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## Australia Day Celebrations - Churchill Our Extraordinary Australians



The Churchill and District Lions Club, ably assisted by the Churchill and District Lioness Club, again ran a successful Australia Day

Award Presentation and Breakfast. Around 150-200 people turned up to the Churchill Hotel carpark for the occasion.

Lion Bob Lowick conducted proceedings. Special guests were Darren Chester Federal Member for Gippsland, Latrobe City Council

Mayor, Ed Vermeulen and Firmin Ward Councillor, Darrell White.

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## Hazelwood House Happenings



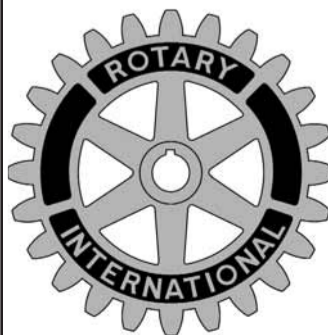
**Churchill North Primary School children visited the hostel to sing Christmas Carols. They came dressed for the occasion. The residents always look forward to the children coming to the hostel.**



**A group of our residents enjoyed meeting up with old friends and having a cuppa at Dalkeith Heights in Traralgon. A highlight of the afternoon was browsing in their craft room.**



**Residents, staff and volunteers enjoyed a picnic lunch at the Alpine Trout Farm at Noojee. We caught six rainbow trout, and had a wonderful day out. The drive to Noojee covers some beautiful country side.**



## Hazelwood Rotary

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**PHONE:**  
5171 1626

## Latrobe Valley U3A Activities

Latrobe Valley U3A now meets at TAFE house in the grounds of GippsTAFE, Morwell. Entry is from Monash Way

Although classes officially start in March, several groups have already started their activities for 2012.

Water Colour painting, one of three art classes, meets every Friday at 1:00 pm.

Craft classes meet every Tuesday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm but members are welcome to come for just part of that time if that suits them better.

If you enjoy a friendly chat, treats for morning tea and learning new craft skills, this might suit you.

Bush walking is to start on Monday February 27th. The first walk will be the George Bass Coastal walk.

Our aim is to provide a walk that suits varying abilities so there is a similar, modified walk for those who want to participate but would prefer a less strenuous walk.

Members meet at Mid-Valley car park, adjacent to the bus stop, at 8:30 am. Please contact Lorraine Bull (5134 3142) or Graeme Ritchie (51 22 1816) if you would like more information.

The Self Help Computer Class has also started again. This class runs in two sessions, using two different operating systems.

Both classes are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The first session starts at 9:15am and concentrates on Linux and the second, starting at 11:15 am, deals with Microsoft.

Computer classes for beginners or for those who need a little help are also being arranged, but the final details are not yet available.

Mahjong meets at 9:30 am every Thursday. Skilled players and learners are all welcome and those interested are encouraged to come and have a look.

Classes to start in March include Current Affairs, Creative Writing, Science, Australian History, Gardening and Climate Change.

Full details are available in the Prospectus.

The first social function for the year will be the Start-of-Year luncheon which will take place at the Waratah Restaurant at 12:00 noon, immediately after the Annual general meeting which starts at 11:00 am. Bookings for the Luncheon must be made with the



secretary, Jean Hellings (5176 4484) by Monday, February 20th. The cost is \$20.

Anyone interested in discovering more about Latrobe Valley U3A is welcome to attend the luncheon (but must book a place), to attend Morning Tea at The Waratah at 10:00 am on Wednesday March 7th or to contact the secretary (51 76 4484).

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# Works in Churchill Town Centre



The rebuilding of Churchill Town Centre is continuing to take shape.

Works in Philip Parade, the eastern end of Georgina Place and Marina Drive have now progressed, with undergrounding of power lines

and reconstruction of streets and footpaths. New street lighting and landscaping around the Churchill Community Hub are part completed or well under way.

Work still to be carried out in the Philip Parade reconstruction, includes landscaping along Philip Parade, and completion of the truck turning area in part of the "old" road alignment of Georgina Place to service the Supermarket.

Final asphalt surfacing of the reconstructed roads will take place 12 months after initial seals, to enable the roads to "settle" and avoid damage to road surfaces during the remaining

construction works.

The realignment of Georgina Place has been completed up to the northern car park. The next phase of construction will connect Georgina Place to the traffic lights in Monash Way. This will also involve Latrobe City Council working in partnership with the owners of the northern car park, to reconstruct the street and car parks in stages, aiming to minimise disruption to parking and access for the community.

The works through the northern car park are aimed at increasing pedestrian safety and amenity, improving traffic flows and parking, making bus transport more accessible, and enhancing landscapes.

Following works in the car park, the next project will involve construction of a plaza area around the Town Hall, with a footpath zig-zagging up the hill to Marina Drive to allow disabled access. Because of the changes to levels in Marina Drive, the entry to the upper level of the Town Hall is planned to shift to the Georgina Place side, instead of the existing entry from Marina Drive.

Smaller town centre plazas are intended to be built both sides of the realigned Georgina Place, aiming to better connect the Hazelwood Village and West Place shopping centres. Also,

the Balfour Place road pavement is beginning to fail, and will be reconstructed in coming months.

Philip Parade to Monash Campus Master Plan

CPG Consultants have been appointed to carry out master planning for the area between Philip Parade and Monash campus over the next six months. This area includes the Churchill Community Hub, Skate Park, Churchill Fire Brigade, Eel Hole Creek, Latrobe Leisure Churchill, Latrobe synthetic sports field and the entry to Monash campus.

The consultants will be contacting users of the facilities and other interested community members of Churchill in the very near future as a key part of the master planning process.

## Chinese/Australian art on display at the Latrobe Regional Gallery

Zhongjian: Midway is an exhibition currently on show at the Latrobe Regional Gallery and includes work by several of China's and Australia's most notable contemporary artists. These are: Guan Wei, Liu Xiao Xian, Guo Jian, Jin Sha, Xifa Yang, Sally Smart, Kate Beynon, Lionel Bawden, Laurens Tan, Julie Bartholomew, Lü Peng, Shen Shaomin, Liu Qinghe and Zhang Qing.

Council's Arts Director, Julie Adams, is of the view that visitors will be enthralled by the incredible skill displayed by each artist, and the variety and innovative use of materials.

The exhibition features painting, sculpture, ceramics, installation and video projections. Five of the artists are Chinese nationals living and working in China, four are Chinese-born artists living and working in Australia, and five identify themselves as Australian artists whose work has been closely informed by Chinese culture.

Latrobe City enjoys close ties with China, including our strong Sister City relationship with the City of Taizhou. Australia's proximity to, and relationship with, Asia has a major impact on our economy, politics and culture.

The strength of this influence can be seen in the keen interest in contemporary Chinese art and culture within the Australian art world. Led by a growing number of expatriate Chinese artists who investigate notions of traditions, globalisation and identity in their work, these artists have developed a creative and unique voice within the contemporary Australian art scene.

The exhibition continues until 19th February next and entry is free.

## Northe's Natter

As 2012 begins, I'd like to wish all community members a Happy New Year, and I hope that your holiday season was restful.

The year is certainly off to a cracking start, with attendance at our local Australia Day celebrations being well attended and enjoyed.

Unfortunately I was unable to make it to Churchill this year, however I am aware my colleague Darren Chester was able to go along to the morning's event which he said was fantastic.

It was wonderful to see all involved enjoying the festivities to commemorate our great nation.

It is always great to see such exuberance when it comes to celebrating our national events, and this year's Australia Day celebrations were no different.

A number of people was recognised on the day, and I would like to congratulate all those who were nominated for, and received Australia Day Awards this year, and commend you for your actions which led to your nomination. It is wonderful that we are able to celebrate the fantastic achievements of extraordinary people and highlight the work that they do each and every day, for the good of our towns and residents.

I'd like to thank all service clubs that were involved in putting on an excellent spread of food at various Australia Day events. It is certainly appreciated by the community, and makes the day all the more Australian. Your hard work and commitment is to be commended.

January has certainly been a very busy month already, which has included the introduction of new and increased bus services

in Churchill. With many services commencing between 7:00am and 7:30am and running through until 6:30pm or 7:00pm, access to public transport will be vastly improved across the Latrobe Valley.

With the 2012 school year underway, I urge all drivers to be careful on the roads, and ensure you obey all school hour speed limits. To all the students, I wish you good luck for the beginning of the academic year, and every success in your studies.



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# Fiddlehead Festival unites Victoria's musical communities



This February 18, from 12:30pm, something special is happening at the Yinnar Recreation Reserve. Community Music Victoria in association with Central Gippsland music making communities, Yinnar and District Community Association and ABC Radio, are proud to present the Fiddlehead Festival, with funding from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal: A celebration of state-wide community regeneration through music and song.

The Fiddlehead Festival committee has invited community music groups, choirs, performers and musicians from across Victoria to participate in this unique event.

Every musician attending the festival has experienced the power of music in strengthening and building community resilience, and the Fiddlehead Festival aims to shine a light on the extraordinary positive influence music can have as part of our local communities.

The entire event will take place at the Yinnar Recreation Reserve (with a free concert at the Yinnar Pub in the evening). Entry is by gold coin donation. The day kicks-off at 12:30pm with a Musical Picnic followed at 1.30 by an All-singing, All-Playing Music Muster in which everyone is encouraged to participate.

Special children's music making activities will also take place at this time. After an afternoon tea the festival concludes with the Fiddlehead Community Concert, featuring local acts The Strzelecki Stringbusters, Boola Boola as well as the Whittlesea Township Choir, The Chocolate Lilies Community Choir (Hurstbridge) and musicians from Boolarra. All acts will perform Gippsland song 'The Seeds of the Wattle' together as a finale to this unique event.

Community Music Victoria welcomes all comers to this event and hopes that anyone with any interest in making music will participate throughout the day. Festival committee member Brian Strating says "This is an extremely exciting and unique event that provides an opportunity for people to not only celebrate the joy and power of community music making but to share and participate on a grand scale. We urge anyone who is interested in community building and resilience through music to come and help us celebrate its benefits!"

An uncoiling, new fern frond, or fiddlehead, symbolises the return of life after a bushfire. Come along and hear, see and experience the power of music-making in strengthening and building resilience in Victorian communities at the Fiddlehead Festival.

## Churchill Gardening Group

Hello Gardening Folk and Happy New Year to you all.

Gardening at this time of the year (for me at least) is a time for enjoying the previous years' efforts, maintenance as always, and preparation for the next season, which brings us to bulbs, bulbs and more bulbs. There are so many to choose from, and different ways of growing them.

We can grow them in pots - in glass containers with no soil, and of course mass them in open beds in drifts, in small groups - or you can even plant under deciduous trees or under low growing ground covers, and they will just pop through when they are ready. So whichever way you choose, in the beginning a little planning and preparation is needed.

As usual nice friable well manured soil prepared early is desirable (but not essential).

If you try growing bulbs indoors in glass containers (clear glass is needed to allow light to penetrate), you

need a container with a neck the right size to hold the selected bulb just above the water in the container (don't allow the bulb itself to sit in the water) just the roots as they grow. Suitable bulbs for this method are hyacinths and hippeastrums.

Glass bulb growing containers are sometimes available at nurseries, and I have seen them at gift shops.

The vegie gardens should now be producing prolifically - with tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini and beans being the staples.

You can still start new plantings of lettuce, radish, beetroot, beans etc.

Even though we have had periods of rain the garden (especially pot plants and baskets) dries out very quickly. A nice drink of weak Seasol would perk up all potted plants as would 'Worm Wee' if you have such a luxury.

Happy gardening until next month.

## Australian Breastfeeding Association

The Australian Breastfeeding Association holds regular meetings in Churchill.

We offer information, support and a warm friendly welcome.

Meetings are open to all women who wish to breastfeed their babies as well as partners and grandparents who wish to learn more.

Toddlers and older children are welcome at our meetings too.

There will be a trained Breastfeeding Counsellor at meetings who will facilitate the discussion, but all attending are encouraged to share their knowledge and experience.

If you are having a good day please bring a plate of morning tea to share.

Please note we have a CHANGE OF VENUE in

CHURCHILL! Discussion mornings in Churchill continue to be on the 3rd Friday of each month, 10-12 noon, but are now at the newly refurbished Glendonald Park Preschool, Churinga Drive Churchill. First meeting is on the 17th February, where we will be discussing being 'Out and About with a Breastfed Baby'.

Korumburra meetings are now on the 1st THURSDAY of every month, 10.30 to 12.30pm at Milpara House, Korumburra. First meeting will be on the 2nd of February, where we will also discuss being 'Out and About with a Breastfed Baby'.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Local Counsellors Contact Kate 5635 2464, Anita 5195 5125, Carol 5122 1293, Emmaly 5126 1516 or Call the Breastfeeding Helpline on 1800 686 268.

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It is easy to see why everyone loves Ireland. From cities to countries to castles, it has something for everyone.

There were many highlights on our eight day trip, starting with an overnight stay at Cabra Castle. This castle dates back to the 1760s with magnificent rooms and gardens and clay pigeon shooting and archery at a nearby farm. Then from countryside to city and onto Derry or Londonderry where many murals and memorials are dedicated to those who fought and those who lost their lives there. Derry is also known for its annual 'Banks of the Foyle Haowee'en Festival'. The city comes alive with everyone from shopkeepers to children donning their favorite costume for the day. The festivities come to a head with a huge parade down the main street beside the Foyle River ending with spectacular fireworks.



Giant's Causeway which was basked in sunshine on the day we visited. Belfast was a nice surprise. There are many quaint streets and small pubs with lots of character to explore. Belfast is also where the Titanic was built, and a new visitor exhibition centre is almost complete. A city walking tour is a must to find all the out of the way places that you need to see. Of course, no visit would be complete without a stop in Dublin. It has to be one of the friendliest places on earth; you really need to go see for yourself!

Irene.

There is so much history everywhere you turn, like the Dunluce Castle ruins, perched upon a cliff top where the ferocious winds of the north left our imagination to picture the grandeur this castle once was. Then there is the natural beauty of the The



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## Lumen Christi Snippets

### Lumen Christi Playgroup

Lumen Christi Playgroup meets on Thursdays at 9.30 in the Eco Centre, and is held fortnightly from 9.30 – 11.30 am during the school terms. Contact Kim Parer, 5122 3517.

### Churchill Cuppa

Morning tea after 9.30am Mass on the last Sunday of the Month.

### Re-connect Program

Time to think about who you might consider inviting to join the next Parish

Re-connect Program. What will be your contribution?

### St Vincent de Paul

We would like to ask parishioners and their family and friends to consider donating their Community Benefits points at Ritchies IGA in Churchill to St Vinnies. They do make a difference!

Thank you very much for your constant support throughout the year.

PS!! New Members welcome!  
Contact Lou Van Eyk – Ph 0402 103 136.

