

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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CFA Remembers

FROM 1980 for 5 years, this area was in the grips of a severe drought, making the vegetation tinder dry. Also in that period of time there was a fire bug in the area, who lit a series of fires.

One was in Hernes Oak which destroyed the remaining houses and brought the town's demise to a rapid close. Other fires were lit in Yallourn North, Morwell and Yinnar South.

It was this fire which stands out vividly, in the memory of Churchill Brigade member Rob Langston. It was this fire in which his mate Darren McLean, "who was like a brother to him" was seriously injured and later died.

The incident happened on 14 February 1982. About mid morning the brigade received a call out to the fire in the pine plantations along Middle Creek. It was so bad that all brigades in the Morwell Group were called out.

As the Churchill tanker was coming away from the fire scene to the water point, to refill, it encountered a smaller fire fighting vehicle returning to the fire scene, and eased over to the left, above the creek bank.

The bank gave way. Unbeknown to the road users, dirt had been pushed over the edge of the defined road edge, giving a false impression of the actual road side. This resulted in a soft edge, which under the weight of the heavy vehicle, gave way.

Fire trucks of that time had no safety roll over protection systems. As a result of this accident, proper systems were installed in all vehicles.

Darren along with other members was on the back of the truck, which overturned into the creek pinning Darren underneath half a metre of water, for 15-20 minutes.

Darren would have been in danger of drowning, but one member sat down in the water and supported Darren's head, above the water level, on his knee. Other members were also trapped but did not suffer the horrific internal injuries sustained by Darren.

Despite numerous operations in a frantic effort to save his life, Darren died at the Austin Hospital, aged seventeen.

Darren had been a member of the Churchill Brigade for two and a half years; 12 months as a junior, and 18 months as a senior.

He was a conscientious member who had worked hard to be top class in all skills required of a fire fighter. He was efficient and capable.

In fact the brigade, sadly unknown to him, had two weeks previous to the incident, named him as Fire Fighter of the Year. This was awarded post humously.

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Darren McLean



Churchill Primary School Election of School Leaders

CHURCHILL Primary School was proud to announce its Student leaders for 2005. These students were elected by their peers and house members.

School Captains are Tyson Webb and Ashlea D'Alia.

School Vice Captains are Jordan Fenech and Kayla Jongerius.

Tyson, Ashlea, Jordan and Kayla, as one of their first duties as school captains and vice captains attended the National Young Leaders Day on Friday 4 March.

This is one of the largest and most significant youth leadership events in Australia. Over 4,500 people attended.

The event aims to inspire and encour-

age students to think about leadership in their own lives and in the lives of the speakers they heard.

They were given the opportunity to hear the stories of the high profile personalities from all walks of life who are positive role models.

They included Matt Welsh- Olympic swimmer, Rev. Tim Costello- Chief Executive of World Vision, Wendy Orr- Children's author and Wesley Denning- Presenter on television's "Totally Wild".

Pictured left Ashlea, Tyson, Kayla and Jordan

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EDITORIAL

Thank you to all those readers who have already submitted your survey asking about the Churchill and District News.

We have had some wonderful feedback and suggestions.

One such suggestion is the inclusion of a cookery section. I need a great deal of help on this one!

In our house Dad is the cook. If for any reason he is unable to supply the evening meal rather than Mum cooking the unanimous decision is to run for a takeaway!

I have seen my youngest, Adam, throw home cooked pizza in the bin and cook his own tea! I can't blame him it was an awful pizza!

Peter now gets very nervous if I even approach the kitchen with intent -

flames had to be doused the last time!

If you have any recipies you would like to submit they would very welcome.

Tales of disasters in the kitchen would also be very interesting as another suggestion is to include more humour in the paper.

Don't forget that the Art Competition is closing at the end of this month.

If you would like to submit artwork but are unable to either send it or transport it to us please let us know and we can arrange collection, just ring Peter on 03 5122 2589.

We hope all our readers have a safe and happy Easter - perhaps a few weight watchers recipies might be good for the April issue!

Ed.

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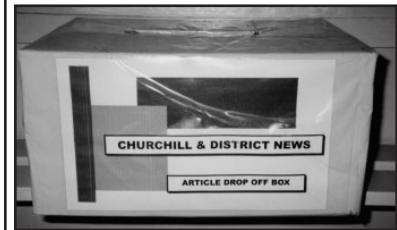
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Wattle Club - Busy Start

THE Wattle Club have had a busy start to the year which has included a large variety of activities including Movie Days, entertainment, Valentine's Day and plenty of games and craft.

A new BBQ for the centre has meant members can enjoy a sausage in bread and make the most of the nice weather. Trips taken this year include Port Albert, Warragul Country Club and an Australia Day BBQ at Mossvale Park. Many new games and activities have been introduced to the centres by the hard working staff members Ann and Kerri.

Both the Wednesday and Friday groups are looking

forward to upcoming visits by other LCHS ADASS groups.

The Wattle Club (Churchill ADASS) operates on a Wednesday and Friday providing socialization and recreation for older people living in the community. Other benefits of the program include maintenance of living skills and respite for carers.

Latrobe Community Health Service manages the ADASS programs in Churchill, Moe and Morwell.

If you would like further information about The Wattle Club please call Shannon Vaughan ADASS Coordinator on 5136 5436.

CFA Remembers cont...

Apart from his involvement in the brigade, Darren was keen to be a journalist. He had done work experience with the Express, had also worked at GVL 8 TV, and done part time work as a news gatherer for radio station 3TR. He was an enthusiastic amateur film maker. Rob Langston fondly recounts how Darren would ring him up to ask to be transported to places so he could do his reporting. "They were happy times," he says.

Rob remembers the day of the accident as if it were yesterday. Rob was operating the radios at the Morwell Fire Station. It was his responsibility to deploy emergency vehicles to the scene. It has burned itself into his memory, and he confesses there is not a day goes by that he doesn't think about it. Rob found Darren's death very hard to accept.

It is for this reason that Rob has been instrumental in pushing for the establishment of a Memorial to Darren - the man who made the ultimate sacrifice, in the awful circumstances of a deliberately lit fire, in service for his community. The memorial will have the purpose of reminding brigade and community members of the fact that these things can, and do happen, and we have a duty to remember.

All brigade members and many community members recall this accident and think about and pray for Val and Barry, Darren's parents who lost their only child.

The memorial will be unveiled on Saturday 2 April at 2:00 pm. The general public and special guests are invited to share in the ceremony at the Fire station. Light refreshments will be served following the unveiling.



Trivia For Centenery House

A Trivia night at the Churchill Hotel in aid of the Rotary Centenery House Appeal raised \$613.00. Organised by Churchill and District News and Hazelwood Rotary the evening was enjoyed by all.

As always Trivia Queen Wendy Brown, had a few surprises up her sleeve. By ten o'clock most were twisting the night away competing for bonus points!

Thank you to all who took part and gave so generously. Thanks also to Helen, Peter and the staff of the Churchill Hotel for providing a wonderful venue.

Finally thanks to all those who helped organise the evening, including Wendy, Ruth, Val, Tracey, Karen, Peter, Matthew and Chris.

We look forward to the Christmas in July Triva.



Local Schools Display Their Creativity

On show from Friday 4 March in the International Power Hazelwood Community Access Gallery is a diverse range of works by the next generation of budding artists.

Gallery Director, Louise Tegart, said that 'VCE Top Arts' focused on the talents of bright young students working in the creative arts across three schools.

"Traralgon, Kurnai and Lowanna Secondary Colleges have combined

forces to present their best Year 12 studio art, photography, media and design from 2004," Ms Tegart explained.

"'VCE Top Arts' will be officially opened by local arts aficionado Di Goulding at 5pm on Monday 7 March and continues until Thursday 17 March, 2005." Ms Tegart concluded.

Latrobe Regional Gallery is located at 138 Commercial Road,

Morwell, and is open Monday to Friday 10am-5pm, and on weekends 11am-4pm. The gallery is closed public holidays.

For further information about exhibitions at the gallery, please telephone 5128 5700. Admission is free.

Nance Burnet Garden

By ZELMA MILDENHALL
Guides, leaders and friends gathered at Burnet Park, the Baw Baw Region campsite at Glengarry West, for the dedication of the Nance Burnet Garden, on Saturday 19 February at 5.00pm.

Guests included two ladies from England, former members of the Burnet Park Committee, retired guiders, and Guiding Friends.

Mrs Marj Lenscak spoke of Nance and how she lived in the guide Promise. A horse rider and a bike rider then came onto the camping ground. Glengarry had a Mounted Guide Company, one of the only three Mounted Guide Companies in the world, in the

1930's and Nance was a member. She spoke fondly of the company, telling of two sisters that joined but only had one horse, so girls took turns to ride a bicycle on their outings!

Mrs Mavis Thompson unveiled the plaque on the backrest of the rustic seat in the garden. When resting on the seat there is a wonderful view across the campsite.

Everyone present stuck at least one stone to help build the bird bath. White stones were placed around the sides and black stones to form a trefoil in the centre.

Nance was known as the "The Bird Lady" because she fed the birds in her garden, particularly rare

bower birds. During the years Nance lived at Glengarry West guides at camp would walk to the farm house and watch the birds being fed.

Guests were very pleased with the improvements made to Illangi (House or Hill) and the campsite over the years. The highlight being the refurbished bathroom.

Guides enjoyed a variety of activities during the evening, and after supper the younger girls prepared for bed while older girls played a wide game.

Sunday morning the camp was busy as breakfast, packing and cleaning was completed before the Closing Ceremony at 9.00am.



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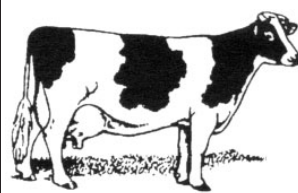
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Old Time Family Dance

By Zelma Mildenhall

The next old time family dance will be held in the Jeeralang North Hall on Friday 22 April. Please note that no dance will be held in March, as the fourth Friday is Good Friday.

Dancing from: 8.00pm to 11.30pm
Music by: Rhythm Trio

Admission: \$5.00

Please bring a plate. Sandwiches supplied by the Committee. More details from Secretary.

The Jeeralang North Hall is available for hire. It has an excellent dance floor, heating, and is in a rural setting. Contact Secretary: Zelma Mildenhall 5166 1264.

Saturday Breakfast Co-Operating Church Snippets

The first Saturday Breakfast for 2005 will be held on Saturday 19 March at the Churchill Co-Operating Churches, Williams Avenue, starting at 7.30am.

The guest speaker will be Councillor Bob Smith who represents Gunyah Ward.

People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders on 5122 1148 or email kbenders@net-tech.com.au by Thursday 17 March.



Open Garden Hazelwood North

The Co-operating Churches in Churchill are holding an Open Garden on Saturday 30th April 2005 from 10.00am to 4.00pm at the property of Ken and Alice Rice, 257 Jeeralang North Road, Hazelwood North.

