow up, I want to be a fire fighter, Lilly says she wants to be a police woman. The bus judders to a halt and we step out into the smouldering heat. At school I walk into our classroom and Mrs Fox, my teacher, is sitting at her desk checking this week's homework, she's nice, we get along well.

After the last bell of the day I get back on the bus and ride home. I walk into the kitchen but dad is not there. Things start to run through my mind like "he's left me" or "someone's kidnapped him" Then I see something on the table. It's a note, it says, "I have gone to your teacher's house to talk about your grades, be back soon." I sit down and look at the temperature gauge on the fridge and it says 41 degrees. That's the hottest we've had all summer, then I remembered that the cows would need extra water. So I went out to the shed and I turned the tap on and then turned on the radio. A very serious man was speaking.

He said, "Everyone in NSW, Bathurst area, needs to evacuate immediately because of an out of control bush fire." I was speechless; all I could think about was dad.

I ran over to the neighbours but they weren't there. It seemed like I was the only person in the world but then I heard a loud siren. I ran out to the road and started waving my arms around until the fire engine stopped in front of me. Two men got out. They asked me what my name was and where my parents were, "My name is Milly and my mother died in a bush fire just like this one. My father has gone to see my teacher," I said in a hurry.

"Ok then, calm down, but why on earth did your father go to your teacher's house on a forty one degrees day?"

"I don't know," I yelled back getting really frustrated now. Then the second man told me to get in the back of the truck, so I did.

We drove for a little while then I started to get really hot and sweaty. I had a terrible feeling in the bottom of my stomach that just wouldn't go away. Suddenly we stopped; I looked out of the truck to see a house on fire. It was my teacher place. Tears ran down my cheeks like a water fall in a rain forest, I jumped out of the truck and I saw Mrs and Mr Fox standing outside on their



lawn. But where's dad? Then a horrible feeling in my stomach intensified, I fell down onto the ground with the pain. I suddenly remembered that this was the same feeling I had when dad told me that mum was never coming home ever again.

An Adventure in the Snow

By Eve Cornell

One glorious Winter's day Paul and Fiona dove to the snow in their car. They chose a lovely spot to sit with a view of the mountains. It was near a "No Skiing" sign so they decided to go tobogganing down the hill.

Soon it was time to have something for lunch. They had sandwiches and water. It was delicious.

After lunch Paul and Fiona decided to go off by themselves. Off they went in opposite directions. "Meet me at 5 at the No Skiing sign", called Paul. "Okay" called Fiona, then they turned around and kept on walking.

At 5 o'clock when Paul was walking back to the meeting place he thought he heard a voice crying for help, but he didn't think it was Fiona so he kept on walking. When he got back to the sign she wasn't there so he waited until 6 o'clock. Paul became very worried.

Suddenly Paul realised that it must have been Fiona's voice he had heard calling out. Quickly he went to find his mobile phone. He dialled the number of the people who own St. Bernard searching dogs, the dogs that find people who are lost in the snow.

The phone went ring ring, ring ring, and a voice answered "Hello what can I do for you?"

"Can I please get, g, g, get some s s someone", began Paul. "Don't speak so fast", said the voice.

"Can I please get someone to go and find my sister who is lost in the snow", said Paul. "Sure" said the voice, "I'll get someone to come right now".

The man arrived with his St. Bernard dog. Paul told him the direction in which Fiona had gone and they started walking that way.

Suddenly the dog found a hole in the snow and started barking. The man started digging. "I see a coat", he yelled. "Help me pull her out!" They pulled and pulled, and out she tumbled. She was very cold but she was all right. Fiona was safe.



Churchill Primary School



October has come and gone. The Musical at the end of September was a huge success. The September holidays are over and we are gearing up for a busy term 4.

Sporting Successes:

Long Distance running: Hayley Scott competed in Melbourne on Monday October 29, in the 1500 metre run.

She represented Gippsland primary schools. She performed at her personal best and came 9th in the race. We congratulate Hayley on a superb effort.

Kanga Cricket: On Thursday October 25, our girls' team and our boys' team competed in kanga cricket. The girls' team won every game and will now go onto the zone final.

Well done to our brand new cricket coach, Derek. Both teams had a great time and represented our school in a respectful and responsible manner.

Life Education Visit

Jan and Harold visited our school early in October. The visit generated a lot of excitement.

Harold is always popular and his message of healthy living, resisting peer pressure and looking after ourselves and others, builds up life skills.

Injury free day

The Junior School Council organised an Injury Free Day on October 30.

The aim of this day is to draw attention to the number of accidents and injuries which happen in Australian schools.

During each playtime, teams of JSC members handed out injury free fluorescent bandaids to students who were playing safely.

We had an assembly where the JSC students put on a role play about safety in the classroom.

During class time the JSC read out over the PA system statistics from our records, and from Australia wide, about incidents and accidents.

Our safety club mascot, "Seemore" accompanied the JSC members during the day.