## Co-Operating Churches Snippets



At the beginning of December we welcomed Rev. Marilyn Obersby to be our locum priest, while we continue to prepare and search for a new appointment. We thank Marilyn for accepting the responsibility and working so hard to make it a positive time.

The month proceeded as usual with Cathie Halliwell taking our all age worship service, and presenting the new Veggie Tales Christmas video.

This video had messages on all levels of understanding and helped us recognise the true and original meaning of Christmas.

Carols by Candlelight was a successful night. It is a privilege to work with the other two churches in town to stage the event.

Christmas Services began with the Crib Service of Christmas Eve with a good turn up of families-children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents and others to hear the message of joy, love, hope and peace brought to earth as a gift of love from God when He sent Jesus to be born at Bethlehem.

There was lots of singing, acting out the

Christmas story and learning about the meaning of the four words- joy, love, hope and peace presented as the qualifications of God's Rescue Mission, which couldn't be a rescue helicopter, a rescue boat or a life saver.

The blowing out of the candles on the cupcakes was done with delight and anticipation. The arrival of the fire truck with Santa capped off a special time.

Some of our congregation took advantage of the invitation to join Lumen Christi for mass on Christmas Eve, while, others went out to Boolarra where Marilyn conducted an Anglican Holy Communion.

Christmas Day presented two choices of a family service with communion at Churchill or family service at Yinnar.

During January services were held alternatively at Churchill or Boolarra and Yinnar. Although there was some confusion regarding starting times, those who joined together enjoyed the fellowship and meeting each others' congregational members in further preparation for the combining of our two parishes.

## Church Times

### Lumen Christi Catholic Church

35 Walker Parade, Churchill  
Tel: 5122 2226  
Father Hugh Brown  
Father Francis Otopo  
Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm  
Sunday: Mass: 9.00am  
1st and 3rd Sundays:  
Yinnar: Mass: 10.30 am  
2nd and 4th Sundays:  
Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

### Co-operating Churches of Churchill

Rev. Marilyn Obersby  
Williams Avenue,  
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Tel: 5122 1480  
Glenda and Ian  
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Tel: 5166 1819  
Sunday Service: 9.00am.



### Churchill Christian Fellowship

Maple Crescent, Churchill.  
Sunday: 10.00am  
Ladies Meeting:  
Tuesday 10.00am

### Boolarra / Yinnar

Co-Operating Parish  
Week 1 - 11am at Boolarra Anglican H C  
Week 2 - 11am at Boolarra U C A  
Week 3 - 11am at Yinnar U C A H C  
Week 4 - 11am at Yinnar Worship Service  
Week 5 - 11am at Yinnar South Anglican H C

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## Carols by Candlelight at the auditorium, Monash

The three churches in Churchill- Churchill Christian Fellowship, Co-Operating Churches in Churchill and Lumen Christi Catholic Parish- along with a wonderful group of supporters, work together to run this annual Christmas celebration.

This event was held earlier in the month than usual, but that didn't deter the attendance which was better than the previous year. The weather now is so unpredictable that the decision was made to hold it indoors again.

The staff at Monash University was extremely helpful and the organisers would like to thank them all particularly Lisa Wood, Peter Warren and the pleasant security personnel who helped with the seating, audio and lighting facilities capably and willingly. Thank you all for your generosity and practical help.

Because we were indoors, open flames of candles were prohibited so the Churchill and District Community Association (CDCA) kindly provided

flameless candles which were a big hit. Our thanks go to the CDCA.

Latrobe Community Concert Band again gave their time to accompany the carol singing. Thanks to John and the band members. Thanks to another John- John Mazur- for his sound system and audio work.

Our MC was Peter Schneider who capably ran proceedings and added some interesting snippets of Christmas information for our benefit.

The Lumen Christi singers led the singing and presented some items as well. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to the night's proceedings.

Thank you also Father Hugh for your message about love and showing it to others especially your family.

Thank you too to those who led the prayers, read the Bible and told a story to the children. Thanks to anyone else who contributed to making this a special occasion.

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# Boolarra Folk Festival 10 FREE FESTIVALS!



The Boolarra Folk Festival has become one of Gippsland's most anticipated events and is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.

The free festival will take place on Saturday, March 3, 2012. Boolarra has the perfect shady setting for a music festival where patrons can hear over 8 hours of music and browse 80 art, craft and food market stalls.

The festival opens on Friday night, March 2 at Yinnar A.R.C at 7.30pm and continues in Boolarra from 11am on Saturday, beginning with the much anticipated school drumming spectacular.

The 2012 festival will feature Daniel Calabro, The Dukes of Despair and the joyful sounds of duo, Lily and King.

Jenny Biddle will be returning to the main stage as well as The Stillsons and The Strzelecki Stringbusters with their 14 piece Hillbilly extravaganza. This will

be followed by John-Luke Shelly & High Speed Steel.

Other performers include Borderline with their warm harmonies, The Hannafords, Nia Robertson, Beggs2Differ and the Celtic inspired The Nigellas.

The festival winds up around 7.30pm following the closing act of the The Go Set who combine the folk elements of the bagpipes and mandolin with contemporary rock guitars for a lively finish.

The music continues at the Recreation Reserve with an 'open mic' event that runs until after midnight. There is free camping at the Rec.

Reserve where toilets and showers are available. More information can be found on the website [www.boolarrafolkfestival.com](http://www.boolarrafolkfestival.com).

Come and celebrate 10 wonderful festivals. For more information please contact Kate Reiske, Publicity Officer, on 0428 410 252.

## Latrobe City Brass Band

The Latrobe City (Morwell) Brass Band is back to practising on Tuesday nights getting ready for a busy year. Learners and experienced musicians are welcome. Come along to our band room, Town Common Pavilion, corner of Chapel and Elgin Streets, Morwell, at 7.30pm. or phone 51661412 for information about joining.

We will be holding our annual Rose Garden Concert on Sunday 25th March at 1.30pm.

This is in the Morwell Centenary Rose Garden and is a great day with different groups playing to entertain the audience.

It is a free concert with a souvenir program available for \$2.

At this concert we hope to use, for the first time, our new Performance Canopy. This has been obtained with the help of some generous sponsors including Latrobe City Council, Advance Morwell, Rotary Club of Morwell and Lions Club of Morwell. This will be a marvellous asset for the community as it is to be used by other performing groups as well.

On Saturday 5th May there will be a Brass Bonanza as part of the Moe Music Festival at Old

Gipps town. We will have Melbourne and Gippsland bands performing, continuously, a wide variety of music at various venues within the park.

On Sunday 6th May, another great day of music will take place with many different groups playing Jazz, Blues, Folk and Country music. The program is being arranged to give a full day of entertainment in interesting surroundings. One entry fee each day will give a full day of activities.

This should be a fantastic weekend for the audiences, musicians, the Latrobe Valley and visitors.

Like most brass bands, Latrobe City Brass Band (formerly Morwell Citizens Band) has a long and proud history from when brass bands were the major source of entertainment in the nineteenth century to modern times when there are many other ways of being entertained.

Gippsland has a great record of support for our local music groups. For information about Brass and Concert Bands in Gippsland come along to one of our events or contact Gippsland Brass Band group at P.O. Box 49 Morwell or ring 51661412.

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# "A Stitch in Time"

Written by Eloise O'Brien  
Pictures by Melisa Caulcutt

The third anniversary of the Boolarra fires is upon us. It is magnificent to see how the bush has come back, how the birds have come back, how the houses, families, gardens and spirit of Boolarra has come back stronger than ever expected.

After the fires, new shoots dotted the landscape and a little magic was brewing among a small group of creative souls. They gathered looking for a way to tell their story, to make sense of the flames and what was left behind: a devastated, blackened landscape and a shaken and baffled community.

The result is the brilliant Bushfire Quilt. It is a beautiful document of the destruction and loss, the hope and triumphs and the joy of seeing Boolarra come back to life.

What began as a quiet effort to find comfort in others and a stitch and chat has become a significant and cherished document in history.

On December 3rd, Russell Northe, the Member for Morwell, proudly unveiled the Bushfire Quilt in all its splendour, newly mounted in a beautiful handmade cabinet built

by cabinet maker, Joel Chapman of Yinnar.

The cabinet itself is a marvel with its own remarkable story worthy of commemoration. It was important to the community to protect the quilt in its pristine condition but also display it as a historical record for all to enjoy at the Boolarra Hall. Linda Minter, a coordinator of the project, arranged for funding from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) to have the quilt framed.

Unfortunately the size of the quilt meant finding a company to take on the big job which was a challenge.

Offers were made but then withdrawn. The task was too great and the quilters were left high and dry.

As a result of the Bushfire Quilt project and the vast donations, Boolarra established a keen quilting group. They received unfinished quilts as part of the donations after the bushfires.

In no time the quilts were finished and three special quilts were given to three marvellous little Chapman girls in Yinnar. Kelly, 4, and twins Katelyn and Emily, 3, have a rare disease and require constant medication and trips to

America for treatment. Joel Chapman, the girls' father, heard of the framing dilemma and jumped at the opportunity to solve the problem of framing the large quilt.

A talented cabinet maker, Joel built a sturdy and elegant cabinet for the admired quilt. He insisted he did not want to be paid for his work but was persuaded to make use of the money received from the FRRR grant. The quilt is beautifully housed in all Australian timbers with a relic of the fires at the foot of the cabinet; Linda and her husband Tony



The quilt framed in its cabinet built by Joel Chapman



Joel Chapman on the left of the cabinet with daughter Katelyn, other daughters, Kelly and Emily on the right with their grandmother and the quilters.

salvaged a piece of burned wood from The Old Mill Site after the fires and took it to Joel who engraved "A Stitch in Time".

At the light lunch at the hall, hosted by Linda Minter, Russell Northe commended all those involved in the collaborative quilt, "It is incredible to see what can be achieved when people come together for each other. It is so important to see how people in the community can come together to make something so expressive after such a devastating event as the fires. Not only women but men as well because we all know how men express themselves differently, so to see men getting in there is great."

In its initial stages, artist Meg Viney was instrumental in

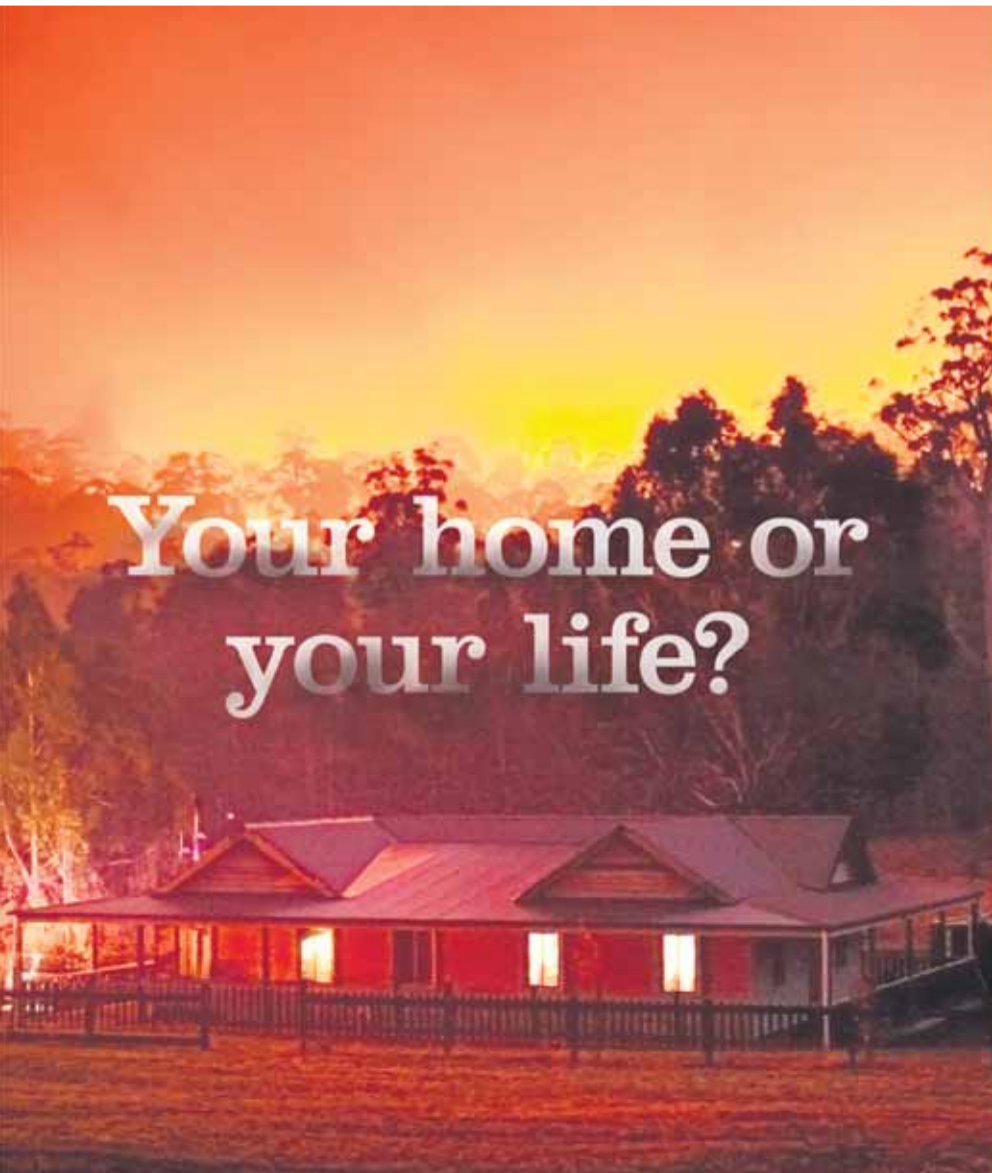
beginning the project. Meg approached the Latrobe City Council offering her services after the fire as a fibre specialist. Paired with a very generous donation of fabric, scissors, rulers, books and sewing machines, from quilters all over and as far as Wantirna and Raymond Island, Boolarra was all set to piece together something breathtaking.

Denise Schiller who took part explained, "It wasn't about talent, but expression, about having a go, trying to depict how you are feeling."

Most of the group were beginner sewers so it was a learning process for everyone.

Lyn King's magic was the final touch; Lyn masterfully did the quilting of the quilt bringing everyone's story together to create "A Stitch in Time".

A Stitch in Time, Bushfire Recovery Quilting Project was supported with an Arts Recovery Quick Response Grant funded by the Victorian Government through Arts Victoria and administered by Regional Arts Victoria.



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# Gippsland arson prevention program information displays

Over six Saturdays commencing on 18th February to 31st March the GAPP partnership will be conducting information displays at major Latrobe and Baw Baw shopping centres.