Admission is by donation of \$4, children under 16 free. Come and have a relaxing walk through the fernery grow-

ing in the converted hay shed, watch the ducks on the pond and smell the roses.

Enjoy some culinary delights of morning and afternoon teas, sausage sizzle, cold drinks and more.

For further details and directions please contact Glenda on 5166 1819 or Robyn on 5166 1306.



LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Always on the go, the folks of the Co-Operating Churches have had another busy month.

The Ladies Fellowship have once again, organised their yearly program.

This was launched at the annual Commitment Service held at 7:00 pm on 7 February.

Rev. Bob led the ladies in communion as part of their commitment.

This service was followed by their usual meeting and ended with fellowship around the supper table.

The Ladies Fellowship is a group of lovely ladies who are dedicated to making life for others brighter.

They would welcome any ladies to be part of their group which meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

For more details contact Robin on 51661306.

BIRTHDAYS

Some very significant birthdays were celebrated this past month. Trevor Berryman and Bruce Campbell both attained the esteemed age of 60 young.

These two don't look their age, let alone act it. They are both full of mischief and energy, contributing much to church life.

Sue Thompson reached the half century.

Congratulations to all three, who celebrated the occasion with family and friends.

LENTEN STUDIES

The two parishes [Churchill and Boolarra/Yinnar] are both using "One Light, Many Journeys" study book, over a five week period.

It is good to be able to ask questions and listen to other people's opinions on the material. We will all grow through these studies.

GARAGE SALE

On Saturday 25 February, we held our garage sale. The weather was cool, and the stream of people through the shed wasn't as busy as previous times.

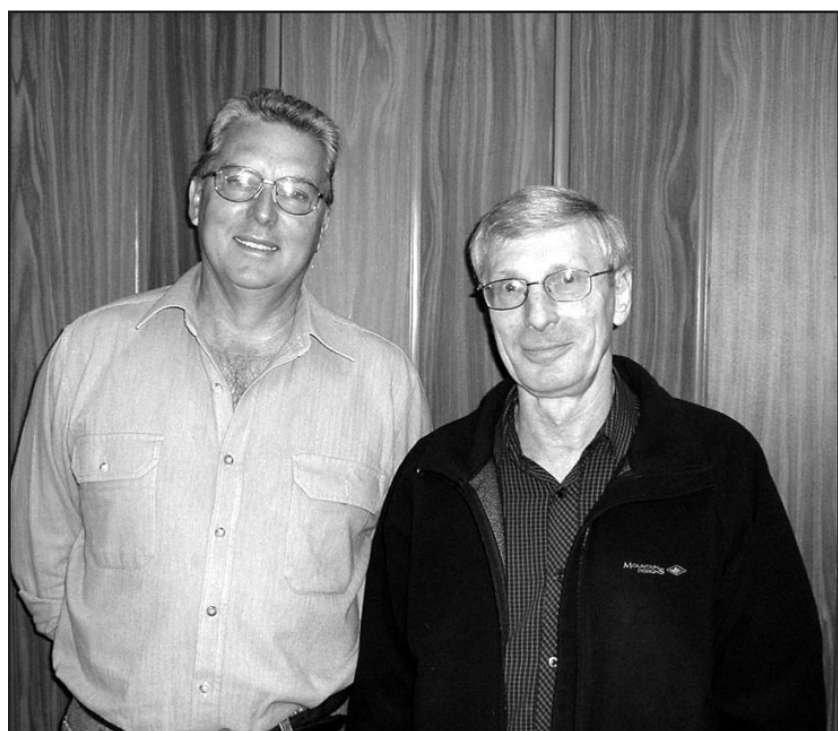
However we were pleasantly pleased to realise \$1300 profit. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to prepare for the event.

OPEN GARDEN

Our next fundraising event will be an Open Garden. Ken and Alice Rae have kindly allowed us the use of their magnificent garden.

Not only will the garden be available, but you can make it a day out as we will serve morning and afternoon tea as well as have a sausage sizzle for lunch, all at very reasonable prices. There will be a plant stall.

The entry cost is a mere \$4. Further information, see specific article in this issue, or ring Robin on 51661306



Trevor Berryman and Bruce Campbell

Church Times

Co-operating Churches of Churchill

Rev. Dr. Bob Brown
Williams Avenue, Churchill.
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Glenda and Ian Combridge
Tel: 5166 1819
Sunday Service: 9.30am.
Choruses: 9.20am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

35 Walker Parade, Churchill
Tel: 5122 2226
Father Malcolm Hewitt
Saturday: Mass: 7.30pm
Sunday: Mass: 9.30am
1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays: Yinnar:
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2nd and 4th Sundays: Boolarra:
Mass: 11.00am

Churchill Christian Fellowship

Maple Crescent, Churchill.
Pastor Tony or Hermanna Marsden
5122 2777
Sunday: 10.00am
Ladies Meeting: Tuesday 10.00am

Easter Service Times

CO-OPERATING CHURCHES OF CHURCHILL

Tuesday 22 March. 7.30pm Tenebrae with Lumen Christie at the Co-Operating Church.
Good Friday 9:30 am at Church followed by Way of the Cross witness walk with Lumen Christie, starting at Co-Op Church, at 10:00 am.
Easter Sunday. 9:30 am.

BOOLARRA-YINNAR PARISH

Holy Thursday [Maundy] 7:30 pm. at Boolarra.
Good Friday. 10:00 am at Yinnar with Way of the Cross witness walk.
Easter Sunday. 7:30 am service in the park, Boolarra.
11:00am Boolarra.

CHURCHILL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Easter Sunday 10:00 am

LUMEN CHRISTIE

Tuesday 22 March. Tenebrae at the Co-Operating Church at 7:30 pm.
Wednesday 23 March. Mass at 9.30am
Holy Thursday, 24 March. Mass of the Lords Supper 7.30pm
Good Friday. Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm
Holy Saturday 26 March. Reconciliation 10.30-11.00am. Easter Vigil 7.30pm
Easter Sunday. Mass 9.30am. Churchill and Boolarra at 11.00am
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Traralgon & District Art Society

By ANN RUSHTON, Publicity Officer.

THE Traralgon and District Art Society is open at the old refurbished railway station Queens Parade Traralgon. The public are most welcome to come and view the art on display in the large working studio and the smaller gallery, most work is for sale.

Classes are held in water colours, oil painting and there is a Kids Club. TAFE accredited courses are also offered.

The art society invites people to bring along their own art materials and paint in

a sociable atmosphere with others, if they do not wish to take part in a class. It is not hard to be motivated by the ever changing art hanging on the walls of the studio and become completely involved in your own work.

So come along if you wish to try something new and meet new friends. Interested people are most welcome to phone the Traralgon art rooms on 51766000 or to come and enjoy the art on display.

Happenings at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre



TERM 1 is well under way, with only three more weeks until holidays! Our Term 2 program will be delivered to letterboxes throughout Churchill during the break.

Computers for free public access have been installed in the foyer area of the Centre. A printer is also available for use (a small fee may be charged to cover the cost of paper and ink).

Phone the Centre during office hours on 5122 2995 to book a time, or call in at the Centre (located inside the Monash Leisure Centre), Mon-Thurs, 9am-3pm

Internet access is also available at the Centre, but there is a charge for this service, and you must book ahead.

We are attempting to raise extra money for the Centre so that we can provide more classes and facilities for people in and around Churchill.

We have an assortment of lollipops, Mentos, Freddo Frogs and Twisties on sale at the office. Every item purchased helps raise a little more!

As well as these regular items, we have a few other fund-raisers at present.

For our Easter fund-raiser, the Centre

is selling packets of Cadbury's filled chocolate "mini eggs".

Our goal is to raise enough money to buy a Security Door for the Childcare room.

Your support for this worthy cause will benefit all the families that use the Childcare facility at the Leisure Centre.

For the gardeners we have Spring Flowering Bulbs from the Blue Dandenong Bulb Farm available to order

. There are catalogues and order forms at the Centre office, and we will be taking orders up until 30 April. A variety of packs are available, ranging in price from \$3 to \$30.

Tickets, at \$1 each or 3 for \$2, are now on sale for our Mother's Day raffle. There are several prizes of beautiful handmade towel sets and table runners to win. The raffle will be drawn at the Centre on Thursday 5 May, just in time for Mother's Day!

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Clean Up Your Yards – Front And Back

By PETER MCSHANE

LOCAL Police want us to mention that you can get charged for a messy yard these days and particularly for derelict cars and car shells littering the nature strip.

These things can contribute to Health and Safety hazards as well as making our town appear grotty, so help keep our town tidy and save yourself some money.

Hot Weather causes Mental Fadeouts?

As I wandered through the local car park on Monday the extreme heat had caused some drivers to have their windows wound right down – good for them it promotes air flow through the car.

BUT as they had pulled up and got out to enter the shops they had locked the car with the window still down! Just a small slip you say – but how long does it take a thief to steal an UNLOCKED car.

And not one but three instances in the one car park, what a choice for the opportunist thief. S

o please lock your car with the windows up as it definitely makes it more difficult for thieves to steal it.

On a similar vein, with the warm weather for as long as it lasts, please make sure that if you have your door open to take advantage of a slight breeze that your security door is kept locked.

Insurance statistics tell us this is another common problem this time of year.

And finally, we know some people like to have their stereos loud but again in warmer weather with windows

of houses and cars open, but remember that sound travels so please consider your neighbours while you enjoy your favourite music and shows.

Mark it in March

Schools wanting to participate should contact Senior Constable Brendan Clifford at Police Headquarters, Morwell and individuals with items to be marked should contact our local Police on 51 221790 as they have the engraver at the station.

Police Report

Information on offences that occurred are not to hand at the time of this article being prepared but we will endeavour to ensure that they are provided at each monthly meeting so that we can reprint them in the following newsletter.

Reporting Problems to Police

Do you have problems reporting concerns/problems to Police? Then come along to our meetings and discuss your concerns with us and if necessary we will make notes and help you with the reporting process.

You are cordially invited to our next meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday March 17, at the Neighbourhood House Room, Churchill Leisure Centre.

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 Red House Matt Smart and Jayme Day
 Yellow House Susan Yurus and William Marke
 Green House Chantelle Kadir and Matt Harvey
 Junior School Council
 Grade 3/4B Megan Kearns and Reece Smee
 Grade 3/4C Jemma Sterrick and Jayden Wilkins
 Grade 3/4T Oliver Thain and Josey Foster
 Grade 5/6G Matthew Lehrner and Adelaide Hanna
 Grade 5/6M Stacey Day and Hadden Stratford
 Grade 5/6S James Curwood and Elizabeth Oakley.

