

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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Local Student Selected for International Science Forum

A thirst for knowledge and a passion for science has led year 12 student Alice Taysom of Kurnai College to be selected to attend the Canada Wide Science Fair to be held in Vancouver, Canada.

The three weeks in Canada will give her an appreciation of science on a global scale, as well as how she can contribute to the areas of science offered all over the world. Alice will also have an opportunity to travel and see the sights of Canada using their own initiative.

Alice was nominated by the Rotary Club of Hazelwood and has been identified as one of the top science students at Kurnai. She possesses the motivation and communication skills to make a good scientist.

Alice attended the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF), for two weeks in January 2005. At the forum she met a range of scientists, worked in laboratories with them and learnt first hand what a career in science will be like.

The students at the forum were also able to meet with those of similar abilities and ambitions. The NYSF was made possible by the Rotary Clubs of Australia and involved institutions such as the Australian National University, the University of Canberra, CSIRO Australia, and many industry and govern-

ment partners.

The two weeks in Canberra gave Alice an appreciation of the contribution she can make in the areas of science and recognise the range of future careers available to her.

Alice said, "The forum was an excellent opportunity to learn about University life and the science courses available". Alice now has an interest in studying for a PHD in science.



Alice was also selected to be one of 26 students to be staff members at 2006's National Youth Science Forum. Alice was also one of only six Australian students to be selected to attend the Canada Wide Science Fair in May.

"The chance to go to Canada is exciting", Alice said, "To witness

the youth science forum at an international level is a fantastic advantage".

Before jetting off, Alice must first undertake the difficult task of raising \$7,500. Sponsorship or donations from local businesses and Rotary Clubs are much appreciated by Alice. If you can help with possible fundraising assistance please contact Alice at P.O. Box 105, Yinnar, 3869 or 03 5169 1703 or the Rotary Club of Hazelwood at PO Box 164, Morwell, 3840.

"DOING IT TOUGH"

By PETER CEENEY

IN late February I received an invitation to participate in the Lifeline Community Leaders Sleep-Out held on Friday the 18 of March 2005. It wasn't so much an invitation as an eviction notice, allowing participants to bring only a blanket and some newspapers for comfort and warmth throughout the night.

The aim was to raise both awareness for the lifestyle of those less fortunate than others, along with much needed cash for the Lifeline organisation.

Each participant was asked to help raise funds for the night via donations from people and organisations that they are associated with.

Friends and family gratefully donated money which had me wondering their real reasons; seeing me uncomfortable or supporting a good cause. Either way, any extra raised was beneficial.

The night began with each of the twenty-five participants introducing themselves along with a brief talk explaining their reasons for being there.

Ian Needham, a board member of Lifeline Gippsland, then explained some facts regarding the organisation and how it is run. The telephones are manned 24 hours per day all by volunteers.

Thus, whilst we were fidgeting about on wet grass at 3am trying to get comfortable, a Gippsland resident was volunteering his or her time to support others in need. That statement hit home as to how much the Lifeline volunteers give to support their community.

Ian went on to explain some of the calls received at the centre. The first example was from a person who called to tell the volunteer that they'd recently won a raffle. To most this is purely joyous news that we can tell

our friends and family and witness their reaction. For this person, they had no-one else to tell. Another caller simply wanted some-body to wish them a happy birthday. People utilise the service for a wide range of issues including sexual assault, domestic violence, suicide concerns and health and relationship worries.

In life, we sometimes get caught up in statistics and figures, only reacting when they reach unusual proportions whether high or low. But when you have the opportunity to listen to examples of individual suffering and loneliness, even in a lucky country such as ours, you can come to appreciate how much you take for granted.

We next spent time in the school house mingling, socialising and putting of the inevitable outdoor experience.

One participant showed me how he'd found the only accessible bed in the compound, located in the miners hut. We both joked about the strong possibility of spiders which strengthened my determination to sleep away from buildings.

My intention was to bed down in front of the water wheel, at the spot I was married five years earlier. However, an earlier warning regarding the wind had me seeking a more protected spot in front of the locomotive.

The grass was soft and the slight rise gave me a natural pillow. I lay down fully clothed and pulled up the old dog blanket my wife had given me.

As the night crawled on, the wind began to chill my cheeks. I pulled the blanket up, but was put off by the smell of the dog even though it had been thoroughly washed. My only protection was then the Churchill District Newspapers given to me by Peter Prokopiv.

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EDITORIAL

WELCOME to the April Edition of the Churchill and District News.

We would like to thank all those who took the time to fill in our readership survey.

The results are currently being collated and will be published in May's edition. From the preliminary results most people seem to be very happy with the newspaper.

The art competition has now closed and thanks to all those who entered. There will be an exhibition and prize giving ceremony at the Co-operating next Thursday at 3.45pm.

Everyone is welcome to come and have a look at the entries. There were over 400 so it should be a stunning exhibition. Many thanks go to Ruth Place who is in charge of setting up the dis-

play - it will not be an easy task! If you might like to help please ring Ruth on 5122 1961.

The 2005 writing competition is now open. For this year we have a new category - A Story For Children. We hope this will prove popular as many people enjoy writing children's stories.

Our next event for the Cancer Care Centre Appeal will be a Christmas in July Trivia Night.

Our Trivia Nights, hosted by Wendy Brown, are proving to be extremely popular and are a lot of fun. All the details will be in the May edition.

Also keep a look out for another event for later in the year - the Pondage Pursuit - this will be big! Keep watching this space!

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Darren Mclean Memorial

THE Churchill Fire Brigade regrets any inconvenience caused by the postponement of the Darren McLean Memorial unveiling. Due to unforeseen circumstances the memorial could not be finished for the 2nd April as

advertised last issue. Please keep your eyes and ears open for the announcement of the date which will be in at least 4-5 weeks.

Autumn Fuel Reduction Burning

IF you have significant amounts of fuel to burn, then you should contact the Fire Brigade to ask for assistance. Captain Steve Barling is available on 51222121 [Station], or 51226555 [Work]. He will arrange for a time suitable to both brigade and yourself, taking into considerations the weather patterns. The brigade is there to help you with this possibly dangerous but vital activity.

Smoke Detectors Checks

The Fire Brigade has been carrying out smoke detector battery replacement and checks for our town's Seniors.

If you are a Senior and you also would like your smoke detector checked free of charge, just ring Ruth on 51221961 to arrange a time and date.



Darren Devlin changes the smoke detector battery for Val Kelly

THE CHANGE FROM DAYLIGHT SAVING TO EASTERN STANDARD TIME IS A GOOD TIME FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO CHECK THEIR SMOKE DETECTORS AND CHANGE THE BATTERY. SMOKE DETECTORS IN GOOD WORKING ORDER SAVE LIVES.

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"Doing it Tough"

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Although still a bit cold, I was now fairly comfortable and began to concentrate on sleeping. Every half minute my concentration was put off from the noise of a passing truck engine. Having lived most of my younger life beside a highway in Melbourne, I am used to traffic passing me as I sleep.

However, the noise without external walls as a buffer was a dull roar and I took to checking my mobile phone every couple of minutes to see if I had dozed off. At about 3.00am, another participant wandered around asking all if we were asleep. At about 4.00am, the external phone in the office began to ring.

At about 5.00am, the rubbish bins at the front of the

compound were emptied. Sometime after that, the rooster decided morning had arrived. Most of us had seen night leave at the same time. At about 6.30am, I left my now very wet grassy bed, had a cup of coffee and ventured home.

I am now a huge fan of Lifeline and will support their events whenever able. You too can support Lifeline via their Morwell office at 5134 8278 or by visiting one of their many shops in Churchill, Moe, Morwell and Traralgon. Next year, I'll be pushing the barrow a bit harder, but for now I will place extra enjoyment and time into my family, with my friends, and especially on my nice soft pillow.

Churchill Intergenerational Community Hub Project

The Next Step

Your Feedback

FOLLOWING on from the community meeting held on 30 November 2004 in the Churchill Public Hall, we requested further feedback on the proposal for a Community Hub to service residents of the Churchill, Yinnar and Boolarra areas and surrounding districts.

All the feedback received so far, both verbally and in writing, has been overwhelmingly supportive of the concept, with a number of suggestions on the best mix of services and activities that might form part of the Hub. Specifically, comments have focused on the following:

The need to consider a fee structure for hiring out of facilities that enables potential user groups to maintain access

The need to assess the impact on any existing infrastructure, such as the Public Hall, and its relationship with the Hub

The need to ensure sufficient storage space is provided for user groups

Consideration of integrating a bowling green and provision of unit/motel type accommodation into the concept

The importance of providing ongoing opportunities for a wide range of stakeholders to be informed of developments and encouraged to have further input.

What has been happening since the community meeting?

An enlarged Committee has been formed, and it is continuing to meet on a regular basis. A number of Working Groups have been established for the purposes of advancing the concept plans and to more closely identify specific service requirements and associated legislative issues, potential complementary activity and issues

Funding

Latrobe City has secured a grant of \$10,000 from the Department of Human Services to facilitate the development of a funding submission for children's services and to support the activities of the Working Groups. Council has engaged the services of Carol Blair to assist with this process.

A wide range of potential funding sources, including state and federal governments, philanthropic and corporate, have been identified and are being vigorously pursued. A contribution from Latrobe City Council through the annual budget process is also being explored.

What else is happening?

Members of the Committee have visited other communities to gather information on a range of areas that may be helpful in further developing the concept. Combined community and local government projects at Mirboo North, Rosedale and Broadmeadows were examined in depth. Discussions have focussed on a variety of topics such as establishing need and community benefit, design elements, funding sources, potential cost saving methods, the role of volunteers and community input, project management, the role of corporates and philanthropic organisations, the mix of services, community interaction and aspirations, maintenance, space requirements and a range of logistical and operational issues.

The next steps...

A number of activities will be occurring concurrently.