Two 2 hour displays will be conducted each Saturday from 9 am to 11 am in the first town and will then relocate to the second town from 1 pm to 3 pm. Stakeholder representatives will answer the public's questions and distribute information on bushfire patrols, prevention and management, arsonist detection and reporting suspicious activity.

Emergency Vehicles will be present for the young and the young at heart to view up close.

For locations check your local newspapers closer to dates and look for displays at your local shopping centre.

The display will include representatives from:

Victoria Police – Identifying suspicious activity and behaviours and Arson Investigation information;

Country Fire Authority (CFA) – Bushfire Safety Advice for the property owner;

Department of Sustainability and Environment – Proactive planning and management of bushfire Hancock Victorian Plantations (HVP) - Major Industry partner - registered as CFA Forest Industry Brigades (FIB).

Neighbourhood Watch – Role of the individual in collecting information to assist police.

HOT SPOTS – Gippsland needs the public's help to report suspicious arson activity in the bush Gippsland Arson Prevention Program (GAPP).

In all December issues of the Division's Crime Watch Newsletters we drew the attention of our communities to Victoria Police's Operation Firesetter.

This operation is the State's Bushfire Arson Prevention Campaign and announced highly visible police patrols to prevent arson and apprehend arsonists during periods of high fire danger.

It also investigates bushfire arson persons of interest.

Operation Firesetter was instigated by Victoria Police at the commencement of the fire season and the work is now augmented by the Gippsland Arson Prevention Program (GAPP).

Currently conditions are drying out and we are heading into a period of high fire risk. Any act of arson has the potential to not only damage or destroy property and the environment but also threaten lives.

GAPP was formed as a result of the devastating 2009 Gippsland bushfires.

Emergency management agencies and industries from across Gippsland joined together to target and reduce the incidence of arson.

Joining Victoria Police and the CFA in partnership to combat arson are organisations and businesses including HVP Plantations, Loy Yang Power, Tru Energy, Gippsland Water, local government and agencies such as Latrobe City, Baw Baw and South Gippsland Shires, the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and Monash University's Sustainability Institute.

It is not just police who are currently patrolling areas which may be targeted by arsonists.

Employees from all partner agencies are on the lookout for suspicious behaviour in our bush.

This increases the number of fire patrol units on the ground. All patrol units have the capacity to immediately contact police and CFA should the need

arise.

Together, these organisations aim to reduce the incidence and impact of bushfire arson across Gippsland. Protocols have been developed to ensure a coordinated approach to field patrols, engagement with the media and educating the community.

There is open communication and information sharing amongst all members of the partnership.

But it is not just the authorities and industry which have a role to play in preventing a repeat of the 2009 bushfires.

All members of the community have a part to play to ensure the community's collective safety during the fire season. Individuals must stand up and be counted.

Victoria Police's Operations Support Tasking and Coordination Inspector, Ron Gardner, from Eastern Region's Division 5 Morwell Police Headquarters said, "Deliberately lit fires cause devastation to both life and property.

The GAPP program is industries' and agencies' tangible effort to protect the community.

Now all we need is for the community as a whole to get on board."

Whether you live or work in, or simply travel through bushfire prone areas, be alert to the possibility you might see something or know someone who may be planning to deliberately or recklessly light a bushfire.

Arsonists often do not travel far from home. If an arsonist is a local then it stands to reason that some members of the local community may have suspicions about the arsonist.

It is the locals who see and hear things at a grass root level and where arson is concerned, locals need to be the eyes and ears of the community.

In recognising that people who commit bushfire arson often live and work in local communities, as a responsible member of the community you are encouraged to record descriptions of both persons and vehicles you believe are behaving in a suspicious manner in areas likely to be targeted by arsonists.

When commenting on HPV's involvement in the displays, Greg Flynn, HVP Plantation's Fire Protection Manager, said, "Arson is a problem that affects the whole community so we all need to be involved in reducing its impact".

Copies of GAPP Suspicious Incident Report may be downloaded at the Neighbourhood Watch Victoria Website at <http://www.nhw.com.au/Eastern-Region/Latrobe/Crime-Watch-Newsletters>. Police urge anyone who may have information related to arson activities to contact Crime Stoppers on: 1800 333 000 or visit: [www.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.crimestoppers.com.au) or ring 000 if the threat is immediate.

# Churchill Toy Library

The Toy Library has moved to a new location at the recently re-furnished Glendonald Kindergarten Facility at Churinga Drive Churchill, and will be open for business on the dates below.

There is a need of some new volunteers to help out.

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# Australia Day Celebrations - Churchill



Above: Adrian Lawrence - Hazelwood North Primary School, with his certificate.

Below: Tayla Kelty-Smith - Churchill Primary School, with her certificate.



### Adrian Jay Lawrence

Born on May 1st 2002 and attends Hazelwood North Primary School.

For AJ, school however has a problem called homework.

His philosophy on homework is that he goes to school daily to learn. Why does he have to do home work as well? School is for learning.

Despite this, Adrian is the first to help by looking after the gardens at the school.

He takes great pleasure in the vegetable garden, weeding, planting, mulching and watering. He often hounds the teaching staff for jobs that need to be completed in the garden. If he is missing he can be located in the garden.

At home he is the same in the garden there. He wants to be an arborist.

At home AJ is all too eager to help his father especially when it comes to working with cars. He always disappears under the bonnet and reappears as a real grease monkey. He is a real jack of all trades and will have a go at anything. Doing things is the best way to learn.

He believes that everything you do should be 100%.

However at times he needs to be reminded to slow down. At school his eagerness at times takes over.

Although not the best academic at his school his efforts do not go unnoticed. He is a popular student and when the school was approached for a nomination for this award, his name was the first given.

AJ can be best described as a knockabout lad who tries to give 100% all the time but sometimes, while the result might not be 100%, he does the best he can.

### Blake Hunter

Born 28/12/99 and currently resides in Hazelwood South with his parents and sister.

In 2011 Blake completed Grade 6 at Churchill North Primary School and was an excellent role model to other students at the school.

He was elected by his peers to the position of School Captain and shows great leadership qualities, excellent behaviour, and community involvement. Blake is a student who is extremely helpful to other students and works well with teachers and other support staff at the school.

He displays a caring nature and is always in the school yard helping others and always does the right thing.

At the school Blake is actively involved in the School Breakfast Club, a role which requires him to commence these duties well before other students arrive at his school.

Within the Churchill community itself Blake is active with the Scouts and has

received various awards for same.

He is a sportsman and loves swimming, soccer and basket ball.

For the past 2 years he has assisted at events such as the Relay for life, raising funds and participating.

Of his own volition he and other students decided to develop an unused area of the school into a giant chess board which required excellent planning, associated skills and a great deal of time put in before and after school hours.

When school working bees are arranged Blake is one of the first to volunteer his time and energies.

He is never afraid to give anything a try.

### Drew Makepeace

Drew is a well respected and popular student at Hazelwood North.

He is an inspiration to all that come into contact with him.

Despite being born with cerebral palsy he has never let his physical limitations stop him from living life to the fullest. He has a philosophy that you never, ever give up, no matter what. Keep trying and dreams will come true.

For example: Each Monday morning at school as part of the physical education program, Drew participates in running laps with more effort than other students as he falls over with a degree of regularity but he just gets up and gets on with things.

He has raced Go Carts for 12 months and ridden a motor bike since he was three years old. For exercise he rides his bike daily for 2km.

This year Drew was recognized by his football club, Churchill Cougars, when they awarded him the Brooke Hornsby Award for Courage and Determination.

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Above: Drew Makepeace - Hazelwood North Primary School, with his certificate.

Below: Zara Louise Ernst - Lumen Christi Primary School, with her certificate.



Left: Blake Hunter, Churchill North Primary School, with his certificate.



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# Australia Day Celebrations - Churchill



## Young Citizen of the Year Nathan Lugton

Born on 22.6.1994

Nathan Lugton attended Churchill North Primary and moved on to almost complete his VCE only leaving to take up an apprenticeship. He did so with the belief that it was the best decision for his future and promised his mother that he would complete his VCE once time allowed.

Nathan has been described as a young leader in our community who is an active participant in the community including playing cricket, football and soccer with a little bit of golf thrown in.

As a student he was described as an extremely hard worker in both the classroom and physical activities.

He is always willing to put his hand up to give anything a go and he fits well into a team setting or as an individual.

Nathan is a very likeable student who is well respected by his teaching staff and peers.

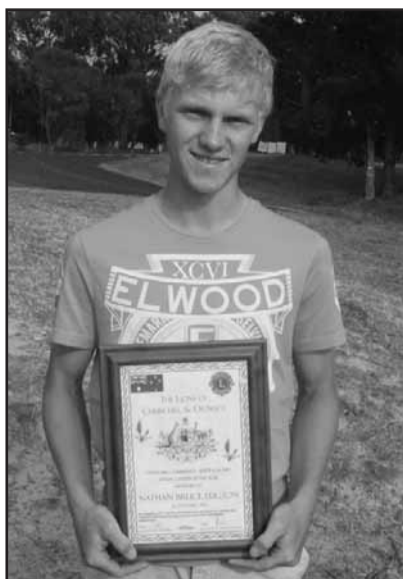
Nathan has played soccer for Churchill since he was four years of age, winning many best and fairest awards through his junior years and for the past three years has been playing with Churchill United Soccer Club.

*Nathan has won awards for:  
Rising Star 2009  
Best and Fairest 2009/10  
Coach's Award 2011*

Player's Player 2011 – receiving the Scott Frendo trophy. This award was voted on by all players within the Gippsland Region including the senior teams.

In 2009 - Nathan represented Victoria in the National Youth Championships at considerable cost to his family and with the aid of other sporting groups and organizations he was able to fund raise to compete.

His sporting activities continue with playing cricket at Churchill, winning the Bowling and Fielding awards, football, in the Churchill Cougars under 18 team,



which won the Grand Final, as well as basketball and tennis with Churchill.

Nathan was tapped on the shoulder last year to tour the UK with other promising soccer players throughout Australia by Harry Bingham Football Federation Victoria which he accepted with glee.

On arrival in the UK, he was able to watch and meet many elite players from teams such as Manchester United, Manchester City, Arsenal, Aston Villa just to name a few.

There he played exhibition matches with his fellow travellers on the pitches of these clubs.

It felt something like being a little boy in a lolly shop.

Dreams do come true if you make the effort.

Nathan is also employed as a casual with Woolworths in Churchill, on top of working full time with his apprenticeship.

The accolades for him keep coming and if he is a typical example of our Australian youth- look out world!



## Churchill Citizen of the Year Reginald John Grisotto

Reg was born in Wonthaggi in 1946 to Italian migrant parents, the youngest of 4 children. He grew up in Kilcunda, went to school in Wonthaggi where he developed a strong interest in sport. He played for Kilcunda for a time, with both footy & cricket being his passion. He has been a Geelong supporter since the age of 7.

On completing his schooling he achieved a plumbing apprenticeship with the SEC at Hazelwood Power Station and so moved to Morwell to live with his eldest sister and her family.

In the last year of his apprenticeship he was awarded the top plumbing apprentice of the state and received his award at the Melbourne Town Hall.

He played footy for Hazelwood 2nds and 1st in the mid sixties. He was also a founding playing member of the L.V. Cricket Club now known for producing the famous Peter Siddle.

He was a volunteer with the Morwell Fire Brigade and attended local fires. Hazelwood Power Station employees were also involved with bush fire protection and Reg fought the bush fires of Orbost in the late 1960s.

He was also a competitive 10 pin bowler playing competition with some success.

In the early 1960's he worked for a local plumber who was responsible for the plumbing of many new SEC houses built in Churchill.

In 1964 he met the love of his life, Merrilyn, and they married in Ringwood in 1968, making their home in McMillan St Morwell where their first 2 daughters were born,

They lived in Morwell for 6 years. In 1974 they moved into the house Reg built for his family in Rae Crescent Churchill. His third daughter was born while there. The pattern of his life was set; a hard worker, a strong following of sport and service to the

community.

Reg continued to work for the SEC at Hazelwood; he also took part time work as a barman at the LV pub together with working part time in plumbing for himself.

In 1978 he left the SEC to start his own plumbing business which was very successful until he retired in 2008.

Reg is a Charter member of the Churchill Lions club and was one of the members responsible for getting the club going in 1977. He was club president in 1991-1992 then again in 2002-2003 and again in 2011-2012.

Reg has been one of the club's strongest and most hardworking supporters, particularly being involved with Camp Quality, the Hart Walker Mobility Foundation and Licola Lions Village.

The years in between, he continued to work hard and serve his community. He built their second home just outside of Churchill in the mid 1980s.

During the recent bush fires of Churchill Jeeralang and Boolarra, Reg volunteered at the University helping with food preparation. In his plumbing capacity he also supplied the temporary water supply for the tent city set up to house the CFA crews fighting the fires. He delivered lunches out to Yinnar and Boolarra area for those fighting the fires on the front line.

Licola Lions Village is another of Reg's passions. He volunteers his time doing the plumbing maintenance at the village and has come to know the staff and local town's people well.

Reg in the past has volunteered his plumbing expertise to the Churchill footy club when they were building new club rooms after the old rooms were burnt down. Likewise, with the building of the new soccer club facilities.

He recently attended the Hazelwood footy club past player's celebrations and also the LV cricket club's 50th year anniversary last year.

Reg has become a well known identity in Morwell and Churchill due to many years of involvement with the community. His work has introduced him to a wide section of the community but it is his dedication to those in need where he excels.

Following the awards, people queued up for a delicious smelling breakfast of egg and bacon sandwiches or sausages, as well as juice. It was a community gathering of note.

## Junior School Awards

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At the beginning of last season he was unable to play football due to medical difficulties.

Rather than giving up being part of the team he approached the club and expressed an interest in assisting the team as its water boy and joined in training.

The more he trained the more he wanted to play.

Whilst attending one of many doctors' appointments and treatment programs Drew received the good news that he could play football and became a player.

Everyone at the club was touched by his eagerness to play which was apparent by the massive smile he carried with him to every training session and game day.

He would give anything a go without complaining. Although the under 12s weren't successful in winning games last year they all felt like winners by having Drew as part of their team and him fulfilling his dream of playing football.

The biggest win for Drew and his team was when Drew kicked his first goal.

Drew has shown everyone at the club that when you have courage and determination you can achieve your dreams.

### Tayla Kelty - Roberts

Tayla was born on 10th April 2001 at Traralgon Hospital.

Currently she attends Churchill Primary School where her teachers describe her as a Leader - a member of the Junior School Council, and an outstanding young citizen in the Churchill Primary School community.

Tayla is willing to give her time to many programs and events within the school context.

She is an inspiration to the adults she works with and an exceptional role model to all students at the school.

She is always first to assist at the School Breakfast Club every morning which begins well before the official start of the school

day.

She offers herself for leadership roles and on her own initiative help where required.