The House Captains and Junior School Council members received their badges at assembly on Friday 4 March. They were presented to the students by Mr. Brendan Jenkins

YINNAR AND DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Seven students represented the school on Wednesday 23 February, at the Yinnar and District Swimming carnival. Congratulations to Hadden Stratford, Kira and Tiana Price, Joshua and Tamara Kemp, Alex Dwyer and Rylan Bruerton, for putting in a fantastic effort and being great ambassadors for the school. Special congratulations to Tamara Kemp who achieved outstanding results, and will now represent our District at Zone Sports later this term.

COMMUNITY LEARNING IN CHURCHILL [CLIC]

The launch of this special program will be on 20 April at the school at 7:00 pm.

Through this program TAFE have supplied the services of Faye Lake who will be the Co-ordinator and presenter of some sessions. She will be present to answer your questions and further explain the program.

This program will consist of a series of modules will be presented to any community member in short sessions. The modules will be advertised in the school newsletter, by direct contact, and in the Churchill and District News. Lessons will generally be at the school, but may be elsewhere if appropriate, e.g. Bunnings.

An example of a proposed session is "Reading Instructions and Operating Power Tools"

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A PARENT OF A CHILD AT THE SCHOOL TO ATTEND THESE SESSIONS. THEY ARE OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

By becoming involved with this program you become a student of TAFE with all fees waived. This can open up further study opportunities in other courses run by TAFE.

There are advantages with Centrelink if you are a TAFE student.

The evening will conclude with a free supper.

MICHAEL YMER

Michael Ymer is a Maths expert and enthusiast. The school has had the privilege of having Michael at the

school for three days.

On the Wednesday at the Curriculum Day for staff, Michael talked to the staff about his Maths techniques.

On the Thursday and Friday he spent time with the three grade sections (Prep/1/2,3/4, and 5/6) demonstrating his techniques on one grade while all teacher in that section watched on. (Other grades of that section were looked after by other staff to allow this



to happen.)

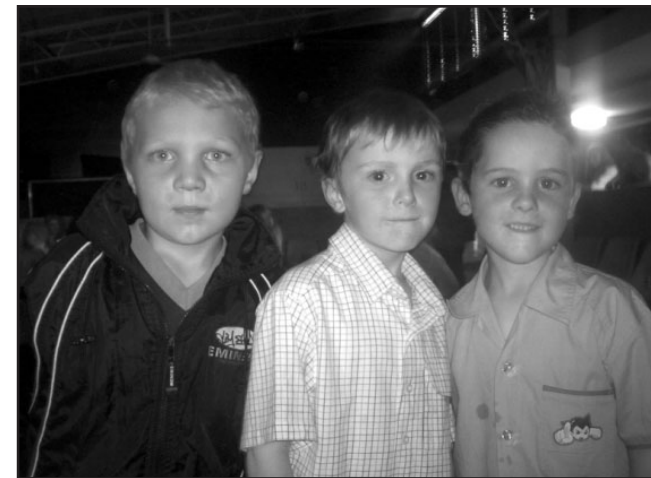
Following the demonstration, Michael met with the staff for an hour to explain why he had done what he did. This three day in-service has been practical, supplying the staff with lots of new ideas and enthusiasm to put into practice the methods demonstrated.



TSUNAMI DISCO

The school ran a disco on Friday 25 February, with a minimum entry donation of \$2. All proceeds went to the Tsunami Appeal.

There were two sessions; one for the P/1/2s, and the second for the 3/4/5/6s.



If lots of noise equals lots of fun and exercise, then a great night was had by all.

This was another way for the students to show their concern for others, and it nearly \$500. A fantastic effort!

ATTENDANCE

There is great news to share with the community. The attendance figures for 2004 show a dramatic rise in the number of pupils who attend on a regular basis. The school realises that this is a terrific improvement but warns the school community that there is still a way to go to reach the State average, and not to slacken off. The school's motto is "All Day, Every Day"

MUSIC PROGRAM

Churchill Primary School has a great music program available to the children. This has already begun again for 2005. Students are learning the guitar, and the Instrumental program with Kurnai staff is progressing well.



Churchill North Primary School

By HILMAR BATZA

A very smooth start has been made for the 2005 school year. This is due to the thorough preparations made by staff before students returned and a large amount of work carried out over the school vacation.

Carpet and vinyl has been replaced in the Multi Purpose Room and staffroom.

Air-conditioning has been installed in the art room, MPR, staffroom and library. The whole school is now fully air-conditioned.

The Audio-Visual storeroom has been extended and turned into a Reading Recovery room. Fourteen new computers have replaced some of the older computers on the Curriculum Network.

A new picnic area has been established between the back of the MPR and the bas-

ketball courts featuring a big table that can hold a whole class at a time. Special thanks go to Alan Rogers and Tony Butler for the work undertaken and paid for from a grant received as part of the 'School Backyard Blitz' program.

Two new teachers were welcomed to our school: Mrs Cathy Prior and Mrs Meagan Blewett.

A Family/Staff B-B-Q was held on February 15 and was enjoyed by all.

At our last School assembly held on February 28, Mr Brendan Jenkins, MP, presented badges to our School Captains and Vice Captains as well as to our Junior School Council Representatives. At the same assembly, our school thanked Norm Hall (President) and John Barker from the Churchill Lions Club for their generous donation of \$800 towards equipment required for one of our Prep students suffer-



Brendan Jenkins, MP, presenting badges to School Captains, Vice Captains and Junior School Council Representatives.

ing from severe dyspraxia.

At the first School Council held February 24, Nigel Browne was elected President and at the Parents Association AGM held on March 2, Karen Flanigan was elected President. Congratulations go to both Presidents and our school looks for-

ward to the great support both school organisations will provide throughout the year.

Our students are looking forward to a whole school excursion to Coal Creek on March 21.

Schools

Lumen Christi Welcomes New Preps in 2005

By DENISE MCKENNA,
Principal

LUMEN Christi Grade Six students have a Buddy each in

Prep to help them settle into school life.

The opening of the school year was celebrated with a Mass and it was very warming to see the old and the young process into together.

The Buddy system provides time each week for the classes to meet and do activities together.

Our Grade Six students put a lot of effort into the leadership process this year and all students who aspired to be School Captains had to prepare a speech which was presented to Grade 4 – 6 classes.

“Some of the good things about Lumen Christi are that it’s a small school and you get to know almost everyone in the school and you have plenty of playground area outside. Also, the classrooms are small which is great because you become close with almost everyone in your year. Another good thing is the new school building which is nearly complete and we will be able to use it for assembly and other activities. A thing that could be improved at Lumen Christi is we could do with sports equipment in our classrooms so that we can use it at play and lunch times.” Brittany White.

“I believe that our school has many great qualities like great teachers and a great Principal. Our school has many great subjects like computers and library classes, Religious Education, Indonesian and much more. We also have a new Eco-Building on the way which will have a tuckshop, mini stage and lots more.

I believe that if we work together we can improve our school by getting more computers in the library and classrooms. I also think we need toilets down the bottom oval.” Lina D’Alia.

“Something good about our school is that we have a lot of room to play. We also have good sports equipment for when we do sport or use a football or something else for play or lunch. Another good thing is that we compete against other schools in different sports like football, basketball and cricket and if you get picked you will have a lot of fun playing them. Something we could improve on is cleaning up our school and we can achieve this by putting our rubbish in the bin.” Matthew Maselli.

This year we have four School Captains: Kate Metlikovec, Sarah Skinner, Marc Johnson and Jacinta Bogan. There are also four representatives on the Student Advisory Council: Alex Tattersson, Brittany White, Molly Stephenson and Alexandra Beltrame. The student leaders meet with the Principal and work togeth-

er to improve facilities for students. A priority for Term 1 is classroom sports equipment for play and lunch time use and the leaders have been given a budget and are to investigate what each class would like then prepare an order.

The Lumen Christi Eco-Centre is almost complete with solar panels and Sun Lizards installed and looking a feature in Williams Avenue.

The Eco-Centre is designed as a model energy efficient building with passive and active solar design features which are anticipated to keep the temperature within a 16 –26 degree range all year without running electric heating or cooling systems.

There are many features and one highlight is that we are using recycled carpet which has just been removed from the convention area of the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Melbourne! Recycled carpet provides good quality carpet and prolongs carpet life avoiding the landfill and manufacturing process hence contributing to a sustainable environment.

Our Eco-Centre is fitted with an excellent tuckshop/catering area and excellent state of the art facilities for multi-media presentations.

Lumen Christi staff are also busy reviewing our programs and policies for the year and our Anti-Bullying Policy is in the final stages before release.

Our policy is based on the provision of a positive school climate with attention in bullying situations to the role of the Bystander.

If Bystanders learn to be pro-active and reject bullying, there is no audience for bullies! Lumen Christi School is part of the National Safe Schools Program to address the issue of bullying in schools across Australia.

A highlight at the start of our school year is always our Rice day on Ash Wednesday and we had lots of parent helpers cooking up rice for lunch.

We eat a simple meal on this day and donate to Caritas Australia as we learn to care for those in need around the world.

All classes are working well and we welcome our new staff members, Tim Ruyg and Monica Bowen plus Sara Mota has returned after a wonderful year travelling and teaching overseas.

We are also very happy to have two Fourth Year Interns from Monash University- Camillo Reddy and Kylie Reaves who will be with us for two days a week in Term One and Term Three as they complete their teacher training.

Please phone 51 222231 for any queries about our Lumen Christi Eco-Centre.



Kurnai College

Kurnai College - Churchill Campus Swimming Sports Day

Kurnai College students and staff enjoyed a fun swimming sports day at the Moe pool last Monday.

Attractions included beach volleyball, lilo races, bath races, iron man and woman, diving, the campus swim and all regular events.

A fierce competition was maintained between the Morwell and Churchill campuses, particularly in the beach volleyball events.

The highlight for some was the diving but for most it was

the chance to chat to students from other campuses and relax with their teachers outside the classroom.

Many students performed very well and are participating in the gippsland region swimming events.



Parents & Friends Association Kurnai College – Churchill Campus



Kurnai College

Annual General Meeting
Wednesday March 16 2005

7.30pm in the Staffroom
(enter through the office foyer)

Informal & Informative, Relaxed Atmosphere
Brief Meeting Agenda

No pressure to do anything or join the Committee!
Parents of Year 7 students particularly welcome – have your say,
chat with the principal, meet other parents.

Advanced Learning Program



Kurnai College

Advanced Learning Program students start the year flying high.

Kurnai College students and staff from the Advanced Learning Program for Students (ALPS) recently attended a three day camp at Waratah Bay.

Students from both the Morwell and Churchill campuses were able to enjoy a diverse range of activities such as rock climbing, beach volleyball, rock pooling and a ropes course.