Once the Working Groups have concluded their allocated tasks, it is proposed that the information collected will be passed onto an architect to be commissioned by



of access. The Working Groups are:

- Library and Service Centre
- Children's Services
- Whole of Life Learning
- Businesses and Services

The Groups are also compiling information to help establish current and projected future need for the Hub.

Council to develop more detailed design specifications.

It is also proposed that a Memorandum of Understanding be drawn up between the major project partners and stakeholders.

Latrobe City will continue discussions with Monash University and the Country Fire Authority regarding tenure and land use issues for the identified site, next to the CFA, which is currently owned by the University.

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Baw Baw Region Guide News

Region Wheelies Day

By ZELMA MILDENHALL

On Saturday 19 March, sixty guides plus leaders and adults met at Hazelwood Power Children's Traffic School in Morwell for Wheelies Day. Guides of all ages were involved and a great variety of bikes and helmets came with the girls.

After a welcome and a check to see all helmets were fitted correctly activities began. Guides watched a video on bike safety, took a turn at being a pedestrian, had time riding bikes, tried their abilities in the skills area and played safety games.

Older guides spent time at the BMX track.



Co-operating Churches of Churchill Snippets

By RUTH PLACE

World Day of Prayer

THE members of both Lumen Christi and the Co-Operating Churches celebrated the World Day of Prayer at the Co-Op Church. The service had been prepared by the Women of Poland. Poland is mainly Christian, with 85% being Roman Catholic.

World Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Christian women to share together in faith, promoting peace, mercy, justice and love for all nations, around the globe.

This year's theme was "Let Our Light Shine".

Church Camp

Approximately 30 people attended the excellent Lake Tyers Camp and Caravan Park, for the annual camp over the long weekend.

The food was very good and plentiful to fill active participant's empty stomachs.

The Trivia Night and Concert were excellent entertainment, with lots of fun and talent observed. The three studies had people thinking hard as ideas and problems were explored. Afternoons were free, but with a range of optional activities provided. The weather was perfect, and the scenery and setting delightful.

Clean Up Australia Day

Some of our members did their bit to make Churchill a cleaner place to live.

Easter Club

Forty-nine excited children attended the Easter Club at the Church, on the two Thursdays before Easter. The

wonderful helpers not only helped the children with a wide range of craft activities, but also acted out the events that lead to Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, his arrest, trial, crucifixion, and resurrection. What a talented group they are. Thanks everyone.

Latrobe Senior Citizen of the Year

We are all very proud that the Church to which Dorothy Fogarty belongs and supports, is the Co-Operating Church. We congratulate her and wish her every blessing as she continues her busy useful life.

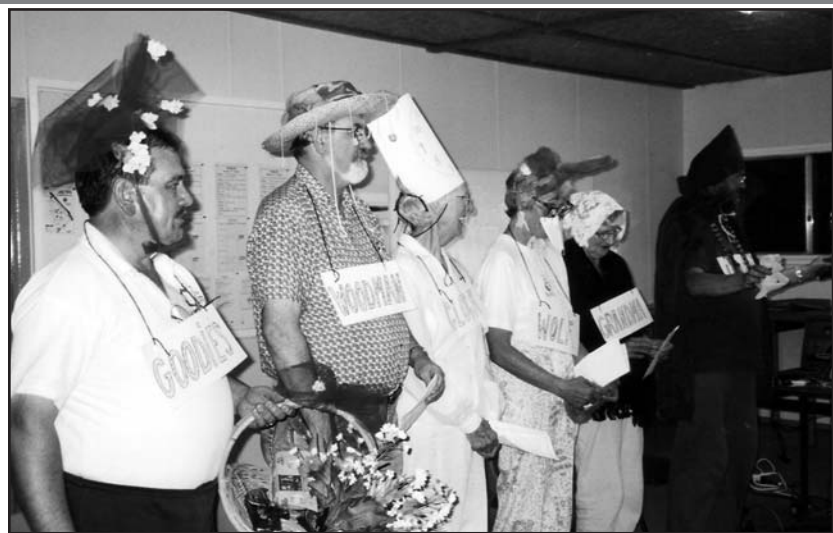
Saturday Breakfast

Councillor Bob Smith was our guest. He spoke of his life growing up in New Zealand, his time in National Service for Australia, and his experiences as a councillor. He illustrated his talk with poetry, some of which he had written himself.

Easter Services

It has been a privilege to once again share these with our Christian Friends at Lumen Christi, and to also invite the Churchill Christian Fellowship to join us.

The tenebrae or service of shadows, was a short but extremely meaningful and moving service. The Good Friday Witness walk was well attended. The walk was extended, and included some re-enactment of the scene at the crucifixion. It took longer than usual, so that we were really ready for Hot Cross Buns and a cuppa on our return. Thank you Jean for waiting to prepare and serve that for us. It was much appreciated.



Trivia Night and Concert at Cooperating Church Camp (Above)
Easter Club (Below)



Dorothy Fogarty, Latrobe Senior Citizen of the Year



Cleaning Up Australia

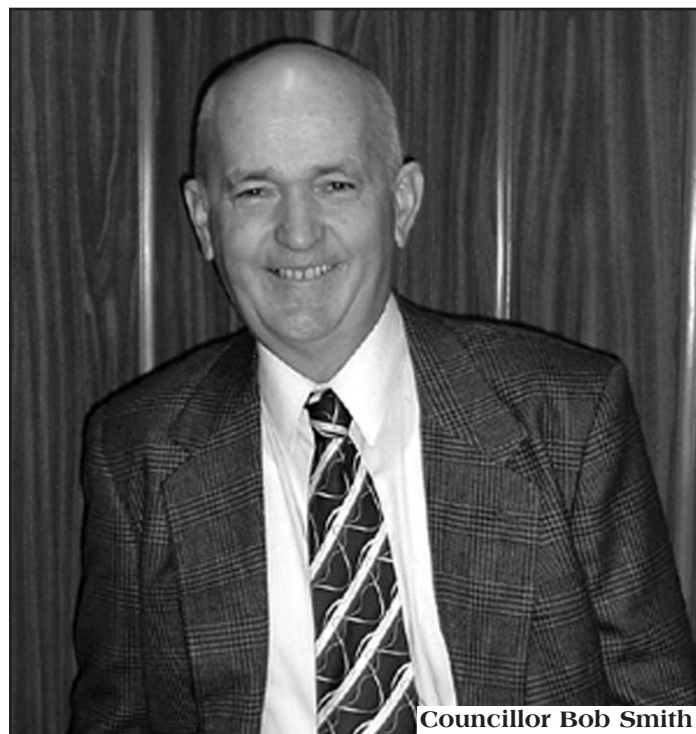
Saturday Breakfast

By KEITH ENDERS

COUNCILLOR Bob Smith was the guest speaker at the first Saturday Breakfast for 2005 held on 19 March. Bob spoke about his earlier life and recited several poems he had written. The first one gave a glimpse of what being inducted into the army was all about when he was called up for National service and sent to Puckapunyal army camp for training. Bob was sent to Vietnam and his second poem was very sobering and sad story of a sapper who was sent down the Viet Cong tunnels with only a torch and a pistol and the effects that had on the sapper.

Bob gave some insights in to how the Latrobe City council operates and indicated some of the frustrations he has encountered working on the council. Getting funding for projects can be difficult and the divisions amongst the councillors does not help. His talk finished on a lighter note with Bob reciting the poem 'A Bush Christening' by 'Banjo' Patterson.

The next Saturday Breakfast will be held on the 23rd of April at 7.30 am at the Co-Operating Churches, Williams Avenue. The guest speaker will be Stephen Elms, Manager, Nurseries and Research for Hancock Victorian Plantations Pty Ltd. Stephen manages the companies operations in his areas of responsibilities for



Councillor Bob Smith

Gippsland, North Eastern Victoria and the Mt Gambier region. Stephen will talk about his work, the companies operations as well as some personal background. He is a graduate in forestry from the University of Melbourne.

People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders by Thursday 21 April on 5122 1148 or by email at kbenders@net-tech.com.au.

CHAPLAIN'S CONTEMPLATIONS

Rev. LYN PORRITT, Chaplain, Monash University Gippsland Campus

THE year has raced ahead to Easter before I have said 'hello' to you all for 2005.

The University Orientation Week heralded the start of the academic year at the end of February for 1st year students and the beginning of March for the returning students.

It is a joy to see so many students going forward in their studies and to meet the students beginning this process of discovery and learning about the subjects they are studying and also themselves.

There are many happenings during the semesters in the Spiritual Centre such as Buddhist meditation, Relaxation and Meditation, and Yoga as well as regular Prayer and Worship Services for the Christian and Moslem communities.

The Christian Worship is held at 12.15pm on Thursdays followed by Bible Study at 1pm. The Moslem community uses the Spiritual Centre for daily prayer and meets for community worship on Fridays at 1pm.

The Spiritual Centre and its use are demonstrating goodwill and acceptance of different religious faiths which in our multicultural society

is to be encouraged.

The Latrobe Valley community and particularly Churchill are privileged to have many international students from all over the world, with a very large Asian contingent. This offers us all an opportunity for hospitality and understanding of other cultures.

At Easter it is salutary to reflect on the state of this planet; human beings distrusting and hating each other leading to war, death, disability and destruction, people becoming intolerant and unable to tolerate difference; searching for certainty. Then, there is the materialism and greed leading to exploitation of the resources of the earth and damage to the environment. There is a gulf between the rich and the poor nations and a gulf between the rich and the poor within nations.

Jesus, who in his days as a human being on

this planet was aware of the cruelty, oppression and exploitation which prevailed at that time, spoke out against this way of behaving. He was crucified as a dangerous rebel who was stirring up trouble for Rome.

His resurrection makes him one with God in eternity and he is here with us now through the Holy Spirit bringing hope to the world. What would Jesus want us to do in 2005? How would he want us to behave towards each other?

