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## One Tough Mudder



Mandy coming off a tower of hay bales they had to climb over. The smile on her face shows how much fun she was having.

The Tough Mudder Event took place on Philip Island on Saturday, March 31.

Mandy Dempsey and five of her friends decided to team up and enter this event, each viewing it as a personal challenge.

Tough Mudder is a supporter of Legacy. Legacy is a charity providing services to Australian families suffering financially and socially after the death of a spouse or parent, during or after their defence force service. We currently care for 100,000 widows and 1,900 children and disabled dependants throughout Australia. For more information, visit [www.legacy.com.au](http://www.legacy.com.au)

The founder of Tough Mudder is Will Dean who was inspired to start the business after growing frustrated by the unimaginative and repetitive events that already existed, and a desire to create something that would occupy the space that marathons, triathlons, mud runs, and other adventure runs weren't filling

Tough Mudder is not a race, but a personal challenge – the goal being to complete the course. Tough Mudders are asked to embrace this philosophy, and that is why the organisers have the entrants recite the Tough Mudder Pledge

### The Tough Mudder Pledge

As a Tough Mudder I understand the TM is not a race but a challenge

I put teamwork and camaraderie before my course time

I do not whine

I help my fellow mudders complete the course

And overcome all fears

What is the philosophy behind Tough Mudder?

The Tough Mudder series tests toughness, fitness, strength, stamina, and mental grit all in one place and all in one day. The Philip Island course was 20km long and had 28 gruelling obstacles to tackle including:

- The Berlin Walls: a series of 4 metre high walls. I'm sure they got higher with each one!

- Walk the Plank: a 5 metre jump into cold water and a 50 metre swim out to the other end.

- The Arctic Enema: jumping into ice cold water and having to swim under obstacles as your head shrinks to the size of a walnut, to get to the other end.

- Boa Constrictor: crawl through a series of tunnels in freezing cold mud.

- Kiss of Mud: crawling through thick mud, about 30 metres long, under 20cm barbed wire, some of which are electrified to give you a jolt.

- Funky Monkey: monkey bars that are on an upward angle and some are greased so that you fall into ice cold water.

- Fire Walker: run through metre high blazing kerosene soaked straw.

- Everest: a wet and muddy plastic half pipe

- Electroshock Therapy: sprint through a series of live wires as people spray you with a hose to make sure you are good and wet. Mandy got at least four really good shocks from this one that felt like a really big man was punching her on the back.

Mandy explained that the team knew partly what to expect from searching the web site, but added there were also mystery obstacles which were very challenging.

This type of event requires a lot of training and Mandy and her friends spent six months in preparation, with daily running, upper body strength development such as chin up and other activities which they could do on the fitness equipment in Mathison Park.

This event is very much a team effort, requiring all members to work together to get the team through each obstacle, impossible for an individual.

The weather was very good being cool with a light breeze. At 8 am Mandy's team was first off the mark in their effort; six people out of a total of 15,000 participants.

One of the beautiful things Mandy observed was that strangers helped strangers out all along the course during the day. "It was a fantastic day with strangers helping each other everywhere and it was so amazing to see the human team spirit come out in so many people," she declared. At the end Mandy

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**Grand Opening Ritchies IGA - Mitre 10 store**



Above Left: Scott Cam cuts the official ribbon. Above Right: Mitre 10 and Ritchie Management team with Scott Cam. L to R: Ron, Don, Lou, Steve and Scotty Cam. Below IGA team with Scott Cam.

Celebrity handyman and Channel Nine "The Block" host Scott Cam, excited hundreds of shoppers at the grand opening of the brand new Ritchies Supa IGA Mitre 10 in Churchill last weekend ( May 5 and 6).

Housed within Ritchies Supa IGA in Churchill, the new Mitre 10 is located at Shop 8, Hazelwood Shopping Centre, 5-8 Georgina Way, Churchill, and is the only hardware store in town.

The grand opening celebrations attracted a huge fanfare, and the festivities ran from 10am to 2pm across the weekend with food, entertainment, giveaways and special discounts for shoppers. Families enjoyed the balloon artist, clowns, an animal farm, jumping castle, free face painting, and hourly prize giveaways.

Scott Cam discussed hardware and home improvement matters with shoppers, while the sausage sizzles held over the weekend raised funds for the Churchill Lions Club on Saturday and the Boolarra branch of the Country Fire Authority (CFA) on the Sunday.

Commenting on the new store opening, National Marketing General Manager of

Ritchies Stores Pty Ltd, Mr Jarrod Swaine said, "There is a real buzz in the area about the new hardware store, which means shoppers are now able to source everything they need for the home in one shop – from groceries to nails.

We are offering a great range at competitive prices for both the public and trades people.

They are already enjoying superior service from our expert team, who will help them find exactly what they need fast and at a great price, and if we don't have the product in store, we will happily source it," he added.

Positioned in the heart of Churchill, Ritchies Mitre 10 stocks a massive range of tools, electrical, garden, building, plumbing,



homewares, paint and automotive products, with around 6,000 product lines for shoppers, and parking available on site.

Ritchies Mitre 10 Churchill is open Monday to Saturday from 8am to 9pm; and 9am to 8pm on Sunday for the convenience of shoppers.



The Block road show will be coming to Ritchies Mitre 10 on **Tuesday, June 12 - 12.00pm to 1.30pm**  
**Dan & Danni will visit the store.**

They will judge a colouring completion and advise on renovation tips. There will be opportunity for autographs and we will be arranging giveaways and demonstrations. Dan and Danni are two of the most popular contestants on the block



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**Churchill Rainfall**

BY Bruce Stephenson

The rainfall for Churchill during April was 71 mls. making a total so far for 2012 of 320mls.



# Scouts Remember ANZAC Day

It was with great pride and pleasure that 1st Churchill and 1st Yinnar Scout Groups marched together on Anzac Day in Yinnar. They marched down the main street of Yinnar with family and friends of soldiers and with members of Yinnar and district schools and community. The Cubs, Scouts and Venturers all positioned the crosses on the lawn and

laid wreaths for our fallen soldiers. This is a great way to say Thank You to the men and women who fought so hard for the freedom we all enjoy today. The march was followed by a short service in the town hall where our thoughts and prayers were sent out to the soldiers of yesterday and those still fighting for us.

May We Never Forget



## Old Time Family Dance Jeeralang North Hall Jeeralang North Road Friday May 25

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# Latrobe City Council - Electoral Representation Review



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**Ritchie's Supa IGA Mitre10**  
**"Store within a Store" – Grand**  
**Opening, Sunday May 6.**

It was great to see so many of our Churchill and district community in attendance on Sunday May 6 for the official opening of the Mitre 10 "store within a store" at Ritchies SUPA IGA.

This is another important key new convenient retail development for our Churchill and district community to have within its midst, and this Mitre 10 Store initiative sends a very positive signal for the future of our local community.

Congratulations to the Ritchies SUPA IGA Mitre 10 Team, headed by their CEO Fred Harrison who was in attendance, for creating this unique feature for our community to readily experience, and also for the additional local job opportunities that have eventuated.

The presence of TV personality Scott Cam from "The Block" and Mitre 10 "frontman" was another highlight which culminated with him cutting the "Ribbon" to complete the "Official Opening". Everyone in attendance clearly enjoyed the chance to meet and mingle with the high profile TV personality.

**Latrobe City Council – "Draft" Fees and Charges 2012/2013**

Annually, as part of Council's budget preparation process, Council reviews user fees and charges which are associated with Council operations. In order to incorporate any proposed changes to the fees and charges into the 2012/13 budget from July 1, 2012, the adoption of the fees and charges is required ahead of the adoption of the 2012/13 Council Budget.

For the next financial year, the "draft" Fees & Charges have been prepared on the basis of CPI increases and/or benchmark market rates and/or Victorian Government and statutory charges.

A significant number of Council's fees and charges require notice to be given to users. This notice can vary from one to two months depending upon the service. Undertaking community consultation in May followed by adoption in early June 2012, allows the required

In 2011 the Victorian Minister for Local Government, Jeanette Powell, announced that an electoral representation review must be completed for Latrobe City Council by April 13, 2012.

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) was engaged to undertake this work and concluded its review on March 28, 2012, with the release of the Electoral Representation Review Latrobe City Council Final Report.

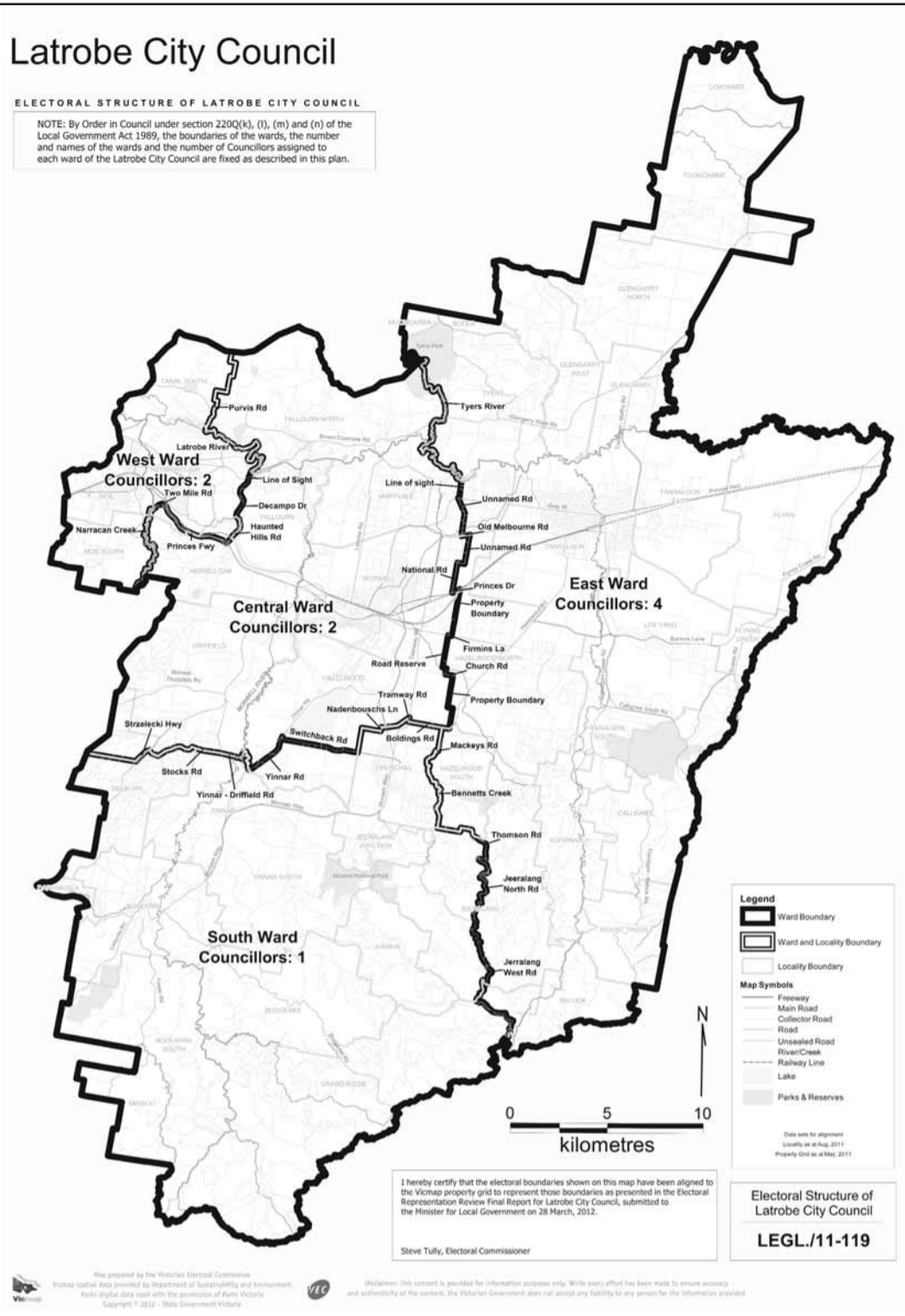
The VEC Final Report outlined the number of options they considered prior to submitting their recommendation to the Minister for Local Government.

Their recommended option for Latrobe City Council proposed an electoral structure of nine Councillors in one four Councillor ward, two, two Councillor wards and one single Councillor ward, effective from election day Saturday October 27, 2012.

The Minister for Local Government has subsequently advised by a letter to the Mayor dated May 1, 2012 that having considered the VEC recommendation in their Final Report and the advice of the State Government's Local Government Department, she accepted the electoral structure changes and consequently recommended to the Governor in Council to make an Order to alter the boundaries.