The ALPS program consists of students studying their core subjects at an advanced level in separate classes, where the focus is on increasing the depth of students’ understanding and maximizing

the development of their skills. Information Communication Technology is integrated throughout the program.

Camp Rumbug was an opportunity for the students and staff from the two campuses to learn to work together on problem solving and developing individual self esteem as well as being part of a team.

The students were given many opportunities to develop leadership skills using interactive groups to deal with spontaneous and unique problem solving.

For many of the students (and the staff) the most memorable moment was overcoming their fear of heights and allowing their peers to drop them from a great height while on the Flying Fish.



* STUDENTS at all levels are preparing for the Yinnar and District Athletic Sports on March 30.

* Buddy grade activities underway.

* Fifteen students represented the school at the Yinnar and District Swimming Sports. Elections for School Council and Parents' Club have been held.

*The Prep, One and Two students are looking forward to their visit to the circus in early March.

* There will be a working bee on March 19.

* The students and staff appreciate the donation of \$2000 from our Parents Club-this will be used for English, Mathematics and Library books and equipment.

* Three of our students will be learning to play brass instruments at Kurnai College Churchill Campus. They will be playing in a primary band with students from local primary schools.

* Kurnai College-Churchill Campus is planning to have an activity day for

Year 5 and 6 students.

This is part of their transition to secondary college.

* Our school is looking forward to being involved in cluster.

* Professional learning activities with local primary schools and Kurnai College.



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LIONS CLUB OF CHURCHILL & DISTRICT – CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity
 PRESIDENT Norm Hall has again entered in the Lions Ride for Sight in April – cycling some 400km to raise funds for eye research.

Camp Quality Escarpade has been adopted as a Club project again this year to fundraise for Camp Quality.

The annual Outdoor Expo at Kernot Hall was again a huge success for our Club. This is our major fundraiser and is always very successful both as an Expo and as a source of funds, with this year being no exception.

Our Club is in the process of negotiating a donation of equipment for the Cancer Care Unit at Latrobe Regional Hospital from our Christmas Cake Allocation Fund. More news to follow.

Club nominations are being called for. Club elections take place in April.

Over 30 children attended a Camp Quality long weekend camp at Catherines Creek in February. Lions Bob Lowick and John Barker and Lionesses Margaret Barker and Sue Lowick attended. It's great to see the children being children and enjoying the activities.

Licola House 3 floor-coverings completed thanks to the generosity of Carpet Supermarket. The house is almost complete.

Snippets:
 There will be a working bee at Licola Village this month to finalise House 3 project.

Catering vans loaned to Australian

Paper
 Cabinet Secretary elect, Peter McShane, is busy organising a training day

Catering:
 Catering at Bunnings in March – always a good fundraiser.

Catering at Computer Expo in March
 Catering at Bunnings in April – participating in Worlds Biggest BBQ

Community:
 Clean up Australia Day – Club involved again this year
 Involvement with Scouts
 Involvement in Neighbourhood Watch

The Lions Birthday Club, sponsored and run through the Churchill & District News by our Lions Club, is a great hit. Jodi Hammett, Josiah Bertoli, Madeleine Turpin and Corey Kootstra-Denton were each the happy Birthday Club recipients of a \$15 voucher in January and February. All children in Churchill and surrounding areas under 12 years of age are eligible to join. IS YOUR CHILD A MEMBER? IF NOT, WHY NOT? Make sure your child is registered – just follow the instructions in the Lions Birthday Club list published each month.

To all the families in our great community of Churchill and surrounding district, we thank you for your support. Need to contact us? Our address is The Secretary, Lions Club of Churchill and District, PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842.

Bring your pre-school child to STORY TIME at the Churchill Community Library

A variety of easy fun craft and colouring activities will be presented throughout the year together with favourite stories and rhymes.

Each week the children can enjoy having stories read to them in a small group with other children their own age, and complete a fun activity to take home.

The free sessions are designed for

pre-school children, to stimulate and encourage their interest in books and reading.

Story Time is held every Wednesday morning at 9.45am in the Churchill Community Library at Kurnai College Churchill during the school year.

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Due to Club closing early on Good Friday
 there will not be any Entertainment



CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

ART COMPETITION 2005

The Churchill & District News invites you to enter
The 2005 Art Competition

All proceeds will go towards the costs of publishing the Churchill & District News, which is a non-profit, making organization run by volunteers.

CATEGORIES:

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| 1. Children's (U7) Drawing | 2. Children's (U7) Painting |
| 3. Children's (U12) Drawing | 4. Children's (U12) Painting |
| 5. Under 18 Drawing | 6. Under 18 Painting |
| 7. Adult Drawing | 8. Adult Painting |

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- All artwork must have a completed entry form attached
- The entrants name must only be on the entry form and not on the artwork
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- Each entry must include a title
- Multiple entries will be accepted
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- Entries must be received by Friday 1 April 2005.
- Drawings and Paintings can be in any medium.
- Entries will be returned at a date, place and time to be arranged - it will be the responsibility of the entrant to collect their work.
- The Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Signing of the entry form for this competition constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry.

ENTRY FEES

Adults: \$3.00 Per Drawing - \$2.00 Concession or Student

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Under 7, Under 12 and U18 Categories - 50c.

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Title of Drawing(s)/Painting/s _____ Category (see below)

_____	_____
_____	_____
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I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them. I certify that this is an original unpublished painting/drawing, created by myself.

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

Signature: _____

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Closing Date: 1st April 2005

The Superb Blue Wren at Mathison Park

MATHISON Park is home to lots of species of bird-life. Many of these can be seen just walking quietly along the Eel Hole Creek pathway. The delightful twittery Superb Blue Wren is one of these species. The males are dapper, with their bright blue plumage. They usually move about in family groups, often containing several adult males.

There seems to be a larger number of the brown feathered females, giving rise to the theory that the males have harem. This has been found to be untrue, as the males moult into their brown plumage once the breeding season is over, only retaining their black beak. Females can be identified by the orange-brown plumage around the eyes.

Family groups have advantages for enabling the group to breed several times in a season. The males take over the responsibility of looking after the young when they fledge, so the females can sit again. As the season progresses the early brood members can help with feeding the later arrivals.

It takes 13-15 days to incubate the eggs, then another 12-13 days before they leave the nest, long before their tails have grown, making flying difficult. So they stay hidden in dense foliage and are feed there.

The breeding season begins in September and continues until

March, but breeding rarely happens after January. The nest is a small dome-shaped grass ball 120 mm tall and 70 mm wide, being composed of grass stems and blades woven into a framework of spider web, and lined with finer grasses and feathers. The nest is usually located in dense bush or tussock up to 1m above the ground- occasionally higher. Three or four eggs are laid. They are white with red-brown spots at the larger end.

Their food consists of a wide variety of insects, which they obtain by hopping around and foraging over a clear area or in foliage about 1m above the ground.

A group's territory consists of approximately half to one hectare of shrubby habitat interspersed with clearings.

These birds are widely distributed along the eastern side of Australia from south-east Queensland as far south as Tasmania and west to the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia, usually within 200 km of the coast. They also occur along the Murray River and Lachlan River to Booligal N.S.W.

I hope you have the pleasure of an encounter

with these cheerful occupants of Mathison Park on your next visit.

Our next working bee will be on Saturday 26 March from 9:30 am. until 12:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

Information and photo courtesy of the Reader's Digest Complete Book of Birds



The Superb Blue Wren

WHATS ON

Friday March

11th

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Churchill's 40th Celebrations

Churchill & District Community Association

By Margaret Guthrie, President

Our priority for 2005 is to see a number of events through the year to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the beginnings of our town.

A 'grand finale' community event is being planned for Saturday 3 December. It will be held at the Churchill shopping centre (southern side), supported by the Churchill Saloon. Community groups, schools, artists and performers are all invited to participate.

Further information will be detailed in this column over the coming months, or you can contact the Secretary, Rob Whelan, on 5122 3602.

A suggestion has been made that a photographic exhibition of the history of the Hazelwood district and the building of Churchill could be on display at some time during the year.

We would be interested to hear from people who would be willing to loan photos, maps and other items of interest for such an exhibition, while we investigate a possible time and venue.

If you have ideas to celebrate our anniversary, or are involved with another group planning a celebrato-

ry event for this year, please contact CDCA at PO Box 191, Churchill 3842.

At our March meeting, representatives from Latrobe City Council attended to consult with CDCA about a project to determine a Latrobe City Telecommunication Strategy.

The Council, in conjunction with Multimedia Victoria, is conducting a needs analysis of telecommunications in the City, particularly as affects the small to medium business sector.

It is well known that efficient telecommunications is one of the major prerequisites for business to flourish.

The proposed strategy is expected to suggest options for the improvement of existing services.

Similar consultation, as has occurred with CDCA, will be occurring throughout Latrobe City before the final strategy document is put to Council for implementation.

CDCA is also pleased to advise residents of Churchill that we successfully applied to Latrobe City Council for funding to purchase and erect several more flagpoles along Monash Way.

These will be used for a variety of displays in the future, including

Christmas banners in December.

Discussions regarding the proposed Churchill Intergenerational Community Hub are continuing, with research, consultation and inspection of existing facilities elsewhere in the State.

CDCA is involved in these discussions and welcomes your thoughts and ideas on the new community centre proposed for Phillip Parade.

With the Gippsland Education Precinct progressing, and already occupied by Gippsland Group Training, further development of the Precinct will continue.

Our Neighbourhood Centre will eventually need a new home and it will be important to have a facility built that meets the needs of Centre users and residents of Churchill and district. Community input is vital for the success of this project and any future relocation of the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.

CDCA meets on the first Tuesday of each month, at 7.30pm in the Link Room, Monash University. All residents are welcome to attend. Next meeting will be on April 5.



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10 YEARS ON: GAMBLER'S HELP GIPPSLAND

IN 1995 a program funded by the State Government began operation across Victoria. That program was part of a plan to address perceived problems arising from the introduction of a casino and electronic gaming machines (EGMs) to the state of Victoria. The program, then named BreakEven, is now in its tenth year, and since November 2000 has been known as Gambler's Help.

With small beginnings, the Gippsland program was originally staffed by one full-time coordinator/counsellor and one half-time community educator, a number now well exceeded, with a current employment of ten staff across Gippsland's six regions.

Gambler's Help Gippsland's seven counsellors provide free, confidential counselling for people with problems with gambling, their families, friends and other people in the community who may be affected by problem gambling. Counsellors see the person as an individual, aside from their problem behaviour, and the issue of gambling as the problem. Sessions usually last for one hour and may focus on setting goals and strategies that suit the particular individual. Counsellors work from the premise that problem gambling is a learned or habitual behaviour and as such can be unlearned.

People who are affected by problem gambling encounter many difficulties;

one of these may be related to finances. Financial counselling is an integral part of the Gambler's Help Gippsland program. The program's financial counsellors are able to assist clients in managing their debts etc. Concurrently, the client is able to seek assistance and support from the program's therapeutic counsellors in managing the problem gambling behaviour.