We know the answer. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. (John, C15, V12)"

This is so easy to say yet so hard to do as witnessed by the state of the world and the behaviours of its peoples.

Let us pray for the Grace of God to help us love one another and our neighbour as ourselves.

Blessings on you all.



Easter Fun In Glendonald Park



Enjoying the Easter Egg Hunt

By David Guthrie, President
 ABOUT 70 children gathered in Glendonald Park on Easter Sunday afternoon for the annual Easter Egg Hunt, organised by members of Glendonald Residents Group Inc. Many thanks to the parents who lent a hand on the day.

Children had fun looking for bottle tops hidden in the Park, which were then exchanged for a bag of eggs. A separate hunt was held for littlies. Photos from this event are on display in the vacant shop window at Glendonald.

Much work is done by a few volunteers to keep Glendonald Park clean. Thankyou to those who turned out in the rain for the Clean Up Australia activity on Saturday 6 March. We hope you enjoyed the bananas that were provided for workers! 6 large bags of rubbish were collected and a tandem trailer was filled twice over - once with fallen tree branches and a second time with weeds.

A school holiday activity was held in the Park on Wednesday 6 April. Churchill Guides provided face painting while GRG members cooked pancakes on the barbecue for lunch. Volunteers assisted with ball games and kite-flying activities to make the event fun for children. The Neighbourhood Renewal Project Team, within

the Department of Human Services, along with members of the Moe Residents Group, organised an outing today for families to Gippsland Heritage Park. We hope those that attended enjoyed this social day out, as did those who went on the Tarra Bulga National Park trip in January.

We are considering some after school programs that might be conducted. We are working with Churchill Primary School and the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre to see what might be organised.

If you have ideas or are interested in assisting with our activities, please contact us at PO Box 245, Churchill, or come along to our next meeting.

Glendonald Residents Group meets at 7pm on the last Tuesday of the month at Glendonald Kindergarten in Churinga Drive. The next meeting is on Tuesday 26 April 2005.

International Power Responds to Tsunami Crisis

THE tragic events on Boxing Day which killed so many people in South-east Asia, Sri Lanka, India and in several other countries have resulted in an unprecedented worldwide response to assist the countries now experiencing a humanitarian crisis.

International Power, immediately committed US\$100,000. The first instalment of US\$50,000 has been paid and some substantial donations have also been made from Thai National Power effectively boosting IPR's overall commitment.

Additionally, significant financial support of US\$50,000 has been forthcoming from our Paiton business in Java Indonesia and another US\$50,000 from Malakoff in Malaysia.

Along with the vast number of donations from individuals and corporate bodies in Australia, International Power Australia (IPRA) is set to formally announce its response in order to assist the millions of people affected by this crisis.

IPRA has already joined the initiative of Latrobe City by sponsoring up to A\$50,000 for the use of a specialist plane - a locally-built Gippsland Aeronautics Airvan - to provide practical recovery and delivery services in affected areas of Asia. A total of A\$100,000 is required to ensure this initiative is put into action.

At present, Loy Yang Power is donating \$10,000 and this has been matched by Loy Yang B, International Power Hazelwood and topped up by three other IPR businesses in Australia - Pelican Point, Synergen and IPRA Head Office. A Total of A\$50,000 from the IPRA businesses toward the \$100,000 target.

Secondly IPRA will sponsor a further A\$50,000 to a

reputable entity (such as World Vision or PLAN) to sponsor approximately 100 children in the affected region. Our employees at all Australian assets (and HQ) will then be invited to participate on a voluntary basis.

Thirdly, IPRA has suggested to London that its 2005 Flagship funding proposals (for Australian-based initiatives) be withdrawn in favour of a project being undertaken in Asia.

Our understanding is that this represents infrastructure funding of around UK 100,00 (A\$240,000) for worthy rebuilding projects.

International Power Hazelwood would like to thank Gippsland Aeronautics for their assistance and cooperation in this relief effort.

Pictured, the locally built Airvan on the ground in Aceh is surrounded by locals eager to help distribute the much needed aid to the region.



Picuture by courtesy of Gippsland Aeronautics.

Church Times

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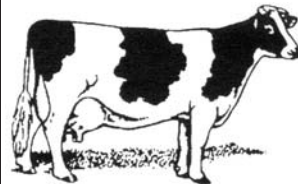
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Churchill Primary School

CHURCHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Grade 3/4 Excursion.

On Tuesday 1st March, the Grade 3/4s went on an excursion to Tarra/Bulga National Park. This was part of the children's environmental studies.

Several teachers and students saw two lyre-birds in the wild.

There was great excitement as about 20 stu-

School Council News.

Latrobe City Council has recently carried out a traffic survey. This has resulted in the school being eligible for another new school crossing situated in Coleman Parade between Daly Court and Howard Ave. This will enable students to cross a busy street more safely.

Members of the public are asked to watch out for the installation of this crossing and to give way to children on the crossing while the flags are flying.

the experience. Here is what they said.

Tyson: "We had a great time. We listened to the Rev. T i m Costello. He talked about writing letters c a l l e d 'Envelopes

of Hope' to the volunteers who have gone to the countries affected by the Tsunami, to help rebuild. Tim said that would encourage them as leaders."

Ashlee: "We all had fun. I really liked Wesley Denny from Big Brother and Totally Wild. He talked about going for your dreams and not giving up."

Jordan: "It was fun. They had video clips of leadership roles from movies. It made us want to be better leaders."

Kayla: "I thought it was really good; a fun day. Some of the speakers had some really interesting things to say. They talked about goal setting and how to be a leader."

Summing up, these young students said they felt special to be there. They learnt a lot from attending, but most of all to follow your dreams, be determined, and never give up.

Shave for a Cure.

Shave for a Cure took place on 1st April. This was an initiative of the Junior School Council to raise money for the Leukemia Foundation

Bounties were placed on various staff



New-Look Staff & Students

members heads (and moustaches). If a certain amount was raised then, for example, a staff member would have their hair coloured.

\$631 was raised as Mr Higgins, Mr Greco and Mr Twomey had their heads shaved. Several ladies had their hair coloured but Mr Turner's MO was saved once again.

Thanks to everyone who participated and donated to a very worthy cause.



Easter Club at the Co-Operating Churches

dents watched a snake slither across the road. Much was learnt as the wonderful project sheets testify.

Easter Club.

About 49 students from Grade 1/2 went to the Co-Operating Churches for two Thursdays. There they learnt about the Christian meaning of Easter, participating in a role play, singing and craft activities. They children had a happy time.

House Sports.

The House Sports were very successful. They were a great preparation for the Yinnar and District Sports that were held on Wednesday 30th March at Yinnar Oval. Everyone had an enjoyable day. Students got right into the spirit of things, dressing in their house colours of blue, yellow, red and green. The school oval was a sea of colour.

Congratulations go to Blue House which was the winner on the day. Thanks to all Staff and Community members who made the day such a successful and happy one. A picnic lunch was included in the day's activities.

Community Learning in Churchill. [CLIC]

A BIG reminder to the community that CLIC will be launched on Wednesday 20th April at 7:00 pm at the school. If you are interested in further learning, please come and see what it is all about. If no interest is shown on the night this could be the end of the project. A light supper will be provided.

Favourite Sport's Person Dress Up Day.

On Thursday 24th March, the Junior School Council ran a dress up day. The children were encouraged to come dressed up in the uniform of their favourite sport's person. There were some interesting sights to see!

School Leaders- Young Leaders Program.

The school's Captains and Vice Captains attended the Young Leaders Program in Melbourne. They were impressed by the day and



Mourad showing his Long Jump style



Netballer Tyson, Basketballer Kayla, Soccer Player Jordan and Cheerleader Ashlea at the Sports Dress Up Day



They're OFF! Shayla, Kayley, Nicole, Paige and Amanda in the Distance Race

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Toni, throwing Discus



Susan, competing in the High Jump



Kayla had her hair coloured for Shave for a Cure Day



Mr Greco Shaves for a Cure

Mirboo North Secondary College School Captains in the Local Area

By NAOMI JESSE-HUSTON

ON Thursday the 3rd of March, Mirboo North Secondary College introduced the new 2005 school captains. This year, students elected six year 12 students to leadership positions instead of the usual four. Additional school captains have been elected as the school is celebrating its 50th anniversary and has a number of celebratory events planned.

This year, three of the captains are from the local area. Boolarra is represented by Veronique Haider as the female school captain and Lachlan Ford as a male vice captain. Yinnar South is represented by Amanda Hanning as a female vice captain. All three students are completing their VCE this year and are combining study with part-time work. Lachlan works as a lifesaver, Amanda works in local retail and Veronique is involved in the hospitality industry.

Congratulations Veronique, Amanda and Lachlan and good luck with your VCE.



Mirboo North Secondary College School Captain and Vice Captains

Hazelwood North Primary School

Congratulations Students



Our students enjoyed participating in the Yinnar and District Sports with six local schools.

The recent working bee was a great success with many tasks being completed.

Next term all students will attend one of two live performances at Traralgon.

Grades 1/2W and 2/3A went to Inverloch, a meaningful way to revise and extend students' knowledge of their Integrated Studies Theme about the sea.

One of our Year 4 students, Matthew, represented the school in the 50 metres butterfly in Melbourne and finished eighteenth in a field of forty eight.

Congratulations to students for their hard work and positive playground behaviour during term 1.

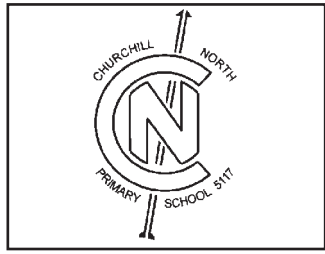


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Below : Students enjoying Yinnar and District Sports



Churchill North Primary School Excursions, Sports Day



Somers School Camp

By CINDY CHIN

On Tuesday the 1 of March, 13 students from Churchill North Primary School jumped on a bus and headed to Somers.