Any Excuse to Dress Up

The Prep -2 grades dressed up on October 31 and participated in Halloween activities, which included a "fashion parade", a haunted house, spooky stories and biscuits with questionable ingredients.

The grades 3 -6 joined in when the younger students came down the corridor to trick or treat. Some of the grade 5/6 students got into the "spirit" for their casual clothes reward day.

Teacher Professional Development

School Wide Positive Behaviour: The School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Team completed their last training day for the year on October 25.

Last month three team members attended a SWPBS Conference in Melbourne where George Sugai and Anne Todd from the United States were the guest speakers.



These events allow us to celebrate the progress we as a team (and a school) have made in making our school a positive environment for optimum learning and we also acknowledge there is work to be done.

Recently, we have been hosts to several other schools' representatives who are learning about what School Wide Positive Behaviour Support looks like, feels like and sounds like.

Some dates for the November Calendar

Toy Run: The Annual Gippsland Toy Run will come to Churchill Primary School on November 20 at 10:15.

Donations of new toys from the community would be very welcome. In the past, Churchill Primary School has been very generous to this wonderful initiative.

The Gippsland Motorcycle riders make an impressive entry into the school on their bikes and they bring Santa with them.

They take our donations of toys and food to needy families in Gippsland.

Kinder Transition Dates:

We hope that the children who are enrolled in Prep next year enjoy their last couple of months at kinder.

We know it is always a busy time, but we have organised some visits in preparation for coming to school.

Two days have been completed and Kindergarten children are invited to attend the following transition days:

November 27, 9:00 – 10.30a.m. and December 11, 9:00 – 10.30 a.m.

Please bring a hat and a small snack. We are looking forward to seeing you at these visits.



Russell Northe proudly supports Churchill and District Schools.



Russell Northe MLA

Member for Morwell

Authorised by Russell Northe, 66 George St, Morwell VIC 3840



Lumen Christi Primary School

Fetes 2012

There was a hive of activity on Friday October 26, as the school community prepared for the annual fete. Unfortunately the weather was not that kind to us, with rain bucketing down on odd occasions and the temperature plummeted as the evening progressed. But visitors soldiered on, seeking shelter till the rain passed. Face painting was a definite attraction as was the sumo wrestling! The Scary Room proved to be a big hit also! Students, parents and friends of the school all worked extremely hard to make the fete a success.

The Lumen Christi Fete, this year, was very good but the rain did spoil things a little. The stalls were very well set out and were well placed under shelter when the rain did come. There were many signs showing where everything was and some popular stalls were the sumo-wrestling and the Tunnel of Terror.

I worked on a class stall where we sold raffle tickets for a prize of a massive jar of jelly beans! I also worked in the Tunnel of Terror, trying to scare people. The CFA also visited with their fire truck and their mascot, Captain Koala.

Chloe, Grade 5

The Lumen Christi Fete was really cool and it was all well set up. There were good quality items at the trash and treasure, especially good books and comics. My mum and dad had a card stall inside the Eco-Centre. The fete was awesome!

Keegan, Grade 5

The Lumen Christi Fete was really awesome and fun, except when it rained. I worked in the Tunnel of Terror, scaring people, as well as having a stint on the class raffle stall. I enjoyed the face painting and painting.

Hollie, Grade 5

At the Fete I was involved in my class's raffle where there was a large jar of jelly beans as the prize. The roster had been made up by fellow students so it was shared equally between class members. It was a great fete with a variety of stalls and activities. There was a barbecue, trash and treasure, tombola, pony rides and sumo wrestling to name just a few. There was also the local Fire Brigade truck in attendance too. The volunteer fire fighters had a special message regarding fire prevention strategies for this summer. I enjoyed the fete and I'm sure others did too!

Nikiesha, Grade 5

The Lumen Christi fete was an action-packed evening with sumo wrestling, the Tunnel of Terror, jumping castle, fairy floss, popcorn, slushies, face painting and lots more. It was a great evening for families and friends, despite the rain.

Georgia, Grade 6

The fete was fun, exciting and wonderful. The food was beautiful and really nice for when it became really cold outside. There were a lot of people around, even though it was raining. I had a stint on a stall that sold raffle tickets and people were very generous.

The Tunnel of Terror was run by our teacher- aides and some students. It was a lot scarier than the last few years. I think all the stalls were successful this year because everyone had a good attitude and listened to their customers. Everyone who ran the businesses made money for this school.

We had a whole bunch of activities for the whole family to enjoy. We had cake stalls, sumo wrestling, yummy hot food, and the trash 'n treasure and lots of other things that would make you say - I would never want this to end. There were lots of signs showing where all the stalls were and how long they were open till. The hot food place

was good but even though they ran out of nachos, I was lucky enough to get in early!

Rebecca, Grade 6

On Friday October 26, at 3:30pm, the Lumen Christi fete opened. The fete went from 3:30pm - 7:00pm. It was a great experience for all grades. There were lots of stalls and lots of people. The stalls included tombola, raffle, face painting and trash and treasure! It was a great fundraiser for the school. The prices were cheap and many people enjoyed it.