The Order was approved by the Governor in Council on May 1, 2012. Notice is expected to be published in the next general edition of the Victorian Government Gazette.

A "Map of the new Electoral Boundaries" showing the areas of the four Wards, namely, East, West, Central and South Wards is



notice to be given for any changes to fees and charges in adequate time for implementation from July 1, 2012.

Advertising to the community of the "draft" Fees and Charges 2012/2013 will include displaying at Council's Service Centres and libraries, placing them on Council's website and consulting with service users. Community

feedback through submissions is encouraged.

Council will consider submissions in relation to the "draft" Fees and Charges 2012/2013 at a Special Council Meeting to be held on June 12, 2012; and will subsequently consider final adoption of the "draft" Fees and Charges 2012/2013 at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on June 18, 2012.

## Northe's Natter

Firstly, I hope everyone in the Churchill and District community had a wonderful Easter and time over the recent school holiday period to enjoy some quality time with family and friends.

Of course April 25 is an important day on the Australian calendar and I was pleased to attend a number of ANZAC Day services across the Morwell electorate.

Despite some early inclement weather, it was great to see so many local residents, particularly our younger generation, attend dawn and day time services across Gippsland.

I also had the pleasure of attending the Boolarra service prior to ANZAC Day, and I congratulate Roz Carstairs and her team of volunteers for hosting such a wonderful tribute.

All ANZAC Day services across the Latrobe Valley were a fitting tribute to those who have served our country and provided an opportunity for community members to

demonstrate their gratitude and respect to our courageous service men and women. We must also pay due regard to our local RSL's who do a marvellous job in hosting various ANZAC Day services across the region.

I had the great pleasure recently to announce funding for the Churchill Bowls Club through the VicHealth Active Club Grants Program. The Churchill Bowls Club was one of many Latrobe Valley clubs who were recipients through this program to which monies can be used for the purchase of sports injury prevention and management equipment, essential sporting equipment, volunteer club training and portable sun shades.

There are a number of Churchill residents who have been working hard to establish a Churchill Bowls Club and this funding will hopefully assist in some small way to realise this objective.

One of the amazing attractions of

our region is the Grand Strzelecki Track which recently had its grand opening.

There has been considerable work undertaken in recent months to establish and re-establish tracks from Morwell National Park all the way through to Tarra-Bulga National Park and Balook.

In all there are in excess of 100km of trails and walks in a pristine part of the world and right on our doorstep.

Having walked part of the track just recently I can attest to the fabulous and tranquil setting we are blessed to have in our midst.

I believe there is a real prospect of the Grand Strzelecki Track becoming a significant tourist destination in the future and I encourage local residents to visit Morwell National Park in the near future or view the website below to see firsthand what the trails have to offer.

<http://www.grandstrzeleckitrack.org.au/>

Congratulations must go to all who have worked so hard in difficult terrain to connect these tracks and trails; it is certainly a great achievement.

Whilst in Churchill this month I also had the opportunity to visit a journalism class at Monash University Gippsland and participate in their studies.

This was a fantastic opportunity and I commend Carol Altmann for finding a way to engage her students and provide them with hands on, real life experience as journalists.

I always enjoy the enthusiasm of our young people, a number of whom I have been interviewed by, and I appreciate their passion for what they do.

I encourage all students to



continue to persevere with their studies, whether it is high school, secondary school, tertiary or a trade, and ensure your passion and enthusiasm guides you and your decisions.

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was tired but also sad that it had come to an end as she had had so much fun, helping strangers and being helped by strangers on, over and through different obstacles; a lot like life really.

Mandy loved the outcome of working as a team, saying it makes you feel good, giving you a sense of achievement that couldn't be done alone.

Mandy's team completed all the obstacles. Mandy personally found the "Walk the Plank" psychologically hard as she has a fear of jumping off something so high. The second last obstacle called Everest was a slippery wet giant quarter pipe. It took Mandy seven attempts to get over it. She fell badly on her fourth attempt winding herself. She had to wait a few minutes to recover before she had another go. She finally got angry with herself and gave it one last almighty effort with everything she had left and succeeded.

One of the mystery obstacles was the Ice Bath; a huge pool of iced water into which you had to jump, duck down and swim under the water. When you came up and got out you were frozen. The supervisors instructed the people to start running to get warm.

Mandy enjoyed the challenge so much and had such a great time that she has booked in to do the next Tough Mudder Event in Sydney in September. "It was that great an experience," she affirmed.



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## Rotary Club of Hazelwood - the sausage or the sizzle?

By Leo Billington

That's the big question for any business or organization marketing itself. Is it the sausage or the sizzle which attracts attention?

Members of the Rotary Club of Hazelwood are acknowledged as the premier sausage sizzle experts this side of the Great Divide.

Bunnings Hardware at Midvalley is a staunch supporter of many community organizations in the quest to raise funds. The regular weekend sausage sizzles are a drawcard just as much as the vast array of goods stacked high within the huge store.

Hardware items offer differing levels of curiosity to everyone and the smell of

sausages cooking alongside the lingering aroma of barbecued onions also makes people hungry. Their curiosity levels are raised beyond anyone's imagination and, once hooked on the aromatic smells, customers surge forth to experience a culinary delight.

A sausage tends to be a much maligned item. They've been around for decades; we all grew up with sausages being relatively standard fare. Sausages perhaps don't rate in an upmarket restaurant, or even as part of a menu at a wedding reception. Meat pies belong to the footy on a cold day at the MCG. Pizzas belong to intricate logistical planning being delivered for Sunday's evening meal. Asian take-away suits

Friday nights. Bangers and mash is folklore stuff and can be found at pubs for counter meals.

But sausages are useful and sought after at a traditional Bunnings sausage sizzle. They are the mainstay of many a fundraising effort. Sausages can be the weekend lunch. They may even be the morning tea; it's the onions that attract the enthusiasts. Our club sells an occasional sausage (once it's cooled down) for man's best friend. We supply what the customer wants.

This year, the Rotary Club of Hazelwood has conducted three sausage sizzles raising funds which will comprise part of an annual dispersal to those less fortunate than ourselves. The club has

committed itself to another five sausage sizzles this year.

Every club member able to provide time, thoroughly enjoys the sausage sizzles. There is camaraderie, lots of jokes, plenty of tasty sausages, delectable onions, interaction with the public, free advice freely available on almost any topic, and an interesting selection of sauces.

All this goes to prove that our club sells both – the sausage and its sizzle. In the modern world of marketing, this is unique.

Our next sausage sizzle is on Sunday, June 17 from 9.00 am to about 4.00 pm. Come and introduce yourself.



Groff Thornhill - pictured at a Bunnings barbeque at Midvalley recently



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# Church News

## Saturday Breakfast

Our last Saturday Breakfast was on April 28. There were 18 people present, who enjoyed breakfast together and then listened to our guest speaker. Graham Budd had come from Moe to address us. He spoke of his experiences as a child migrant in 1939. In England, Graham's mother was separated from his father. Financially, things were very tough so she ended up taking him to stay in an orphanage.

At that time Kingsley Fairbridge, with financial help from Cecil Rhodes, had organised a scheme to help the lack of farming labourers in Australia. The first Fairbridge farm school was started in Western Australia in 1912. It was realised from previous experience in South Africa, that it was not practical to just transport adults from the cities in England to do farming work of which they had no experience.

Instead, Fairbridge suggested that they transport children from orphanages in England and transport them to Australia to learn to work on a farm, kill a sheep, milk a cow, care for poultry, etc, so that they could later become farm labourers.

However no-one thought of the effect it would have on the children, some as young as 6 years old.

Graham was sent to the Fairbridge farm at Bacchus Marsh. Here discipline was very harsh. The children were aged 6 to 14 years. When the children gathered for a meal, there would be 140 in the dining room.

If one of them had misbehaved, he would be dragged out in front, put over a chair with his pants down and flogged. Graham's usual day started at 6.30a.m. Then he must make his bed in military style, the corners exact. He then had to have a cold shower.

Next he had a job to do like cleaning windows, setting the fire, etc. This job



would be changed each fortnight. At 7.30 he stopped work and hurried to the dining room, but before he ate there would be a 20minute exercise session. After breakfast, he finished his chores, picked up his school books and went to school. He returned from school at 3.30. At the sound of a whistle he must go back to work. Later it was teatime, which was toast and dripping, then toast and jam. In the evening there might be Boy Scouts or boxing, which was compulsory.

When the children had left school they spent a year working on the farm for board and pocket money. It was a hard life and a cold one, dressed just in khaki shorts, a shirt and no jumper or underwear.

The next Saturday Breakfast will be on Saturday May 26 at 7.45am at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, 1 Williams Ave. Russell Hadley will speak of his experiences working in Indonesia.

If you wish to attend please let Keith know by Thursday May 24 by phone on 5122 1148 or email kbenders@net-tech.com.au

## Co-Operating Churches Snippets

### Easter Service

Our Easter services were thoughtfully planned and expressively delivered by Rev Marilyn Obersby our locum minister. The deep sorrow of Good Friday followed by the joy of Easter Sunday were marked and appreciated by those who attended.

As is our custom, we welcomed members of Lumen Christi Parish, with Father Francis, to join us for the Good Friday service at 9am. This led into the Walk of Witness around Churchill, culminating back at the Co-Operating Churches to plant the cross. This year, unfortunately, members of the Churchill Christian Fellowship were unable to join us.

The walk included prayers and singing. At the conclusion, warm hot cross buns and a cuppa were available inside the church.

Easter Sunday singing was from the heart, and with joy.

### First Parish Council for the new joint parish

The parishes of Boolarra/Yinnar and Churchill are now officially joined into one.

Although our congregations will remain as separate entities, we will be administered as one with one Parish Council. There will of course be more regular opportunities to gather together for service and

fellowship. The first Parish Council meeting was held mid month.

### Pastoral visitors meeting

The Elders called together the pastoral visitors for a learning session conducted by Rev Marilyn Obersby. Tips to help when visiting were shared and appreciated.

### Coffee Connections

Those who attended the Coffee Connections had a lovely time of sharing and fellowship. With the theme of 'Pets' there were many stories shared- sad, happy, cute and funny. But all present knew how much pets are a special part of our lives.

### Saturday Breakfast

Saturday Breakfast guest, Graham Budd, held the breakfasters in the palm of his hand as he related his experiences of being a British child migrant arriving in Australia in 1939. A more detailed report of his talk is printed elsewhere on this page.

### Churches of Christ service

Our thanks go to George Telford for conducting our quarterly Churches of Christ Communion Service. George encouraged us to be positive when we have so much to be thankful for and when we have God on our side, and his promises to be with us.

## Chaplains Reflections

What do you find difficult to believe?

The resurrection of Jesus is an event that many find difficult to believe, and yet it remains central to the Christian story of God's saving love.

While the Christian Scriptures explore the resurrection story from different points of view, the accounts were written by people who saw and experienced the Risen Christ. But even then there were some who doubted.

The story of 'doubting Thomas' is one I can associate with closely. How easily we doubt God's love when things get tough. Thomas' story is also one that fits in well with our modern scientific worldview.

We want proof.

We want to touch, to hold, to own. While we are drowning in a material world, the resurrection story affirms that there is more to

life than the having and owning 'more'.

In one of the post-resurrection stories told in the Gospel of John, Jesus also wants 'proof'. At the time of Jesus' trial and crucifixion, Peter had denied his relationship with Jesus three times. When Jesus appears to his followers after his resurrection, he asks Peter the same question three times: "Peter, do you love me?" When Peter replies in the affirmative; yes he does love Jesus, then Jesus challenges him to prove his love in action. Love brings its responsibilities. It is not something to take lightly, to deny or to discard. Peter is asked, as a response to his love for the risen Jesus, to spread the good news of God's forgiving, saving love to others.

It is a love we can speak, but it is a love that is best seen when it is lived out in our daily living.

When Jesus first appears to his

followers after his death and resurrection, he offers them proof of God's power over death. He says to them, 'Look at my hands and my feet.' These were hands and feet that still bore the signs of his awful death by crucifixion. What might it mean for us to contemplate the hands and feet of Jesus? Jesus' ministry was a 'very human' ministry - he healed, he touched, he shared meals around tables with friends, he walked, and wherever he went, his feet and his hands, were bearers of Good News!

Jesus' risen body bore the marks, the wounds of his death. We too will carry our wounds. Our wounds can heal but the marks remain and through them, and with them, we and others can know healing.