Taryn, Rebekah, Breanna, Danielle, Kaitlen, Luke, Johnny, Ryan.O, Ryan.P, Nathan, Mitchil, Bradley and I were the 13 that went.

It took about 2 hours but we finally got there. We went straight to the cinema and got told where to go and who our teacher was.

While I was unpacking, I met 19 other girls who were both nice and funny on the inside.

We then headed to the dining room. Kaitlen, Ryan.P, Mitchil, Nathan and I were table hosts in Dining Room 2. We served the others and got out early. Later that night we had diary writing. I couldn't fit everything that I wanted to write in. We had to serve again for dinner but it was fun.

The first activity I ever had was surfing. First we learnt how to back arch on the board. The instructor said I was good. We then learnt how to stand up on a board. I succeeded but I soon fell off. It was wicked!

The next couple of activities I had are a bit blurry, but I am sure I had fun!

Following that I had a break and hung out with Kaitlen. That's when I met Carissa. She is really nice and friendly. I also met Erin, Tamara and Loopie(Annie). We had about 1 hour before dinner.

By dinnertime, I knew the place quite well and I had settled in. That night I was served. It felt weird getting served but they

were pretty good servers! That night I slept really well.

The following day, I had the Challenge Swing. It was 18.5 metres high and I went all the way to the top! We had to put on a harness and then get it checked. We stood on a ladder and then the rest of the group would pull the rope to lever you up. When you go as far as you want to, you pull a red rope and SWING!

After that, I had Archery. I hit the bullseyes twice and the shapes four times. All together I got 124 points in 8 arrows. We then had teams. I teamed up with Kate, Kaylissa and Ellie. We called ourselves the ANGELZ!! We came 2nd after the Archerboulds.

I then had Orienteering 3. We had to look for tags that we punched holes in our score card with.

I was looking for one on the Recreation hut, when suddenly I fell down a ditch. I hurt myself but didn't cry.

Coal Creek School Excursion

By students in grade 5/6P



Students attend the Jethro School

By Max Wang

Brroom, the engine of the bus roared as we drove off to Coal Creek Heritage Park in Korrumburra. We saw a movie, which gave us an introduction to the Park about the mines in Gippsland.

The early miners were as young as 11 years old. They got 50 cents for digging 4 skips of coal, which took all day.

I enjoyed the mine tour, which was dark and cold!

By RYAN PITHER

We went to Korrumburra, which is where Coal Creek is, and we did a number of activities. We went through a coal mine, which was nearly pitch black, with only a couple of lights every now and then. The olden days school where we wrote on slate with chalk and saw ink pens was very interesting. We had a booklet that we

carried with us. In the booklet was the places we had to go to find things about the old town.

Overall going to Coal Creek was fun!

By TARA STEVENSON

CNPS went to Coal Creek. The mine was dark and wet, someone slipped and fell. Old fashioned tools were on the wall. After lunch we went to the Jethro School, we lined up and saluted the flag. We did spelling and maths and had a go at writing on slate.

By MITCHIL HARDING

On Monday 21st March the whole school jumped on a bus and headed off to Coal Creek.

The trip there was awful, Adam vomited on Mrs Prior's shoe! On the way back it wasn't as bad.

Grades 3-6 were allowed to go in the mine which was cold, very wet and damp.

We also experienced a mine explosion. The boards that we were standing on shivered.

The miners and their wives were terrified of the noise of the explosion because it meant danger!

Jethro School - The children in the olden days learned copperplate writing. They wrote with inkwells and slate. Ryan P. almost got hit with the cane. The boys had to salute the flag, then we all had to say an oath.

By Breanna Downes-Smith

We went to Coal Creek by bus and arrived at 10:30 am.

We went on a mine tour and the noise we made got trapped in the mine and was very loud.

It was fun! We got to see brown coal and black coal. Black coal is organic and under



Darcy Britton off and running

more ground pressure than brown coal. Brown coal is closer to the surface of the ground. Everyone had fun!

Yinnar & District Athletic Sports

What a perfect day we had for the Athletic sports held on Wednesday 30 March at the Yinnar Recreational Reserve.

All the students participated in track and field events. We had two event champions, Kacey Stephenson (10 years long jump) and Jye May (8 years shot put).

We want to congratulate our students on their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship.

In particular a special thank you goes to the senior students who volunteered to run the relays at the end of a long and tiring day.

We had many parents and grandparents there cheering for our students and we would also like to thank them for their support.

We may have all returned to school exhausted but a great day was had by all.

Key Word signing comes to Churchill North Primary school.

Recently all teachers and aides at our school attended a six hour professional development session on Makaton key word signing.

The training was run by Jan Dunbar who did an excellent job keeping us all engaged. We certainly had some laughs as we learned this new skill. This signing builds on natural gestures and some formalised hand shapes and movements.

Every day we use our hands to get our message across from a simple wave to more complex body language or facial expression.

This signing also explores tone of voice and non speech sounds that we use to aid our communication. All classes will be learning and using these signs.



Cindy on the High Ropes at Somers



Jan Dunbar and staff from Churchill North Primary School

Latrobe City Gambling Impact Fund Aids Churchill Primary School

THIS year Churchill Primary School has received funds from the Latrobe City Council Gambling Impact Fund to support its priority of reducing absenteeism, by half, over the next three years.

The school has approximately 220 students from a diverse mix of family situations.

In 2003, 267 students passed through the school and missed over 5,000 attendance days. The staff were shocked by these figures. This led to the school identifying as its major priorities for the next three years – Attendance, Student Engagement and Achievement.

In identifying these priorities, the school set about initiating programs to bring their aims to fruition.

The introduction of the Walking School Bus (WSB), was geared to ensure that children came to school, were escorted safely, and arrived in time to participate in the school's programs, especially language and number. The WSB is promoted by Vic Health and has the added benefits of giving the children physical exercise, while reducing pollution caused by vehicle transport. It is a program which models good lifestyle values of fresh air, exercise and road safety.

Staff and volunteers keep this worthy program operating five days a week.

Following close on the heels of the WSB introduction, the Breakfast Program began. Hungry children can hardly concentrate on learning and engaging in class work.

Again, staff and volunteers keep this program functioning to make a difference to many of the school's children.

So two initiatives – WSB and Breakfast Program – are giving children a good start to their school day.

Once at school, and fed, the school's policy is to continually reinforce that attendance has a positive outcomes. This is done by providing rewards for students who have been at school "All Day, Every Day", the school's motto, for the full week. At Friday's assembly, a prize per grade is given, as incentive.

The third initiative taken to achieve the school priority was to appoint for the commencement of 2004, a Primary Welfare Officer, Mrs. Jo Whitelaw, to manage and support these programs. Jo is able to provide first hand contact and support for many families attending the

school.

To top this all off the staff have given the programs their full support. They are also volunteers on the WSB and for the Breakfast Program.

The WSB has operated in Terms 1 and 4. However, Terms 2 and 3 being the wettest and coldest were a problem for both volunteers and students.

In 2004, the school applied for funding from the Education Department through the School Improvement Plan to pay for the students to come to school on the regular bus, from Glendonald. They also made a contribution from the School's funds. This was a successful venture with an average of 25-30 students using the service daily.

To continue this service, the school successfully applied to the Latrobe City Trust for funding from the Gambling Impact Fund to subsidise the students' access to the regular bus service from Glendonald to school for 2005.

A full statistical report on the bus service is to be submitted to the Latrobe City Trust following a twelve month trial, and the Latrobe City Trust will then consider funding the service for a further two years.

So with the backing of Latrobe City Trust and the Principal Team, Staff, and volunteers all working hard to re-enforce a positive attitude to school attendance and achievement, it is hoped that all students will benefit because they are at school "All Day, Every Day".

Gambling can impact on the community. If you think you need to discuss your involvement with gambling with a professional, then you can contact the staff at

Gamblers Help Gippsland. Hours are Monday to Friday 9am – 5 pm, at Anglicare on

51339998. Counsellors are available 24 hours a day through Gamblers Help Telephone Counselling Line on 1800 156 789. This service is free and confidential, and this telephone number will not appear on telephone accounts.



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The Walking School Bus (above)

Churchill Primary School's Breakfast Program (left)

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Land for Sale

By Margaret Guthrie, President
A new residential development, called "Winston Park Estate", is located at the intersection of Canterbury Way West and Manning Drive.

CDCA would like to thank Cr. Darrell White for his efforts in ensuring that this development contains public reserves in keeping with the walking tracks and open spaces throughout Churchill.

A further residential development, called "Jeeraview Park Estate" is proposed along Monash Way, with the entrance being from McCarthy Street/Cutler Cr intersection.

The public space and play equipment along Cutler Crescent will be preserved as part of this development.

CDCA will liaise with Cr. White over the planning application to Latrobe City for this newest residential development.

The Office of Housing also continues

its sale of vacant land holdings in Glendonald, with 14 blocks auctioned last month in Baranbali and Curringa Courts.

This is the fourth release in the past twelve months of land previously owned by the Victorian Government.

It is interesting to speculate in Churchill's 40th anniversary year on how Churchill will look in ten years time.

It seems somehow fitting that this, the 40th anniversary year of our 'University Town', should see the opening of the Gippsland Education Precinct.

Stage 1 is due to be completed by midyear, and students from Gippsland Group Training have already started using some facilities.

Kurnai College have announced their planned transition program to the GEP in Semester 2, with the Year 11 and 12 campus being fully operational in 2006.

The GEP promises to be an innovative educational facility providing further study, training and employment opportunities to young people in our community and CDCA welcomes its opening operations.

CDCA plays a role in monitoring development in Churchill, liaising with Latrobe City Council and participating in discussion groups and working parties on behalf of local residents to ensure Churchill's future is planned appropriately.

We invite all residents of Churchill and district to participate in CDCA's activities.

We meet at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month in the Link Room at Monash University. Join us for a cuppa and discussion at our next meeting on Tuesday 3 May.