Cameron, Grade 5

Grade 1/2 N Garden Fun

As a part of Integrated Unit for Term 4 we are learning about the theme:

"How does your garden grow"? As a class we have been busy planting corn, tomatoes, lettuce, cucumber and beans in both of our school veggie patches. The kids are learning all about different plants and the process of their growth.

We will also be making Hairy Harry's to observe how seeds grow over time with the right amount of sunshine, water and love.

Battle of the Books

Recently at Lumen Christi, our Grade 5 and 6 children held a "Battle of the Books".

This extremely difficult "battle" meant that the children had to read a novel and know the contents of the story so well that they could answer questions about any part of the book that they had read.

They read the book in their library time and the competition was fierce as they had mini questionnaires after each session. At the end of their books, they worked in their team to answer thirty written questions about any aspect of the book. Results were very close but we had a winning team from each grade. The lucky winners each received a voucher to spend at our annual Bookfair, which is being held at the moment. Well done to Cameron W, Aiden, Chloe, Chelsea, Michael, Cameron B and Liam who fought a great battle and won their prizes. Congratulations to all the participants who all "fought" a great battle!

Fun Excursion

The Grade Preps had lots of fun on their excursion to the "Children's Expo" at Kernot Hall in Morwell. This is part of the recount they wrote about it -

On Thursday after snack, the Grade Preps went on a bus to go on an excursion to Kernot Hall in Morwell.

First I saw a clown and I played the drums. Then we saw Koko the clown's tricks. (Owen)

We saw a clown. We went on a jumping castle. (Daniel)

On the excursion I saw a really magic clown. We saw a balloon dolphin. He was beautiful. (Austinn)

I patted the guinea pig and the rabbit. (Liam)

On the excursion I saw a rabbit. I saw Dora the Explorer. We danced with her. (Kayden)

In Grade Prep we patted animals, then saw a magic show, and then stopped to have lunch. After that we saw Dora, and then went back to the bus. It was good to be home. (Freya)

Everybody had lots of fun.



Churchill North Primary School

1/2P Swimming Program

On Fridays we go to the Leisure Centre in a bus and have a swimming lesson. We have been learning how to do torpedoes



and we have lots of fun.

We have also been doing some cooking as we have been learning about procedures. We have been writing and following procedures and have even made popcorn.

By Lucas Hobbs 1/2P



2/3C Reading Fairy Tales

In 2/3C we have been reading Fairy Tales in our Literacy Task Centres: Hansel and Gretel, Sleeping Beauty and The Ugly Duckling. After reading the stories, we have an activity about the story. We have to find the difference between the Listening Post and the Big Books. Sometimes we write about what happened in the beginning, middle and end of the Fairy Tale to make sure we have a good comprehension of the main points. All the students are enjoying reading and writing about the Fairy

Tales, with a new Fairy Tale each week because there are so many to learn.

By Garry and Madeline 2/3C

3/4M Caring for the Environment

In 3/4M we built worm farms so that we can fertilise our plants. We learnt that there are 3 different types of worms; Red Wigglers, Blue Indians and Tiger Worms and we learnt about what baby worms and eggs look like and how to care for them; we're not allowed to touch the worms with our skin because it is too acidic, so we wear gloves.

We have also been planting seeds for our veggie

garden which is a work-in-progress. Churchill Maintenance and Fabrication are donating steel and cyclone wire for the security fence around our veggie garden, and 5/6O are busy designing the layout of the garden for their Measurement Inquiry. So far, Zac and Tommy have the tallest seedling, which is 24 cm tall!

We have planted the following seeds: pumpkin, snow peas, leek, carrots, spring onion, zucchini and tomato seeds. We can't wait to plant them and enjoy eating all the fresh food.

By Garry and Hannah 3/4M.

Graduation Preparations Begin

What comes to mind when you hear these words? Celebration, Party, Leaving School, Fun, Old Baby Photos. Goodbye Primary School, Hello High School!

That's right! At CNPS Grades 6's are in Term 4 and as we all know, this is Graduation time! Before that though, there is a lot of planning to do. Our teachers have been helping us plan the venue, catering and the presentations on the night. All CNPS Grade 6's will be attending this event and we cannot wait! Graduation - one door closing, another door opening.

By Tyler Roncari 5/6HD and Natalie Voss 5/6O

New Grade 6 Science Test

AT CNPS, the senior students have recently completed a new Science Test that was introduced as a trial by the Education System.

Only the Grade 6s had the opportunity to do the test as the Grade 5s have had the NAPLAN test to do. The test was about science, maths, solar power and space. It was exciting completing the test because it is the first time Grade 6s have done a science test like this, and it prepares us for high school next year, where we will be attending weekly science classes.



Congratulations to all Victorian Grade 6s on completing the test!

By Tyler Roncari 5/6HD

SEDA session with VCFL Umpire Coach

CNPS students were lucky enough to be visited by a special team of VCFL Umpires on September 15. During our regular Sports Education Development Australia (SEDA) sessions throughout the day, students talked about pathways to the AFL with Victorian Country Football League (VCFL) Umpire Coach, Allan Magor, and former VCFL Development Squad Boundary Umpire and current VCFL Umpire Coach, Davyd Reid.