Community Education at Gambler's Help Gippsland has a focus on the promotion of responsible gambling, and in raising general community awareness of the risks and potential issues that arise from gaming. Community Education also supports current and prospective gaming industry staff with issues that may arise from problem gambling behaviours in gaming venues. This focus of the program is to support gaming venue staff in providing a responsible and safe service to their customers.

If you are concerned about your gambling behaviour or the gambling behaviour of someone close to you, staff at Gambler's Help Gippsland can be contacted Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm at Anglicare on 5133 9998. Counsellors are also available 24 hours a day through Gambler's Help Telephone Counselling Line on 1800 156 789. This service is also free and confidential, and this telephone number will not appear on telephone invoices.



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Health and Wellbeing

Alcohol and Teenagers

ALCOHOL is one of the most commonly used drugs in Australia. Estimates suggest that half of the population over the age of 14 years drinks alcohol at least weekly. Adolescence is typically a time of experimentation, and around 80 per cent of teenagers try alcohol at least once.

This reflects Australia's tolerant approach to alcohol use. There is some evidence to suggest that parents are so alarmed at the thought of their children using 'harder' drugs, that alcohol is considered a lesser and, therefore more acceptable evil. However, alcohol is responsible for most drug related deaths in the teenage population and is associated with a variety of serious health risks, including unsafe sex. It is virtually impossible for a parent to prevent their teenager from experimenting with alcohol, but there are ways to help the child become a responsible drinker.

Binge drinking

Binge drinking means drinking more than six drinks at a time. Men aged between 20 and 24 years are more likely than others to binge drink. Alcohol is a neurotoxin, which means it can poison the brain. One of its many effects is to interfere with vitamin B absorption, which inhibits proper brain functioning. Long term binge drinking can lead to a range of disorders, collectively known as alcohol related brain damage. Symptoms can include memory problems and difficulties with balance.

Drink driving

Car accidents are a leading cause of death for teenagers. In 1999, one out of every four drivers or riders killed or injured in road accidents were over the legal limit for blood

alcohol concentration.

Alcohol and sex

Alcohol impairs judgment, and teenagers are more likely to engage in unsafe sexual practices when they have been drinking. Associated risks include casual sex, date rape, sexual intercourse without a condom, exposure to sexually transmitted diseases and possible pregnancy.

Other risks

Alcohol is a significant factor in other risky situations, including fighting or brawling and drowning, with six out of ten cases linked to alcohol.

Parental role modeling

Studies have shown that the most influential role models for children are their parents. Children learn by imitation, so it is important that parents demonstrate sensible drinking behaviours. Suggestions include: drink moderately, don't drink every time you socialize and never drink drive.

Teaching responsible drinking

Parents can't prevent their teenager from experimenting with alcohol, but they can instill sensible drinking habits.

- Offer good role modeling.
- Start teaching your child about alcohol from an early age.
- Explain the downside of heavy drinking, such as vomiting, head spins, passing out and hangovers.
- Educate them on links between dangerous behaviour, such as unsafe sex, and drinking.
- Teach them sensible tactics such as standard drink recommendations, 'pacing' themselves, alternating alcohol drinks with non-alcoholic beverages and not drinking on an empty stomach.
- Talk about the dangers of drink driving and plan alternatives together,

such as public transport, designated drivers or calling home.

- Encourage your child to talk about the dangers of alcohol with their friends, so they can come up with ways to look out for each other.

Other factors that can prevent alcohol abuse

According to Australian research, there are many important factors that help reduce the likelihood of a teenager abusing alcohol. In addition to good parental role modeling, these factors include:

- A loving, supporting home life
- Educational programs in schools on the use and misuse of alcohol
- Development of personal, social, academic and employment skills
- A healthy lifestyle, such as taking regular exercise and a love of sports
- Restrictions on alcohol advertising
- Avoiding the use of scare tactics, which can backfire and increase alcohol use amongst teenagers.

Where to get help

- Your doctor
- Alcohol and Drugs Direct Line – Telephone: 1800 136 385

Things to remember

- Around 80 per cent of Australian teenagers have tried alcohol at least once
- Alcohol is responsible for most drug related deaths in the teenage population
- Parents can't prevent their teenager from experimenting with alcohol, but they can instill sensible drinking habits.

This article has been sourced by Hazelwood Health to provide up-to-date information on topical subjects.

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The Gaming Accreditation Charter and Community Fund was started by Council in 1999 amid growing concern at the negative impact gambling was having on our community. The Latrobe City Trust allocates funds on the advice of the Gaming Accreditation Charter and Gambling Impact Fund Advisory Committee.

Where does the money come from?

Gaming venues are required to make a financial contribution to the Community fund to achieve accreditation under the Charter. This is voluntary but they must meet the identified minimum standards set out in the charter for which points are awarded. They must show that they care about the welfare of their customers by providing a safe, healthy and pleasant environment and a commitment to supporting the local community. Last year six financial establishments contributed a total of \$28, 487.84 to the fund. These establishments were the Yallournm Morwell and Traralgon Bowling Clubs, the Italian Australian Club, Traralgon Football Club and Moe Racing Club Turfside Taberet.

How does the Council contribute?

Council provides a waiver of 100% of general rates to all gaming venues in exchange for a commitment from the participating venues of an amount equivalent to 110% of their general rates being provided by the fund.

Where does the money go?

As said earlier, the Latrobe City Trust allocates funds on the advice of the Gaming Accreditation Charter and Gambling Impact Fund Advisory Committee. The Committee, comprising representatives from Council and the gaming industry, considers all grant applications and then makes recommendations to the Trust. Specific purposes of the Fund include: Programs for the prevention of compulsive gambling or for the treatment or rehabilitation of compulsive gamblers • Programs for financial counseling services or support and assistance for families in crisis arising from gambling activity • Recreational, cultural, social, education or other community development activities providing alternatives to gambling • Other projects or purposes offering support or advancement of the local community as determined by the Council.

The Churchill and District news has been allocated funds to produce a series of articles to report on the outcomes of grants given to various groups who have received funding. This is the first of that series to explain the background to the Fund.

Gambling has many negatives, but we should also recognise the positives, and particularly what gaming venues are endeavouring to give back to the community. It should be remembered that the community is entitled to pursue leisure activities, such as a "flutter on the pokies" and to be gainfully employed by such by such venues. While many a Latrobe household has been put to the test by problem gambling, many other households rely on the income full time and part time jobs in the industry affords. Gaming within our community therefore needs to put in perspective: Compulsive behaviour is the problem, not necessarily gaming.

By David Guthrie, President
IN partnership with Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Glendonald Residents Group has been able to arrange computer tuition for members and other Glendonald residents, funded by a grant from Latrobe City.

A variety of skills and programs are being offered through this program in Term 1.

As places were limited, these tutorials are now full, but we hope to be able to offer similar opportunities in Term 2.

Latrobe City Council also donated computers to Neighbourhood Renewal areas (Moe Heights, Morwell East, Traralgon East and Glendonald) via Department of Human Services.

Our 3 computers have been set up at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre for public access for all. The Centre was able to provide a printer and now offers free computer access (no Internet available on these computers) to all Churchill residents, during Centre opening hours (Monday – Thursday, 9am-3pm). Contact the Centre on 5122 2955 to book a time.

Members of GRG enjoyed a tour of the Office of Housing Call Maintenance Centre in Moe on Monday 28 February. This visit was arranged in conjunction with the Victorian Public Housing Tenants Association, and was followed by a

luncheon in Morwell and the rural general meeting of the Victorian Public Tenants Association.

As a tenant group member of the VPTA, GRG members are able to access training and other services offered by the Melbourne-based VPTA.

On Saturday 5 March, with support from Churchill Guides and Glendonald Park Advisory Committee, we held a 'Clean Up Your Park' activity in Glendonald Park (as part of the national "Clean Up Australia Day" campaign). Photos from this event will be displayed in the vacant shop window in Glendonald.

Prizes of kite-making kits were awarded to the hardest workers under 5yrs, 5-10yrs and 11+. Fruit was distributed to all who helped out, and a group of hard-working cooks supplied morning tea of pancakes to children and adults alike.

The next GRG meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 March, at 7pm in the Glendonald Kindergarten, Churinga Drive. All Glendonald residents are welcome to attend and participate in our discussions and activities.

Don't forget our Easter Egg Hunt, to be held on Easter Sunday (27 March) in Glendonald Park. Meet at 2pm at the BBQ shelter. Parents and other adults most welcome to lend a hand!

Farming Then And Now

By Alec Shaw Edited by Ruth Place

BEING lucky enough to have experienced life in the horse and buggy days, as well as in the speed of today's space age, scientific wonders and jet travel etc., I wonder if those huge differences could explain some of the reasons for the generation gap with youth of today. Bearing this in mind I thought it would be interesting to compare the times.

What was it like farming in the early years on the Hazelwood Flats, compared to today? To cover all the changes would fill a book, but to ponder on a few might exercise our imagination and enhance our gratitude for, and appreciation of, what early farming families endured in 1920s-1950s.

As roads were being formed, they began as sand (corrugated with pot-holes filled with water in winter; corrugated with clouds of dust in the summer)! Horse traffic made way for mechanical machines about late 1930s. Cars and trucks were often pulled from a bog in Walsh's Road by the Shaw's new grey Fergie tractor. The sight of an old man grading the roads with two horses pulling a wooden drag frame, was common in the early days, but vanished with the 1930s.

Our small weatherboard house began with two bedrooms, lounge, and kitchen with a wood stove, an outside wash house with tin bath and chip heater. Clothes were washed in the copper, scrubbed on a scrubbing board (ripple glass type), and rung through a hand wringer fixed to the concrete rinsing troughs- all heavy hot work, even on a cool day. Imagine the temperatures on a hot summer's day, without insulation or air conditioning.

Soap was all hand made. It was rather brown looking and didn't smell too good, but it worked!

The clothes line was thirty metres long, the lines being number eight fencing wire, propped up with a long forked stick. It was located in the back yard where the chook and duck deposits made walking a hazard.

There were also other lines suspended under the verandah for wet days etc, but even there the clothes were in danger of being tattooed by swallows or sparrows.

The task of ironing was also hot and heavy. The irons were solid cast iron, weighing heaps. One was heated on the stove while the other was being used. As it cooled down, the handle was swapped over to the hot one and the other placed on the stove for re-heating. It caused much heart-break when a piece of black soot found its way onto a clean white shirt from under the iron.

The toot (toilet) was twenty metres away from the house (for obvious reasons) and was equipped with a bottle of phenyl for hygiene, plus squares of cut up newspaper hanging on a nail for toilet paper. The can was a kerosene tin. They had a nasty habit of corroding before their time. To empty the full can down a hole, without getting splashed, was an art learnt the hard way.