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Don't Encourage Indian Mynas Warns DSE

Some of us are unwittingly creating a haven for the introduced Indian Myna at the expense of native birds, the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) has warned.

Gippsland's Senior Wildlife Officer, Charlie Franken said Indian Mynas were becoming more prolific around residential areas particularly, but in some rural communities too.

"It's a sad fact that if you peer out of your kitchen window, particularly if it overlooks lawn or pet feeding areas, there's a good chance any birds you see will be Indian Mynas," Mr Franken said.

The birds were introduced to Melbourne in 1862 and quickly became established along Australia's eastern coast, thriving in sheltered urban environments offering a multitude of food sources.

Indian Mynas, also known as Common Mynas, are aggressive and territorial pest birds that compete with native birds for food and shelter. They are known to:

- *carry mites and diseases that can affect humans
- *block building ventilation and drainage systems when nesting
- *prey on the eggs and young of native birds
- *compete with native birds such as owls and parrots for nest hollows
- *feed on and contaminate horticultural crops, particularly soft fruits.

"We certainly shouldn't be doing any favours for birds which can damage the environment like this," Mr Franken said.

"Anything we do for Indian Mynas is at the expense of our native birds."

Like foxes, Indian Mynas rely heavily on people unwittingly feeding and housing them. DSE has some advice for anyone who may have an Indian Myna problem:

- *cut out the 'easy feeds' such as uncovered compost heaps, open bins and pet food bowls. Feed pets inside or bring in excess food when they are finished.
- *put nets over fruit trees
- *reduce sources of shelter, such as eaves and gaps in houses, using bird-proof netting or wire mesh
- *resist deliberately feeding birds
- *plant shrubs that give cover to native species. Mynas dislike shrubby areas, preferring open spaces such as mown lawns and grassy verges.

Native to eastern and southern Asia, the Indian Myna has a cocoa-brown body with a darker head and wings. Its feet, legs, beak and eye patch are yellow, and there is a white wing patch more obvious during flight.

Mr Franken said the Indian Myna should not be confused with the native Noisy Miner, which is mostly grey.

Large-scale eradication programs for the Indian Myna are not considered practical due to cost and possible effects on native birds.

However, with much of the north-east of Victoria free of Indian Myna populations, DSE is running an ongoing awareness program to stop the bird's spread away from the Hume Highway corridor.

Health and Wellbeing

Mosquitoes can carry diseases

IN Australia, mosquitoes can carry diseases like Australian encephalitis, Ross River virus and dengue fever, which can be passed on to people through mosquito bites. Mosquito-borne diseases can make people ill and, in severe cases, can be fatal.

Things to do to avoid mosquito bites

There are many simple measures to help you avoid mosquito bites. You should try to:

- *Avoid outdoor activity around dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- *Wear long loose clothes if mosquitoes are around, preferably in light colours.
- *Use effective mosquito repellents on exposed skin and clothing.
- *Use 'knockdown' sprays, mosquito coils and plug-in vaporising devices indoors.
- *Sleep under mosquito nets treated with repellents or insecticides if you don't have flywire screens on windows.

How to choose a mosquito repellent

Look for the list of 'active constituents' on the labels of mosquito repellents to make sure you choose one that is safe and effective. Creams and gels based on N, N-Diethyl-m-toluamide (DEET) are currently regarded as the best. You should also:

- *Choose repellents with only moderate concentrations of DEET (15 to 20 per cent - it will be on the label).
- *Apply the repellent sparingly to exposed skin, especially on children.
- *Avoid parts of children's hands that may touch the eyes or mouth.
- *Avoid using the repellent on a daily basis for prolonged periods. If long term protection is needed, consult your chemist.

*Stop using the repellent immediately if you suspect an allergic reaction, and consult your doctor.

*Remember to store repellents where infants and young children cannot reach them

You can control mosquitoes around the home

You can reduce the risk of mosquito bites if you get rid of potential mosquito breeding sites around your home. It will help if you:

- *Install flywire screens on all windows and self-closing wire screens on doors. Check them regularly and mend any holes.
- *Prevent pools of water forming - get rid of unused tins, tyres and similar rubbish, clean gutters and drains regularly and mend leaking taps.
- *Change pets' drinking water and the water in vases, pot plants and bird baths at least once a week.
- *Put sand around the base of pot plants to absorb excess water in the dish.
- *Flush unused toilets once a week.
- *Keep swimming pools chlorinated or salted, and empty them completely when not in use for long periods.
- *Empty children's wading pools regularly.
- *Keep fishponds stocked with fish.

If you have a rainwater tank:

- *Make sure that any tops, lids, covers and inlet pipes are close fitting.
- *Fit a removable screen mesh to the outlet end of overflow pipes and to all water inlets.

Where to get help: Disease Control Section Tel. (03) 9616 7777

Things to remember

Mosquito-borne diseases can cause illness. There are many simple measures you can take to help avoid mosquito bites. This article has been sourced by Hazelwood Health to provide up-to-date information on topical subjects.

Mathison Park

THE Conifer Plantation is making some headway. One of the interesting pine trees in the collection is the Bunya Pine. This pine originates from the Bunya Mountains National Park area, situated approximately halfway between Toowoomba and Kingaroy in Queensland.

Bunya Pines will grow very tall, with the lower branches drooping down. They have distinctive dome shaped foliage. The foliage is extremely prickly.

The Bunya Pines were very significant to the Indigenous people of the area. Each year that the tree produced its crop of cones, which contain edible seeds, called nuts, the Waka Waka people and their many neighbouring groups would gather to sample the Bunya nuts. This happened approximately every three years. These festivals were important for ceremonies and law-making. Due to encroaching white settlement, these festivals ceased by the late 1800s

Bunya nuts were gathered from the forest daily. Using a vine around the tree trunk, Aboriginal people climbed the huge pines to knock the cones down to the ground. Once collected the soft, juicy young nuts were roasted. After cracking the outer shell of the mature nuts on an open fire, kernels were pounded into meal and roasted into a kind of cake that could be stored for several weeks.

This was the main source of food during the festival. Hunting was strictly controlled.

In the photos you can see the cone, some of the seeds, showing the nut, and a separate nut. There is also an immature tree.



OUR NEXT WORKING BEE WILL BE HELD ON THE SATURDAY 30 OF APRIL. PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING OUR COMMUNITY BY ATTENDING.

Enthusiasm despite rain

THE third annual Boolarra Folk Festival was held on March 5, despite heavy showers which prevailed on the big day. The rain could not dampen the enthusiasm of the many volunteers and stall holders who braved the elements with wry smiles.

The music was moved to the Memorial Hall, where large crowds enjoyed performances from 18 local and interstate bands. Highlights of the day included the School Drumming performance which drew a crowd that spilled out onto the street.

The evening saw a continuation of the music at the Football Club where the Strzelecki Stringbusters, River Crombie and many others performed throughout the evening. The Open Stage night at the Memorial Hall was a great celebration of new and old local talent. Some of these performers have been invited to apply for next year's festival.

The committee are working hard to recoup expenses, in order to ensure the continuation of this wonderful event. The major fundraiser is the sale of top-quality wine, courtesy of the Warragul Courthouse Cellars.



Local musician Khristian Mizzi left the audience in awe

Varieties include Cabernet Shiraz, Sauvignon Blanc, Grenache, Rosé and Chardonnay. Orders can be obtained through the Stewart family on 51696275.

Lions Club Of Churchill & District Giving A Hand

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity

Past member Gary Dunn is unwell after undergoing surgery recently. Members Ray Medew, Ken Hills and John Barker assisted with work on Gary's car. Past Lioness member Rhonda was visited by Lionesses Joy Medew and Margaret Barker.

A certificate of appreciation was received from Churchill North Primary School for a club donation to purchase a computer program to assist a young student with a hearing impediment.

Bunnings catering on March 13 raised approximately \$170 for the Lions Tsunami Appeal.

Koala Kinder received a donation of \$500 again this year from proceeds of the annual Outdoor Expo at Kernot Hall. Parents and Committee members worked alongside Lions over the weekend and were rewarded for their efforts.

Financial assistance was given to a student at Kurnai College to attend a school activity.

The club took part in Clean Up Australia Day again this year – 8 people took part and collected 12 bags of rubbish, total of 24 hours. Along with other groups and individuals we collected rubbish from roadways and parks. We were very disappointed to see new rubbish deposited in some areas later in the day.

President Norm Hall has again entered in the Lions Ride for Sight in April – some 400km to raise funds for eye research. Lion Norm is riding his bike while John Barker will be driving. The ride starts at Loch Sport Fri 22 April, then via Inverloch and Longwarry and finishes at Trafalgar Mon 26 April.

Lion Trevor Strangward was presented with a Life Membership and now joins Lions John Tipping and Frank Langston as Life Members.

Club elections were held during March and the duly elected officers for 2005/2006 are: President - Kevin Rennie, First Vice President - Stephen Duggan, Secretary

- Trevor Burgess, Second - Vice President, Bruce Cassidy, Treasurer - Peter North, Third Vice President - Kevin Hogan, Assist Sect/Treas - Carl Hood, 2 Year Directors - Ray Medew and Membership - Reg Grisotto, Ken Hills, Tail Twister - Robin King, 1 Year Directors - Wally Osuch and Lion Tamer - Ken Hills, John Barker, Welfare - John Lee

Snippets:

*The working bee at Licola Village this month finalised House 3 project.

*There is a move to develop a Leo Club in our district – more later

*Lion John Barker coordinated a hike for local Scouts

*Members assisted at RCH Good Friday Appeal

*The Club visitation to Morwell Lions Club

Catering:

*Catering at Bunnings in April – participating in Worlds Biggest barbecue.

Donations:

\$200 to Lions Hearing Dogs project

\$100 to Australian Lions Foundation (Emergency Relief)

\$100 to LifeLine

The Lions Birthday Club, sponsored and run through the Churchill and District News by our Lions Club, is a great hit. Rowan Flake Farrell and Jye May were each the happy Birthday Club recipients of a \$15 voucher in March. 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.