Students were shown Davyd's "Golden Whistle" trophy, which is awarded to umpires identified as most likely to take the next step to the VFL/AFL. Students then participated in some basic umpire skills such as flag-waving (Goal Umpire), ball-up (Field Umpire) and the boundary-throw-in (Boundary Umpire).



Glendonald Park Preschool and Churchill Hub Preschool

Responsible Pet Ownership

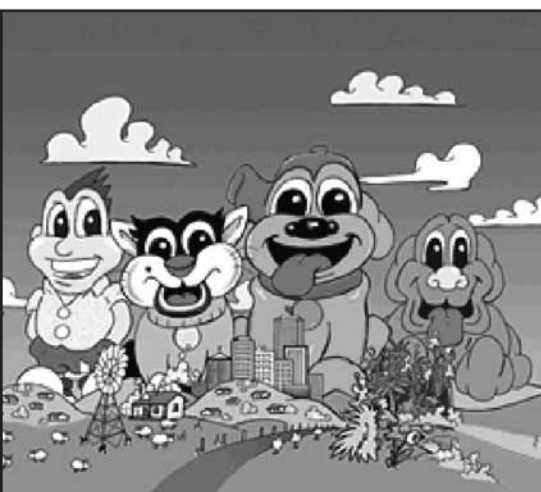
Glendonald Park Preschool and Churchill Hub Preschool have both been visited by some furry friends.

The Responsible Pet Ownership Education program visited the preschools to teach the children how best to react with dogs.

They learnt how and when it is best to approach a dog, how to ask the owner permission and what to do when they see an aggressive dog.

The most common victims of dog attacks are children in the 0-4 age bracket followed by 5-9 year olds. It is important that they are properly educated so they can try to avoid this happening.

For further information on pets visit the State Government website www.pets.dpi.vic.gov.au



Hazelwood North Primary School

Hazelwood North's New Permanent Principal

We are pleased to announce that Hazelwood North Primary has a new principal, Mr Jorgensen. We interviewed him to get to know him a bit better.

Mr Jorgensen's hobbies are working, football and basketball. He has been teaching for 30 years- that shows a lot of dedication.

He came to Hazelwood North Primary School looking for a new challenge. He likes Hazelwood North because it is a great community.



Prior to coming to our school he was an assistant principal at Lakes Entrance. He has also been a principal at Marlo Primary School.

To make our school better he wants to make the school grounds bigger and provide a better place for children to learn and grow in. He would like to see Physical Education as a specialist class because he believes it is important to develop fundamental motor skills.

He thinks our school uniform is very reasonable.

When asked if he would prefer to be a principal or teacher he said both.

We are all very excited that Mr Jorgensen has come to our school because he has a wicked sense of humour. At lunch time and recess he is always outside talking and playing with the kids. We feel very lucky that Mr Jorgensen has chosen to lead our school and future learning.

By Sophie and Tess

The Global Children's Challenge

Walking, that's what grades 3 to 6 from all around the world have been doing. Ever since Wednesday September 19, Hazelwood North Primary School has been involved in something called The Global Children's Challenge, and to win you have to step it up.

Once we have done our steps for the day we take them from our pedometers and write them into our GCC booklets. The next day we enter the steps into the website. People can never wait to find out who got the most. Once the excitement is over, we wait. The point of the computer is that it takes our steps and moves us around a digital world, and we don't even have to move in a car. Awesome! Unfortunately this means we don't actually get to fly in first class!

At the moment the scores are pretty even but it's always changing and although there is some tough competition, one thing for sure, in the end 5/6B will always come out on top!

Hayden 5/6B

Science

On Fridays year 5 and 6 do science. This term our focus is chemistry. Last time we did science we learnt about molecules and atoms in solids, liquids and gases.

First of all we did a 12 question quiz. We had to answer the question using the text booklet we were given, and use directly stated sentences. Then we looked at a video on youtube about molecules and atoms behaving differently with different temperatures and states.

After we learnt about that, we did an experiment to see what happens to the molecules when they go from a solid to a liquid to a gas. To do this we used an ice block, put it on a stove and watched it melt. The ice went from being solid ice to water to steam. We had to do a science report on it after, just to put in some extra learning on how to write reports.

Most of the 5/6's found it interesting, the quiz challenging and that made it fun. We love science!

By Chloe and Aston

Learning in Comfort

The year 5's and 6's were all very excited because we wrote a letter to the Parent's Club to get some bean bags and stable tables. They agreed to our request.

We requested the furniture because we redesigned our classroom. We thought a bean bag corner would make a more colourful and exciting learning environment.

To start with we received six beanbags and twelve stable tables. Everyone wanted to work on the bean bags so we asked for more. Now we have six in each room; twelve in total. We all want to work on the bean bags because they are so comfortable. We would like to thank the Parent's Club for providing us

with our new furniture.