The tales of toots are legends! Some were leaning, some painted, some rusty, some were used to test the pattern of a shot gun, or to sight in an air rifle.

They weren't good places to visit in the dark! Our faithful outside toot lasted into the 1950s, but before its final days actually came, it was subjected to an invasion from a couple of mid-night Mafia types, one of whom had possession of a new chainsaw. They struck the southern weatherboard wall, leaving a gaping two foot square "window", and then vanished without leaving a fingerprint, or waking the sleeping

occupants of the house. The following weeks of careful investigations and the doubtful question "wonder who could have done such a thing?" led nowhere.

Finally as Sherlock was impressing three local suspects on just "how skilful the cuts were made, how straight, and in the dark too"- one bloke couldn't stop his chest from puffing up that fraction, or his smile from being suppressed, and in that instance, Sherlock knew he had his man, and switched his mental energy to a pay back plan.

Now back again to some earlier days.

With another chip heater at the cowshed, it meant more wood had to be cut daily with an axe. The wood needed to be well and truly dried out to be much good, so that meant it was also tough, and the task, time consuming. The chips from all the axe work were gathered for lighting next day's fires. This job I remember well, from when my sister Marg and I copped our turn to fill the chip bucket every day. It was an absolute pain. We were about six and four. Worse still, the wood heap was in full view of Mum and Dad, in the



The Shaw Farm

milking shed.

After some time of putting up with the "slavery", we decided that if we constructed a cavity with a kind of bridge made of chips, we could get away with about three-quarters of a bucket looking like a full one. What a great idea, even though it would take three times as long to do!

The excitement of tricking Mum and Dad took the drudgery out of the job, and although it was slow putting in one chip at a time, instead of throwing in handfuls, thus collapsing the secret platform, they didn't know we were "up to something", because they never once said anything!

Years later we wondered if there may have been a few wry smiles in the cowshed, while the kids were filling the chip bucket so carefully, or when Dad came to empty the contents. Perhaps they enjoyed the pantomime too much to spoil it.

As more children arrived, the house was extended to cater for extra needs. Sleep-outs were built, and a bathroom. Probably some new lino was laid. By the time the fourth child arrived in 1936, there were four bedrooms, electricity, good running water, about three power points and a radio, making quite a large house for those times.

Power at the shed meant the installation of milking machines. The separator did not have to be turned by hand, and lights replaced lanterns. Power also drove the skim milk pump, to feed the pigs, and the chaff cutter, to bail feed the milkers, while they were being milked.

Pigs were a very big part of early farming

days. The stories involving laughter and heart-break are endless- like trying to round up an escapee amongst the chooks and turkeys! And, one day while Dad was trying to drench the big boar it bit his finger. He was unable to fill the district with expletives, because the kids were watching!

The day the old sow rolled on her ten little piglets and killed the lot, was a sorry one. Another story to close this part of the tale was when the kids were using a "drum tight" dead pig as a spring board. They were running and springing into the air, off the tight belly, when suddenly it had a letdown, complete with unbearable smell!

As an extra something for the pig's feed, a large cast iron copper was heated. Into that brew, called soup, went everything you can think of, from calves carcasses, to vegetable waste, discarded pumpkins, spuds, maize cobs, and pol-lard. Sometimes it ended up a little on the nose.

The pigs were extremely hard to fence in and the amount of work that went into their fences was huge. Split pickets were twitched two inches

and it was hard to hold one if the other was let go ahead. A heart stopper happened when our draught team (Patchy and Ginger) bolted while Francis was mowing the hay. A hare jumped up which started them off. We didn't know whether Francis had fallen off in front of the blade or behind it.

The horses galloped a few hundred metres with the mower flying behind, before ripping it off in the gate to the bull pen. They were never the same horses after bolting, so Dad had to sell them for safety's sake. By the way, big brother Francis did fall off behind the cutter bar.

One of the great plusses of the early days was that all the farms had terrific orchards with dozens of fruit trees from plums, to apples and everything in between, down to gooseberries, and raspberries. There didn't seem to be the bird problem back then.

It would be interesting to compare the amount of money spent on living expenses for a family of four in 1940, against a family of four in the year 2004. Instead of working out of the home to make money, Mums of earlier days worked to save it.

A few of the savers in our home in the 1940s included home made butter, jam (raspberry, plum, blackberry, gooseberry, apricot, melon- the list is endless), soap, home grown honey, preserved fruit of many kinds, eggs- both hen and duck, home killed poultry, turkeys, ducks, rabbits sheep, pigs etc.

The veggie patch grew spuds, pumpkins and onions, which were stored for all year round use. Other veggies were seasonal. Groceries came in bulk- sugar in 30 kg bags, flour in 20 kg bags, and salt in 20 kg bags. Tea came in wooden boxes about 900mm square, and must have lasted for ages. Ginger beer was a hit with everyone. Haircuts were rough, but cheap! Shoes were repaired and socks darned. Salt preceded tooth-paste. There were no school fees at State School, with a free dental service thrown in.

So hours worked at saving money could be like working from home today.

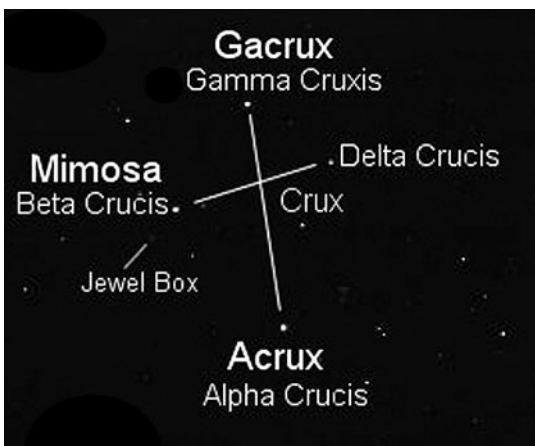
The war years were oppressive to say the least, with so many things being rationed. I can't remember exactly, but I think we were allowed 20 litres of fuel per month. That was hard to take. Food items were so scarce. We kids really disliked dripping on our toast, but had it if the need arose. The war effort was really in our face. Even the senior kids at State School made endless camouflage nets for the cause.

A surprising comfort for those times was the deliveries from the butcher (weekly), baker (twice weekly) and grocer (weekly). Can you picture Alwin Welsh riding around the countryside on his bike today taking orders from the farmers? With the improved roads, he could probably shave an hour off his best time. He wouldn't have to sharpen his ball point pen and he could call the RACV on his mobile if he had a flat tyre. He could even ask the Union if it was too hot or too wet. Some changes eh?

To me the greatest stand out changes would be the advent of electric fencing, polythene waterpipe, weed and pest sprays and of course the mechanical horse. The introduction of so many other items of aid would fill volumes of an encyclopedia. It is best left to the experts to collate a word picture of times in the "good old days"!

One other unpopular habit our horses had was to always lean over the fences to eat the grass on the other side. This would make the wires lose, as well as the posts. Being under ten, usually with bare feet, the horses had no trouble bluffing me when I had the task of taking their harness off after a day's work. They would nip and fidget

The Story of the Southern Cross (CRUX)



By JEFF SING

THE most recognized constellation in the southern hemisphere is the Southern Cross. The ancients grouped stars they observed in the night sky to form constellations that they associated with images, usually with mythological connections.

They outlined their imagined star patterns accordingly, just like joining the (star) dots with lines as part of a picture puzzle. Most of the stars within a constellation are not physically related to each other. We only look at them from the Earth's perspective. From another location in space would appear entirely different.

The star groupings are arbitrary. Often the stars are at vastly different distances from each other. The stars happen to lie in the same direction. Our solar system can be found about 30,000 light years from the centre of the Milky Way Galaxy inside one of its spiral arms, the Orion arm. The Milky Way stretches 100,000 light years in diameter.

Most of the constellations are nothing like the figures they are supposed to represent. The ancients and their successors must have had fertile imaginations. The Southern Cross is one of the few constellations that live up to its name.

In astronomy the Southern Cross is known as 'Crux Australis' which is derived from Latin. Crux Australis was named by Augustine Royer, a

French astronomer and navigator, in 1679.

In modern star atlases the constellation of Crux Australis has its name shortened to 'Crux'. Crux is the smallest of the 88 official astronomical constellations. The largest is Hydra, the Water Snake. The five stars that make up the Southern Cross in descending order of brightness in a clockwise direction are: Alpha Crucis (Acrux), the foot of the Cross, at 320 light years away; Beta Crucis (Mimosa) at 353 light years; Gamma Crucis (Gacrux) at 88 light years; Delta Crucis at 260 light years and much fainter Epsilon Crucis at 60 light years away.

It is easy to mistake the False Cross for the Southern Cross as both occupy the same region of sky rotating around fixed point in the sky upon the celestial sphere called the South Celestial Pole (SCP), which lies directly above the Earth's geographic South Pole.

The SCP in the Latrobe Valley is about 38 degrees above the south point on the horizon, with an angle that is always equal to a latitude of a place. The difference between the Southern Cross and the False Cross is manifold. The Southern Cross has two bright pointers (Alpha and Beta Centauri) to it.

Three stars (of the first magnitude) of the five stars that make up Crux are much brighter than the moderately bright four (second magnitude) stars of even brilliance.

The Southern Cross is more compact than the False Cross and only one bright star (the second brightest in the heavens), yellow-white Canopus, is the nearest to the False Cross but not as close as the pointers are to Crux.

The long axis (consisting of the stars Acrux and Gacrux) of the Southern Cross point (within a few degrees) towards Achernar (a bright blue-white first magnitude star) that is about an angu-

lar distance of two outstretched hand spans at arms length through to the opposite side of the SCP.

During March, Crux is found in the south-east, climbing higher each successive evening until it culminates (reaches its highest point in the sky) in May. The position and orientation of the Southern Cross depends on the time of night and time of year.

In August it will slide towards the south-west, and by summer will stand on its head just above the southern horizon, as it makes its annual journey clockwise around the SCP, inscribing a full circle after one year.

The Southern Cross has been adopted as a national symbol in countries such as Australia, New Zealand, Samoa and Papua New Guinea.

It appears on our national flags, features in our architecture, songs and history. In 1901, Ivor Evans, a fourteen year old schoolboy from Melbourne won an Australia - wide competition depicting four stars that represented four moral values (as portrayed by the Italian poet, Dante) of Justice, Prudence, Temperance and Fortitude. There were some changes to the flag in 1909, and several versions appeared in the intervening years until 1951, when the Australian Flag received royal assent and has changed little since.

Contrary to popular belief that the Southern Cross is not visible in the northern hemisphere, people in countries such as Egypt, Arabia, South China, Tripoli and Mexico can observe the Southern Cross at certain times of the year. Thousands of years ago the Southern Cross was visible in the Near East. Due to precession of the equinoxes, brought about by the gravitational pull of the Moon and the Sun (causing the Earth to wobble on its axis once every 26,000 years) it has shifted the constellation a little further south.