The risen, wounded one walks with us and calls us to live out the healing, saving love of God in all that we are and do.

## An Invitation to Reconnect

Lumen Christi Catholic Parish at Churchill is inviting parishioners who are no longer active to "reconnect" with the Church through a six week program of information and welcoming.

It will be the second such program run by the Parish following a similar program last year.

"Reconnect" is a parish-based, small group program specifically designed to provide a supportive and welcoming environment into which Catholics who are not currently active in the life of the Church, are invited to share their stories of faith, and in doing so, consider returning to regular worship.

Parish priest of Lumen Christi, Fr Hugh Brown,

said: "There is a very high percentage of our Catholic family who are not actively participating in the life of the Church for one reason or another and the "Reconnect" program is a means of reaching out to these people and offering them an opportunity to be welcomed back to regular participation".

The program will run for six weeks from May 17 until June 21, 2012 and will involve sessions which run for around ninety minutes.

Anyone seeking further information or wishing to join the program should ring Ann VanRhine on 0417 300 368 or email ca.vanrhine@bigpond.com

## Lumen Christi Snippets

### Tenebrae - Service of Shadows

This service on Tuesday April 3, was shared with the Parishioners from the Co-operating Church of Churchill at Lumen Christi Church, at 7.30pm.

### Youth Corner

Wow! It was amazing on Sunday March 21 when we had our first youth meeting.

We had twenty five youth in attendance, eighteen

senior youth and seven junior youth. It was terrific. It was fun to be together with Fr. Francis who was grateful to all who were there, and those of you who sent in apologies.

### Wednesday evening Mass

Just a reminder for parishioners that Wednesday evening mass has resumed now that Fr. Francis is back from retreat.

## Church Times

### Lumen Christi Catholic Church

35 Walker Parade, Churchill  
Tel: 5122 2226

Father Hugh Brown

Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass: 9.00am

1st and 3rd Sundays:

Yinnar: Mass: 10.30 am

2nd and 4th Sundays:

Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

### 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

### Co-operating Churches of Churchill

Rev. Marilyn Obersby

Williams Avenue,

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Tel: 5122 1480

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Maple Crescent, Churchill.

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# The 2012 RACV Great Victorian Bike Ride is coming to Latrobe City

The RACV Great Victorian Bike Ride is coming to Latrobe City  
 Gippsland is the feature of this year's RACV Great Victorian Bike Ride starting from Lakes Entrance on Saturday November 24 and arriving in Latrobe City on November 27. Traralgon will host the day stay activities on Wednesday November 28.

A long established and successful event, the RACV Great Victorian Bike Ride has been running annually since 1984. The event celebrates 29 years in 2012. A format of 8 days of cycling and 1 rest day, this ride is well established as a camping based cycling holiday, with participants cycling through regional Victoria from town to town each day, and the campsite moving daily.

Latrobe City mayor, Councillor Ed Vermeulen, said that the Bike Ride was a hugely popular tourism based, social cycling holiday that attracted people from all age brackets, backgrounds and riding abilities.

"Whilst the target market for the ride is primarily people who own bikes, the appeal of the event is such that it regularly attracts 4000 to 5000 riders as well as an astonishing 500 or more volunteers.

Add to that the visitors who come to witness the spectacle and you can imagine just how big the Great Victorian Bike Ride is. For Latrobe City to host several days of the route is terrific. The economic boost, the potential for tourism opportunities and the vast influx of visitors will put our municipality firmly

in the spotlight," Cr Vermeulen said.

"We will be working with our local schools, community, sporting and business groups to leverage off any opportunities to provide additional activities and services for the riders. We want to ensure that the riders and their entourage have a great experience whilst in Latrobe City.

Latrobe City's events team is compiling a program of activities and events with Bicycle Network Victoria to enhance the riders' experience, and is looking to engage interested parties who would like to be involved in this year's activities. An Expression of Interest form is available on Council's website," Cr Vermeulen explained.

"We are delighted that the bike ride will come through our region and over the coming months will be planning to make sure Latrobe City is the highlight in the ride," Cr Vermeulen concluded.

To download an Expression of Interest form visit [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Events/Events/gvbr2012](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Events/Events/gvbr2012) and submit it to Tara Donegan, Events Officer Latrobe City Council by email [events@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:events@latrobe.vic.gov.au) by April 30, 2012. For further information phone 1300 367 700.



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Samantha creates an ambient atmosphere, and encourages the small group of participants who are supportive of each other and who range in ages from

8 years old. There is room for more though. These classes are open to all age groups and both male and female.

One of the young participants regards yoga as "pretty good."

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## Emergency Services grants on offer

Almost \$12 million is on offer to emergency services groups for the purchase of vital resources such as rescue equipment, trucks and facility upgrades, Deputy Premier and Member for Gippsland South, Peter Ryan said today

Mr Ryan said the Victorian Government's \$11.95 million Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program was offering grants of up to \$100,000 to ensure local volunteers are equipped to respond to emergencies and natural disasters.

"Emergency services volunteers play a crucial role in protecting lives and property, and the Victorian Government is pleased to provide record funding to boost the capability of local volunteers to respond to emergencies," Mr Ryan said.

"From surf lifesavers to fire fighters, our volunteers are the backbone of Victoria's emergency services, so we want to ensure they have the best equipment available to help them carry on their vital work.

By committing more money for equipment and upgrades than ever

before, the Government is ensuring our emergency services have the resources they need to continue their vital work for the community."

Mr Ryan said the grants may be used to pay for upgrades to group facilities or for the equipment needed to assist in emergencies, such as trucks, trailers and generators.

"The VESEP will also contribute \$2 for every \$1 of funding raised by local volunteer groups," Mr Ryan said.

The VESEP grants program is open to members of the Country Fire Authority, Victoria State Emergency Service, Life Saving Victoria, the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association and other eligible volunteer groups.

Each agency will distribute specific guidelines on selection criteria, application forms and about application lodgement dates to its members and applications will be assessed by a panel of representatives from government and emergency services organisations.

Further information is available from [www.justice.vic.gov.au](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au), or email [vesep@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:vesep@justice.vic.gov.au).

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## Major Wendy Jeffrey ANZAC Day Speech 2012



Major Wendy Jeffrey was the guest speaker at both the Yinnar and Morwell ANZAC

Day celebrations.

As 2012 is the 70th Anniversary of the formation of the Australian Women's Land

Army, it was appropriate that a woman from the armed services be the speaker.

Here follows Wendy's speech.

"Firstly thankyou to the Morwell RSL for inviting me to be your guest speaker for ANZAC Day 2012, I am very humbled and honoured to be here today as I have the utmost respect and admiration for the work that the Morwell RSL does for the Veterans, their families and the Community.

I thought that it was very fitting to have a female Service member, specifically Army, speak to you all, on the 70th Anniversary of the establishment, in 1942, of the Australian Women's Land Army.

On this day, in the darkness, before dawn, the ANZACs stormed ashore in a place now known as ANZAC cove.

It was our first major contribution to the world as a nation. 2000 ANZACs were dead by the end of that day, but through perseverance, courage and comradeship they held their ground.

It was certainly a baptism of fire. The campaign lasted another 8 months, until the 35,000 ANZACs remaining were evacuated. We should never forget the deeds, courage and fortitude of these original ANZACs. For example at Lone Pine where in just over two days, from August 6, 1915, seven Victoria Crosses were awarded for valour to Australians. They established a tradition and national pride that we should be proud to follow.

Today is more than a commemoration of a battle. It is the celebration of two nations and an enduring relationship between

them. While it commemorates the feats of their soldiers, this day belongs to the Australian and New Zealand people, not merely our armies.

A number of questions come to mind, Why is the term ANZAC and ANZAC Day so well-known nation-wide? And what does the term ANZAC mean? Historians would answer you with a complicated battle plan that ultimately ended in tragedy. To me that is not the sole meaning of ANZAC Day and the legend that is the ANZAC. It resides in everyone in their spirit and imagination and to quantify the terms would not be giving them justice.

Australians are bred tough and the term ANZAC immediately brings with it the term sacrifice and the values courage, compassion and love for your fellow man, all values that we all carry within us and learn from an early age. That is why age does not weary it.

Among a people who pride themselves on being hard-bitten and sceptical this day inspires a sense of the sacred. It is partly patriotic, partly religious in its observance of sacrifice.

Nothing better expresses the Military ethos than the thousands of lone monuments in nearly every town and suburb in Australia. Generally, the local memorial consists of a single soldier resting on arms reversed. He is a humble melancholy figure almost smaller than life.

It is almost as if we, as Australians do not like to fuss too much over heroics. Our national icon is literally a little battler.

I think that speaks volumes of our character as Australians and makes me proud to stand here today, in the distinctive slouch hat of the Australian soldier made famous by those young men who landed at ANZAC cove.

Many would go further to say that in the furnace that was

Gallipoli, and on the Western Front, Australia's soldiers forged the Australian Nation.

In an age in which, sadly, war was seen as a proving ground for National character, it was their bravery and tenacity that moved Banjo Paterson in 1916 to write;

'Now we know what Nations know and feel what Nations Feel'.

Published as an Open letter to the troops at The Dardanelles, 1915.

Indeed, I see that ANZAC Day goes from strength to strength each year. The pilgrimages to the shores of Gallipoli of thousands of Aussies and Kiwis, bears testimony to how much this day means to all of us, young and old.

Today we are the inheritors of their legacy, while many years have passed and much has changed, the essential nature of the Australian Soldier has not changed.

The author Peter Pedersen reminds us of this : 'The Diggers ended the war with the same qualities as they began it, initiative, resilience, a rough humour concealing an inner nobility, disrespectful of authority in its outward forms and, above all, loyalty to mates'.

The Anzacs: Gallipoli to the Western Front

As once again on ANZAC Day we say 'Lest We Forget', let us remember not only the courage, the toughness, the resourcefulness and the loyalty to their mates of the Australian soldiers who made history at Gallipoli, but the same qualities that have been displayed by future generations of Australian soldiers, who have carried forward their legacy with pride and distinction in all manner of conflicts which followed.

And finally as our young men and women again link arms in harm's way, let us offer our prayers and hopes that they return to us safe, their duty done.

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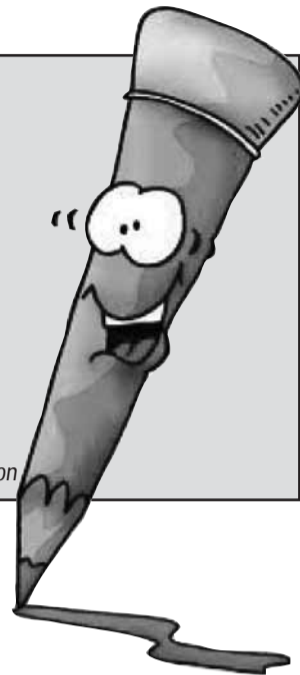
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Entry forms and conditions are available online at www.cdnews.com.au

## Categories

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5. Children's 11 - 13 yrs Poetry (illustrations welcome).
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7. 14 - 18 yrs Poetry.
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\*Categories 1 - 5 will include prizes for best illustration and best presentation



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12. The Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
13. Signing of the entry form for this competition constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry.

### Entries can be mailed to:

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**Closing Date: 22 June 2012**

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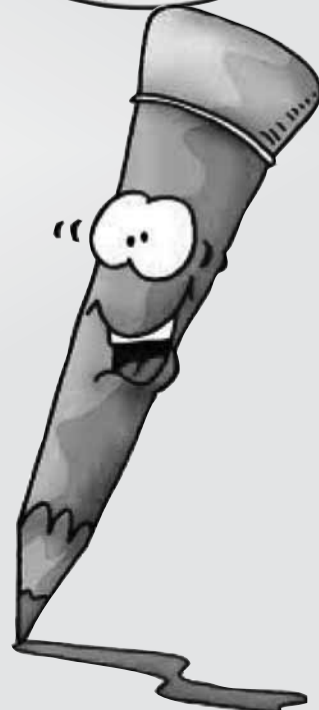
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# Churchill and District Community Association - something for everyone



By Margaret Guthrie

Our April meeting was packed with matters of interest....items ranging from support for Churchill Bowls Club to a proposal for a Tourist Radio station were on the agenda.

There were reports and discussion on the progress of the Town Centre Plan, including the 'East Link' master planning, Walker Parade Reserve and Hazelwood Pondage caravan park, photos of Churchill for use by Council at the Regional Living Expo in Melbourne, a new website for CDCA and much more. 'Town Safety' is a standing agenda item at our Committee meetings. Sgt Phil den Houting from Churchill Police station attended our April meeting and was able to offer informative advice on some of the processes and problems police encounter when dealing with offenders.