She embodies what all students and many adults should aspire to be: part of a caring, responsible and proactive member of the school community

She comes from a very close family and has played basketball at Churchill with the Rockets for the past 5 years.

She is not one to be messed with as she will stand her ground and loves taekwondo.

She is a quiet achiever who hates holidays as she loves going to school.

She does have one other love – Food.

### Zara Louise Ernst

Born on 23rd November 1999.

Last year, Zara attended Lumen Christie Primary School where she describes herself as a Young Leader- being elected the Vice Captain at the School, a position that was decided on by her peers.

In that role she provided guidance to her fellow students and assisted them by interacting with the school as their representative when dealing with problems.

She organized school activities for fellow student and has been described as having a magnetic appeal with younger students and readily gives of her time to many programs and events within the school.

She played netball at Churchill and despite being absent for half of last year, she was runner up in the Best and Fairest awards of her club.

She is always respectful, polite and in one so young she shows an enormous capacity to lead others.

She is an excellent example of what all students and many adults should aspire to be in their school community

She loves dancing with Empire Studios at Power Works for the past 6 years.

She will give anything a go. Just ask her parents about the Bungee tramp.

She is a grease monkey and at times a control freak. She hounds her dad to build her a rally car which must not be pink. Try a Green Hyundai.

She is a quiet achiever who is now moving from being a big fish in a small pond to being a small fish in a very big pond as she moves on to high school.

However those that know her believe she will step up to the mark.

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# Australia Day Celebrations - Boolarra



BY Colin Brick OA

Another great Australia Day celebration was held at Railway Park in Boolarra with over 200 people turning out to enjoy an egg and bacon sandwich and a chance to have a chin wag with friends they don't run into often.

It was perfect weather, and the freshly mown park looked a treat. The trees have grown now, and are very attractive shade trees that are greatly appreciated by the crowd.

The kids had fun with the games organised by Samantha Brick, including sack races, egg and spoon races and gumbboot throwing.



The older crowd members were kept on their toes by Australiana Trivia questions.

The CFA and other volunteers started at 7.30 to ensure the hungry masses were very well catered for.

The day was also the first outing for new t-shirts worn by members of the Boolarra Community Development Group (BCDG), and they were very well received; a slightly modified version is likely to be offered for sale to the community in the near future.

Thanks very much to Tracy Anderson for her efforts in sourcing the shirts and finalising the design.

It was great to chat to a number of people new to the community attending their first Boolarra Australia Day, and to see some ex-pats in Les & Meryl Hunt who had come out to catch up with old friends.

Roz Carstairs showed me her publisher's draft for the re-print of the 12 Mile Peg, which will shortly be available for general sale, and shared her excitement about the work she has been doing researching the history of soldiers from Boolarra and District.

Cr Darrell White spoke movingly of the significance of Australia Day, and the value it represents, and how these are reflected in our community.

He then formally opened the Boolarra Historical mural that has recently been erected on the wall of the Top Shop, congratulating artist Abbas Mehran on the quality of his work, and on the research that has gone into the piece.

The mural has been around 15 months in gestation, and Abbas has had ongoing discussions with the Historical Society

and local residents such as Jack Richards, to enable him to combine many important elements from Boolarra's history into a harmonious whole.

Abbas also spoke to the Primary School, and two local schoolchildren are immortalised in the montage.

Darrell also noted the important contribution from Geoff Dunkley as Technical Manager in erecting the mural.

The mural was funded by the Boolarra Community Development Group; Abbas was new to the town, and an unknown quantity when he first approached us with his concept 15 months ago.

However his enthusiasm shone through, and after obtaining approval in principle he brought successive drafts of the mural for comment and approval.

The final product is a tribute to both his skill and his love of the town he has adopted.

Thanks also to the Development Group members who helped put the mural up, especially Doug Black for installing the backing timbers.

There were a large number of nominations for Community Recognition Awards this year. This reflects the enthusiasm people have for being able to formally acknowledge others' efforts in front of an audience of their peers.

It was a terrific range of recipients this year, with a number of the quiet achievers acknowledged, along with couples such as the Minters' and the Lubawskis' who are heavily involved in a wide range of community activities. Boolarra legend Jack Richards was a recipient, along with our youngest ever recipient to date in Jesse

Giardina.

Thank you to the people who made the effort to recognise these people.

### ***Congratulations to the following recipients:***

*Donna Williamson*

For her admirable efforts acting as a foster Mum to a number of children, including two brothers as "permanents". She patiently provides a loving, caring environment, and imbues her children with high social values.

*Jill Simmonds*

For her ongoing efforts in organising one of the best run open garden days in Victoria, showcasing our community wonderfully, and providing great fundraising opportunities to other community groups within Boolarra.

*Jack Cleaver*

For his tireless work on behalf of the Jeeralang-Boolarra Cricket Club.

Jack brings passion and commitment to his role as Secretary, as representative on the Park Committee, and in maintaining the oval and helping around the club.

*John and Robern Lubawski*

Over 43 years they have been involved in many community groups and committees, including the school, Memorial Hall, Cemetery Trust, the church, sporting groups, charity fundraising, counselling and community working bees. They are a community treasure.

*Jesse Giardina*

For showing real leadership and enthusiasm in recruiting

young men to come out from Morwell to enable the Boolarra FC to establish an U16's team, which in its second year in 2011 made the Grand Final. Jesse also captained the MGFL U16 team with distinction.

*Mick Crowley*

For the many hours of hard physical labour working to beautify the Old Mill Site and the associated walking tracks, and for his input into developing facilities at the Morwell River Fall site.

These are great community assets and a great feature for the town.

*Tony and Linda Minter*

For the leadership they provide though their enthusiastic and hands on involvement in a wide range of community activities including the Old Mill Site, Landcare, the Open Garden day, the walking group, the quilting group and yoga.

*Rob Herni*

For his outstanding efforts over many years as Chair of the BCDG, conducting meetings fairly and professionally, yet maintaining a sense of fun in all the many projects he has championed and supported.

*Michelle Hassett*

For her outstanding contribution to the Primary School over 13 years.

She has done a great job managing the maintenance and ongoing operation of the swimming pool, been closely involved in fund raising, and is always available to provide a helping hand.

*Samantha Brick*

For her ongoing commitment to creating a better community through a wide range of community activities.

These include coordinating the Festival Healing Tent, arranging incorporation of the Theatre Group, acting as masseuse for the Football Club and coordinating the senior tennis.

*Garryelle Rose*

For the vision and passion she brings to the community.

In 2010 she fulfilled a long held ambition to establish the Boolarra & District Youth Theatre Company, and has shown great tenacity in chasing funding and assistance to make the group as successful as possible.

*Jack Richards*

For his ongoing efforts in fundraising on behalf of the Cemetery Trust.

Jack maintains the park at the entrance to Boolarra. He is always ready to help people out, and always leaves a smile on people's faces.

Following on from the presentation to Jack, the BCDG Chair, Jeff Henderson made a short speech highlighting Jack's special role in the community, and especially the sterling work he does in maintaining the Bastin St intersection, and the park coming into Boolarra.

Jeff then unveiled a sign acknowledging Jack's role that will be erected in the park.

Very rarely have I seen Jack speechless, but this took the wind out of his sails completely, and was a very satisfactory conclusion to the day's formalities, except of course the raising of the flag and singing the national anthem.

Another great Australia Day.





# Australia Day Celebrations - Yinnar



By Herb and Jan Smith

Yinnar had a great Australia day with a turnout of approximately 150 people.

The Yinnar & District Lions club provided the crowd with an excellent breakfast, while the Historical Society kept everyone's thirst at bay with tea & coffee.

The Stringbusters entertained the crowd with plenty of music, including an interesting version of Waltzing Matilda.

## Young Citizen of the Year Adrian Quigley

Adrian Quigley was awarded the Young Citizen of the Year award for Yinnar.

Unfortunately he was unable to be present to receive his award as he was holidaying in Thailand.

Adrian was school Vice Captain and House Captain in 2011 and represented his school in local and zone sports meetings.

He also played an active part in the Yinnar football and cricket clubs.

He also assists with the upkeep of the grounds at the Recreation Reserve.

Adrian's leadership qualities within the Primary School as well as the wider community contributed to his nomination and well deserved to win.



## Citizen of the Year Chris Long

Chris is a family man and has been involved with the Yinnar community for the past 44 years.

This service has included working with the football and tennis clubs, as well as 27 years as secretary of the Yinnar Recreation Reserve.

Chris has also been involved with the scouting movement, the church parish and the Yinnar Greenside Villas, where he has held every official position over the years.

He was also a driving force behind the Yinnar Football club centenary and the erection of the Yinnar Centenary Sports Stadium.

All of this community involvement has been undertaken while Chris was teaching at Hazelwood Estate and Yinnar Primary schools. He was a very well respected and approachable teacher as many of his ex-students will testify.

Chris is the epitome of a quiet achiever and well deserves to be given the award as Yinnar Citizen of the Year.



## Strzelecki Stringbusters Receive a Recognition Award

A special Community Service award was given this year to an outstanding group, the Strzelecki Stringbusters.

The group is always first to volunteer their services when there is a community event needing entertainment, whether within the town of Yinnar or the broader Gippsland area.

They also play a regular monthly gig at the Yinnar Hotel which is used to raise funds for special people such as the Chapman family and Sarah Millsom's sailing.

One Wednesday per month the Stringbusters provide free musical tuition to anyone who is interested in learning an

instrument, including vocal training.

The majority of their work within the community is voluntary; they entertain for the sheer joy of the music.

The community greatly appreciates the work of this group and their award was thoroughly deserved.



## Australia Day Celebrations - Latrobe City Council

### Strzelecki Stringbusters

For the last seven years they have been giving free family orientated musical performances to community organisations.

They are especially remembered for their support of Bushfire Recovery occasions held following the 2009 bushfires.

They also share their considerable talent with events run by the Yinnar and District

Community Association. The Churchill and District Lions Club have benefitted from their fund raising concerts for their Camp Quality projects.

They also willingly supply community music nights, particularly on the last Friday of the month at Yinnar Hotel.

Residents at various aged care facilities benefit from their lively visits, as do special needs and community support groups.

The Strzelecki Stringbusters have provided exceptional service to Latrobe City by building strong community spirit in those horrific times following the 2009 bushfires.

### Barry Whitehead

Latrobe City Council Co-Citizen of the Year was a much surprised Barry Whitehead.

Barry, was MCing the Australia Day awards at Kernot Hall when he was named by Mayor, Ed

Vermeulen as the recipient of his award.

His immediate and extended family were there to share in the surprise, adding to his mixture of disbelief and delight.

Barry has lived in Latrobe City for thirty-five years. Many older Churchill residents will remember his contributions to the Churchill News in his column "As I See It" often featuring 'she who must be obeyed'.

During his time here he has shown himself to be a man of great integrity and commitment.

He is a committed family man, a hard working individual and a generous supporter and provider to Latrobe City community through a wide range of activities, especially in the arts (theatre, radio, dance), sport (football, basketball) and as a local newspaper columnist.

Barry is always willing to act as MC or host for many sporting, school and fund-raising events.

These activities are carried out in addition to his full time work as HR Manager for Apprenticeships Group Australia.

Barry is an excellent ambassador for the region and a great role model.



Latrobe City Council's Co-Citizen of the Year Barry Whitehead with his proud wife and family.

# Hazelwood Rotary

## Rotary activities



## Rotary rewards successful students with annual awards



Following a Christmas break from the usual weekly meetings, the Rotary Club of Hazelwood resumed its meeting schedule on January 9.

Club members gathered for a family barbeque at the newly restored Jeeralang North Community Hall to start a new year. Having been recently re-opened late in 2011 following an almost complete re-build after the February 2009 bushfires, the hall provided an excellent backdrop for a pleasant Monday evening.

Continuing the theme of experiencing culinary delights, the club's next meeting was held at Café Escargot, located on the out-skirts of Mirboo North. Club members tucked into freshly prepared Mediterranean tapas including escargot and non-escargot dishes. A guided tour of the snail breeding and farming operation was also a highlight.

The third meeting gathered at Gippsland Rotary Centenary House to enjoy a Nepalese inspired meal

cooked by local chef, Laxmi Magar. Laxmi and his family prepared five different Nepalese dishes including curry chicken and Nepalese noodles accompanied by rice, fresh mixed vegetables and a green salad.

A visit to the Monash University Gippsland Medical School and School of Nursing on January 30 completed another successful month of varied activities, which is always a feature of the club.

Completing a wide range of activities for 2011 saw the club co-ordinate and compete in the inaugural Rotary Club of Hazelwood Charity Golf Day in late November. Held at the Traralgon Golf Club, funds raised were to support the services of Gippsland Rotary Centenary House. The successful occasion was supported by a large number of local businesses that sponsored holes and donated prizes. The event was won by a team entered by the Bendigo Bank.

Four students from the Churchill campus of Kurnai College were the recipients of cash awards from the Rotary Club of Hazelwood, at the annual awards presentation held on 20 December 2011.

The students, Ben Skinner, David Beck, Riley Hogarth and Luke Van Rooy, each won a \$150 cash award for academic achievement in their particular year level.

President of Hazelwood Rotary, Carol Crewe, was on hand to make the

presentation, including a Rotary Certificate, to the successful students. "Our Rotary Club has been supporting students at Kurnai College for several years now, because we think it is important to give encouragement and financial assistance to students who are striving to do their best", Carol said.

Rotary has, over the past few years, also assisted several Kurnai Year 11 students to attend the National Youth Science Forum held in Canberra each year.



### Friday 23rd March 2012



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### Friday 13rd April 2012



Beccy Cole



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# Black Saturday Remembrance



The Jeeralang North Hall was the gathering place for about sixty people on Sunday 5th February, to remember the Black Saturday Bushfires, but also to enjoy the place they can call their own- a good community gathering place - a place where the fires were remembered but where the positives were accentuated.

Judy Mele of the Hall Committee, said there was a good family atmosphere, with people relaxing and enjoying the food (BBQ and salads) and the company. Children were enthusiastic users of the playground

equipment. It was good to see some new faces. The whole thing felt good. Judy was enthusiastic in her praise and thanks for the committee members who had all put in to make the day a success.

Even though it seemed like a long time to finish the hall, and set it up, it is a happy outcome.

To maintain the viability of the hall, cover the costs and provide for any maintenance work, the Jeeralang Hall Committee is holding a fund-raiser Garage Sale on Saturday 3rd March from 8am-3pm at the hall.

For more details please refer to the advert on page 6.

## At The Hub In 2012: Creative Writing

By Cora Pal

On Tuesday mornings a group of writing enthusiasts gather around a large table at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre for the Creative Writing class, now in its eleventh year.

The atmosphere is informal, friendly and, most importantly, lively and creative.

Typically, a fine short story or other piece of quality writing is read aloud and discussed.