By Tess

Camp Rumbug.

The day we all had been waiting for finally arrived. We were all so excited to go to Camp Rumbug. Everyone was waiting on the basketball court, and then the buses arrived. When we jumped on the bus everyone was bouncing with excitement. The bus trip was long but fun, we sang the Camp Rumbug song.

When we arrived we were excited. Then we met Pete. He put us in groups from 1 to 8, then showed us to our rooms. Then we got straight into the fun and fitness track. It was muddy and wet. We all had to run with partners, up rocky hills and muddy tracks. After we had a drink we had a mini water fight. Then we got right into the activities groups. For our activities we did archery, giant swing, abseiling, Titanic raft, adventure bridge, initiatives



course, drawbridge course and jail break.

We all had duty groups which everyone had to do. Then it was the day when we had to go home. Camp Rumbug is the 'one' of our favourite camps and we all loved it.

By Sophie D and Emma

Amazing Activities with 1/2's

1/2's have been learning about needs and wants, and everyone needs healthy foods so we decided to do some healthy cooking. We also made some stress balls so if the 1/2's were feeling fidgety they could squish them, and they also did some sport to keep active. All these fun things happened on October 29. We split into our groups and went to the cooking room and the 5/6 room for some fun!

In the cooking room we split into three smaller groups to make something delightful. We made jelly fruit cups, spring rolls and banana cake..... YUM! The groups raced to the ingredients table to gather their ingredients and get started!

The food was delicious. The jelly cups were everybody's favourite. The banana cake was nice and moist and the spring rolls were yummy.

In the 5/6's room they were making stress balls. They were very colourful and rice was everywhere. They got balloons and stuffed them with rice into the balloon, and tied it up and got another balloon and cut holes in them then put it on the balloon with rice.

Next, the stress ball group went outside to play a game. The games they played were octopus, bootball and star wars. The 1/2's love octopus and the 5/6's loved bootball, and they all enjoyed an awesome game of star wars.

We all had a good day and we will be having another one on November 2. The cooking people are doing sport and stress balls and they are doing cooking. We are all looking forward to it!

Action Squad

Action Squad from Churchill Kurnai comes on Wednesdays at 2.30 to teach the grade 5/6's new sports, to help us to not be nervous about high school, and give us an idea about high school.



We got booklets to fill out about ourselves; we also got time to ask the older children some questions about high school. After that we headed outside onto the oval. We played star wars. It was grade 5/6A vs. 5/6 B. Each of the teams had 2 older kids.

We hope this program will make it easier when we go to high school, we would love it if we could play some really cool new games over the next 2 sessions!

By Libby and Bridie

Yinnar South Primary School

Schools can be quite noisy places. Young voices can be heard. Laughter and excited voices indicate curiosity engaged. When we harness this energy and channel it into learning opportunities, students can achieve amazing things.

The arrival of our baby chickens has certainly been a time where students have embraced authentic learning tasks. The whole experience of planning for their care, watching them hatch, cleaning up after them (wow little chickens can poop) and watching how quickly they grow has enhanced our literacy and numeracy programs.

There are so many learning outcomes to be achieved as we participate in this wonderful journey of new life. Important life skills such as being responsible, collaborating on decision

making, negotiating, and compassion are being developed. Social skills like sharing, being gentle and inclusion become part of daily practice.

The students of Yinnar South Primary would like to thank local community members, Melissa, Rosemary and Bronwyn for making this experience possible. We would also like to thank Alan Bannister from the Mirboo North and District Community Bank for the donation of funds which allowed us to purchase our new chicken house.

Yinnar South Primary School is excited to be developing strong links with the local community. Our recent visit to the Walkers' farm to feed the calves was great fun. The children let the calves suckle their fingers and, even with a few little nips, they were delighted

with the experience.

Truly an opportunity to embrace the special place we go to school. Thank you, David and Bronwyn for inviting us.

Language Start up Grant

Yinnar South Primary was a successful first round applicant in the recent Language Start up Grants receiving \$10,000 dollars to develop our languages program.

The funds have been put toward the purchase of a Polycom (video conferencing screen) which will allow us to talk to children across Australia and the world.

The school is truly embracing the new school logo; Individual Focus, Global Perspective.

Kurnai Secondary College and Yinnar South Primary have developed a partnership in the

delivery of this program which has opened up some amazing opportunities for our students. Regular visits between the two schools enhance learning experiences. Thank you, Kurnai for your support with this program. Our students are excited to be studying Mandarin.

"Students learn languages so quickly at this age. Research shows us that study of other languages helps us to develop our English literacy as well." Katy Grandin - Principal

With 6 new preps already enrolled for next year and verbal enrolments for the next three years, the school is truly blossoming to life. School tours are available by request.

Come and visit us and see the amazing educational experience we can offer your child.

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Kurnai College Junior Campus



include the parents of the grade 6 children of 2012, asking them to come and meet with the staff members and to tell them about how their child learns, and using the information to help the staff to develop programs which are suitable and of most benefit to their child.