He stressed the importance of calling 000 to report crime, as this ensures that the report is logged, followed up and provides hard evidence of the need for police resources in Churchill.

Cr Darrell White was also present and contributed

to discussions on various matters, particularly support for the Churchill Bowls Club and the registration of current Churchill Place Names with VicNames. A number of Churchill's best known features, including many of our parks and reserves, are not actually 'registered' names and so CDCA is pursuing their registration through Council.

The Committee also discussed possible guest speakers/presenters for our Annual General Meeting (August) and our next General Meeting/Open Forum (June). Look out for our advertisements in future editions of the Churchill News. It may just be that our local MP, Russell Northe, will be our 'guest chair' in June.

Contact CDCA by writing to us at PO Box 191, sChurchill, email mgcdca@hotmail.com or phone 5122 2997.

CDCA Committee meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Observers are welcome. Our May meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 23, 7pm in Studio 1, Churchill Hub, Philip Parade.



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Proceeds are for restoration work by the Walhalla Heritage and Development League.

# Lions Club Report

BY Sam Gillett

Over the last month, the Lions Club have been outside Morwell Bunnings and Churchill Shopping Centre, fundraising. The money they collected went towards numerous charity groups.

The Lions Club was also involved in supporting the Latrobe Regional Hospital with their 'Run for your life' campaign. This year's fun run, the hospital's second, saw \$30,000 raised. The Lions Club will continue helping the Latrobe Regional Hospital as they plan to donate money for a new cardiogram.

The Lions Club have supported Camp Quality with a family day near Erica and Rawson. The day helps

families connect and bond with other people in the same situation they're in. They are actively looking for sponsorship and support to raise money to keep the program running.

The Lions Club is currently planning an escapade for the children. Last year, \$1.5million was raised from around Australia to support this.

For further information or to donate, you can send your mail to:

Churchill Lions Club  
PO Box 110  
Churchill 3842



# Churchill Gardening Group

Winter vegetables are on the move. Some gardeners have cabbage, cauliflower, and broccoli quite advanced by now. But we can continue planting these well into winter along with carrots, turnips, swedes, onions, beetroot, lettuce and all the Asian greens as well.

The reward with Asian greens is that they grow and mature very quickly and are delicious in stir-fries and salads. Some of these include Chinese cabbage, bok choy, pak choy, tatsoi and mizunna.

We still need to be as industrious in the Asian greens garden as in the more traditional vegetable garden. Lots of love and attention need to be given to weeding, fertilising and looking out for white cabbage moth, slugs and snails, etc.

Some gardeners I know are still picking beautiful tomatoes, but mine are not good at all. My melons were lovely though.

This month I thought I would suggest to you the beauty of salvias and perennials for the flower garden and borders, and if you have the room, large sweeping borders.

As you get older bending, weeding and digging get very difficult. These are beautiful plants which mainly only need to be cut back to just above ground level each winter before growing again, rewarding you through spring and summer or well into the autumn with a beautiful display of colour.

Of course during the winter, after cut back time, you can split and divide and extend your own garden or share and exchange with friends.

This is the true meaning of the word gardener.



Some plants you could consider are:

Salvias. There are so many of these, all beautiful. There is a full range of colours and bi-colours. They can be up to three metres high or low and bushy. They grow easily from cuttings and can be distinguished by the square stems.

Achilleas or Yarrow. Lovely shades of colours, creams through to pinks, reds and rusty and orange autumn shades. They have attractive grey-green fern-like foliage and the more

modern hybrids tend to clump more than spread. The older varieties do need more control.

Agastaches. Commonly called Hummingbird Mint, it is a particular favourite of mine. They come in beautiful pinks and copper colours.

The above plants are bird friendly and drought tolerant.

Aster (Michelmas Daisy) These are long flowering Easter daisies (all types and colours) which are native to Turkey, but love Australian summers. Choose short ones for the front of the border and tall ones further in.

There are hundreds of others to choose from and in between all these perennials you could plant bulbs so that they can be popping up and showing off while your perennials are cut back and resting.

Just a few of my gardening thoughts; so until next month, cheerio.

## Lifeline Gippsland's Annual Book Sale Is On Again!!! Bigger and Better

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## Latrobe Learner Driver Program

Nationals Member for Morwell, Russell Northe, announced the Latrobe Community L2P program will be continuing for another three years in the Latrobe Valley at the programs' 2012 launch today.

Mr Northe said the Latrobe Community L2P – learner driver mentor program is one of many working with VicRoads to provide communities with the resources needed to assist disadvantaged learners to become safer drivers.

Mr Northe said the Latrobe Community L2P Program has also recently received a share of \$10.5 million program funding boost to continue their work to encourage safe and responsible driving.

"We know that learners who complete 120 hours of supervised on-road driving experience have a 30 per cent lower crash rate for the first two years on their P-plates, compared with those who have only 50 hours of practice," Mr Northe said.

"However some young learners in the community simply do not have access to a vehicle or supervising driver to achieve the 120 hours practice required. This program addresses that issue."

The Latrobe Community L2P program was launched with the help of VicRoads and offers support to learners preparing to sit their probationary licence test. Each learner is paired with a trained supervising driver and provided with access to a vehicle to clock up 120 hours of on-road driving experience.

"The Latrobe Community L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program is a fantastic initiative, and I have the great privilege of chairing the local steering committee," said Mr Northe.

"It aims to reduce road trauma trends associated

with young people, through the provision of structured, supervised driver practice in accordance with VicRoads requirements.

Furthermore, the objective is to increase equity of opportunity through specific resourcing and better prepare disadvantaged young people to attain the 120 hours of driving experience necessary for them to obtain their Probationary Drivers Licence."

Latrobe Community L2P Project Worker, Jennifer Murray, said the program is open to young people aged 16 to 20 years who reside in the Latrobe municipality.

"There are many young people in our community who face difficulties in accessing the support and resources they need to achieve the 120 hours of driving experience required for obtaining their probationary drivers licence. Through recruiting and training volunteers from the local community to become supervising drivers, the L2P program ensures these young people receive the support they need to get their licence, while at the same time advocating safe and lawful driving practice. The matching of the volunteer and learner driver also promotes a positive mentoring relationship encouraging connectedness with the local community."

Mr Northe said the L2P program is delivered by VicRoads through local councils and community groups to ensure disadvantaged community members have the chance to practice for their probationary licence test.

"The L2P program is highly valued by the communities in which it operates, providing young people with the opportunity to get their licence and the freedom to access work and education opportunities.

Recent focus groups revealed many L2P participants believed their driving behaviour had improved since joining the program. They no longer participate in unlicensed or dangerous driving and discourage this behaviour in their friends," Mr Northe said.

There are currently 55 L2P programs in operation across 60 local government areas throughout the state, providing 11,000 hours of practice per quarter. The program has assisted over 250 learners to get their licence, with a further 1,120 learners on the road. The program is run by VicRoads and funded by the Transport Accident Commission (TAC).

If you would like further information about the Latrobe L2P Program, please contact Jennifer Murray: L2P Project Manager at Berry Street Gippsland on 03 5134 5971.

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# Friends of Morwell National Park – Grand Strzelecki Track

## Sunday 15 April

At this month's activity we had 12 walkers in attendance.

We got quickly into the walk since we had a distance to travel.

We noticed that the track had been greatly improved with the track widened.

The first half of the track is vehicle width with the second half being a normal walking track.

On the walk we saw a wedge tail eagle, cormorant and herd of cows.

Many deer tracks were found in the mud upon the tracks.

It was good to see that spraying of some weeds has occurred along the track.

Hopefully native vegetation will take its place.

The second half of the track will need repeated spraying.

There are willows, ragwort and tutsan that need to be sprayed or removed.

Over the walk we removed a number of tutsan and collected a bag of berries.

The part of the track we walked included 29 creek crossings.

During the walk Ken made a plant inventory of the different plants and insects he located along the track.

## May Activity

### Sunday 20 May

*Note: this is a change from the original calendar*

This month you have a choice between two activities:

#### Activity 1

In this activity we will work with the FNCV Fungi Group to complete a fungi survey at Mount Worth State Park.

Meet at Moonlight Creek Picnic area (Mount Worth) at 10.30am. The activity is expected to finish around 3pm.

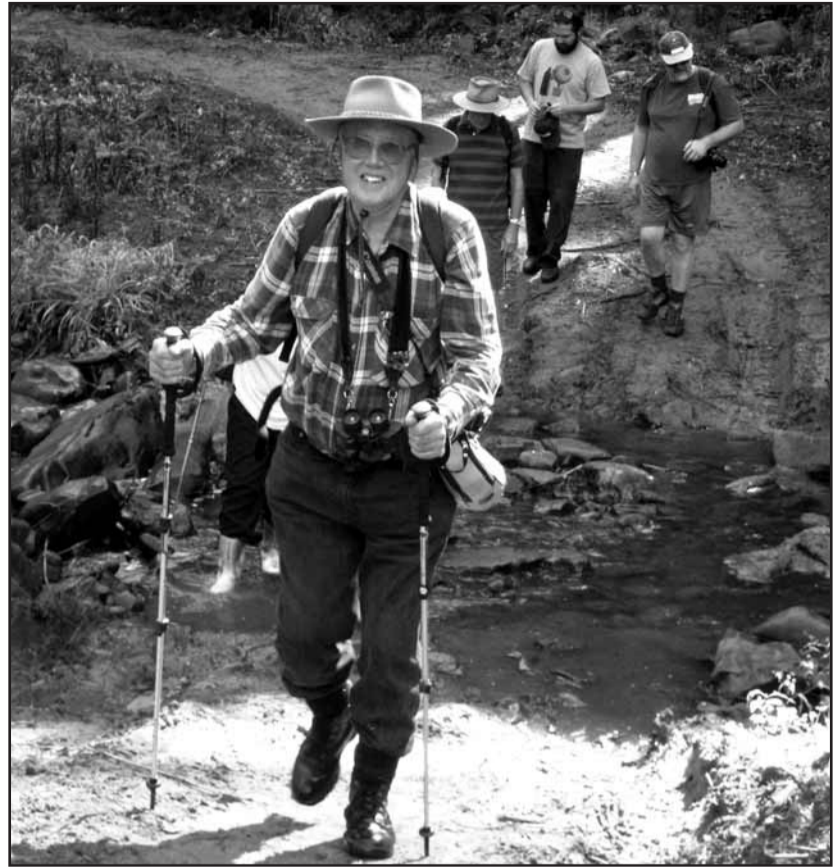
You will need to bring your lunch and clothing suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

#### Activity 2

If you are not going to look for fungi you can meet at 10.00am at the Junction Road car park to erect some more nesting boxes. John has completed a number of bat boxes which were originally donated by GippsTAFE.

These bat boxes will be erected along with completing some repairs on some of the existing boxes.

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



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# Open Gardens at Hazelwood North

Owners of Raesowna Park, Ken and Alice Rae, welcomed around 240 visitors to the property over the weekend of May 5 and 6 as part of the Australian Open Garden Scheme.

The weather was much improved on the previous few days, and people could wander around the extensive gardens planted over eight acres, or sit on the house deck and enjoy a Devonshire tea.

Ken and Alice were kept busy warmly welcoming those who came from near and far, answering the questions of many of the visitors.

A photo of the property before the garden was begun which showed a cow paddock, surprised

the viewers as it is hard to imagine that it was once just that- a cow paddock with a hay shed.

Ken and Alice received many positive comments both verbally and written in the visitors book.

One of the features of the garden which took everyone's eye was the lipstick maple which was in a flourish of vivid autumn colours

The Co-operating Churches in Churchill provided a sausage sizzle, jams, pickles and plants for sale, while the Jeeralang North Hall Committee provided a delicious range of cakes, slices and biscuits to tempt the buyer.

Both these groups were very pleased to be able to share in the days, meet a lot of delightful

people and gain some funds in the process.

Their thanks go to Ken and Alice for their invitation to be part of the proceedings

Lorraine and Les from Locksport brought their extensive range of garden ornaments which they make themselves, and knick knacks which were a source of much interest from all age groups.

A next door neighbour who plays the bagpipes, walked around the garden playing well known tunes.

Dressed in his green tartan kilt he made a striking figure against the autumn colours of the garden.



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## New Sign Unveiled in Mathison Park



About twenty invited guests gathered near Hare House in Mathison Park for the unveiling of the new sign explaining the history of the house and the underground tanks.