Then it's time for a cuppa, after which writers work on stories, reflections, articles or poems of their own. These are often read to the group for constructive comments and/or suggestions though this is entirely optional.

Last year, 2011, was a most successful year for everyone in the group. Probably the most exciting happening was the class participation in the ABC's Open Line project, The Moment Behind the Photograph.

Rachael Lucas, ABC producer, visited the group to explain the project and provide guide-lines for contributors.

As a result, several class members had their photographs and written work

published on the ABC web-site as part of this Victoria-wide project.

Members also had their work published in The Churchill and District News, including a group effort titled Writing Tips from the Hub, in which they passed on hints for better writing.

Some members carried off prizes or awards in the annual Churchill and District News Writing Competition. Olivia Langley won first prize in the senior section of the Waterline Competition, Corinella.

This section was sponsored by the U3A in that area.

If you enjoy writing and love reading, this class may be just right for you.

It runs from 10 am to 12 pm each Tuesday during school term time. Contact Cora Pal, tutor, on 51221611 or Henry Parniak, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator, on 51222955 for further details.

Or just drop in next Tuesday.

Classes in other subjects are also offered at the Hub. Contact Henry to sign up.

Happy learning in 2012!

### Quote of the month

*I profoundly disagree with Samuel Johnson when he pronounces "No man but a blockhead, ever wrote, except for money." To prove the fallacy of this — if proof were needed - we have only to think of the millions of children, all over the world, who produce their poems and stories with no thought of payment. Are we to believe that in adult life they suddenly turn into blockheads if they continue to write on impulse for no other reason than their own delight?*

— Dianne Doubtfire



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# Boolarra Primary School

### Goodbye & Good Luck:

On the last Monday of the 2011 school year we officially farewelled our Grade 6s at a special ceremony at the Boolarra Football / Netball Club Social Rooms. Our Grade 6s did a superb job as student leaders in 2011 – they actively contributed to make it a very successful year at Boolarra Primary School. At the Graduation Ceremony, our School Council President, Mandi Peter, recited the fabulous poem written many years ago by one of our talented parents, Graeme Colbert. Although Graeme’s last child who attended our school, Bonnie, is now a qualified Speech Pathologist, we think his poem holds true and revisit it every year.

### 2011 Version “PREPS NO MORE” (For our preps of 2005)

By Graeme Colbert

It seems like only yesterday, but it’s seven years I know,  
We brushed their hair and dressed them up, to school they had to go.

The parents went reluctantly, some even shed a tear,  
But the kids they went in boldly, for them it held no fear.  
Sure they’ve had their scrapes and fights, but oh so precious few,

More the sounds of sport and songs and lots of giggling too.  
But the thing that’s more important, in times of dire strife,  
They’ve formed great bonds and friendships that will stay with them for life.

‘Cos they’re Boolarra kids together, home grown in our great town,

And I’m sure they’ll stick together, they won’t let each other down.

So as they start another journey, on to Lara and Mirboo High,  
Maybe we shouldn’t cage them up, maybe we should let them fly.

For they’ll exceed our expectations, great futures lie in store,

So good luck you little smiley kids, you’re at Primary School no more!

### Bounceback the Musical

On the last Thursday of the 2011 school year we staged our whole school musical production at the Boolarra Memorial Hall. The show was written by highly regarded educational experts and authors of many fine books (such as “Friendly Kids, Friendly Classrooms”) Helen McGrath and Toni Noble, its storyline reinforced the areas we cover in our Personal Development program – focussing on optimism, resilience, tolerance, perseverance and team work.

Under the magnificent musical direction of talented local music teacher, Heather James, the grade 3-6s sang some evergreen classics such as “What A Wonderful World” and “Oh Where oh Where is My Little Black Dog” as well as some original songs such as “Never Give Up” whilst the P/1/2s performed a medley of seaside themed songs including “The Ocean Pokey” and “Three Rainbow Fish”.

The main characters were very skilfully portrayed by a number of grade 5/6 students, whilst others participated in a dynamic dance troupe that performed entertaining routines to “Who Let the Dogs Out” amongst other songs.

All of the backstage work, make-up and costumes were managed by the talented senior students, making it very much a student owned enterprise.

As is always the case, we were astounded to see some new talent blossom in some unexpected areas, with some previously shy students taking on leading roles. The show was a smashing success. We were fortunate to have one of the authors of the show, Helen McGrath, and her research assistant attend. On the last day of the school year, Helen emailed the following to us “It was an absolutely wonderful performance and we really enjoyed every minute of it (as did everyone in the audience!). Everyone

was so passionately committed to giving their best and it was such enormous fun. I liked their improvisations and small changes – it gave the show a distinctive character. Thank you for the opportunity to be there. You deserve a really relaxing break after making all that happen in such a short time frame!”

### 2012 School Captains:

Nine of our Grade 5 students made speeches at Assembly on the last Monday of Term 4 outlining why they would like to take on this role next year. Each one did a sensational job. This was impressive but it made our selection job incredibly hard! The students and staff all voted and arrived at the same decision.

We are delighted to have Bella Papa and Harrison Thompsett as our School Captains for 2012. The other 2012 Grade 6s have already demonstrated that they too will do a fabulous job as student leaders this year. We will present our School Captains and House Captains (once they are elected) with their badges of office at our Welcome BBQ early in the 2012 school year.

### 2012 Structure

We will operate four grades – two P/1/2 classes, a 3/4 and a 5/6 each with approximately eighteen students. Our classroom teachers Cheryl Hilton, Finley Smith, Jo Dryden and Tammy Estcourt are joined by Taryn Sands, who spent time with us towards the end of 2011 getting to know everyone. Karen Twomey will again provide a P-6 Art program, as well as conducting the highly regarded Reading Recovery program.

The Principal, Leanne Emond will conduct our P-6 Personal Development classes based on the “Bounceback” program. In Term 1 and 4 we hope to employ Glynn Taylor or John Duck to conduct P.E and provide some additional male support for our Teacher Aide Herb Smith. We are extremely fortunate to obtain lots of voluntary support from local Library teacher extraordinaire, Roz Carstairs.



The 2011 Grade 6s at their Graduation Ceremony



Preps Niamh and Jem with their Grade 6 buddy, Samuel



Some P-6 Students rehearsing the Finale to “Bounceback - the Musical”



Prep Sienna with her buddy, Rhianne

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## Churchill Primary School

### Vale

We are very sad to hear of the death of Mr. Fred Lewis. Fred was an outstanding contributor to the Churchill Primary School community. He taught here for many years and is acknowledged, formally and informally, as an innovative, motivating teacher who always put the needs of students first.

He and his wife, Jan, set up our Learning Centre for interactive and cooperative learning. This centre is named the Lewis Learning Centre as a legacy to Jan and Fred's contribution to our school.

### New Preps and New families:

It has been a very smooth start to the school year. Our Preps have settled into Prep/1 Reidy and Prep/1 Dubois very quickly. It was hard for some parents to say goodbye on the first day but they also coped well with their children's transition to school.

We welcomed a large number of new families throughout the school. We thank them for choosing Churchill Primary School and trust that their time here is happy and productive.

### Staffing:

We welcomed Miss Hollie Woodman who is teaching Grade 2 and Mrs Carly Hawthorne as our ICT teacher.

A few changes in time fraction for other staff members have occurred. Mrs Julie Telford is now taking a Grade 3/4, Mrs Sharon Reidy (4 days) and Mrs Gail Harding share a Prep/1 grade and Mrs Pam Jordan is our art specialist. Our Chaplain, Mr Derek Hayman, will be in on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

### Programs:

Breakfast Club has recommenced at 8:00am to 8:30am daily.

We thank the community volunteers who help Jo Whitelaw, our Primary Welfare Officer, to run the program. Donations of tins of fruit salad and Milo would be very welcome.

Playgroup recommences on February 10th in the General Purpose Room. Playgroup runs from 9:00 am until 11:00. We welcome new families to join in the playgroup. Please bring a drink and snack for your children. Tea and Coffee is available for parents.

### School Wide Positive Behaviour Support:

Our staff attended a Professional Learning session on Wednesday 1st February.



Ms. Louise O'Kelly from Tasmania ran this session for several schools who are involved with School Wide Positive Behaviour Support. Churchill Primary School is committed to developing a culture of Positive Behaviour Support.

It is a framework which focuses on a set of school wide expectations which are explicitly taught.

Students are acknowledged when they engage in positive behaviours encompassed in our Values; Be Respectful, Be

Responsible, Be Understanding and Be Your Best. Students are rewarded a number of ways, including verbal praise and perhaps CPS Bee Tickets.

These are tokens that can be exchanged at our Beehive for prizes. Data is kept to make sure we make informed decisions for interventions and supporting students

The photo shows the 2012 Preps with their teachers Matthew Dubois, Gail Harding and Sharon Reidy.

## Yinnar South Primary School

### New Beginnings

The Yinnar South Primary School Community is excited to introduce their new principal, Katy Grandin.

Katy has recently moved to the area and is passionate about creating an innovative and exciting curriculum.

Yinnar South students are embracing a fun program that integrates advanced technologies such as interactive whiteboards, iPads and digital photography.

Students are working on individual learning programs which allow them to be extended to their full potential.

A warm, nurturing and stimulating environment, surrounded by beautiful grounds, makes Yinnar South Primary a wonderful school.

### New enrolments are welcome.

Yinnar South Primary School is also in the process of establishing a community play group.

Please contact the school if you are interested in attending.

Yinnar South Primary School

Brewsters Rd, Yinnar South, 3869.

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### New Principal

"I am absolutely loving being at Yinnar South Primary. The community has been so welcoming and the students really care for each other. I love arriving in the morning and looking out at the beautiful grounds and surrounding views then watching the students arriving with their wonderful smiling faces. What more could I want?" Katy Grandin – Principal 2012.



Katy Grandin, with two preps and a new grade two student.

## Lumen Christi Primary School

### The Preps are very special at Lumen Christi!

At Lumen Christi we have twenty-five new Preps who are very happy to come to school each day, especially as they have a beautiful new classroom.

The new classroom is very bright and colourful, and even has an

outside learning area.

It part of the junior block, which has had a total renovation and looks fantastic.

The Prep children are learning about how each one of them is very special.



# AIRLIE BANK HOMESTEAD

## A brief History by Keith Brownbill

### Part 1

#### The Ogilvy Family

The Airlie Bank homestead in Morwell was built by David Ogilvy Jr., the eldest son of David Ogilvy Sr. and Elizabeth Aitchison Williamson. David Sr. was a solicitor who had arrived in Melbourne from Scotland in 1839 and following his marriage in 1841, lived in Viewbank Homestead in Heidelberg.

The family later moved to a home named Airlie Bank on the corner of Punt and Domain Roads, South Yarra. The building still stands and is currently used as the Police College.

David Ogilvy Sr. was the first president of the Law Institute of Victoria, and was on many public committees especially those connected with the Presbyterian Church. David Jr. who was born in 1842, and his younger brother James, were among the first students at Scotch College and are mentioned as playing in the very first Australian Rules football match against Melbourne Grammar. David was also regarded as a good cricketer.

After leaving school he worked on various properties around Victoria before settling in Morwell. At the Wesleyan Parsonage in Sale on September 5, 1879, he married Catherine Lillas (nee McNamara), born 1846. It is probable he had the Airlie Bank homestead built for his new wife and their three children, Katie, David and Thomas were all born there. Catherine died in 1892 aged 46 during a local 'flu epidemic, and her brother Patrick aged 42 died of the same cause three weeks later. Brother and sister are buried together in the Catholic section of the Hazelwood Cemetery.

David Ogilvy then married Patrick's widow, Emily McNamara (nee Turner) in 1893 at the Presbyterian church Maryvale. They had two children – Elizabeth (1894) and Emily Beatrice (1896), both born in the Airlie Bank homestead. Emily (Bea) is now 103 and still in good health. She doesn't know much about the Airlie Bank homestead in Morwell but believes it was rather a grand home with a lovely garden, and that they had peacocks on the lawn.

The Ogilvy family left Morwell shortly after Emily was born and took up a farm which they named Airlie Bank in Ogilvy's Lane, Poowong. David farmed there till 1917 when his sons David, and Thomas who was in the Light Horse, came back from the war. He then moved to Ararat to be near Emily's daughter Jessie, and died there in 1933.

#### Airlie Bank

The Airlie Bank homestead and farm occupy a special place in Morwell's history. The first owner of the farm and builder of the homestead was David Ogilvy Jr., born in 1842 who took over the property in 1879 and farmed it for nearly 20 years before selling it to Robert Bridle in 1897. The five Ogilvy children were born in the homestead.

Robert Bridle was born in England in 1834 and emigrated to Port Fairy in Victoria's Western District. He brought his wife and seven of their ten children to Airlie Bank in 1897, and the Bridles developed the farm into a major local enterprise. The homestead was a magnet for musical evenings and a venue for wedding photos. An excellent garden surrounded the home and a fine orchard supplied townspeople with fruit. The expansion of the Morwell township, following development of the SECV electricity generation, hastened the Bridle family's decision in 1959 to sell the farm and sub-divide the property. The modern Bridle Estate now occupies much of the former farmland.

When the Misses Bridle left the homestead to live in Morwell township, they made a gift of the Airlie Bank homestead to the Shire of Morwell, and for many years it served as home for Shire Nursery employees. In recent years it had fallen into disrepair and had become a target for vandals.

Following strong representation from Airlie Bank neighbours and the Bridle family, the homestead and surrounds are to live again. Advance Morwell has received Government employment funding to restore the homestead and these funds have been supplemented by a grant from Latrobe Shire and moneys raised from a public appeal. The official opening was on April 16, 2000. Airlie Bank then began its new life as the home of Dad's War Stuff, the George Auchterlonie Light Horse memorabilia collection.

#### The Bridle Family

The Bridle family occupied the Airlie Bank property from 1897 till 1958 and played a vital role in Morwell's early history. The gift of the Airlie Bank homestead to the Shire of Morwell



View of the Homestead from the east

cements a valuable link with early days and allows us to celebrate our heritage.

#### Origins of the name "Bridle"

The book "Remaines" by Camden, published in 1605 states: "One Captaine tooke newe name to himseffie and his company from the furniture of an horse. Among these gallants you might have heard Monsieur Bridle, Monsieur Saddle, etc.."

The first mention of the name noted to date is that of Walter Bridel, who was made a Freeman of the City of Leicester in 1196. It is believed that the Bridles could have come in the first place from France - perhaps with the Norman conquerors. The original pronunciation of the name was said to be "Bree-del" and this would be consistent with French origins.