This meeting with parents acknowledges the value of parent's input regarding preferred learning styles and any suggestions which may be useful in obtaining the best from each pupil.

This is a massive undertaking with 400 parents being able to be involved from all year levels. Each year level team will invite the parents of their year and then divide up the Meetings for Success between the team leader and team members.

Principal Nello Carbone is strongly urging all parents to take advantage of this opportunity and attend the meetings, and to be open and honest with their feedback for the benefit of all concerned.

Year 10 Exams and Orientation to the GEP.

The Year 10 students will begin their exams on November 26. They have been having some sessions at the GEP (Gippsland Education Precinct) as a way to familiarise themselves with the campus. They too will do Headstart, but at the GEP.

Year 9 Girls Group.

Selena Gray is the Student Welfare Officer at Kurnai. In conjunction with Celeste Hardy, she has established a Girls Group (which is still to be named) with the aim of giving the girls opportunities to develop their social awareness in being able to confidently move out of their comfort zone among their close friends, to be able to network, connect with and engage with people both at school and in the community.

To this end the girls, who meet fortnightly, after school, have chosen to have an afternoon tea, go for a walk and attend a movie.

The New Face of Churchill Campus.

Over the holiday period, alterations were carried out to enable the front office to work more efficiently, and to look

more inviting as people walk in.

The staff are appreciating the changes and arrangements.

Students now have an outside drop off box where general and routine paperwork can be handed in.

Hands on Learning.

This program occurs one day a week and is run by Michael Stubbe with help from Matt Sheridan. The twelve boys involved, are chosen from Year 7 to 9 and are selected as they are more engaged with a hands-on-learning approach. They may wear casual clothes for the day.

Through this program the boys have worked to improve the school grounds. The bank in the photo below has been landscaped, and retaining walls installed. Between the garden beds, decking stairs have been built. Top soil has been placed in the created beds and plants planted.

Through all these activities the boys have learnt many practical skills and say they enjoy this program.

As part of the program they all meet, cook and have breakfast and lunch together. This allows for a one to one talk over the meals and during the activities.

There is an expectation that the participants will keep their allotted room clean and tidy. The benefits of the program can be seen in the way the boys willingly involve themselves with the tasks.



End of year planning.

The staff at Kurnai College Junior Campus is hard at work planning for the end of the year and making preparations for 2013.

Headstart planning is under way and will be held in the last two weeks of term 4. This is called Headstart because it involves work for the following year.

During this time Meetings for Success will be extended to

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Latrobe Leisure Churchill to host International Basketball Championships

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The FIBA Oceania Pacific Youth Basketball Championships will call Latrobe City home with 16 teams and over 200 junior competitors from across Australia and Oceania coming to Latrobe Leisure Churchill in November.

Latrobe City Council's General Manager Recreation, Culture and Community Infrastructure, Grantley Switzer, said that the tournament would bring a real international flavour to Latrobe City.

"Teams from Tahiti, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, Guam, New Zealand, Samoa and Australia will compete during the tournament. Attracting this sort of high profile event is a great coup.

The event will be held at Latrobe Leisure Churchill, taking advantage of the state-of-the-art facilities that were added into the recent refurbishment. The international standard basketball courts were designed with just this sort of tournament in mind.

We are also fortunate to be able to use the student accommodation at Monash University as the games village for competitors," Mr Switzer said.

Secretary General of FIBA Oceania, Steve Smith, said the organisation was looking forward to hosting teams from the Oceania region on behalf of FIBA Oceania.

"We know everyone will enjoy the experience of great international basketball in Latrobe City. The basketball expertise available in and around Latrobe City will allow us to conduct the event at a level not seen before.

At the same time, the sports fans of Latrobe City will see in the FIBA Oceania Youth Basketball Championship something very different to an Australian championship. "The cultural exchanges between the participating teams have become a lasting

legacy of the event in recent years and something local sports fans are sure to enjoy. I look forward to the event and spending time in Latrobe City," Mr Smith said.

Mr Switzer added that the teams would be involved in various community engagement activities while visiting Latrobe City.

"They will invest time to promote themselves, their countries and their sport, particularly to our young people.

This is a great opportunity for the young basketballers in Latrobe City to see the elite junior players in their region in action and to witness these players not only in sport but as ambassadors.

We also hope that the event will generate a real buzz, not just in Churchill but across the wider region. The spectacle of international sport creates a real spirit of excitement, especially in its junior form.

We would welcome the community to attend the matches and get behind the athletes," Mr Switzer concluded.

The FIBA Oceania Pacific Youth Basketball Championships will take place at Latrobe Leisure Churchill from Saturday November 24 to Sunday December 2, 2012. For further information visit <http://www.fibaoceania.com> www.latrobe.vic.gov.au or call 1300 367 700.

Teams will arrive at Games Village (Monash University) on Saturday November 24; undertake their educational programs on Sunday November 25 with games starting on Monday November 26.