Among the guests were Latrobe City Councillors, Mayor Ed Vermeulen and Darrell White and Parks and Reserves Officer Simon Clarke.

Simon began the proceedings by thanking the guests for coming on this important occasion.

He invited the Mayor to say a few words.

Ed Vermeulen acknowledged that Mathison Park has had a varied history as agricultural land, Department of Housing land and finally as a public open space managed by Mathison Park Advisory Committee under Latrobe City Council.

He spoke of the value added to the area by the work of the committee, saying that the park had become an area frequented by visitors to walk, run, fish and enjoy the surrounds and the facilities provided.

Referring to the sign, Ed said it was a valuable addition to the park, giving people an insight into the past history of the area.

Ed thanked Rob de Souza-Daw for providing the text and photos, and Sharon Harrup for the design of the sign.

Then together Ed and Darrell unveiled the sign to applause.

Darrell then asked those gathered to give a brief account of

their reason for being present.

Among the guests were family members who had spent some time at or visiting the farm, Rob de Souza-Daw and Sharon Harrup, Jo Montano, who had restored the underground tanks and his daughter, Margaret Guthrie representing the Churchill and District Community Association and members of the Mathison Park Advisory Committee and Friends of Mathison Park.

Following the unveiling, guests were invited to return to the picnic shelter for a delicious morning tea supplied by the committee.

During that time the guests were asked to give their thoughts on the sign.

Sharon Harrup said she thought the sign looked great where it was placed and that it had come up well.

She enjoyed doing the work as she had learnt a lot about the area.

Adrian Beaton is Cyril Hare's grandson. He visited the farm when he was a child. For him it was good to see that it was still in place and that Cyril's legacy was living on.

Dianne Harle thought the sign was lovely. She was Cyril Hare's granddaughter who had lived at the farm from when she was ten months old until she was seven.

For Dianne it was a happy time and a good place to be.

Dianne said she appreciated everyone's efforts to erect the sign

Her husband Don accompanied her and he has been in the area

since 1958 and had noticed many changes.

Jo Montano thought the sign was beautiful. He said he had been happy to use his bricklayer skills obtained in Italy to re-create the tanks.

He remarked that in 30-40 years the park would be even more wonderful.

Russ Hare is also a grandson of the original Hare family.

His memories of the old house are vague he acknowledged, but he can remember playing in the shed with the old machinery, and fishing in the creek before the lake was formed.

The creek ran all year round then he said. Ferreting on the hill of Mackey's Road, in the sand pit which was full of rabbits, was another vivid memory.

Darrell White called the sign's erection a great achievement, and the unveiling a momentous occasion, saying it is great to acknowledge the history of the area.

Darrell said that in talking to the guests he had found that they all appreciated the opportunity to participate and see the outcome created.

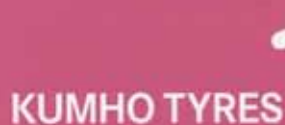
For Darrell the connectivity exhibited in the group attending was very significant, with family members, the designer and contributor of text, Latrobe City Councillors and staff, and committee members and friends combining to celebrate this part of our history.



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# Mathison Park says thank you to Churchill Fire Brigade



### Safe burning of rubbish piles

The Mathison Park Advisory Committee and Friends of Mathison Park would like to publically thank the Churchill Fire Brigade members who safely burnt two of the piles of prunings in the park recently.

We are very grateful for this help and appreciate this partnership.

### Breathing apparatus training session

The Morwell Group of Fire Brigades recently held a Breathing Apparatus (BA) Training Session at the old Pooh Corner at Monash University.

Pooh Corner is now used as a storage facility.

The rooms were filled with smoke using a smoke machine and two bodies (dummies, one at 70kgs) were planted. Specific equipment was also secreted

in various places.

The fire brigade members with BA equipment were sent into the facility in pairs to locate the bodies and find the specified equipment.

This training is undertaken on a six monthly basis to ensure trained members maintain their skills. The session was very successful. The brigade wishes to thank Monash University for their permission to use the facility.

The brigades which took part were Boolarra, Churchill, Hazelwood North and Morwell.

### Smoke detector checks.

It is not too late to contact the fire brigade to have your smoke detectors checked if you are a senior citizen. Just call Ruth on 5122 1961 and it will be arranged.



# Hazelwood House Happenings



Left: Bill Newton who celebrated his birthday with residents and staff at the hostel.



Below: Georgie McGlade who celebrated her birthday with family, residents and staff at the hostel.



Above: A big thank you to Bob who visited our residents and resided his poetry and talked about his life growing up in New Zealand.

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## Busy workers at Mathison Park

A warm Saturday enabled the Committee members and Friends of Mathison Park to achieve some good outcomes at the working bee.

The overhanging branches along the pathways through the plantation alongside the concrete pathway which lead to Kurnai College were removed to make it easier for the mowing and for people to walk through these trees and enjoy

the bush and bird life.

Fallen branches and broken branches in the corner near the bridge on the concrete pathway were cleared to some extent.

The bed along the Eel Hole Creek pathway had part of the weed mat removed and the weeds cut down. The bed across the bridge from the old house had all the weed mat removed and the weeds cut down.

Both beds now look more presentable.



## Valley Tyres supports Jane McGrath Foundation

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tyre fitter day.

The pink shirts were this year displayed out the front of their business in Princes Drive Morwell. The money raised from the shirts goes to the Jane McGrath Foundation.

Jane McGrath's dying wish was that every breast cancer sufferer should have a cancer care nurse available to them.

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## Living Below the Line

MUGSU student initiative by Peter Russell and Natasha Cooper

I'm Pete Russell, MUGSU's Education Vice President, having participated in the Living Below the Line challenge and living on only \$2 a day for food this week, I found it quite the challenge in stretching funds & food to get by, surviving on the basics like noodles, rice & lentils for a week was both boring and energy zapping.

Realising that many students have to get by on extremely little funds and often having no idea how to cook or shop to a budget (or lack thereof), gave me an idea, let's create a cheap & healthy cook book with example meal plans, showing students that it's possible to get by, in a healthy way, on a tight budget. That's why, together with MUGSU's Welfare Director, Natasha Cooper, we're putting the call out to our local community to ask for help in creating a cheap & healthy booklet, if you're interested please submit one of your favourite cheap & healthy recipes to [union@monash.edu](mailto:union@monash.edu) by May 25th.

We'll collate all the recipes into a booklet, and put together some meal plans which show what it costs to shop for and create healthy meals for a week, and also make them available online via our website [www.mugsu.org.au](http://www.mugsu.org.au). If you're interested in participating or would like to discuss this further, email us via [union@monash.edu](mailto:union@monash.edu).



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## Kurnai College Junior Campus

### Anzac Day

The Junior Campus was very much involved with the ANZAC Day activities.

For a week and a half, leading up to ANZAC Day, representatives of the Student Representative Council (SRC), sold ANZAC Day badges, wrist bands and other items.

The students at the school were very generous in their support.

This project also fulfilled the SRC's aim to be more involved with the community.

On ANZAC Day, School Captains Emma Telford, Hayden Stephen, and Vice Captain Katelin Lugton, laid a wreath at the Yinnar ANZAC Day ceremony.

These young people represented the school very favourably. Principal Nello Carbone proudly said he was congratulated on the student's appearance and the way they conducted themselves.

Nello went on to say that young people today are showing greater interest in the ANZAC Day story and are more willing to learn about it and be involved with the activities of the day.

They accept that Australia was, and is involved in wars and want to know more.

### Attitudes to School Survey

The annual Attitudes to School Surveys have been sent home with the students.

The school is required to do this to obtain feedback from the students about how they perceive the school is performing, in areas like classes they attend, if the teachers are helpful and the work is interesting and engaging, aspects of time in the school yard and whether they feel safe at school.

The school uses this feedback to guide its' improvement agenda.

If the school sees there are significant areas of concern, resources are allotted to the targeted area.

### Naplan Testing

This was carried out between Monday 15- Wednesday May 17, for all Year 7 and 9 students.

It compares Kurnai with State wide results. Good information is provided which is useful to allow the school to judge how it is operating.

## Gippsland Education Precinct

### Anzac Day

#### Involvement

Student leaders from the Gippsland Education Precinct took part in the ANZAC Day parades at both Yinnar and Morwell. Kurnai students from the Australian Air Force Cadets Flight 424 Squadron also took part.

More photos are on page 9 of this paper of Kurnai and GEP at the ANZAC Parade.



## Boolarra Primary School

### Cerebral Palsy Fundraising

Following a talk at assembly by Ms Tina Larrad about the great work that is done at the Cerebral Palsy Education Centre (CPEC), our Junior School Council chose this as a good cause to support.

To this end they staged an out of uniform day and collected donations and sold icy-poles all term and hotdogs on the last day of term. In total they raised \$150 for CPEC, which was a great effort.

### Aussies of the Month

This important award was presented to Jemma Napier in February for being such a conscientious Junior School Council Representative. In March it went to Jazmin Carroll for the care and consideration she routinely shows to others.

### Autism Awareness Week

Our Junior School Council decided to raise awareness about Autism during the first week of this term. This was kicked off brilliantly when one of our parents, Gabrielle Anderson spoke at assembly about her son Ethan's journey.

We all learnt a great deal. During Personal Development classes the 3/4s and the 5/6s worked as a team to develop a shared response to explain why we had this special week. The

3/4s' response was: "We have Autism Awareness Week so kids with autism can have friends and be happy, so people don't think having autism is retarded, so we can learn more about autism and so we can raise money to help kids who have autism".

The 5/6s came up with "To help raise money for people that need assistance with their learning.

There are many people in the world with autism, including 2 people at our school. Approximately 1 in 50 people are diagnosed with autism so people need to be aware of it". We're not sure how valid the 1 in 50 statistic cited by the 5/6s is, but they certainly showed a good understanding of some of the issues. To conclude the week we held an out of uniform "Blue Day" and collected donations; everyone was very generous. The proceeds raised through icy-pole sales will also go to this good cause until mid May.

### 5/6 Urban Camp

Our Grade 5/6s recently undertook a three day visit to Melbourne with the students from Thorpdale and Narracan Primary Schools. During their visit they experienced the metropolitan public transport system 1st hand travelling to places such as the Shrine of Remembrance, the State Museum, the Aquatic

Centre, the MCG, the Old Melbourne Gaol, Parliament House and the Victoria Market, amongst other attractions. A fabulous time was had learning more about the history and features of our state capital city and making new friends. Our camp coordinator Ms Tammy Estcourt was extremely impressed with our students' behaviour throughout this adventure.

### Outdoor Education Review

Our camping program involves expense for our parents and lots of extra work and responsibility, not to mention unpaid over-time, for our teachers.

However the benefits our students obtain in building their social skills, making new friends, fostering their independence and bringing learning alive are deemed to make this worthwhile. For several years we have followed the same program. This year we'll look at our camping program and decide if it is still in the best interest of our students. After the 3/4s Allambee Camp, which is scheduled for later in term 2, we will



seek input from everyone on whether we need to make any changes.

### A Taste of Tennis

Mr. Andrew Peavey is providing tennis lessons for all our students each Monday throughout term 2. Andrew is a talented tennis coach and has a lovely friendly approach that ensures everyone enjoys his sessions as they develop their tennis skills.

### Cross Country Running

Our grade 3-6s will be building their fitness levels and their endurance running skills as they participate in our cross country run along the beautiful Boolarra Rail trail this month. Our strongest runners will then go on to compete in the Yinnar and District cross county run in Churchill, if they are successful at this level they will run in the Zone final. For some of our enthusiastic runners this will probably be the highlight of the school year.



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## Hazelwood North Primary School

### Anzac Day

On Wednesday April 25 at the Morwell RSL, Libby, Mrs Rock and Thomas went to the Anzac Day Parade and wreath laying at 11:30am.



First at about 11:30 we started the parade and walked down a road with other schools and scouts. After the parade we all lined up in a circle around the statue and started to lay the wreaths around the statue. Les called people with wreaths over the microphone and we would lay a wreath. We were the last ones to place the wreath next to the statue.

Then after that we did three anthems/songs. They were 'God Save the Queen', the 'New Zealand National Anthem' and 'Advance Australia Fair'.

When we had finished that, we were allowed to have lunch at the RSL or go straight home. We thought it was different because it was our first time.

By Libby and Thomas

### Cooking

On April 16 the 5/6's had a cooking day where we cooked different foods from around Australia. We read a book called Possum Magic. Then the 5/6's were put into 5 groups to cook

and then we went into the cooking room.