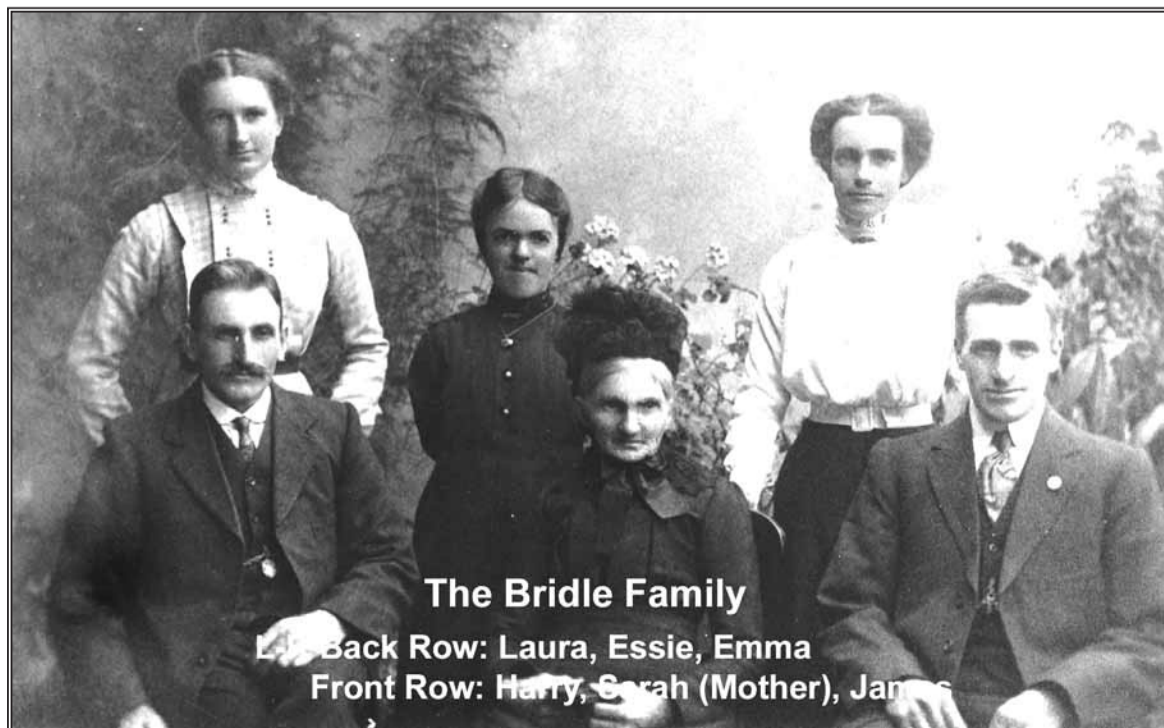
The first mention of the name in Dorset observed to date, is contained in the Baptismal Register of the Parish Church at Winterbourne Steepleton, which records: "Ann, daughter of Thomas Bridle, baptised on the 10. December 1595".

It appears the Bridles were for the most part rural people, and as the conditions in rural England in the 1830s were difficult, it is not surprising that some members decided to emigrate. Although those who decided to go to New Zealand and those who came to Australia lived not more than 20 miles from each other in England, there is no evidence available of any relationship or contact between them. Our story's main concern is with those who came to Australia and in particular those who settled in Morwell and ran the Airhe Bank farm, but we do have

some information on the Bridles who emigrated to New Zealand.

Charles Bridle, born at Winterborne Abbas on December 8 1832, childless after the death of his wife Jane shortly after their marriage, decided to follow his younger brother who had previously left for New Zealand, and obtained a passage on the N2. S. Coy's Orari, arriving at the Port of Auckland on July 12, 1876. He lived most of his remaining years at Coalville, or Cabbage Bay as it was then called. He was greatly loved as a Christian gentleman, and was noted for his beautiful garden. He died at Coalville on December 14, 1915 at the age of 83 and is buried in the Coalville cemetery.

Charles's younger brother Joseph was born at Winterborne Abbas on July 28, 1839, worked in the district as a farm labourer and later as a brickmaker. He decided in 1875 to emigrate to New Zealand with his wife Jane and their children Bessie aged 7 and Alfie who was 5. The family boarded the British Empire at Gravesend and following an uneventful voyage arrived at the Port of Auckland on October 17. Joseph immediately found work with a Mr. Jeffcoat and in later years their home became a focal point for the district of Coalville, serving as a boarding house, grocery, butchery, bakery, gum and fungus store. A farm was run in addition to the above activities. Joseph died in 1921 aged 83, and his wife Jane 88, followed him in 1929. Both are buried in the Coalville cemetery. Many descendants of the Bridle family continue to live in New Zealand.



The Bridle Family

Back Row: Laura, Essie, Emma

Front Row: Harry, Sarah (Mother), James

# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



## The Morwell Branch of the Bridle Family

The Bridles who became early residents of Morwell came from the small village of Chickerell. (Interestingly, another of our pioneering families, the Paynes, also came from this village; the two families came independently of one another and unknown to each other.)

Robert Bridle 1st 1750-1815 m. 1771 Joan Hus'sey 1750-1823: Robert Bridle 2nd 1774-1850 m. 1798 (details not recorded): Robert Bridle 3rd 1800-1863 m. 1828 Esther Hunt 1808-1862: Robert Bridle 4th 1834-1906 m. 1863 Sarah Jane Fish 1844-1923

Robert Bridle 4th served in the Royal Navy during the Crimean War, 1854-56, and at the war's end emigrated to Port Fairy in Victoria. He began farming in that general area and moved about quite a bit before eventually farming a property of his own at Alvie near Colac. The names of towns such as Beac, Alvie, Southern Cross, Koroit, Killarney, Tower Hill and Illowa, are familiar to members of the present Bridle generation in Gippsland.

Robert and Sarah had ten children, all born in Australia: Robert (1864-1945), Mary (1866-1959), William (1868-1872), John (1871-1955), Charles (1874-1875), Henry (1877-1939), Emma (1879-1969), Laura (1881-1953), James (1884-1962), and Hesther Essie (1888-1967). In 1897 Robert brought his family to Morwell, bought the farm known as Airlie Bank from the previous owner, David Ogilvy, and took up residence in the homestead on Waterhole Creek. Seven of the original children came across - Robert, John, Henry, Emma, Laura, James and Essie. (Mary had married and remained in the Western District and remained there on a farm, William had died in a fire, and Charles had succumbed to diphtheria).

It is not known exactly why Robert decided to come right across the state to Morwell, but it seems the reason was to take advantage of a more reliable climate. In those days farmers cropped a lot and Gippsland had a better reputation than the Western District for that type of farming.

The family brought their belongings to Morwell on a four wheeled wagon drawn by four draught horses; a spring cart tied behind the wagon brought up the rear. The journey from Alvie took three months and the family members slept under the fully laden wagons - there was no room on top. Miss Emma may have travelled with the men and the wagons. As the railway line from Melbourne had reached Morwell in 1877 other members of the family could have travelled at least part of the way on the train.

When the Bridles arrived in Morwell, despite the work that had already been done by the Ogilvys, they were faced with the task of clearing the still heavily timbered property. As it was obvious the farm would have difficulty supporting all family members, soon after their arrival in Morwell sons Robert and John moved to Yarragon and began farming there. This left Robert and his wife Sarah together with five children, sons Harry and James, and daughters Emma, Laura and Essie to run Airlie Bank. James, the only one of these five children to marry, married Ida Elliott in 1933. The newly-married couple moved to a house named Chickerell which they had had built at a spot which is now at the corner of Cherry and Gillie Crescents in Bridle Estate, but James maintained his active work on the farm.

## Descendants of James Bridle

James Bridle 1884-1962 m 1933. Ida Elliott 1903-1994

Children: Robert Bridle 7th (Bob); 1933 m. Margaret Mackey (No children); Margaret Bridle 1937 m Leo Donovan: Children: Vicki Donovan 1960 m Carl Hogg; John Donovan 1962; Margaret Donovan 1968 m 1. 1968 Peter Zakic, Child: Chantelle 1992, 2. Paul Schembri: Child: Khayliann 1999.

Robert Bridle 4th died in 1906 but his wife Sarah lived on till 1923. Both grandparents died before Bob and Margaret were born, so they know little of them. After the death of their grandmother in 1923 the farm passed in four equal shares to sons James and Harry, and to daughters Emma and Laura. All family members shared in operating the farm with James (Jim) and Harry responsible for most of the outside work, and the women running the house.

Harry Bridle was killed in an accident on the highway in 1939. He left his share to Emma, and when Laura died in 1953, Emma received her share also.

Bob and Margaret's mother, Ida Elliott, came from Melbourne about 1930 to help a married sister who was very sick and who had young children. After her marriage to Jim in 1933 she worked on the farm, raised the family, taught Sunday school and for recreation played bowls.

The Bridles, including the maiden aunts, were great church people, attending services twice on Sundays in the former Anglican church (recently restored) now in the grounds of Commercial Road School. Bob and Margaret also went to Sunday school. Jim sang in the choir and Ida often played the organ when the regular organist, Mrs Cardwell, was not present.

Together with his brother Harry, also a bandsman, Jim Bridle played cornet in the Morwell Band for many years and was a great committee person - a church warden and on the committees of both the scouts and the band. A keen amateur photographer, Jim took many photos of wedding groups. The Bridle homestead verandah on the east side provided an excellent setting, and no doubt many local families still have some of Jim's old photos. He was older than Ida, in his fifties when Margaret was born, and in later life was a sick man. He suffered strokes and died many years before Ida who was 92 when she died in 1994.

## The Airlie Bank Homestead

In 1897 the Bridles took over Airlie Bank - the homestead, outbuildings and farm. A large brick cheesehouse and cellar then stood between the house and Waterhole Creek. The homestead and outbuildings consisted of a brick house, a detached timber kitchen, a bathroom and pantry on the south side, and a detached four-bedroom timber building on the north side. There is dispute whether there was ever a door on the west side of the main building facing the creek. Structurally there is no sign of a door ever having been there but Margaret (Bridle) Donovan remembers one of her aunts saying that one did exist. Bob believes the front door was around the east side leading through the little narrow room where Margaret and Bob's Uncle Harry lived.

The major water supply was provided by a brick-lined concrete-rendered underground tank situated half under the verandah - most likely the tank was placed there before the verandah was added, as verandahs were often not part of the original houses built in the late 1800s. In addition to the underground tank, there was another tank at ground level and two small ones above the kitchen roof line. The water was raised by a hand pump situated near the kitchen. Jim Bridle kept the underground tank clean -he used to get into it with a bucket to remove all mud and other debris, and his brother at ground level would pull the bucket up and empty it. On one memorable occasion the bucket contained a snake as well as the tank sludge. The spoutings were also kept clean and as the house had a good catchment there was seldom a shortage of water. The top of the tank was covered with railway sleepers and Margaret remembers falling half-way into it - one leg slipping between the sleepers. She lost some skin but, too scared to tell anyone about it, had to suffer in silence.

When Robert Bridle took over the farm he used the brick cheesehouse and cellar as a grain and chaff store. Both these buildings were destroyed in the 1944 fires, and the cellar filled with rubble, but the bricks were later salvaged and used to complete a home in Newborough. Old photos show a timber building separate from the main building and which is not there today. Bob Bridle is not sure whether the Ogilvy family or the Bridles made this addition but he thinks it was the Bridles because his grandparents and their five children would have needed the extra space. Used for some time as a storehouse and for apiary work, the building was eventually no longer needed and fell into disrepair.

When Jim and Ida were having their new home, Chickerell built, they used the timber wall lining and flooring from this building. The style of their home was very popular in that era



James and Ida on their wedding day

and several of the homes at the eastern end of Commercial Road Morwell today are very similar in design. When Jim and Ida moved into the Morwell township their house became home to Mr. and Mrs Parry. Mrs Parry, a gardening consultant, often visited Airlie Bank homestead and garden, and today is leading the garden restoration.

The external walls of the main homestead are cement rendered to weather proof the handmade bricks. That was commonplace in those days. The ceiling in the living room has been lowered and some people believe that this has replaced a moulded metal ceiling, but Bob and Margaret are sure there was no earlier metal ceiling. Beautiful big kerosene lamp chandeliers used to hang on adjustable chains from the ceiling in two rooms. These chandeliers were lowered in the evenings so that the lamps could be lit, and were then raised again. The windows were shaded by beautiful green wooden slatted venetian blinds in a style which is coming back into fashion. There was also an antique green cast-iron bath. The water for it was heated in kerosene tins on the top of the stove. Also on the stove was a water tank with a tap; this ensured a continuous source of hot water. In the kitchen was a very big cast-iron wood stove in which the aunts did all the cooking including baking the bread each week.

At one stage the side of the main homestead building facing The Boulevard had an open verandah but this was replaced by an enclosed porch in recent years. The detached kitchen had a large brick chimney but when the building was handed over to the Shire of Morwell after the last of the Bridles moved out, the chimney was demolished and the wood-fired range removed. The kitchen was then used as a garage and large doors put in the south side for the cars.

The Bridle home used to be a magnet for visitors and many were the musical evenings held there. Jim had made a special chair so that little Aunt Essie could play the organ which was in the dining room.

*Part 2 of the History of Airlie Bank Homestead in March Edition. The story will continue with Day-to-Day Life on the Farm.*



Off to Church on Sunday



Churchill & District News invite you to enter our 2012 Short Story and Poetry Competition.

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7. 14 - 18 yrs Poetry.
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I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them. I certify that this is an original unpublished story or poem, written by myself.

This entry form can be completed on behalf of U12's by a parent, guardian or teacher.

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**Closing Date**  
**22 June**  
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# Supermarket Aussie Spirit



The cutting of the cake in store for Australia Day.

Woolworth's Churchill store was showing its community spirit on Wednesday, January 25, with a staff organised sausage sizzle to raise funds for Churchill Fire Brigade.

The event was organised and run by the workers of the store who set up, manned, supplied, cooked and sold sausages in a slice of bread, sauce if you wanted it, and no sausage sizzle would be complete without the fried onions.

Fire Brigade members attended with the BRT (Big Red Truck) and plenty of information releases on surviving fire and bushfire. While Woolies staff

attended to shopper's lunchtime hunger needs, the Fire Brigade members helped with any queries on fire safety.

Fire Brigade members also helped with the cutting of the store's Woolworths 25th Anniversary cake, in the shape of Australia and baked by a member of the staff.

Churchill Captain Steve Barling thanked the store for its community spirit in raising funds for the brigade.

Woolies staff was able to raise \$250 from the sausage sizzle with Woolworth's Corporate matching the amount raised by the store members.



Right: Steve Barling and staff member Brendan at the sausage sizzle.





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- Have a non-electric pump available that can be operated from an alternative water supply such as a swimming pool, concrete or metal tank, or dam.

If you lose power, contact your electricity distribution business on the "Faults and Emergencies" number on your most recent electricity bill.