If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please contact Sammy Cartwright at Basketball Victoria Country via sammy.cartwright@bvcc.net.au

Churchill and Monash Golf Club

Work is continuing feverishly since the heavy rains have come and gone. The course is starting to look a picture and the greens are running well. Get yourself out there for a great round of golf!

Chocolate Run

Each Friday night during daylight saving 3.30pm – 6.00pm hit off. The rules will be the same as the Chicken Run comp – win and you get chocolates and lose 4 shots from your Chocolate Run handicap etc. \$3.00 per player.

It is great to see a few ladies having a swing to try and win those chocolates. Friday night is a very enjoyable evening of golf.

Golf Victorian Silver Spoon State Final

The Golf Victorian Silver Spoon State Final

was held in Melbourne. The Silver Spoon Event was first played in 1921 where silver medals were given to each player and a gold medal given to the play-off winner until 1925.

Today each player receives a silver spoon and the winner receives a case of six spoons. The event commences with Club Qualifying rounds with winners proceeding to the State Final. Well done Meryn Dear who came a credible equal 7th .

Golf Club Events

Chocolate Run – Friday nights 3.00 – 6.00pm Hit off
Chicken Run – Wednesday 8.00am – 6.00pm hit off

Ladies Golf – Tuesdays

Men's Golf – Saturdays
Mixed Golf day - Sundays

Churchill & Monash Golf Club Results

20/10/2012 Mens Pair Agg. Championship Stableford Day Winner A.Auld and T.Collins 68 pts

Runners Up P.Junker and P.Jordan 63 pts
DTL T.Webb and B.Downie 62 pts NTP 3rd D.Beyer, 5th G.Beyer

Champions 2012 A.Auld and T.Collins 125
23/10/2012 3rd Rnd 4 BBB Championship Day Winners A.Chapman (32) and M.Dear (24) 41 pts,

DTL L.Peake (39) and J.Beck (30) 37 pts, J.Blizzard (30) and D.Scurlock (11) 36 pts c/b NTP 14th 35-45 L.Peake

4BBB Championship Winners M.McConville (25) and H.Croft (40) 75 pts. Runners Up L.Peake (39) and J.Beck (30) 68 pts

27/10/2012 Mens Monthly Medal A.Grade D.Beyer (14) 66, B.Grade N.Hutchinson (19) 73, C.Grade P.Shields (25) 66

Medal Winner D.Beyer (14) 66 c/b
DTL G.Beyer 69, P.Broadbent 71, R.Scurlock 73, D.Taylor 74, P.Jordan 75 NTP 5th R.Dent, 12th P.Shields, 14th G.Beyer Birdies P.Shields 12th, R.Welsh 5th Scratch G.Beyer 77, Count Putts D.Beyer

30/10/12 Ladies Stableford Winner M.McConville (25) 41 pts, DTL J.Beck (30) 29 pts, L.Casey (38) 28 pts NTP 3/12 M.McConville, 5/14 (2nd shot) L.Peake

Churchill Cricket Club

Founded 41 years ago by Herb Kenedy and Col Wells, the Churchill Cricket Club quickly established a reputation for success. It has won 23 premierships in various grades in its brief history. The club was formed to give Churchill

residents the chance to play cricket locally and enjoy the benefits of a social, team-based activity in the summer months. It is something that is instilled in the junior players –the friends you make on the field can last a lifetime.

The Churchill Cricket Club is currently trying to rebuild through the junior ranks. They have an Under 11 side which plays on Monday nights and an Under 13 side which plays on Wednesday nights.

Unfortunately, there is no Under 15 team and this has left a hole which they wish to rectify. They also wish to establish an Under 10s Milo program in the near future.

In recent history, an Under 10s team rose through the ranks a number of years ago and was able to claim an Under 16 premiership. Some of these players are now playing A-Grade for Churchill.

Early results suggest that A Grade

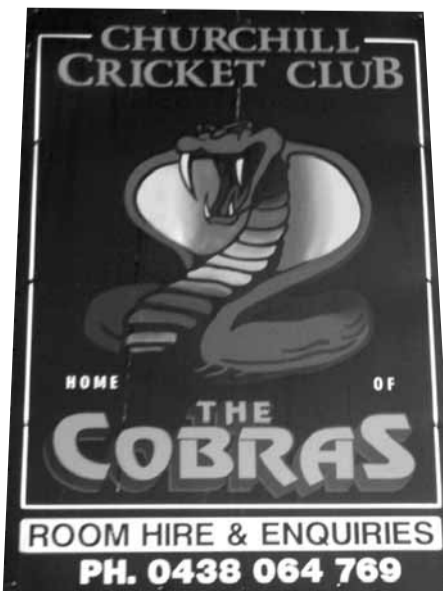
will be competitive despite losing some key players.

B Grade was one of the leading sides in the competition last year and will be out to prove that again. In their only game thus far they came within one wicket of an outright victory.

C Grade has performed well against good competition in their two games and as the season wears on, it is expected that results will swing their way. Another finals appearance is definitely the aim for the reigning premiers.