Crux was last seen from the latitude of Jerusalem about the time of the crucifixion of Christ.

While not as pronounced in Aboriginal mythology as other stars, the Southern Cross has a variety of interpretations for indigenous Australians. In one such legend the stars represented Bunya the possum who was threatened by Tchingal, the ferocious Emu, and killed.

The latter was punished by being transformed into a hole in the sky known to Europeans as the 'coal sack'. Another legend interprets it not as a Cross, but an eagle's footprint.

The 'coal sack' can be found between Acrux at the foot of the Cross and its second brightest star, Mimosa. It is a dark nebula. One could fit about fifteen full moons inside this dark patch about six degrees in angular diameter.

Dark nebulae are clouds of gas and dust that absorb the light behind them producing a dark appearance against a brighter background. They are often referred to as absorption nebulae. Most of our information about them comes from observations in the infra-red part of the electromagnetic spectrum.

Stars may be forming inside molecular clouds like those of the coal sack. If you look closely through a small telescope one can see that the coal sack is not entirely void of stars, but there are a small number of foreground stars against the black velvet of space. About one degree (two Moon widths) from Beta Crucis is the famous Jewel Box star cluster, its dozen or more stars best appreciated in small or large telescopes. Crux lies in a very rich part of the Milky Way.

The Latrobe Valley Astronomical Society will hold its members night on Tuesday, April 12. For more details contact Gavan Dinsdale on 51746453 or visit the society's website <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~lvas/>

John's Ute Bataluk the Goanna

By Margaret Guthrie

There's a Toyota HiLux Ute in Churchill, with a noticeably different paint job. It's bright blue, but it is the Aboriginal artwork that makes it stand out.

Owner John Marcus wanted "something different" for his 4 wheel drive Ute, which he'd been working on in his garage at home, and offered the paint job to friend, Wade Smith, a talented local Aboriginal artist.

"At first Wade didn't take me seriously" explained John, "but Wade was sick of painting on canvas and gradually became enthusiastic about the idea."

The Ute itself has a 350 Chevrolet motor, which was rebuilt at Bob's Tuning in Morwell. It has a turbo 350-auto transmission and the exhaust system is by Chickerell Street Exhausts.

"I did all the work myself, except the engine rebuild and the exhaust system, even re-upholstering the interior at home," said John. "I had the aluminium tool box and other aluminium work made at All Form Industries in Morwell and it has 15 X 10 alloy American wheels".

Wade painted the exterior of the Ute. His artwork is based on the Bataluk goanna, a symbol from Kurnai country in East Gippsland, and used to mark the Bataluk Cultural Trail.

Unfortunately the paint on the bonnet and front section started to peel and had to be re-done. John's wife Dianne approached young local, James Briggs, to help out.



"I'd seen some of James' paintings," explained Di "and I knew he was interested in doing more than just canvas artwork."

James was happy to take on the job. "The wrong paint had been used. It needed suitable heat resistant paint. I touched up the cracks and re-painted Wade's art on the front section where it was starting to peel."

"I put some of my own designs inside the goanna, which I make up as I go," said James. "I've been painting since I was 14."

James' family is from Shepparton - Yorta Yorta people. "I'm from an artistic family," he stated. "My grandfather's brother has artefacts on display in the Melbourne Museum. We use a lot of dots in Yorta Yorta art - you can see them on John's Ute."

"I'd be interested in doing more work like this, so if anyone has a car or something else they want painted with aboriginal artwork, contact me through John on 0403 923 163.

John has entered his Ute in several Agricultural Shows and Ute Musters since it was certified roadworthy and registered last year. It won first prize in the modified 4WD section at the Maffra Agricultural Show.

In October '04 it was one of the Top 100 finalists at the Deniliquin Ute Muster, one of the nation's premier Ute shows. John went up with local Koori mate, Roger Morris.

"As an aboriginal person, I think what John's done with his Ute is fantastic, exclaimed Roger. "When I went with John to the Deniliquin Ute Muster I couldn't believe the interest in the artwork."

"People quite literally dropped their shopping as we drove through the main street in Kilmore," laughed John.

"It's great from a reconciliation point of view too," said Roger. "To see a non-indigenous person have this artwork on his vehicle. I think Gunai/Kurnai people would be pleased that John wants to share part of their culture."

Well-known aboriginal musician, artist and performer, Wayne Thorpe, agrees that this form of cultural exchange is important and wrote the following story about John's Ute:



Bataluk the Goanna Story

By Wayne Thorpe. 2004. Of Watbalimba-Jeela.

Two goanna families travelled many miles and met at the hill near the two big coal mines (*Churchill*). They sat and ate food together and shared dreams and ideas. They helped each other with their hunting and gathering tools and weapons, workshopping near the campfire for hours (*late nights next to the potbelly stove in John's garage*). The camp dog and the local parrots, cockatoos and wrens could all be heard in the background while they worked together (*lots of pets at John's place*).

The big Sleepy Goanna (*John*) asked the Sand Goanna (*Wade*) to honour him by painting a story on his Land-Canoe (*4WD Ute*). They agreed, the Sand Goanna painted the Land-Canoe and after this many other birds and animals heard about the new painting. Some were jealous, and others were angry about the Sleepy Goanna having a Sand Goanna painting and made silly threats.

After a while they met Woorayil the Lyrebird (*Wayne*) who shared his music and creative ideas with them and they began planning a tour of the tribal area to share their Aboriginal Art, Dance and Music.

The Sleepy Goanna offered help with the Land-Canoe to transport the props of the show to each learning ground, while the Sand Goanna offered to share his painting and craft skills and Woorayil said he'd share his song, story and dance with the people of the tribal area. They all agreed.

****CHILDREN'S CORNER****

BIRTHDAYITES

LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB

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If you are under 12 years old you can join the club. Ask your Mum, Dad, Guardian or Carer to ring the Editor of the CHURCHILL AND DISTRICT NEWS on 5122 2589 or write

LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB
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CHURCHILL 3842



with your NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, BIRTHDATE, and whether BOY or GIRL

The lucky "Birthdayites" for January were
Jodi Hammett and Josiah Bertoli,

and for February were
Madeleine Turpin and Corey Kootstra-Denton.

BIRTHDAYITES FOR MARCH 2005

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| Jay BARRY | 5 years |
| Jack BENNETT | 8 years |
| Rowan FLAKE-FARRELL | 7 years |
| Jye MAY | 8 years |
| Joshua McCORD | 7 years |
| Bailey McLURE | 3 years |
| Tristan TURPIN | 7 years |

The randomly chosen "BIRTHDAYITES" for March are
ROWAN FLAKE-FARRELL and JYE MAY

Congratulations, you have each won a \$15 voucher for Churchill Newsagency. We will contact you early APRIL.

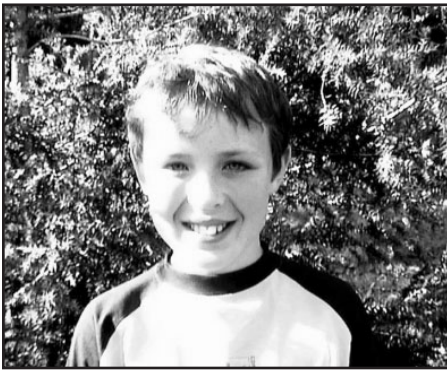
John Barker Publicity



Jodie Hammett (above)
12 years on 2nd January
Josiah Bertoli (below)
11 years on 31st January



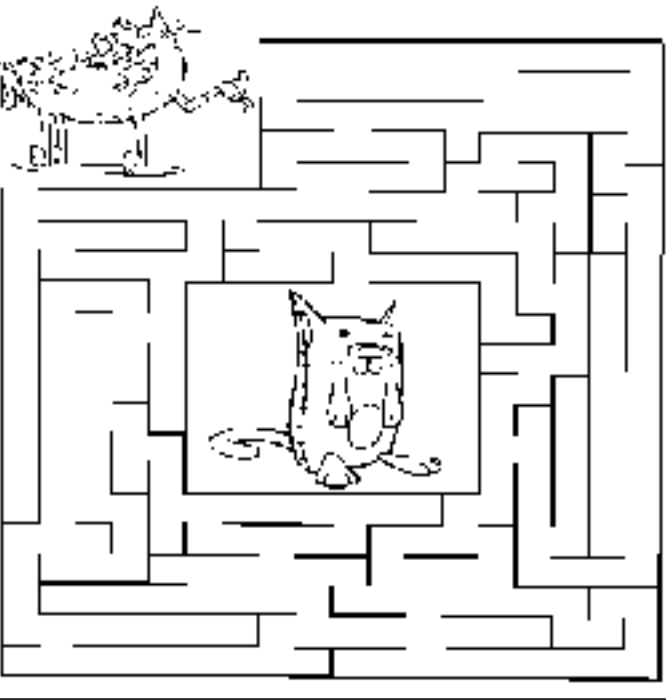
Madeleine Turpin (above)
8 years on 8th February
Corey Kootstra-Denton (below)
7 years on 20th February



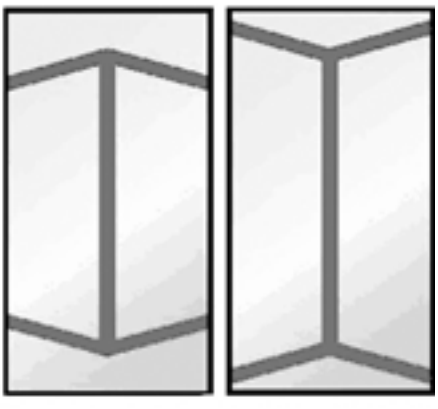
The January and February "Birthdayites" were all smiles as they were each presented with \$15 vouchers for Churchill Newsagency by John Barker from the Lions Club of Churchill & District. They were chosen at random from the

January & February lists. This could have been you - make sure you join so you also have the chance to be a lucky "Birthdayite". Remember you now have two chances of being chosen.

HELP CATDOG FIND THE DOLL.



Are the Middle Lines the Same Length?



Festival Prizes

We still have some prizes to give away
Are you one of the people circled in the photographs?