Be prepared. For more information go to [www.esv.vic.gov.au](http://www.esv.vic.gov.au)

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## Airlee Bank Gallery Homestead Doll Museum



Over the Christmas January period the homestead has been closed to the general public, except for a couple of times where private appointments have been made.

But now February is here, the Doll Museum, housed in the homestead, is available for viewing on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10am – 3pm.

School groups or bus loads are welcome but please ring to book a time.

A magnificent display of 1000 dolls, soft toys and doll furniture and accessories fills the rooms of the Airlee Bank Homestead.

The Airlee Bank Gallery is an old homestead located at 31-33 The Boulevard, Morwell.

Bev Loraine is the owner of the doll display and curator of the homestead.

She is extremely passionate about her dolls and also about the wonderfully restored homestead.

Tour groups are welcome by arrangement and refreshments can be served. The surrounds of the homestead which Bev tends, provide a lovely picnic spot. There is plenty of off street parking. Children and adults will love this experience as it will delight the youngsters and bring back fond memories of childhood for the older visitors. Children must be accompanied by an adult so that you can share this memory together. Entry fee is \$5 per adult and \$2.50 for children.

You can ring Bev on 51339066 for further information or to make an appointment.

## Churchill Fire Brigade Captain Honoured with the National Emergency Medal



Most CFA members who were on the ground on February 7 2009 say it is a day they will never forget. Senior Volunteer Steven Barling is no different.

In 2009 he was Captain of Churchill Brigade and the first incident controller of the blaze which ravaged the area and claimed 11 lives. Like thousands of other CFA members he spent countless hours fighting the fire and weeks mopping up and this Australia Day he was recognised for his 25 years of dedication to the community.

On Friday 27 January he was presented with the inaugural National Emergency Medal by Prime Minister Julia Gillard at an event in Flowerdale.

Humbled by the award, Mr Barling said he was honoured but could not do his job without his colleagues around him.

“I’m pretty excited. It’s nice to be recognised but there is a lot of other people who did things just as I did. It’s not just about me, but about everyone else who was involved,” he said.

In the weeks following Black Saturday, Mr Barling worked solidly to ensure the area would be safe again.

“[The February 7 fire] was the biggest thing I’ve ever been involved in. I had control of the fire for one and a half hours before it was passed on to the Incident Control Centre. It’s a day that I will certainly never forget and one I hope I never have to experience again.”

During his 25 years as a CFA volunteer Mr Barling spent 15 years as captain and is now a Group Officer looking after the Morwell, Hazelwood North, Churchill, Driffield, Yinnar, Yinnar South and Boolarra brigades.

After so many years as a volunteer, Mr Barling said it is important that he enjoys what he does and is doing something that benefits the community.

The National Emergency Medal was established by The Queen to recognise the unique contribution and significant commitment of those people who have provided service in response to a nationally-significant emergency. This includes the February 2009 bushfires, the floods that happened in Queensland during December 2010 and January 2011 and Cyclone Yasi.

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Players Name: .....

Phone Number: .....

Date Of Birth: .....

(Tick the event that you would like to enter. Age as of 2nd April 2012)

<b>Under 8</b>	<b>Under 10</b>	<b>Under 13</b>	<b>Under 15</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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For further information contact: Carol Scott 040 932 6769

Entries close: Monday 26th March 2012

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## Rainfall figures

Thanks to Bruce Stephenson for sending in the rainfall figures for 2011.

Bruce has been measuring the rainfall for many years, but has been recording the rainfall in his rain gauge since 1992. It is a great source of interest to him and his family and some friends with like interests. Bruce says there can be quite marked differences between one side of Churchill to the other and from Churchill out Thomson Road way.

Average rainfall for us is 850ml. This average has only been recorded by Bruce five times over the years. The lowest Bruce has recorded is 400ml, but in 2011

he recorded 1000ml.

January 2012 Rainfall was 72.5ml with heavy rain days being 11th with 28ml and 31st with 17ml.

To make sure the statistics are complete, kindly neighbours 'mind the rain gauge' while Bruce and Jan are away.

If the rainfall falls 100ml below average it has grave consequences for our farming community.

Bruce will continue to contribute monthly rainfall figures for our interest.

AVERAGE MONTHLY RAINFALL													Walker Parade Churchill Victoria		
Year	Year Tot	% Av	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
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1988															
1989															
1990															
1991															
1992	875.0		25.0	14.0	57.0	68.0	53.0	96.0	34.0	92.0	117.0	88.0	107.0	124.0	
1993	965.0		83.0	71.0	72.0	18.0	21.0	113.0	73.0	51.0	208.0	103.0	78.0	74.0	
1994	702.0		31.0	92.0	62.0	36.0	41.0	50.0	31.0	61.0	91.0	56.0	127.0	25.0	
1995	870.0		69.0	14.0	52.0	90.0	63.0	89.0	90.0	58.0	47.0	108.0	120.0	70.0	
1996	827.0		54.0	63.0	77.0	96.0	25.0	66.0	85.0	118.0	91.0	53.0	70.0	29.0	
1997	476.5		29.0	8.0	16.0	13.5	63.5	49.0	30.0	56.5	54.5	59.0	77.5	20.0	
1998	745.5		64.0	45.0	14.0	50.0	55.0	44.0	52.0	37.5	74.0	125.0	103.0	102.0	
1999	641.5		80	60.0	74	25	51	39	27	60	53	73	32.5	67	
2000	790.0		94.5	38.0	9	47	125.5	44	69	47	110	91	54	32	
2001	855.0		48	30.0	82	119	25	54	32	127	39	130	108	61	
2002	586.0		59	35.0	30	45	67	58	42	29	66	84	37	34	
2003	599.0		26	4.0	38	37	26	49	79	68	84	105	53	30	
2004	777.0		87	49.0	6	83	52	79	57	65	83	56	80	70	
2005	633.0		52	94.0	21	20	20	54	69	80	61	62	34	66	
2006	548.0		85	57.0	32	101	74	13	21	28	47	23	39	28	
2007	801.0		26	58.0	102	28	42	122	112	42	64	39	68	98	
2008	585.0		37.0	33.0	13	31	35.0	29	68	74	41	22	104	98	
2009	576.0		2	3.0	36	67	10	29	70.5	91.5	105	58	60.5	45	
2010	822.0		25	56.0	53	48	60	108	38	90	55	97	100	92	
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## Help Catch Bushfire Arsonists!



By Margaret Guthrie  
 'Operation Firesetter' is a state-wide campaign to prevent bushfire arson. About 50% of bushfires are believed to be deliberately or recklessly lit. Members of the community are asked to be alert for suspicious behaviour on days of high fire danger and in bushfire-prone areas. Call Triple Zero (000) if you see something suspicious.

Leading Snr Constable Brett Godden attended the January meeting of CDCA and handed out pamphlets and posters to be distributed in Churchill. He told us more about 'Operation Firesetter', which includes increased patrols in bushfire-prone areas by Victoria Police, DSE rangers and staff from other partner organisations e.g. HVP Plantations, Loy Yang Power, TruEnergy, Council, etc.

The community is asked "Seen Something? Know Something? Say Something." to help prevent bushfires and catch arsonists.

If you are suspicious of a person or a vehicle, write down the following details - for vehicles: registration, make, model, colour, any damage or noticeable features; - for individuals: age, height, hair colour, build, facial hair, clothing, ethnic appearance.

If you observe any suspicious behaviour, call Triple Zero (000) immediately. If you suspect someone of bushfire arson, call Crime Stoppers confidentially on 1800 333 000

Churchill Police Officer-In-Charge, Sgt Phil den Houting, also attended our January meeting. Sgt den Houting has been filling in since Sgt Mel Hamshere was transferred out last December, and he reported on both successful and on-going criminal investigations in the local area.

Unfortunately, too many thefts and vehicle break-ins are committed when residents leave doors and windows unlocked or leave valuables on display. The message is: Don't make yourself a target for 'opportunistic' crime!

Sgt den Houting has been assisting CDCA members to establish a Churchill Town Safety Group to monitor and report safety issues and liaise with the responsible authorities to address these concerns.

Several matters have already been successfully addressed, such as the replacement of the barbed wire fence along the Phillip Pde footpath and the increased reporting and speedier repair of faulty street lighting.


Much of CDCA's activity is driven by the issues that members raise and the information that is provided to us from agencies and stakeholders.

We also like to hear about the local issues that concern the community at large and so our next General Meeting - to be held in March - will be an Open Forum for residents to discuss 'Churchill matters' and inform the CDCA Committee.

This 'Open Forum' General Meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 28th March. More information will be provided in the March edition of the Churchill and District News.

For more information about CDCA, write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill, email mgedca@hotmail.com or phone 5122 2997.

Our next meeting is a Committee Meeting, to be held at 7pm on Wednesday 22nd February in Studio 1, Churchill Hub, Phillip Pde.



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## Churchill Neighbourhood Watch /Safer Community Group Crime Report 01/12/11 TO 31/12/11



**Issues**  
 Community Group Expo - Gaskin Park - Sunday 4th March, 2012

### CRIME REPORT

**Robbery**  
 Nil for the month (Nil previous month)

**Assaults**  
 3 for the month (8 previous month)  
 Two offenders have been charged with assault related offences during the month whilst police are following up a suspect in relation to another incident.

**Arson**  
 2 for the month (Nil previous month)  
 One offender has been charged with criminal damage by fire whilst police are investigating a fire which occurred in the rear of a vehicle parked in a residential street.

**Property Damage**  
 6 for the month (3 previous month)  
 One offender has been charged with property damage offences during the month whilst police are following up a suspect in relation to another incident. All damages were committed in residential areas with vehicle windows being smashed the most common damage

### Burglary

4 for the month (2 previous month)  
 Two of the burglaries were committed on residential premises with computers stolen from both. Kurnai College library was broken into but it is not known at this stage what, if anything, has been stolen. Residential units at Monash Uni were broken into with damage caused by the discharging of extinguishers.

**Theft from motor vehicle**  
 5 for the month (1 previous month)  
 All but one of the thefts were committed in residential areas of Churchill. Fuel was syphoned from a vehicle which was parked in the rear yard of a McDonald Way premises. A CB radio was stolen from a grader in a worksite at Phillip Pde after unknown offenders smashed a window.

**Theft of motor vehicle**  
 1 for the month (Nil previous month)  
 The only vehicle stolen during the month has been recovered.

**Theft**  
 Nil for the month (Nil previous month)  
 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.

## Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club

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On Friday February 24th, the topic of the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club meeting will be "The Ecology of Bats" presented by Mr Greg Gordon.

Greg Gordon is an animal technician lecturer at Victoria University's Werribee Campus, and also volunteers as regional co-ordinator of Wildlife Victoria, an organisation that provides 24-hour wildlife rescue and information.

Bats are one of the wildlife species that Greg has learned a lot about through this work.

The meeting at 7.30pm is at the Latrobe Community Health Centre meeting room, 44 Fowler St, Moe.

On the following day there will be an excursion to Foster to look for birds.

Visitors are most welcome to both activities; there is no charge.

For more information phone 5634 2246 or 5127 3393.

## Friends of Latrobe City Libraries

The Friends of Latrobe City Libraries will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 22nd February in the meeting room of the Morwell Library commencing at 7pm.


The main agenda will be preparations for the BOOK SALE on Saturday 23rd March.

This sale - a mixture of surplus stock from Latrobe City Libraries - will include reference and fiction, large print,

magazines, videos, CD's as well as the ever popular children's books.

Community members of all ages are encouraged to come to the Friends meeting and consider joining this group of volunteers who wish to promote leisure and learning through Latrobe City Libraries.

For more information contact Jill Beck on 51741005



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**Churchill Bowls Club**

After 5 long years the Churchill Bowls Club has finally been allocated a venue for its Lawn Bowls Green in Churchill.

The finding from Latrobe City Councils Gaskin Park Review, which was handed down in November 2011, has recommended the area on the East side of Gaskin Park Hall to be the location for a Lawn Bowls Facility in Churchill.

Funding for the project is tentatively arranged for the 2013/2014 budget.

The Churchill Bowls Club commences Indoor Bowls activities for season 2012 on Thursday February 2nd at Gaskin Park Hall Churchill commencing at 7.30pm.

The club welcomes anyone who is interested in enjoying a pleasant night out, participating in a sporting and social activity.

New and past players welcome, coaching is available. Cost is \$4.00 per player and a light supper is provided.

The lucky winner of the Churchill Bowls Club Christmas Hamper Raffle was E.Semmler from Latrobe Rd Morwell.

We would like to thank all those people who

contributed with donations and support.

Once again the Club has been successful in obtaining 2 Community Grants

\* Grant 1. - A Latrobe City Community Grant for the installation and supply of 5 ceiling fans in our club rooms to the value of \$2300.00. Our thanks to Latrobe City, Councillor Darrell White and Bruce Chewe for their assistance and support

\* Grant 2. A Federal Government Grant for adjustable chairs to the value of \$1300.00

Coming Events

The Churchill Bowls Club will be conducting a Trivia Night in June 2012.

The Club is yet to finalize a date and venue but this will be confirmed within the next few weeks.

The format will be 10 tables consisting of 10 players per team; cost is \$10.00 per player. Good prizes to be won. Drinks at bar prices, hot supper & nibbles supplied.

For information contact V. Hargreaves on 51 221304 or W. Brown on 51 221860

Anyone wishing to join the Churchill Bowls Club can obtain the necessary information by ringing W. Brown on 51 221860 or V. Hargreaves on 51 221304.

**Churchill Monash Golf Results**

22/1/2012 Stableford Mens Winner B .Barnes (30) 38 pts, DTL J. Ambrosini (24) 37 pts

22/1/2012 Stableford Ladies Winner C. Barnes (39) 41 pts, DTL E. D'Alterio (25) 40 pts NTP 5th C. Barnes

24/1/2012 Stableford Winner V. Rowley (42) 41 pts c/b, DTL S. Turner (24) 41 pts, V. Verheyen (34) 41 pts NTP V. Rowley 14th

28/1/2012 Mens Monthly Medal A. Grade T. O'Reilly (7) 66, B. Grade P. Broadbent (20) 64 Medal Winner, C. Grade B. Barnes (31) 66, DTL G. Hornsby 67, W. Peter 67, G. Blizzard 68, J. Jeffery 68, G. Down 68, A. Murdoch 69 NTP 3rd K. Hills, 5th T. Webb, 12th K. Hills, 14th F. Peel Scratch T. O'Reilly 73 Count Putts T. O'Reilly 23

29/1/2012 Stableford Mens Winner P. Smart (10) 37 pts

29/1/2012 Stableford Ladies Winner K. Moroney (22) 39 pts

31/1/2012 Ladies Stableford Winner T. Buxton (43) 40 pts. DTL A.