Under 13s made some large strides in the last 12 months and figure to be a competitive unit with talented players coming through the Under 11s. With junior grades, however, the focus is on making sure all kids get a fair go and enjoy themselves.

The club is always looking for more players and welcome anyone to come and join in. Training is at the home ground, Andrews Park, on the corner of Birch Drive and Acacia Way. Seniors train on Tuesday and Thursday



nights from 5:30pm onwards with a meal at the end of Thursday training when the teams are selected. Juniors train Thursday afternoon at 4pm.

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Youth Support Programs

Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) Drug Treatment Service (DTS) has three programs which offer support and assistance for young people.

The Youth Withdrawal program assists Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal young people with supervised reduction and/or withdrawal from substances in a safe and comfortable environment either in the young persons home or through a residential rehabilitation service, said DTS Manager Ann Hamden.

"We conduct a series of individual consultations over a short period, followed by on-going counselling and support to help complete the withdrawal.

Pre and post withdrawal support, referrals and education is provided to the young person and help can also be provided for families" said Ms Hamden.

The Youth Alcohol and Drug Outreach Service provides assessment and support to

young people with alcohol and drug problems in their own environment. The service also supports other agencies that work with young people, through information, education and training.

"The program targets young people where use of alcohol and illicit drugs causes significant physical, psychological and social harm" said Ms Hamden.

Both programs provide services in Latrobe, Baw Baw and Wellington areas and are targeted toward young people between the ages of 12 and 21

The Innovative Health Service for Homeless Youth Program provides services for homeless youth and youth at risk of homelessness in the Latrobe Valley for young people aged between 12 - 21.

Young people referred or presenting with health issues are provided with education about medical and support service systems, advocacy and referral



LCHS Youth support workers Rene Grabham and Belinda Whitmore with Community Health Nurse, Neil Daly.

into housing, education and Centerlink.

"Our staff also deliver educational sessions at schools and community events where information is provided through fun activities about drug and alcohol prevention, as well as harm minimisation strategies and sexual health.

"We aim to reduce the incidents of young people experimenting with alcohol and drugs through this early intervention model of health" said Ms Hamden.

For further information and referrals contact Drug Treatment Services on 1800 242 696 or visit www.lchs.com.au

Fast Forward Clinics change of days

LATROBE Community Health Service has walk-in Fast Forward drug treatment clinics in Moe, Morwell, Warragul and Sale.

A clinic planned to commence in Traralgon in early 2013 will offer extended hours.

The clinics provide easy access for anyone who requires services relating to alcohol and other drugs and mental health issues.

Manager Drug Treatment Services, Ann Hamden, said new clients can easily access the services they need by simply turning up to a Fast

Forward clinic on one of the days they operate. No appointment is needed.

"A counsellor will develop a treatment plan with you based on your individual needs. There is also a Registered Nurse available to provide assessment and programs for clients who may be withdrawing from alcohol or drugs" said Ms Hamden.

"The Fast Forward clinics have allowed us to reduce the delays between initial contact and treatment from several weeks to a few days and in many cases, the same day.

"This means we can improve outcomes for clients and their families and reduce any anxiety experienced during a long wait for treatment.

It also helps to engage people at the time they are motivated to make the change, rather than risk losing them through long waits.

Fast Forward clinics are open at LCHS sites on the following days:

Morwell
81 - 87 Buckley Street
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am-2pm

Sale
52 McArthur Street
Tuesday 10am- 2pm

New Clinic days from 13 November 2012

Moe
42 - 44 Fowler Street
Wednesday 10am- 2pm
Warragul
122 Albert Street
Tuesday 10am- 2pm

No appointments are necessary.

For more information on the Fast Forward clinics, phone LCHS on 1800 242 696.

After Hours Diabetes Service

Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) is now offering an After Hours Diabetes Service.

The After Hours Diabetes Service was opened yesterday on World Diabetes Day, 14 November 2012.

LCHS Manager Primary Intervention, Petra Boverly-Spencer said the After Hours Diabetes Service will be staffed by a team of health professionals. They will provide initial and ongoing services for people with diabetes who are unable to access community services during business hours.

"The new After Hours Diabetes Service was established to help people with diabetes and their family or carers self-manage diabetes so they can achieve their best possible outcomes" said Ms Boverly-Spencer.

The clinic will run on the second Wednesday of the month from 4pm-7pm and will alternate between Morwell, Moe and Traralgon sites commencing 12 December 2012 at LCHS Traralgon.

For further information contact Primary Intervention on 1800 242 696 or visit www.lchs.com.au

DIABETES AFTER HOURS SERVICE

The After Hours Diabetes Service will operate every second Wednesday of the month alternating between Morwell, Traralgon and Moe LCHS sites providing initial and ongoing services for people with diabetes who are unable to access community services during business hours.

12 December 2012
4pm to 7pm

Latrobe Community Health Service
Cnr. Princes Hwy & Seymour Street Traralgon

For further information contact Primary Intervention on **1800 242 696** or visit www.lchs.com.au