The 5/6's cooked steak and salad, Anzac biscuits, Vegemite sandwiches, Pavlova, Lamingtons, Tuna Mornay and pumpkin scones. We also ate Minties.



Then 5/6's tried the fantastic food that we made to eat. We thought the day was fun because we got to cook and everybody went away with smiles on their faces.

By Drew and Jordan.

### Life Education Van

On Wednesday April 18 the 5/6's went in the Life Ed van. We learnt about the good drugs and the bad drugs. Some of the good drugs were medicines, like Panadol and antibiotics and a little bit of caffeine, like chocolate and cola. Some of the bad drugs were, magic mushrooms and ice.

We also learnt about convincing others, because if we were going to go somewhere we wanted, and then your friend came along and he/she wanted to go somewhere else, you will be likely to go with them. So we did an activity where we faced the person next to us and tried to convince them to egg a new kid's house (pretend). What people said was "I have a doctor's appointment" or "I have homework" and another one was "I don't want to get in trouble".

After that we did another activity where we had to pick an

item out of the bag that our teacher was holding, and we had to put it on the drug or non- drug wall. Some of the items were cigarettes, chocolate, energy drinks and medicines.

When we finished all of the activities Harold came out and said some jokes and gave us stickers.

We all had a fun time in the Life Ed van and we can't wait for next year.

By Emily and Sarah.



### Sports Day

On April 20, Grade 5 6's had a sports day at the Churchill Leisure Centre with Thorpdale, run by Monash University students.

The 5's and 6's were put into four groups because they had to play different kinds of sports, which were football, soccer, netball and basketball. It was a challenge for some students because they hadn't played some of the sports before.

The students are doing these activities for 5 weeks. Each week the students will be practising their sports for the last week because they have a game.

It is a great way to make new friends and learn new sports. We are enjoying it.

By Bella and Shaynia

## Churchill Primary School

The holidays and Easter went very fast and it was straight back into the term on April 16. The teachers had a day of planning and meetings.

The students went back on Tuesday April 17.

The Grade 5/6 students went to Sovereign Hill Camp after just one day back at school after the school holidays.

Here are some of their memories about camp.

### Camp

On April 18, Grade 5/6 went off to camp. It took around three hours to get there.

As soon as we got there, we put our bags away. Some of the activities we did were: we went underground, we dressed up and Hannah, Rebecca and I were police.

Rachael, Hayley H, Shannon and other girls were wives and ladies. We went to the lookout in the morning and we got photos with Jo and Mrs Gilmore.

We watched a house go on fire at the end. We got to see men making lollies and after we watched that I got a gold koala. We got to see the Welcome Nugget that was very big.

After that we went gold panning. Damon found the biggest piece of gold. I found some gold but not much. I got a horse shoe with my name on it.

We got to watch a show called Red Robin Hood and there were some other things that happened, but my favourite was the food. It was the best.

By Hayley Scott.

### Sovereign Hill Camp

On April 18 at 7:30a.m, most Grade 5's and 6's gathered at the bus stop to go to Sovereign Hill camp.

To get to Ballarat it took three hours straight of sitting in a bus, except for one toilet stop.

When we arrived, everyone was so happy to stretch after such a long drive. We went and put our bags in the teachers' lounge and went to explore the wonderful town of Sovereign Hill.

The most exciting part of Sovereign Hill for me was gold panning and the lolly shop, Blood on the Southern Cross and the pantomime.

Gold panning was so much fun and very easy too. All you do is get a pan and shovel out some sand. You squish it around in water and repeat until you see gold.

The lolly shop was to die for. There was every lolly you could dream of. Blood on the Southern Cross was amazing. We would watch a movie and then move to another place and then another. On the first night we went to a pantomime.

It is a fairy tale but a funny version - in this case we watched Little Red Robin Hood. It was hilarious.

On the last day we got to wander around Sovereign Hill in groups but we had to meet at certain places at certain times.

The first place we got to meet was the confectionary store and we got to watch how to make lollies.

The lollies were the best lollies I have ever tasted.

The second place we had to meet was the café for lunch. After lunch we had about 20 minutes to look around the stores until we had to get on the bus.

Sovereign Hill was the best camp I have been on and I think what could have been better in my last year at Churchill Primary School than to go on this camp. I will never forget it.

By Hayley Huizer

### Sovereign Hill Camp

Finally CAMP! I've been waiting for the whole holidays for this. I got into the car and went to school. When I got there I saw all of my friends running to me. They started screaming and yelling "CAMP, CAMP, CAMP".

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## Churchill Primary School continued

### Sovereign Hill Camp continued.

I put my bag in and off we go. When we were in Melbourne I asked Tom if he wanted to play 'Donk, Spotto and Burger'. If you see a yellow number plate you say spotto and if you see a green car you say burger.

When we arrived we put our bags in a room and went to explore Sovereign Hill. It was so fascinating. When I bought an old style creamy-soda, I LOVED it! I even told Tom to buy one and he loved it as well. Then we went to see how they made gold and it looked so good.

Our next activity was gold panning. It was SO MUCH FUN but I didn't find any. But it was fun. After that, we went back and put our bags in our room. The rooms looked so clean that when we put our bags in we made it tidy.

After that we were playing hide and seek. But we got into trouble so what I did was write in my book and try to finish the BIGGEST crossword ever.

About half an hour later we got to play football in the front yard of the lodge. We were playing marks up. I wasn't any good at it.

When we went back into our rooms we got ready for dinner at the New York bakery. So I got changed, did my hair. (It looked cool!) I waited and waited then off we went, dinner time here I come.

We had rice with chicken and some bread and I LOVED it. The funniest thing was that Max was still eating and the waiter took his dinner when he was going to get more rice. Then came dessert - jelly and ice-cream.

So I ate the jelly with the ice-cream and I made a frozen yoghurt. It was AMAZING.

After that we went to see a play, well, two plays. One of them was a comedy and one of them was drama.

The drama was really fascinating. The comedy was even more FUNNY. The best part in the comedy was when Robin Hood fell. After that I just brushed my teeth and went to bed.

The next day we got up, cleaned our room and got ready for room inspection. And we were winning. Then.....we were losing. When we got out we went to breakfast and nothing was fun so I'll skip that.

About an hour later, we went to the candle making and it was cool. After that we went to Red Hill mine. And that was COOL!

When we stopped we went to have lunch. I had a sausage roll with a bottle of creamy-soda.

It took about 10 minutes just to finish the sausage roll.

Then we went to play old style bowling.

It was really hard just to push the bowling ball but it was worth it.

Then I got into trouble because I was pushing the balls too hard. After that, I had to prove that if I

could be good till tomorrow morning I got to walk with my friends.

When we got back, I heard that we have to go to Sovereign Hill.

I got in my warm clothes and we had dinner first at the New York bakery. I LOVED everything again. Then we went to watch 'Blood and the Southern Cross'. I was excited and I got in the train mobile.

It was like a train but with wheels on it. When we watched the show, it was very cool. After that we went and actually saw how it happened. And it was FREEZING.

After that I got ready for a shower, got into my P.J.'s then brushed my teeth and every time I brush my teeth, they bleed.

Anyway then we got into bed - waiting for the next chapter.

Ahhhh... last day at Sovereign Hill. We have to put our bags into the bus. But after brekky we had to go have fun by ourselves.

So Mr Mahoney gave me a chance and let me go. So I hung out with Max and Bradley and we went to bowling.

It was supa dupa fun. After that we saw Damon at gold panning. I was not good at it.

It was time to go but we had one more activity. We saw how they made lollies!

When they made them they gave us one and it was GOOD. But after that was time to go. We got in the bus and about three hours after that we arrived back at school. My mum was like, "Ahh! My baby boy is home". I was so embarrassed. The End

By Cain Iorangi

### Truck Awareness Program.

On April 23, a huge logging truck pulled up outside Churchill Primary School. The grades 3 -6 students were given a lesson on safe awareness around trucks. The program highlights to the students aspects of truck safety, such as that the truck driver cannot pull up as quickly as a car, and that a truck driver may not be able to see a person, especially if the truck is loaded.

A couple of lucky students got to go into the cabin and "be" the truck driver. The presenter, Paul Taylor, explored what the students knew about trucks, shows them a slide presentation outlining the hazards confronting truck drivers and the public around trucks, and the students also get to ask questions of the truck driver.

### Invitation to the Community

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program Launch.

To lead us in to Education week on

May 21- 26, Churchill Primary School invites the Community to share with us the Launch of SW PBS.

The Program revolves around the school's values and focuses on positive behaviour support, so that the majority of students who do the right thing all the time, are recognised and the few students who need to make some better choices get the help and strategies to choose more appropriate behaviours.

Our bee tickets reinforce positive behaviour and the students cash them in at our "beehive".

It is more than just rewards though, as we build a culture of Respect, Responsibility, Understanding and Being Our Best.

### Our Launch will happen on Friday May 18.

8:45 - 10:40: This is an Open day where parents, prospective parents and interested community members can visit the classrooms and see the school day in action.

10:40 - 11:15: Morning Tea  
11:15: Launch of the SWPBS.

Special guests and parents will be treated to some entertainment by the students and there will be some official presentations, as we launch the SW PBS at Churchill Primary School.

After this the "Beehive" will be open for the students to cash in their bee tickets.

This will end the day for parents and friends of the school but there is more for the students.

At 2:15 the students of the school will be involved in an anti-bullying musical run by Tony Bones. This presentation will focus on proactive strategies to prevent bullies having any power over others.

This show will round off a great day.



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# Churchill North Primary School

## Bluearth

Sarah Blythman has joined Churchill North Primary School in 2012 to train teachers in Bluearth. Sarah visits every fortnight on a Tuesday to coach teachers in running the Bluearth program.

Bluearth is a Victorian Education initiative that is not about winning or losing or being right or wrong.

Rather, through skilful guidance and questioning, a range of powerful messages are reinforced, such as;

honesty, fair play, consideration for others, cooperation, challenging oneself and quality of attention.

The Bluearth Program addresses the following critical areas of student development:

- \* Ability to concentrate and remain focussed on specific tasks
- \* Self confidence
- \* Cooperation
- \* Awareness of others
- \* A willingness to accept new challenges

\* Improving behaviour/choices  
"Sarah has lots and lots of fun games for us to play" said Blayke M from Grade 1/2 P. Tyler R from Grade 1/2P said "I like the core movement part".

Churchill North has recognised that PE is an integral part of the school curriculum with research showing that active and engaged children show improvements in learning.

## Junior Music Program at Churchill North

Music is being taught to students in the junior grades at Churchill North Primary School in 2012 by Mrs. Bonnici.

Students are enjoying exploring music through dance and literacy, and last term they learnt the recorder.

Students have recently added their own music to well-known children's books. Some of these stories included 'The Wonky-Donkey', 'Wombat Stew' and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.

Students love the opportunity to learn music appreciation and are about to start looking in detail at famous Australian songs and artists.

Because of the level of engagement by the students, Churchill North Primary School is investing significant amounts into musical instruments for the students, which, with the help of Mr. Bonnici, will be used to set up and run a school band.

## Multicultural Day!

On Thursday March 29, 2012 students at Churchill North Primary School participated in a Multicultural Day that was held at the school.

Students and teachers came dressed in costumes to represent a culture of their interest. Students worked in multi aged groups and rotated around different cultural activities. Students participated in Aboriginal Australian Dot Paintings, constructed Chinese Lanterns, Origami, decorated Flags of the Globe and practised the Maori Haka. "This was a wonderful event where students had the opportunity to explore and celebrate different cultures," said Principal, Debbie Edwards.

## FIBI Oceanic Youth Basketball Clinic

On April 18, Churchill North Primary School students from Grades 3-6 were lucky enough to be invited to attend the launch of the FIBI Oceanic Youth Basketball Games, which will be officially held in Churchill in November and December this year.

Students participated in a 2 hour basketball clinic, which was run by highly experienced state basketball coaches and other network coaches from Melbourne.

"The highlight of the day was students having the opportunity to

meet Belinda Snell (Australian basketball player). Belinda told students of her journey and persistence in working towards a goal and achieving success. "This was very inspirational for students," said Principal Debbie Edwards.

## Rising Soccer Champion at Churchill North P.S.

Emily Lugton, rising soccer champion, has recently competed in the National Football Championships for the Under 13 Girls, representing the Victorian Country team.

Emily has been playing soccer for 4 years; training 2 nights a week and playing on the weekends. During summer, Emily competed in the Gippsland Summer League, which consisted of 170 girls in total.