Chapman (33) 39 pts NTP 5th C. Barnes, 14th V. Rowley

4/2/2012 Mens Stableford Winners A. Grade N. Lugton (11) 43 pts, B. Grade P. Broadbent (19) 44 pts, C. Grade W. Olsen (24) 39 pts. DTL D. Beyer 42, D. Taylor 40, P. Coad 40, R. Jenkins 39, N. Pedler 38, B. Peter 38 c/b. NTP 3rd P. Coad, 5th P. Williams, 12th P. Broadbent, 14th K. Hills Birdies R. Welsh 3rd, B. Kilday, 3rd P. Coad, 12th P. Broadbent. Hole in one 12th 5/2/1012 Mens Stableford Winner B. Barnes (29) 39 pts, DTL P. Smart (10) 37 pts. NTP 12th P. Smart. Ladies Stableford Winner J. Blizzard (31) 40 pts, DTL C. Barnes (37) 36 pts c/b NTP 3rd M. Munckton, 12th M. Munskton, 14th C. Barnes.

7/2/2012 Stroke Monthly Medal Scratch Y. Wotton 96, Monthly Medal Winner Y. Wotton (26) 70, DTL T. Buxton (42) 71, S. Jeffery (37) 71, B. Beebe (31) 72, NTP 5th (2nd shot) L. Casey, 14th (2nd shot) S. Jeffery Count Putts Y. Wotton 29 putts.

**Like to learn golf?**

Now that the children are back at kinder and school it is time for Mums to take up a new healthy interest. Churchill & Monash Golf Club has received \$750 from the Victorian Golf Foundation to assist with the running of Beginner Clinics for Ladies in March 2012.

The ladies participating will be instructed by Professional Golfers Nadene Gole and Martin Clements. Flat soled shoes will be required. Clubs and

balls will be available at the sessions.

Golf, although not a particularly energetic sport, encourages good health by involving a great deal of walking, and also provides the opportunity for interacting with others.

Numbers will be limited so to register your interest or get more information, please contact Jill Beck by phone 5174 1005 or email jbeck@wideband.net.au

**Tips for Hot Summer Living**

Heat stress occurs when the body becomes dehydrated and is unable to cool itself enough to maintain a healthy temperature. If left untreated, this can lead to heat stroke, which is a life-threatening medical emergency.

Prevention is the best way to avoid heat stroke.

Heat stroke occurs when the core body temperature rises above 40.5C and the body's internal systems start to shut down.

Normally, sweating helps to maintain a healthy body temperature by increasing heat loss through evaporation.

When a person becomes dehydrated, they do not sweat as much, their blood becomes concentrated and organ functioning is impaired.

People attending large events (concerts, dance parties or sporting events), working in hot and poorly ventilated or confined areas, or engaging in vigorous physical activity in hot weather are at increased risk of dehydration and heat stroke.

Exposure to radiant heat from bushfires can cause rapid dehydration and heat-related illness. Bushfires usually occur on days of high temperature which adds to the risk.

Warning signs of heat stroke vary but may include:

- \* Very high body temperature
- \* Red, hot, dry skin (no sweating)
- \* Dry swollen tongue
- \* Rapid pulse
- \* Throbbing headache
- \* Dizziness, confusion, nausea
- \* Collapse
- \* Eventual unconsciousness.

Suggestions for preventing heat stroke include:

\* Drink plenty of water or other cool, non-alcoholic fluids. (Check with your doctor if you are on limited fluids or fluid pills.) Avoid drinking extremely cold liquids as they can cause stomach cramps.

\* Avoid heavy exertion. Reduce physical activity and avoid vigorous exercise in hot weather. If activity is unavoidable, try to schedule activity for the cooler part of the day and rest often. Whenever possible, stay indoors or in the shade.

\* Stay cool and keep air circulating around you. Use air conditioning if possible. If you don't have air conditioning, consider visiting an air-conditioned shopping centre or public library.

\* Eat regular, light meals.

\* Wear lightweight clothing.

\* Take a cool shower, bath or sponge bath.

If you are organising a large event or sports activity, managing workers in a hot environment or engaged in fire fighting:

- \* Develop and follow a heat stroke prevention plan.
- \* Don't rely on fans to cool people unless there is adequate ventilation.
- \* Know the signs and symptoms of heat stroke and know how to respond.

\* If drinks are confiscated from patrons at the entrances to large events (for security reasons), ensure there is plenty of free water available and easily accessible.

Heat stroke is a medical emergency. Every minute's delay in cooling the person increases the likelihood of permanent injury or death.

Apply first aid and seek medical assistance immediately if you, or someone you are with, shows any sign of heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

If someone you are with develops heat stroke:

- \* Call triple zero (000) for an ambulance.
- \* While waiting for emergency medical help, get the person to a cool shady area and lie them down.
- \* Remove clothing and wet their skin with water or wrap in wet cloths, fanning continuously.
- \* Do not give the person fluids to drink.
- \* Position an unconscious person on their side and clear their airway.

\* Monitor the body temperature and continue cooling efforts until the body temperature drops below 38°C.

\* Wait for the ambulance to urgently transport the person to hospital, where more intensive cooling and support can be given.

\* If medical attention is delayed, seek further instructions from ambulance or hospital emergency

Things to remember:

\* Heat stroke is a life-threatening emergency that can be avoided by following simple prevention measures.

\* Older people, young children, pregnant or breastfeeding women, and people with heart disease, high blood pressure or lung disease are most at risk.

\* During hot weather, drink plenty of fluids, stay indoors or in the shade, and avoid vigorous exercise.

\* Seek urgent medical assistance if you or a family member shows any signs of heat stroke.



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## Churchill Cricket Club Celebrates 40 Years



Churchill Cricket Club founders Herb Kennedy and Col Wells were on hand to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the club they formed in 1972. The two keen cricketers were interested in developing a cricket club within the fledgling town of Churchill and called a meeting to gauge interest. The club was formed and they were entered into the lower grades of the Central Gippsland Cricket Association (CGCA). The going was tough early on which was only to be expected and some heavy defeats ensued in the first season. There was enough optimism to persist with the venture and with the addition of some key players such as John Webb and Fred Debono, the club quickly found itself not only competitive but successful, taking out the C Grade title in 1975/76. A team was soon entered in the A grade competition of the CGCA and in the 1978/79 season, the club tasted its first success at the top level.

During the offseason in 1983 it was decided by the club to move to the neighbouring Traralgon and District Cricket Association (T&DCA). This move was made for a number of reasons, not the least of which was to compete on an all turf wicket A Grade competition. The cricket ground at Andrews Park West in Churchill was installed with the turf wicket area from the highly respected Yallourn cricket ground and Andrews

Park has been the home of the Churchill Cricket Club, now known as The Cobras, ever since.

Forty years have seen a number of very loyal and dedicated people come and go at Churchill, and the Anniversary was a great opportunity to show the appreciation of the club for the hard work necessary to maintain a sporting club. The club was proud to officially name the social rooms after the club's two longest serving President's, Ash Bolton and Graham Harvey, who have been instrumental in building and maintaining the beautiful function centre that Churchill cricketers call home.

The club was also delighted to honour the tireless efforts of George Cain. George was asked to take over as curator of the turf wicket more than three decades ago and insisted that if he was to take on the role, the club's junior players would have access to play on the turf wicket. This was unheard of at the time, with lower grade and junior cricket being played exclusively on synthetic pitches. The club agreed and George's foresight has led to the accelerated development of players at Churchill, contributing directly to the success the club has achieved over the journey. The Churchill wicket is one of the best in the region and the club regularly plays host to representative games, two Victorian Premier Cricket games (men's and ladies) and even an

international contest between the Gippsland Under 21 team and the Barmy Army Colts XI during England's most recent Ashes tour.

The club also highlighted the talents of those who have played at the highest level by naming four Teams of the Decade. Teams of the 1970's, 1980's, 1990's and 2000's were named to acknowledge the best cricketers the club has produced at A Grade level over 40 years. Continuing in this theme, the club was thrilled to announce the first inductees to the Club Legends Wall. Seven players gained admission to this wall of champions based on a criteria that includes having played at least 100 A Grade games for Churchill. Six of the seven were on hand to receive their plaques and to unveil their portraits on the southern wall of the club's social pavilion.

Club Secretary Wayne Reynolds was deeply honoured to receive a Life Membership from the club following ten years of service in the role.

The Churchill Cricket Club enjoyed honouring their past but attention has now turned once again to the present as each of the three senior teams and the Under 13 side all vie for a place in this year's finals series.

## Churchill Football Netball Club

By Amanda McInnes

## Football

The 2012 season is fast approaching and behind the scenes things are well under way to ensure we have another big year.

The committee has a few new faces, and our executive has changed slightly – Mick Johnson will be President in 2012, and will be assisted by Kate Kerslake and John Woodbridge as VPs. Club Treasurer will again be Sharon Middlemiss.

In football news, our senior coaches are Tim Darby, Brendan Holt, Shameus Answerth (all re-appointed) and Mark Andrew, a 200 game, 3 time premierships player, who has joined us from Yinnar.

Reserves coach will be Rob Jellis and our Thirds will be under the guidance of Brian Grimes.

The club has retained the majority of last year's list along with 11 or so Thirds premierships players from 2011 graduating to the senior squad.

We have also secured Mark Andrew and Dylan Weir from Yinnar, Mick Higgins from Morwell East and two former Churchill premierships players return after a season away in Dean Jenkins and Neil Thompson. A number of other new players are also very close to committing to the club.

As at mid January, 54 players have attended pre-season training and our Training Camp will be held on the weekend of 17th February - sponsorships are most welcome.

This year we will be holding a player development day on 25th March at 'The Summit' which will focus on developing leadership, teamwork &

competitiveness for the entire player group - sponsors are also invited for this event. We have confirmed a practice match for the Firsts, Seconds & Thirds against Trafalgar Football Club at Gaskin Park on 31st March 2012.

The training camp and player development day are crucial in our preparations for season 2012. They are expensive exercises to facilitate so any donations and/or sponsorships from the community would be greatly appreciated.

For any info pertaining to these events or new players / volunteers call Tim Darby 0438-533 853 or Mick Johnson 0412-348 747.

## Netball

In netball developments, we have all coaches appointed: A grade – Rachael Paterson, B & D grade – Linda Welsh, C grade – Rachell Esler; and 17 and Under – Stacey Spence.

The girls have been training Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays since early January, with tryouts to be held at the CFNC courts in Manning Drive on Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd February. Teams will be announced on Friday 24th February at a club BBQ from 6:30pm. Practice matches will be held in March – dates and further information will be supplied once teams have been selected.

Membership information will be sent out to all of our current contacts over the coming weeks, keep your eyes out for this!

## Important dates:

Round 1 vs Cowwarr at Cowwarr 14th April 2012.  
First home game 21st April 2012 vs Rosedale.

## Churchill Monash Golf

Churchill and Monash Golf Club is pleased to announce it will join Churchill Cricket Club in its initiative to raise funds for the McGrath Foundation on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th February 2012. Our members recognise the impact breast cancer can have on families in our community. The Churchill Cricket Club raised around \$10,500 on their own last year, but our combined clubs hope to improve this significantly. The activities will include a 'Pink Stumps' day for the cricketers and a 'Pink Putter' weekend for the golfers.

Monogrammed pink shirts with our Club's logo and McGrath Foundation logo, will be available for sale prior to and during the weekend. Orders for the shirts will be taken at the Golf Club over the next two weeks

Churchill and Monash Golf Club Program for the 'Pink Putter' weekend will comprise:

18 hole men's Stableford competition on Saturday 18th February followed by a pleasant afternoon watching the cricket at Andrews Park.

Saturday evening we invite everyone to join with the Cricket Club and other sporting clubs at Andrews Park for an evening fund raising meal.

Sunday morning we invite golfers and others to "don" their pink shirt and join the Churchill golfers to play a competition of mixed Stableford (8am assembly for an 8.30 hit off)

Put on your pink shirt and join us for the weekend. We invite people, even if you don't play golf, to come down to our beautiful Churchill golf course at the rear of Monash University.

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## Looking for Better Health in 2012

## Healthy Body, Health Mind

**The Planned Activity Group (PAG) assists older people and people with a disability to remain living independently within their community.**

The program consists of activities that are aimed at enhancing the skills required for daily living and providing physical, intellectual, emotional and social stimulation. They also provide opportunities for social interaction as well as respite and support for carers.

An inactive lifestyle due to age, depression, obesity, arthritis, stroke or respiratory disease, is a major risk factor for older people and people with a disability. Active people have better dietary intake, improved functional capacity to perform activities of daily living and reduced risk for falls.

Increased social and physical activity can also improve recovery and slow disease progression for coronary heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, and osteoarthritis. PAG assists older people and people with a disability by providing activities that focuses on emotional



The Churchill Group enjoying a day out at Port Albert

wellbeing, partnered with good nutrition and physical activity.

PAG offers individual and flexible programs that consist of both centre and community based activities. In 2012, PAG are implementing exciting new programs, including ten pin bowling competitions, coffee

critiques and a current affair debating groups.

These programs will operate in community settings and promote independence and social inclusion.

There are many challenges associated with ageing. This can be made more difficult when

individuals do not have essential tools to achieve healthy active ageing, such as knowledge of exercise and nutrition, peer support, and the ability to cope with psychological and physical health changes.

If you are interested in joining PAG please phone 1800 242 696.

## Cooking up a friendship

**COMMUNITY Kitchens in Moe and Morwell are inviting people to come and enjoy cooking and conversation.**

"The Community Kitchens bring small groups of people together on a regular basis to cook healthy and affordable meals and to enjoy the company of others," said Natalie Caprara, Health Promotion Officer for Latrobe Community Health Service.

"Cooking is a great group activity. The groups can explore new foods, cooking styles and techniques together.

It is also a great opportunity to learn from others.

"The groups decide amongst themselves how often they want to get together, how they would like their kitchen to run and what recipes they would like to cook. The participants have a lot of fun and everyone is welcome," said Miss Caprara.

The Moe Community Kitchen group meets every fortnight on a Wednesday from 10:30am-1:30pm at the Moe Neighbourhood House.

Morwell Community Kitchen



is seeking participants to join a group once a fortnight on a Thursday, if anyone is interested in coming to have some fun, meet new people and cook

healthy and affordable meals. Further information is available from Health Promotion at Latrobe Community Health Service on 1800 242 696.

## Do you know, love or care for someone experiencing depression?

Partners in Depression is a six week group program that aims to address the information and support needs of those who live with or love someone experiencing depression.

The program covers a range of topics including:

- What is depression
- Treatments for depression
- Suicidality and self harm
- How to best support someone with depression
- Communication strategies

The program is run by health professionals and provides a forum in which to receive information and ask questions about depression and your support role, with others with similar experiences.

**For registration details call 1800 242 696**

**Wednesday 29 February from 6.00pm - 8.00pm**

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