Crime Levels Down Across Victoria

THE Victorian Government has made significant reductions in crime rates since coming to office.

Labor Member for Morwell District, Brendan Jenkins, has applauded the improved crime statistics. "Over the last three years the crime rate has fallen 15.7%."

"The recorded crime rates for Victoria are significantly lower than other States," Mr Jenkins said. "Burglary and motor vehicle theft have dropped significantly – as much as a 28.8% reduction for burglary and 45.5% for motor vehicle theft."

Mr Jenkins praised the efforts of all those involved in the improved figures. "The Latrobe Valley has seen a welcome improvement in areas such as residential burglary and theft from and of a motor vehicle. We owe

thanks to local Police, State and Local Government agencies, and various community organisations who have contributed to this."

The local Member said that whilst this was a great success, as a community we need to be united in keeping these low crime rates steady. "There are always areas for improvement when you are discussing crime statistics. The State Government has developed crime prevention checklists in conjunction with Crime Prevention Victoria and Victoria Police. These simple checklists give important advice for keeping your home and vehicle safe."

Crime Prevention Checklists can be found at Brendan Jenkins office at 66 George Street Morwell, or at www.crimeprevention.vic.gov.au

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New Executive for Lionesses

By MARGARET BARKER, Publicity

WE hope all our readers had a safe and happy Easter break.

Our club would like to welcome a new member in Jill Wall. I'm sure she will enjoy working with us and joining in our activities. We now have 11 members with 4 more ladies in the process of becoming members.

Our Annual Meeting has been held with no changes to our executive. Positions are: President – Vicki Burgess, Secretary – Merrilyn Grisotto, Treasurer – Wendy Steenberg

Thanks to all those ladies for once again taking a leading role.

Since our last meeting we have taken on two more ongoing tasks with one of our members doing the "walking school bus" (walking children to and from school) and the other being knitting garments for babies that are in need at our local hospital.

Members have put in 228 hours service to the community during the month of March.

If you are community minded and would like to join us please phone Vicki on 51221614 or Merrilyn 51222543.



NEW LIFE MEMBER FOR LIONS

MEMBERS of the Lioness Club and Janet Lee were invited to a recent meeting of the Lions Club of Churchill and District Inc. for a very special event.

President Norm Hall had the pleasure

to install Life Membership of Lions International to Lion Trevor (Taffy) Strangward. Lion Trevor now joins Lions John Tipping and Frank Langston who are also Life Members.



Lion Trevor Strangward being presented with his Life Membership certificate by President Norm Hall (top) He joins other Life Members John Tipping (left) and Frank Langston (above).

Vale JIM DEAR

A Man Who Served His Family And His Community

JIM Dear was born in 1932. He spent his youth living in Coburg. His early schooling was at Coburg Primary School, and later Preston Technical School. He was awarded a scholarship to attend Footscray Institute of Technology. There he completed a Diploma in Electrical Engineering. His first job as an electrical engineer was with the S.E.C.V. at Eildon and Rubicon, before being based at Yallourn. During this time he lived in the Staff Mess at Yallourn.

Jim and his wife Noel, met in 1956. They married in 1959 and started married life in Yallourn. During this time five of their children- Jim, Kathryn, Greg, Lawry and Paul- were born.

Jim became involved in basketball and Scouts as his children did. He became a Scout Master and District Scout Master for Yallourn area in this time.

In 1968, when their sixth child, Jayne was one month old, the family moved to their new home at Jeeralang Junction. Their seventh child, Nicola was born in Churchill.

Jim became involved with Scouts again, as Second Group Leader of Second Churchill Scouts, in the mid seventies.

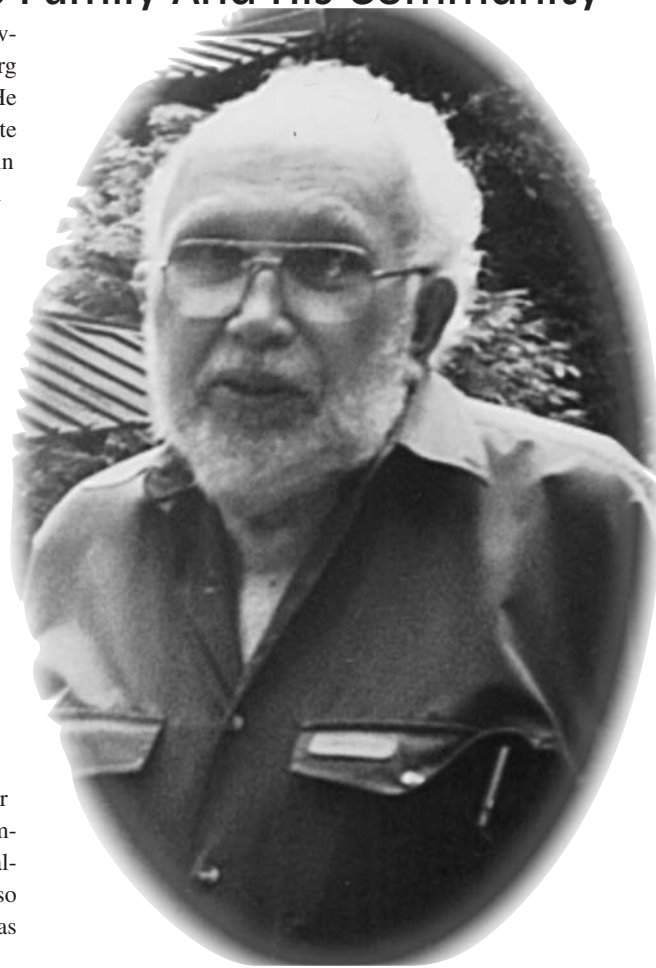
Jim was also President of the Churchill Junior Basketball Club for ten years, seeing basketball commence at Gaskin Park, move to the Binishell, and finally find a home in the Leisure Centre Stadium. He also served the Latrobe Valley Intertown League and was made a life member in May 1990.

As a parent, he spent some time on the School Council of Churchill Primary School in the seventies.

Jim served for nearly twenty years on the Gaskin Park Management Committee. This involved basketball, badminton, table tennis, and Youth Club, as well as soccer and hockey on the surrounding grounds. Churchill Football Club Rooms establishment was another of his projects. With the Steering Committee, he negotiated the purchase of the Pineboard Administration building and its relocation to Gaskin Park in 1983. [Unfortunately, these clubrooms were destroyed by fire.] During this time he campaigned hard to get low alcohol beer for sale at the clubrooms.

Jim was construction engineer with the S.E.C.V. for 33 years, seeing the power stations built at Yallourn, Hazelwood, Yallourn W, and Loy Lang during this time. He retired from the S.E.C.V. in 1987

With the idea of the establishment of the Centenary Rose Gardens in Morwell in 1991, Jim again became



involved as president of the Steering Committee, and devoted the next eleven years working and seeing the garden grow to its present wonderful development. He was also instrumental in promoting the Rose Garden as a must see attraction

Ill health forced Jim to resign in 2003, as he felt he could not devote enough time to the gardens.

At the end of October 2004 after 36 years living in Churchill area, Noel and Jim moved to their new home in Morwell.

There Jim battled for two years with the cancer that took his life on 20th March 2005.

Jim was a tireless worker for the community during his 72 years. He was a wonderful husband and father of their seven children, and their 18 grandchildren-Kassie, Lauren, Chris, Tom, Stephie, Chelsea, Nicholas, Andrew, Jackson, Prue, Jordan, Ellie, Lachie, Will, Harry, Nate, Maya and Courtney. He is sadly missed by them all.

Wanted 11.500 Women To Go Pink And Be Counted

THE goal of field of woman is to have 11,500 women in pink on the Melbourne Cricket Ground in a powerful show of strength and support for women with breast cancer. Come join us – make it happen.

Our Field of Women – Live in 2005 will be held on Friday May 6 2005 before the Melbourne versus Adelaide AFL evening football match on the Melbourne Cricket Ground. We have been working really hard to get everything into place.

Wherever we go, we are met with enthusiasm and the excitement is mounting!

But can we really recruit 11,500

women to stand on the oval, dressed in pink, to bring the annual Australian breast cancer statistics to life?

A huge number of women, but a powerful sight and what an amazing experience to stand with other women committed to our cause.

The photo will be seen around the world.

In bringing the Field of Women alive we are asking each woman on the ground to pay a \$25 registration fee, which will provide you with free entry to the match and your pink poncho and carry bag.

You can register at

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

Prayer for ANZAC Day

*Loving God, who desires peace for all people,
Who chooses to love rather than destroy,
We remember before you today,
All who bears the pain of war,
All who bear the pain of war,
All whose lives are at risk this day,
And all who suffer because of life's injustice.*

We give thanks for every work and sign of peace.

*We ask that the spirit of the ANZAC may be embraced
To lead us to a fairer way.*

*We pray for strength to resist evil;
Wisdom to find your way of reconciliation;
Courage to face the oppressor's power,
And prophetic words that will lead to life.*

*We remember all who have paid the supreme sacrifice in pursuit of peace,
And pray for our world,
That hostility may give way to justice,
Despair dispelled and hope abound,
And that all people may live in freedom and the knowledge of your will.*

In the name of the Prince of Peace we pray. Amen.

A Tribute to Doug Law

7 November 1931 to 21 February 2005

RECENTLY a well known and respected Yinnar farming identity, Doug Law, passed away. Some 200 people attended a service to celebrate his life.

Doug was born at Yallourn and commenced as a Junior Clerk with SEC at Yallourn in 1948. After 12 months he felt he wanted to be outdoors and transferred to a Carpentry apprenticeship. This didn't sufficiently satisfy his wish to be outdoors, and in May 1951 he gave up the apprenticeship.