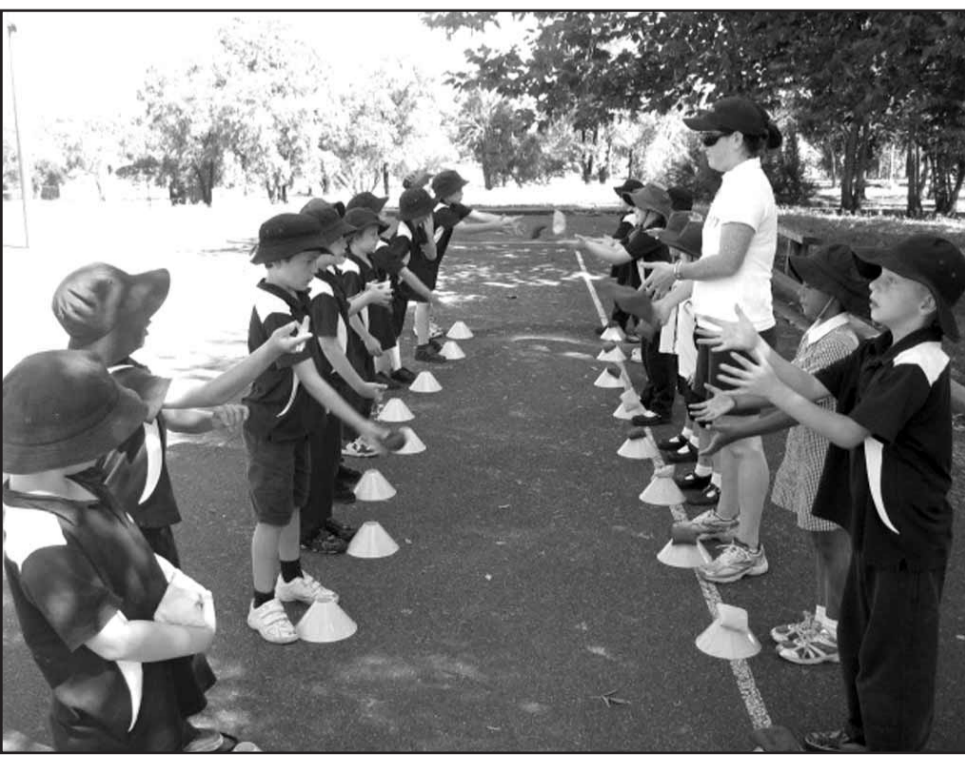
Whilst playing in the tournament, Emily, alongside 30 other girls, was selected by scouts to try out for the Victorian Country team.

Vigorous weeks of training in Melbourne included 4 hour training sessions.

Emily and 15 other girls were finally chosen to become part of the Victorian Country team and competed at the National Football Championships in Canberra in April.

The team played other teams from NSW, Tasmania and WA and won 2 games, drew 2 games and lost 1 game, finishing second in their section.

"I am very proud of Emily's efforts in being selected to this Victorian Junior Soccer team. This is a great achievement, one which she (Emily) worked extremely hard to achieve," said Principal Debbie Edwards.



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# Football

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## Yinnar South Primary School

### Yes we can!

Yinnar South Primary School wins the Yinnar and District Athletics Competition.

The look on the faces of the children when we were announced the winners told the story. I will never forget sharing that experience with them.

I had been so thrilled with the good sportsmanship and the 'have a go' attitude they had displayed all day. The children were congratulating and encouraging each other no matter how they had scored. The focus all day was on having fun and doing your best with the actual results not really the focus. The win was just the icing on the cake. Watching our new students' reaction to the win was priceless, they didn't even realise that there was an overall winner and they were so surprised and delighted. Everyone was so excited. I would like to thank Lynette and Kylie as they have been working with the children on the athletics program. I would also like to thank our children. They inspire me on a daily basis.

Katy (Principal)

### Yinnar South Primary School Playgroup

The new playgroup has started strongly with nine families attending so far. The hall is buzzing with activity and the sound of happy voices. The group is very friendly and new members are always welcome.

9.30am till 11.00am.

Please contact the school on (03) 5169 1540 if you have any queries.

### Sports Day

On Thursday eight schools went to the Yinnar Football Oval to compete for a trophy. The trophy is a wooden shield with tin in the middle. There were six events, discus, shot put, sprint, distance run, long jump and high jump. I went around to the events with the students from Churchill North Primary School.

The first event was a sprint. The next event was discus. I was very good at it. I came fourth in the distance run. I was good at high jump, but not as good in the long jump. I just missed the throw area in shot put and I didn't do the relay. In the end we won. They had to divide the scores by the number of students that we had to get an even score. We had the highest score out of the other seven schools. The best moment was when I was second in sprint. My favourite events were discus and shot put. I felt excited and happy. We were very supportive to other schools. The other schools were congratulating us when we won. The other schools were very supportive to us.

By Jacquie (Student)

### Languages Program (Chinese) – Yinnar South - Kurnai College linked project.

The Languages program has started and the children are just amazing. They learn so quickly. I am trying to keep up with them but..... I would like to thank Kurnai Secondary College for their support with this program.

York and Linda (our Chinese teachers) are really enjoying working with the students. They find their enthusiasm very rewarding. The students already know basic greetings. They can sing some songs, count past 20 (most to 99) and they know their colours. We are amazed by the results after one term's instruction. Imagine what they will be able to do by the time they progress to secondary college. It is fantastic that some of our parents have begun to join the classes.

### RSL Visit

Yinnar South would like to thank Ted and Paul from the RSL for their recent visit to the school. The visit has led to great discussions about the armed forces and brought the topic of Anzac Day to life. (Principal)

On Wednesday Paul and Ted from the RSL came to talk about the war. Paul had a presentation on the interactive whiteboard.

Paul showed us ships. We got to wear army clothes. I got to wear a nurse's dress, Brock dressed up as an army man. Ty dressed up as an air force man and Maddy was wearing a navy jacket. After we looked at the ships, Paul showed us a long picture of people that went to war in the desert. (Grade 3 Student)

On Wednesday Ted and Paul from the RSL visited. They talked about how hot it was in Egypt. They showed us a boat that blew up. I put on an army suit. It was heavy. I had fun. It was the best of the best. (Grade 2 Student)

On Wednesday Paul and Ted came to our school to talk about war. They did a presentation on the white board. We dressed up in war clothes, I was in an air force costume. Paul and Ted were in the rising sun. They brought the rising sun hats.

(Grade 3 Student)

I am dressed up as a soldier. (Prep)

On Wednesday the RSL came to our school and they were letting us wear their army jackets. I had fun. (Prep)



# Lumen Christi Primary School

## Easter Pageant

At the end of term one, the children of Lumen Christi presented our annual Easter Pageant to the parents and Parish Community. This is always a very poignant and moving re-enactment of the Easter story from Palm Sunday through Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. As a Catholic school, it is important for all the children to be part of this special story and by acting out the Easter story and singing special Easter songs, they gain a real insight into the very first Easter when Jesus died and came to life again. Many of the

parents and parishioners believe that this activity is a very important part of our school year and it is wonderful to see so many people coming to see this very special performance.

## Rice Day

As part of Lent, everybody at Lumen Christi participated in Rice day. This is a time where children reflect upon people in other countries who are not as fortunate as we are. Instead of eating their usual lunch, they ate rice and brought a gold coin donation for Caritas.



# Churchill & District News

# SPORT

## Churchill Bowls Club

By Sam Gillett

In 2007, five people conducted a study on whether it was feasible for Churchill to have a Bowls Club. In two days they saw over 1000 signatures.

In the five years since then, they've been in negotiations to get a green and hall.

Latrobe city has been very helpful in their quest to get a bowls green, and after last year's Gaskin Park Review, the committee sent out a recommendation that could see this built in 2014.

The committee suggested putting the green where the old hockey ground is.

The project will cost approximately \$400,000. They plan to use the environmentally-friendly synthetic green as opposed to a grass one that would require lots of labour and maintenance.

In the meantime, they play carpet bowls on Thursday nights at 7:30. Started in 2008, the group playing carpet bowls continues to grow

and gives the club a profile in the community.

It is open to the public to come and try bowls. Come down to Gaskin Park's hall and

give it a go.

The club is transitioning into lawn bowls to ready themselves for when their green is built.

Presently there is a mens team competing in the winter competition in Traralgon.

The competition starts on May 13 and goes for fifteen weeks.

They also have three ladies indoor bowls teams.

The bowls club has conducted programs with school children and held a tournament in Newborough for the disabled.

It is because of programs such as these that they were the first bowls club in the Latrobe Valley to be accredited with a 'welcoming and inclusive club' from Gippsport.

The bowls club holds fundraising events such as sausage sizzles and carpet bowls tournaments. On June 22, at the Churchill Hotel, they will be hosting a dinner and trivia night. The prize for the winning table is \$200. Tickets cost \$25. To buy a ticket call Marya on 5122 1252.



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# Braves Premiership

## Churchill & District News SPORT



The Braves with their A-Grade Premiership Trophy

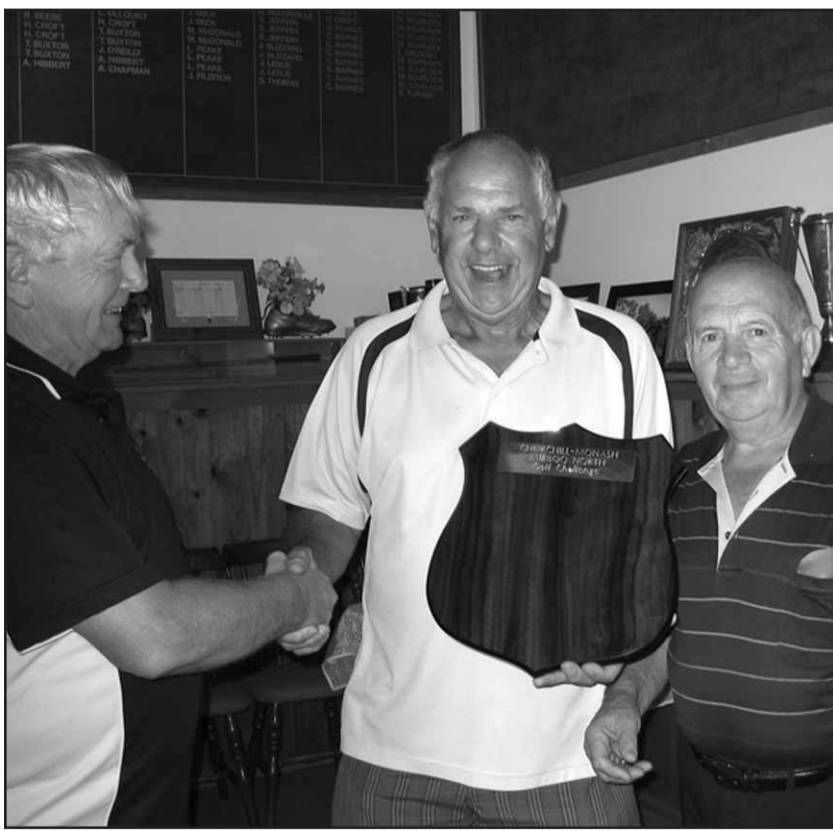
By Sam Gillett  
The baseball season has officially begun. The Churchill Braves are hoping to successfully defend their A-Grade premiership and, this year, make it two in a row.  
After getting beaten by Moe in the grand final

last year, the B-Grade side are hoping to win the premiership they last held in 2008. They have a large, strong side, so this is a good possibility.  
With five people new to the sport this year, the C-Grade team shows great signs of improvement. Once they have more experience, they'll surely become a threat towards the end of the season.

In the juniors, Churchill still needs more numbers for under-16, under-13 and under-10 teams.  
The juniors we have are maturing into great baseball players and that could mean more success in the club's future.  
Games are played on Sundays and training

sessions are held on Wednesdays at the club's home ground at Andrews Park West at 5:00pm.  
For further information contact Shane Gill on 0409 564 533. Upcoming Games  
20/5 – Sale at Sale  
27/5 – Traralgon at Traralgon  
3/6 – Moe at Churchill

# Golf - Mirboo North Challenge



Pictured are Captains Joe from Mirboo North and John from Churchill & Monash presenting the shield to Noel Hutchison the President of the Churchill & Monash Golf Club.

On Sunday April 15 the inaugural Mirboo North versus Churchill & Monash Golf Club Challenge was held at the Churchill & Monash Course. This was a great day of friendship and fun enjoyed by all thirty-six players.  
The Shield was won by Churchill & Monash in a very close contest.