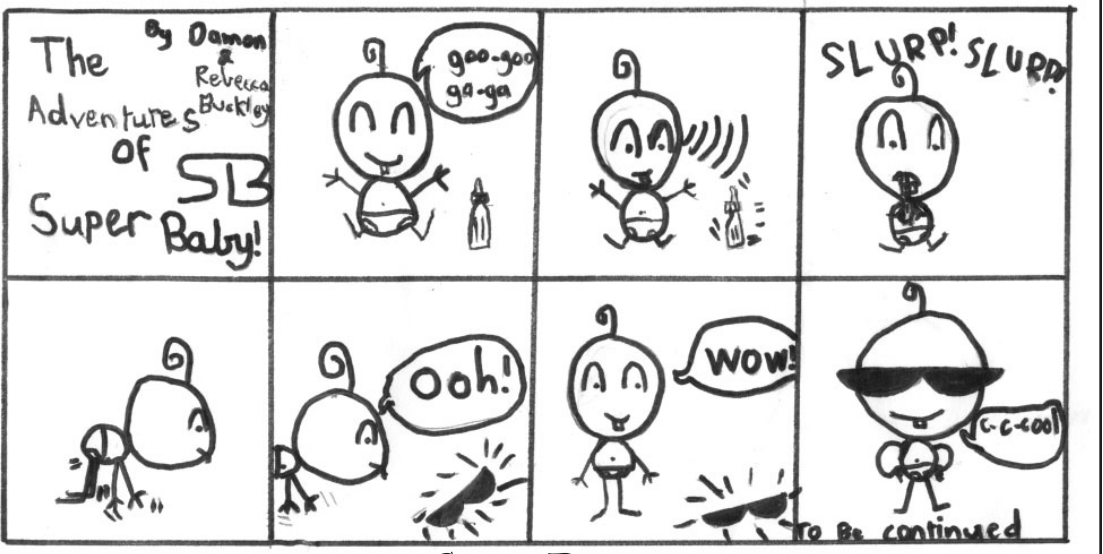
If you are the person circled in this photograph you have won a Voucher for Cafe le Mac's and a stamp collection from Australia Post.
To claim your prize please ring 03 5122 1961



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If you are the person circled in this photograph you have won a Candle Holder from Churchill Newsagents.
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Super Baby

Designed and created by Damon Buckley

Churchill Football Netball Club

Cougars Intensive Workout

By BRAD MCCARTNEY

WITH pre-season in full swing and practice matches just around the corner the Cougars are undertaking an intensive summer workout.

Trav Brighton, a standout at training, is one that will be looking at building on his strong season in 2004 that saw him receiving the Best and Fairest.

Big news for the club is the recent signing of Scott Kelly who will return from Lucknow, along with his brother Porky. Other signings involve Dave Rohde, Paul Hutchinson, Shane Hutchinson all back from retirement and local boys Ben McQuillen and Scott McCafferty returning from Yinnar. Big Jason Murdoch is also a new signing and a convert to Aussie Rules after growing up in New South Wales playing Rugby League.

Greg Williams and Dean Jenkins have recovered from knee surgery and will be ready for Round One, Kane Sheridan has recovered from ankle surgery late

last year and also will be ready for Round One

Practice Matches begin on March 19 against Yinnar at Churchill, then under lights on Thursday March 24 at Traralgon.

The season will commence on 9 April at Sale City.

Anyone interested in playing can contact Grantley Switzer on 0407056822 or Jason Sherrif on 0402020000. Training is currently Monday, Wednesday Fridays at 6.00pm.

Netballers Training Hard

The Netballers have also been training hard over summer with the appointments of Rachael Paterson and Kate Kerslake as Coaches for the 2005 season. Any players or umpires interested in joining the Cougars can contact Rachael 51222603 or Kate 51222584.



Keep fit - Play Tennis

Churchill Tennis Club

By ELAINE ANDRIJCZAK, Secretary
MATCHES in the current season have now been completed and finals will be held in the coming weeks - good luck to all teams involved in the finals.

SOCIAL TENNIS

Wednesday Night Tennis is still happening!

From 6.30 - 8.00pm play 3 sets of tennis - all standards catered for.

The cost \$4 or \$2 for Uni students.

Tennis racquets are provided if needed.

From the 2nd March there is a 4 Week Special:

Option 1: 1/2 hr tennis lesson with Club Coach plus 2 sets of tennis

Option 2: 3 sets of tennis.

Monday Afternoons at 1pm Carol Scott (5122 1464) is hosting the afternoon's tennis, which is held in a friendly atmosphere and is a social non-competitive event.

Free use of racquets is available, together with free coaching if desired.

Please phone Carol if you are interested.



Golf Results

Saturday Mens Comp:
Stableford 4 BBB. 29/01/05.
CCR: 67

Winners: S McNamara (23), F Debono (37) 52 pts. R/Up: P Williams (12), W Leslie (18) 49 pts c/b. DTL: C Speekenbrink/M Bianconi 49 pts, C Johnson/C Lesiw 48 pts, F Sedjak/V Monument 48, G Fraser/G Morrison 47 c/b. NTP: 3rd G Morrison, 5th R Welsh, 12th R Welsh, 14th R Sheahey. Birdies: G Morrison 3rd, S Wotton 14th, C Johnson 12th.

Sunday Mens Comp:

Stableford. 30/01/05. CCR: 68.

Winner: C Speekenbrink (12) 41 pts. DTL: T Sterrick (13) 40, L Maher (18) 37. NTP: 3rd C Speekenbrink, 12th M Brereton. Birdies: C Speekenbrink 3rd, B Barnes.

Sunday Ladies Comp:

Stableford. 30/01/05 CCR: 70.

Best Score J Blizzard (28) 37 pts. Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stroke Medal, 01/02/05 CCR: 69

Scratch: Di Scurlock 85. A-Grade & Medal: J Blizzard 67 nett. B-Grade V Rowley 68 nett. DTL: Di Scurlock 69, L Jessop 70, C Barnes 70, Bianne Thomas 71. NTP: 5th D Thomas, 14th J Leslie. Putts: M McConville 28 c/b. Longest Drive: M McConville. Lost Handicap: J Blizzard 28-27, V Rowley 36-35.

Saturday Mens Comp: 3

Person Ambrose. 05/02/05

Winners: C Speekenbrink (11), C Waterman (19), R Scurlock (8) 57

2/3. DTL: K Hills, B Murphy, F Debono 57 5/6, B Peter, R Welsh, P Ludlow 58 /3, M Brereton, P Coad, G Morrison 59 1/6. NTP: 3rd P Ludow, 5th F Bianconi, 12th D Taylor, 14th V Monument.

Tuesday Ladies Comp:

Multiplication 9 Holes.

07/02/05.

Winners: Di Scurlock (16) B Beebe (35) 30. DTL: J Leslie, M McConville 26, L Olliquist, C Ellis 19. NTP: 3/12 0-32 Di Scurlock, 33-45 M McDonald, 5/14 0-32 Di Scurlock, 33-45 M McDonald.

Saturday Mens Comp:

Stableford. 12/02/05. CCR: 68

A-Grade: (0-15) S McCafferty (14) 40pts. B-Grade: (16-21) B Britten (19) 38 pts. DTL: G Fraser 40, C Johnson 39, L Stein 39, J Dickson 37, R Sheahey 37, R Welsh 36 c/b. NTP: 3rd G Morrison, 5th R Welsh, 12th P Coad, 14th C Johnson. Birdies: 3rd G Morrison, 5th C Johnson, G Beyer, 14th C Johnson, G Fraser.

Sunday Comp: Open Day

Canadian. 13/02/05

A-Grade: R Dykstra/D Wood 67 7/8. B-Grade: D Daniel/H Daniel 67 7/8. Visitors: K Flanigan/V Flanigan 69 3/4 c/b. DTL: P Williams/J Busch 69, B Forrest/M Nielsen 69 3/4, B Hall/K Hall 70 1/8, G Beyer/D Scurlock 78 1/8, W Peter/V Verheyen 72 1/4.

Tuesday Ladies Comp:

Stableford. 15/02/05 CCR: 70.

Winner: G Gardam (32) 38.

DTL: J Beck 36, M McDonald 36, V Anderson 35. NTP: 3/12 0-32 Y Wotton, 33-45 C Barnes, 5/14 0-32 Y Wotton, 33-45 C Barnes.

Saturday Mens Comp:

President/Captains Day.

19/02/05.

CCR: 67. Captains Team Won. A-Grade: (0-15) G Fraser (15) 61 nett. B-Grade (16-22) R Welsh (22) 63 nett. C-Grade: (23-32) D Korehem (32) 68 nett. DTL: G Morrison 65, J Ambrosini 65, P Kearns 66, F Sedjak 66, S McCafferty 67, S McNamar a 67, J McCafferty 68. NTP: 3rd M Brerton, 5th C Lesiw, 12th R Scurlock, 14th G Morrison. Birdies: 3rd G Morrison, 12th W Peter, R Scurlock, R Welsh, 14th J White. Eagles: D Williams 15th.

Sunday Mens Comp:

Stableford. 20/02/05

Winner: C Lesiw 43 pts. DTL: J Ambrosini 41 pts. NTP: 3rd C Johnson, 12th D Taylor.

Sunday Ladies Comp:

Stableford. 20/02/05. CCR: 70.

Winner: C Barnes 34 pts.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Par.

22/02/05. CCR: 67

A-Grade: K Hall (30) +7. B-Grade: V Verheyen (35) +9. DTL: S Jeffery +5, M McConville +3 c/b, D Thomas +3 c/b, J Blizzard +3. NTP: 3/12 0-32 J Blizzard, 33-45 S Cookie, 5/14 0-32 S Jeffery, 33-45 H Croft. Lost Handicap: V Verheyen 35-33, K Hall 30-29.

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The season commences March 9th 2005

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Yinnar Bowls

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March is a month of annual tournaments. Boolarra's is the 12th, 13th and 14th with Yinnar's annual tournament on Saturday 19th (Men's 4s), Sunday 20th (Mixed 4s) and Monday 21st (Men's triples). To enter a team please ring the club.

The last twilight bowls is on the 23rd. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 per child under 14. Again, please ring the club to book.

The twilight bowls for palliative care went very well and we thank you all for attending and giving so much to those who give so much back to us when we need them.

Now is the time to get your team in

for the Yinnar Triples on March 9th, March 16th, April 13th and April 20th.

Len was playing with his regular group of bowlers in a closely contested game when a funeral cortege passed along the road running parallel to the green

As it drew alongside, Len was poised ready to deliver his bowl, but put it down at his feet, drew himself up to attention, removed his hat and reverently held it over his heart.

The other bowlers watched in surprise and when the funeral procession had moved on and the game resumed, one of them said "Was that someone you knew, Len?"

"Yes," replied Len sadly, "She was a good wife."

Good bowling

Geoff Marshall.

Churchill Junior Indoor Netball Association

PLANS are underway for the 2005 netball season. Children of all ages are encouraged to play.

There is a Netta competition for the youngest players, while the netball program goes up to 17 and Under.

Team registration forms are available from the notice board at the Churchill Leisure Centre.

Players who would like a game of net-

ball, but are not currently in a team are requested to contact Fiona on 5122 2493.

Churchill will host an "Orientation to Coaching" course on Sunday 1st May.

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