He moved from Yallourn to Yinnar to work on Doug McFarlanes farm in Hazelwood Estate Road. He lived with the McFarlanes and had a sleepout behind the house on the north side of the road.

He was to have an association with the section of the property on the south side of the road for the rest of his life. It is fair to say that farming was Doug's passion in life.

He brought to it enthusiasm, hard work and a dedication to do it well and from it he gained great satisfaction.

His interest in good farming practices was demonstrated in a number of ways. An active Young Farmer, he was also a member of the Herd

Test Association, the Yinnar Artificial Insemination Group from its inception, the first Farm Discussion Group in Yinnar and also the Victorian Dairy Farmers Association. In the wider community he was a member for some years of the CFA.

When the McFarlanes retired, Doug bought the 57 acre block on the south side of the road, and began milking in the old dairy that is still standing. He had a house moved to the block and his step-mother, always known as Aunt Mrs Law, kept house for him for many years.

Later he bought a 40 acre block in Creamery Road and cleared, fenced it, sowed it down, planted windbreaks and turned it into a model run-off block. Later still he was able to buy the property on his eastern boundary in Hazelwood Estate Road, and so increased the size of the home farm.

If Doug loved farming generally, the silage and hay season was the favourite time of the year. Perhaps it was the satisfaction of seeing the standing grass transformed into bales of hay and stacked in the hayshed for later feeding out. Doug worked hard at all times, doubly so during harvest. The milking was done very early and

after dark. There is a story of a neighbour who saw the dairy lights on rather late and came over to check it out and found Doug having a doze in the pit.

Doug enjoyed machinery and looked after it well. His Massey Ferguson tractors got progressively bigger as did the size of the hay bales. He was probably the first farmer in the district who had a round baler.

It was in the early 60's and produced a bale about 14 inches in diameter and 3 feet long. Doug had a substantial list of customers for whom he baled hay.

He tried very hard to do the right thing by all his customers although sometimes someone jumped the gun and mowed earlier than they were supposed to.

A wet Gippsland summer was character building for both contractor and customer. On at least one occasion a decision had to be made as to whether the grass was to be raked for baling or burning. In the event it was baled but for some days the crowbar when inserted into the stack came out almost too hot to touch.

Doug also had some non farm activities as a young man, including being a member of the

Yinnar Tent of the Rechabites. He enjoyed water ski-ing and went as far afield as Glenmaggie and the Tarwin River. He brought to it the same enthusiasm he brought to farming and enjoyed it greatly. This activity was brought to an abrupt end by an encounter with a Friesian bull which knocked him down and gored him resulting in a serious back injury.

Just as there are good and bad farming seasons, Doug personally had some rough trots from time to time but he came through them. He was a good neighbour and friend who in turn had good neighbours and friends.

While farming was initially Doug's passion in life, for twenty five years, some time farming has had to share the honours with his partner June and the family of whom he was so proud.

About 15 years ago Doug and June moved from dairying to beef and a couple of years ago they moved into Yinnar but continued an interest in grazing. Not a great one for travelling he did greatly enjoy an overseas trip to North America.

His sudden passing has shocked the Yinnar community and our thoughts and sympathy go out to June and the family for their loss.

****CHILDREN'S


CORNER****

LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB

Proudly sponsored by the
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Hi Kids,
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 to

LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB
PO BOX 110
CHURCHILL 3842



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

The lucky "Birthdayites" for January were
Rowan Flake Farrell and Jye May

BIRTHDAYITES FOR APRIL 2005

Hannah BERTOLI	8 years
Michael CUSICK	9 years
Talia FLAKE	9 years
Olivia MORGAN	8 years
Shuhrat RAFIA	4 years
Hayden ROW	5 years
Alansh SHANKLAND	2 years

The randomly chosen "BIRTHDAYITES" for April are
OLIVIA MORGAN and HAYDEN ROW

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

John Barker Publicity

Word Puzzle

Computer Terms

Hi everyone, below is a word puzzle on Computer Terms. The words are listed below, Give it a good Good Luck!!

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Word List

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command	find	interactive	numeric	software
copy	font	internet	output	
cut	format	keyboard	peripheral	
database	graphic	memory	printer	

Birthdayites!



Rowan Flake Farrell
(above), 7 years on March 2.

The March "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 March list.

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.



Jye May (right),
8 years on March 3

FESTIVAL WINNERS

WERE YOU AT THE FESTIVAL IN MAY 2005, YOU COULD BE A WINNER, IF THIS IS YOU IN THE PHOTOS BELOW. CALL US TO COLLECT YOUR PRIZES



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



If you are the person in this photograph on the left you have won a Magnet Kit and a Party Kit. To claim your prize please ring Ruth on 03 5122 1961

A Warm Welcome From Charlie and Natalie Roy By Ruth Place

'Just come out to the Budgeree Rd turn off, turn left and follow the road up until you get to Roy's Rd. We are just up the hill a way.' These were the instructions I received when I went in search of the history behind Roy Court in Churchill. I expected to be a couple of hours. Four hours later with lunch included I left this very hospitable home with its warmly welcoming occupants, Charlie and Natalie Roy. This is their story.

GEORGE Roy was born in Aberdeen, Scotland. He and Brother Willy went to

picks and shovels as well as gelignite. In those days people didn't need an Explosives Ticket. Ploughing at the Whitelaw's Track property was carried out with horses and a molboard plough, due to the steepness of the terrain. It took many, many hours of clearing and preparation of pasture before the farm could support cattle and be productive.

As George's boys grew up they became involved with carrying the mail from Boolarra and Yinnar to Scanlan's hotel for a

Stuart, a Dairy and Stock Inspector, and Gordon never married. Norman married May Daly and they had one daughter, Nancy (Sharman).

Margaret became a nurse. Known as Sister Roy she rose in the ranks to become a very stern Sister in charge of a floor at St Andrews Hospital in Melbourne. The story goes that one young nurse was late for duty. She had not had time to remove her curlers from her hair, so opted to put her cap over the lot. Sister Roy was heard to admonish her, saying: "You're late, and get that ironmongery out of your hair!" Hair curlers were made of metal in those days, not plastic.

Ken married a widow Merle Hemming late in life and had five children. They soon produced twin boys – Gordon and Norman. This family is the only one to carry on the Roy name.

Keith started working as a telegram boy in Melbourne after leaving school. From there he progressed to a PMG (Postmaster General) technician. He spent time in the Air Force. He married

Alice Shellew of Springvale and they had 2 children, Jan and Jeff, who then had 3 and 2 girls respectively.

When Allan left school he had a bullock team, carting building materials for McQuays and others from Boolarra railway station. The bullock team was also used to pull logs into a pile ready to burn at the Whitelaw's Track property.

Allan married Annie Morrell in February 1923. They began by renting and later buying the Morrell's Hill Farm from Mrs Morrell. They had one child – George Charles, known today as Charlie.

Ploughing at this farm was done using a share plough (which had discs), pulled by horses. Annie had to take over the Post Office and telephone exchange, which she didn't want to do, but it was a source of extra income. The gazetted hours of the exchange were 9am to 12pm and 7 to 8 p.m., when people were supposed to make calls. As well as that commitment, Annie would also milk if they were short handed. There was one man working for them, and each day she had a hot meal ready at midday. During harvesting there was a hot roast dinner prepared for all involved. All meals were prepared on a wood stove as electricity was not yet connected. Annie also made her own bread and butter, preserved fruit, and made jam from the fruit grown in the orchard and elsewhere on the farm (pears, apples, plums, gooseberries).

All the Morrell children had attended the Budgeree State School as well as the older Roy children, until the Budgeree East School opened, as that was closer to home. Charlie attended Budgeree School as did his children. The school closed over ten years ago due to lack of numbers. Charlie began school in 1932. Bill Thompson was his only teacher except for a relief teacher for a short time. Charlie remembers Bill as "a great teacher" who took no nonsense, but used the strap if it was deserved. He was always out with the kids playing footy or cricket. If anyone kicked over the traces they were pulled into line very quickly. They were good happy times with 8 grades in one room. The older children were detailed off to teach the younger ones. There were 4 children in Charlie's grade – Abbey Costin, Gwenda Hall, Doug Richards and of course Charlie. In the grade above, Charlie remembers Ian Richards and Frank Taylor. Charlie thought Arithmetic was great, but found spelling a struggle.

After school Charlie had his chores to do. On Saturday afternoons he had to churn the butter. When Charlie finished Grade 8 he had 2 choices – work on the farm or do further lessons by correspondence. He chose the farm. He did anything and everything from milking, feeding out hay and teaching young calves to suck first on your fingers and then milk from a bucket.



Nova Scotia in Canada. During that time he became engaged to a girl, but later broke it off. This may have been the reason he moved to New Zealand to live for a while before coming to Australia. He made his way to Traralgon where, in partnership with another man, ran a sawmill. George, at 40 years of age, married Adelaide Anderson, 23 years old, of Toongabbie. They had a family of 8 boys and 4 girls. As an investment during this time, they selected land at the top of Whitelaw's Track on the eastern side in 1880.

George had no experience in running a sawmill and they lost a good deal of money.

They then moved out to Budgeree East to clear and farm their previously selected land.

Clearing the land was heavy work: slow going. To fell the Mountain Ash trees, notches were cut into both sides of the tree, the first one about 1.5 metres off the ground. A springboard was placed in it to allow the axeman to stand on a platform, from which he "cut the front in". He then went to the back of the tree to use a crosscut saw to complete the felling.

Before Allan, Charlie's father, was married he earned 5 shillings a day felling trees on O'Keefe's property on the right side of Whitelaw's Track.

Roads were put in using horses, scoops,

number of years. Roy's Post Office at the farm received mail which people came to collect, and also to deposit mail to be sent. This continued until 1941 when they sold the property.

George was a councillor at the Morwell Shire for a number of years, being President during 1907 – 08. Thus we have Roy court in Churchill. George died in the early 1920's. Until that time he and Adelaide and their 12 children farmed the property.