The winners for Churchill & Monash were Dawn Judkins and Petee Williams.  
The Mirboo North winners were Sue and Tom Traill. NTP were won by Dane Ellwood, Peter Smart and Mark Heiberg.  
In 2013 the contest will be repeated at Mirboo North Golf Club.



## Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

3/4/2012 Ladies Monthly Medal Scratch D. Scurlock 92, Winner Monthly Medal J. Pilditch (32) 67, DTL L. Peake (39) 73, E. D'Alterio (22) 75 c/b NTP 3rd A. Chapman, 5th V. Rowley, 14th L. Peake Count Putts V. Verheyen 30 Birdies J. Blizzard 12th 9 Hole Competition Winner K. Raber (35) 16 pts

6/4/2012 Good Friday Hospital Appeal Stableford Men Winner K. Hills (8) 40 pts, DTL D. Chapple 37 c/b, W. Barnes 37, D. Taylor 36 NTP 3rd E. Hills, 12th E. Hills, 5th V. Monument Eagle R. Chapman Ladies Winner A. Hibbert (33) 33 pts, DTL D. Scurlock 32 pts

7/4/2012 Mens Stableford A. Grade P. Coad (17) 37 pts, B. Grade R. Welsh (22) 38 pts, C. Grade J. Ambrosini (24) 33 pts DTL G. Hornsby 34c/b, B. Sebire 34, D.

Taylor 33 c/b, H. Martin 33, T. Webb 33 NTP 3rd W. Peter, 5th B. Downie, 12th B. Downie Birdies P. Broadbent, G. Hornsby, W. Peter

10/4/2012 Ladies 3BBB Multiplication – Givoni Day Winners D. Scurlock (14), M. Dear (27), V. Rowley (41) – 98 pts, DTL D. Judkins (30), J. Blizzard (29), J. Beck (28) – 72 pts NTP 3rd B. Beebe, 5th L. Casey, 12th M. Dear, 14th L. Peake Birdie 12th M. Dear.

28/4/2012 Mens Stroke Monthly Medal A. Grade A. Auld (15) 72, B. Grade B. Kilday (18) 72, C. Grade P. Jordan (28) 71 Monthly Medal Winner DTL H. Martin 73, N. Hutchinson 73, P. Broadbent 74, A. Sharrock 75, T. Gabbett 75 c/b NTP 3rd R. Gray, 5th H. Martin Count Putts J. Thornby 27 Scratch Winner

A. Auld 87  
29/4/2012 Mixed Stableford Men Winner D. Caldwell (22) 37 pts, DTL M. D'Alterio (27) 36 pts NTP 5th J. Thornby, 12th B. Barnes, 14th D. Caldwell Birdies D. Caldwell 12th

29/4/2012 Mixed Stableford Ladies Winner E. D'Alterio (21) 32 pts, DTL H. Croft (37) 29 c/b NTP 14th S. Caldwell

1/5/2012 Ladies Monthly Medal Scratch Winner D. Scurlock 92, Medal Winner V. Rowley (41) 76, DTL M. McConville 78, C. Barnes 78 c/b, L. Peake 78 Count Putts V. Rowley 31 NTP 3rd D. Scurlock, 5th (2nd shot 35-45) C. Barnes, 12th E. D'Alterio Green Fees players please note - Please use the yellow markers.

# Churchill Hockey Club



Latrobe Valley Hockey Association Round 1 April 21/22 2012.

The first round of the 2012 LVHA home and away season was played in almost perfect conditions. This was the first ever full season the association has played on the synthetic field at Monash Gippsland, Churchill.

The competition has changed slightly from last year with some newcomers to the competition and one club withdrawing. Wellington decided to concentrate solely on the EGHA competition this year but Yallourn have entered a new side in the men's competition. Junior numbers are good this year particularly in the younger age bracket and this bodes well for the future of hockey in Latrobe City area.

#### Junior players enthusiastic:

The under 11s competition was played with great enthusiasm. Many players were making their debuts after the summer Hook in to Hockey program.

Traralgon Yellow were too strong for Churchill and recorded a 5 - 0 victory. Best for Traralgon Yellow were Nirroli Hooimeyer, Hannah Hooimeyer and Sebastian Poole. Churchill's best players were Ibraam Zafer, Cameron West and Azaam Zafer.

Moe v Traralgon Green was a close game and the 0 - 0 result was testament to the closeness of the game. Best players for Moe were Stuart Mulhary, Conner Hart and Hayley Cake. Best for Traralgon Green were Shakayla Trewern, Brydie Murphy and Breshiana Wilson.

Under 15s was a close game with Traralgon ultimately too strong for Moe winning the game 2 - 0. Best for Traralgon were Bevan Kemp, Megan Burns and Jared Cake and for Moe, Maeve Coghlin, Connor Murphy and Harry Broad.

#### Women's

The first round of the season produced a

mixed bag of results. There were two close games and two high scoring games. Many of the teams had new players and were experimenting with players in different positions on the field.

Churchill defeated Traralgon Blue 1 - 0 in a close, quality game. With both teams trying new tactics and introducing new players the game see-sawed from end to end rapidly. Best for Churchill were Sara Janssen, Tamara Kemp and Caitlyn Jordan. Best for Traralgon Blue were Carly Thompson, Alana Tratforn and Narrell Clark.

Moe was too strong for an undermanned Yallourn. Yallourn tried hard all day but Moe was too fit and notched up a 10 - 0 victory. Best for Moe were Ashleigh Vuillermin, Jenny Massey and Gill Massey. Best for Yallourn were Janette Stevens, Claire Prior and Kate Charalambous.

In the third game played on the Saturday, Rovers Thunder narrowly defeated Traralgon Yellow 1 - 0 in a good game. Best for Rovers Thunder were Greta Tatchell, Mandie Hourigan and Ruby Calloghan. Best players for Traralgon Yellow were Val Orchard, Robyn Fitzpatrick and Jo Wade.

The fourth women's game was played on the Sunday. Traralgon Black was too strong for Rovers Lightning and defeated them 9 - 0. Best players for Traralgon Black were Carla Reid, Alana Tratford and Cassie Hooimeyer. For Rovers Lightning, Leesa Lawrence, Jasmine Langstaff and Emily Robertson were the best players.

#### Men's

Both men's games were close, hard fought games played in ideal conditions. It is clear that this will be a close competition this year with any team capable of taking out the championship.

Last year's runners up, Churchill, were defeated by a Traralgon side, keen to improve on last season. Final score was 3 - 2 in a hard but clean game. Best for Traralgon were Mark Kolcze, Mark Benfield and Adam Slattery. Churchill's best were Dean White, Michael Cheater and Robyn Wells.

Moe and Yallourn played a close high standard game. At half time, Moe was 2 - 1 up and looked to be in control. However, Yallourn came out strongly in the second half and equalised within the first couple of minutes and drew ahead 3 - 2 about half way through. Moe, however, didn't give up and were able to score two goals towards the end of the game to end as the victors in a 4 - 3 result.

Best players for Moe were David Donaldson, Nathan Muirhead and Callam Robertson-Duncan. Best for Yallourn were Chris Thompson, Hayden Wise and Luke Wilson.

#### Results LVHA Round 1

Women and juniors 21 - 04 - 2012

Under 11:

Traralgon Yellow 5 defeated Churchill 0

Best players:

Traralgon Yellow: 3 Nirroli Hooimeyer, 2 Hannah Hooimeyer, 1 Sebastian Poole.

Churchill: 3 Ibraam Zafer, 2 Cameron West, 1 Azaam Zafer

Moe 0 defeated Traralgon Green 0

Best players:

Moe: 3 Stuart Mulhary, 2 Conner Hart, 1 Hayley Cake.

Traralgon Green: 3 Shakayla Trewern, 2 Brydie Murphy, 1 Brushiana Bellsuson

Under 15:

Traralgon 2 defeated Moe 0

Best Players:

Traralgon: 3 Bevan Kemp, 2 Megan Burns, 1 Jared Cake.

Moe: 3 Maeve Coghlin, 2 Conner Murphy, 1 Harry Broad.

#### Women

Churchill 1 defeated Traralgon Blue 0

Best Players:

Churchill: 3 Sara Janssen, 2 Tamara Kemp, 1 Caitlyn Jordan

Traralgon Blue: 3 Carly Thompson, 2 Alana Tratforn, 3 Narrell Clark

Moe 10 defeated Yallourn 0

Best Players:

Moe: 3 Ashleigh Vuillermin, 2 Jenny Massey, 1 Gill Massey.

Yallourn: 3 Janette Stevens, 2 Claire Prior, 1 Kate Charalambous

Rovers Thunder 1 defeated Traralgon Yellow 0

Best Players:

Rovers Thunder: 3 Greta Tatchell, 2 Mandie Hourigan, 1 Ruby Calloghan.

Traralgon Yellow: 3 Val Orchard, 2 Robyn Fitzpatrick, 1 Jo Wade

Bye: Rovers Lightning

#### Results LVHA Round 2

28 and 29 - 04 - 2012

#### Under 11

Traralgon Green 3 defeated Traralgon Yellow 0

Best players:

Traralgon Green: 3 Ibraam Zafer, 2 Brydie Murphy, 1 Kaitlyn Mayer.

Traralgon Yellow 3 Sebastian Poole, 2 Lachie Thompson, 1 Nerrile Hooimeyer

Churchill 2 defeated Moe 0

Best players:

Churchill: 3 Anthony Frost, 2 Azaan Zafer, 1 Eemaan Zafer.

Moe: 3 Hayley Cake, 2 Connor Hart, 1 Stuart Mulry

#### Under 15

Moe 4 defeated Churchill 0

Best Players:

Moe 3 Andrew Mulry, 2 Meyan Burns, 1 Jared Cake.

Churchill: 3 Ibraam Zafer, 2 Azaan Zafer, 1 Chloe Medew.

#### Women

Traralgon Black 3 defeated Churchill 0

Best Players:

Traralgon Black 3 Sara Jensen, 2 Priscilla Harvey, 1 Nicole Yeplaan

Churchill: 3 Carly Thompson, 2 Carla Reid, 1 Michelle Johnson

Moe 14 defeated Traralgon Blue 0

Best Players:

Moe: 3 Ashleigh Vuillermin, 2 Jenny Massey, 1 Kate Walker.

Traralgon Blue: 3 Erin Scott, 2 Carly Gilbert, 1 Tiffany Pilgrim

Rovers Thunder 8 defeated Rovers Lightning 0

Best Players:

Rovers Thunder: 3 Corinne Metcalfe, 2 Mandie Hourigan, 1 Penny Kerr.

Rovers Lightning: 3 Leesa Lawrence, 2 Jasmine Langstaff, 1 Greta Tatchello

Traralgon Yellow 7 defeated Yallourn 0

Best Players:

Traralgon Yellow: 3 Robin Fitzpatrick, 2 Leoni Barrett, 1 Annie Broad.

Rovers Lightning: 3 Colleen Watson, 2 Casey Byron, 1 Janette Stevens

#### Men

Traralgon 5 defeated Moe 4

Best Players:

Traralgon: 3 Lachlan Meredith, 2 Andrew Edgar, 1 Brock Crawford.

Moe: 3 Paul Cake, 2 Callum Robertson-Duncan, 1 Ash Vuillermin

Yallourn 2 defeated Churchill 2

Best Players:

Yallourn: 3 Chris Thompson, 2 Troy Michie, 1 Luke Wilson.

Churchill: 3 Michael Cheater, 2 Tim Scott, 1 Zafar Iqbal

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# Churchill Hockey Club hosts State League Championships

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The weekend of April 28 and 29 saw the State League Hockey Championships held for the first time on the state of the art synthetic field at Monash University in Churchill.

In all eight games were played over the weekend - one under lights on Saturday night.

Two Churchill girls were in the women's Baw Baw Hockey Club - Alia and Venus

Brammall. These two sisters came up through the ranks of the juniors in Traralgon and are now part of the State League team.

Since the synthetic field has been in use the Churchill club has seen a 100% increase in players, with seniors in particular.

The Churchill Men's team reformed last year to play on the synthetic field. Now the club is concentrating on increasing the numbers in the junior ranks. "This is a

brilliant pitch," said Linda Reid, publicity officer for the club.

There is a big need in the U15 age group. This hockey club caters for both women and men. There is always a need to have more players.

If you are interested in having a go, or finding out more contact Linda Reid on 0413 087 481 or turn up at the field at 4.30pm on Thursdays.

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