After his death, sons Gordon, Ken and Norman continued on the farm for a number of years until Norman married May Daly in 1937. They took over the farm in Roy's Road. Gordon and Ken joined the army for a while doing non-combat work, as they were too old for combat duties.

Charlie's Dad, Allan, was born in 1888. He went to Budgeree East School, when it was opened. The children rode to school on ponies. Son John died at 21 due to blood poisoning. Katie married Bert Morrison, a carpenter, late in life and had no children.

Addie married Alan Blower, a hearse driver, and had no children. Jean never married, she did domestic housekeeping in Melbourne. Bob joined Dairy Supervision and ended up a senior executive at Bendigo Department of Agriculture. He married Agnes Betts and they had 3 children – Margaret, John and Allan.



Calves need the fresh milk straight from their mothers after birth. This is called Colostrum and is very rich in order to give the calves a good start. Later the calves are given skim milk. The milk was separated, with the cream going to the Boolarra Factory which was then situated up the road from the pub and bowling club in Duke Street. Later Mirboo North Butter Factory took over.

In 1925 Allan and Annie started a Jersey stud, and in 1937 a Berkshire pig stud. For 14 years Allan took pigs to the Royal Melbourne Show, winning Champion Boar in 1958.

At times the going was tough. Soon after Allan and Annie took over the farm the price of butterfat dropped from 2/6 to 6 pence per pound. The Depression followed in the 1930s. Rabbits began arriving in droves but the farmers didn't realise the consequences until it was a very expensive



Annie Roy



Allan Roy

operation to keep them out. The land of course required clearing and that was hard work, but necessary, so crops of maize and oats could be sown in summer and autumn respectively.

Charlie took over the running of the farm as his parents aged.

Natalie Curran-Gadsden was born in Warragul in 1926. Her parents and older sister Cecilia arrived from England in 1924. Pat was born in 1925 and Rod in 1929. Rod died in 2001.

Their parents began working at Alec and Ruth Young's place in Yarragon, but later worked on farms and then leased a farm at Yallunga (Trafalgar East). Natalie went to school there for 3 years. They then moved to Trafalgar South for 3 years where Natalie continued her schooling.

The next leased farm was at Glengarry West and after finishing school there, Natalie completed her education at the Catholic Convent Boarding School, Notre Dame, at Sale. Due to her mother having a bad case of the flu, the family followed the doctor's advice and relocated to a sheep and cattle farm at Wantabadgery West, near Wagga.

When World War II started, Natalie's father joined the Army 2/2 Pioneer Battalion. He gave his life for his country, being killed in Syria. This prompted a move to Melbourne by all the family. Natalie studied to be a dressmaker. In 1944 at 18, she joined the Land Army and worked near Benalla.

Cecilia was already a member, and soon Pat joined too. Cecilia and Pat were stationed at Warragul and Fish Creek.

For her next appointment Natalie asked to be placed as near as possible, and ended up at Jack Fancke's farm at Boolarra. Natalie arrived at Boolarra aboard "the flea" motor rail from Morwell. It was so called because of its uneven hopping motion. Locals said it had square wheels. Natalie well remembers Firmin's dog racing across the paddock towards the train to catch the rolled up newspaper to deliver home. She later learnt this was a daily occurrence.

At Fancke's farm Natalie worked hard 7 days a week on all the jobs a farm has to offer – milking, gardening, hay cutting (loose hay was tossed by fork into a pile.), using a fern hook to cut bracken fern, a crowbar to dig post holes, and a cross cut saw to cut wood for the house.

There was no machinery except milking machines. Horses were used extensively. Cleaning out the chook pens was her least favourite job, but was set down for each Saturday. Her growing up experiences were invaluable.

The Fancke's treated Natalie as one of the



family, taking her with them on excursions. She remembers rare expeditions to Morwell where she loved visiting Sharpe's Emporium. As her uniform was provided, she had little need of other clothing. Land Army girls were paid 2 pounds per week plus their keep.

After a busy day of farm work, early to bed was the usual order of the day. Occasionally there was a dance at Boolarra, Boolarra South or Budgeree. These were very popular with the young people and it was at one of these dances that Natalie met Charlie Roy.

In 1945 Natalie left the Land Army and returned to Melbourne to take up dressmaking. She and Charlie kept in touch over the next 7 years. Finally in 1953 they married and then had 3 children who attended Budgeree School.

Majorie was born on 3 June 1955. She married John Ridenour and they now live in California with their two delightful daughters Jessica and Katie. Son Allan, born 6 January 1957, was tragically killed in December 1974.

Christine was born 22 December 1958. She married Terry Allen and they had two children, Phillip and Danielle. They divorced. Chris later married Jamie McQualter, and they have a daughter Tamsin. Their home is in Western Australia.

The Jersey stud consisting of 40 cattle, kept both families going financially. When they first took over the farm there was no electricity. Horses did all the heavy work as there were no tractors in those days! The bread bill was the equivalent of \$1.50 per month (4 pence a loaf). Other expenses included 12 pounds for a ton of Super.

Allan Roy Senior died in 1959.

On December 21 1963 the electricity was turned on at Budgeree and Annie was chosen to cut the ribbon.

Annie died in February 1979.

Life on the farm settled into a happy routine. When the children came home from school, they were served a hot meal. Then it was off to the milking shed. After milking, the family appetites were satisfied by a "get what you want" arrangement. The children all helped on the farm to get pocket money. Natalie proudly boasts that they could do anything inside or out.

This routine continued until they decided to retire and move into their present brick home, with its lovely views, facing north, soaking up the warm winter sun.



Charlie and Natalie Roy

Churchill & District News

Short Story & Poetry Competition 2005

THE Churchill and District News is proud to announce the launch of our fourth writing competition.

The first competition was held in October 2002 as a part of the celebrations for the re-launch of the newspaper.

It was a huge success. The support and number of entries received from all the local schools was tremendous. The second and third competitions were even bigger!

All winning stories are published in the Churchill and District News.

Writers from all over Victoria submitted entries. The local history category was introduced in 2003 and will stay for this year.

We have introduced a new category for 2005 - A Story for Children. Many people write childrens stories so now they have the opportunity to be published.

The children's story can be for any age of child up to 18 years.

We welcome illustrations in this category as very often they are an integral part of a children's story.

Everyone is invited to enter, so if you have a story to tell we look forward to reading it.

CATEGORIES

1. Children (U7) Short Story / Poem or Picture Story
2. Children (U12) Short Story (Illustrations Welcome)
3. Children (U12) Poetry (Illustrations Welcome)
4. Under 18 Short Story
5. Adult Short Story
6. Adult Poetry
8. Local History - My Story. Our aim is to record the history of Churchill and District through the eyes of local residents. This category will be judged on content alone and there are no restrictions on length of story.
9. A Story for Children. Illustrations Welcome.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- ★ All stories must have a completed entry form attached to the manuscript with a paper clip (no pins or staples)
- ★ The author's name must only be on the entry form and not on the manuscript.
- ★ Entries must be original, previously unpublished work.
- ★ Multiple entries will be accepted
- ★ Unless otherwise specified, permission to reproduce entries in the Churchill & District News for publicity purposes will be assumed. Copyright remains with the author.
- ★ Writers will be credited whenever their writing is reproduced
- ★ Entries must be received by 12 August 2005
- ★ All pages should be numbered.
- ★ Length of stories are to be: Adult - 1000 - 2500 words in length. Under 18 - 500 - 2000 words in length. A Story for Children - maximum 2000 words
Children: up to 500 words in length.
- ★ Poetry to be: Adult - min 8 lines - max 48 lines. Under 18 - min 8 lines - max 48 lines.
Children - up to 20 lines.
- ★ Entries will not be returned and participants should keep a copy of their work.
- ★ The judges decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- ★ Signing of the entry form constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry.

ENTRY FEES

\$3.00 Per Short Story - \$2.00 Student or Concession
 \$3.00 Per Poem - \$2.00 Student or Concession
 Children, Under &, Under 12 and Under 18 - 50c
 Special Category: Local History \$1.00
 A Childrens Story - \$1.00

Calling all Gippsland Inventors

INVENTORS from Gippsland are encouraged to put forward their best and brightest ideas for the region's first even Inventor's Competition.

The Inventor's Competition is being held as part of the Gippsland Innovation Festival 2005 by the Monash Regional Centre for Information and Communications Technology (MRCICT) in partnership with the Rural Inventors Association, at Monash University, Gippsland Campus.

The competition aims to showcase the incredible achievements of Gippsland people.

"Gippsland has a wealth of great ideas and we hope to showcase some of those," said Cate from MRCICT.

"As a university, our hope is to celebrate great ideas and help to make them commercially viable."

There will be cash and prizes for the best junior inventor, business inventor and backyard inventor.

The competition is supported by AusIndustry, Monash Commercial, East Gippsland TAFE and Telstra Countrywide,

Gippsland.

The event is being held in the Binishell at Monash University, Gippsland Campus, Churchill on Sunday 15th May, 2005.

There will be no admission costs and no costs to enter the competition.

Inventors must complete a registration form before the day of exhibition to enter their invention.

Prizes will be given to the best entry from the following categories:

Junior Inventors - \$300 cash and a winners plaque, Backyard Inventors - \$600 cash and a winners plaque, Business Inventors - \$700 cash and a winners plaque, and

People's Choice Award - Telstra product, a high-speed wireless data device (Maxon Minimax)

For more information contact 5122 6508 or check out the website at http://innovation.gippsland.com/Inventor_scomp/

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS SHORT STORY & POETRY COMPETITION 2005 ENTRY FORM

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone: _____

	Number of Entries	Title of Story(s)/Title of Poem(s)
1. Children's (U7)
2. Children's (U12) Short Story
3. Children's (U12) Poetry
4. Under 18 Short Story
5. Under 18 Poetry
6. Adult Short Story
7. Adult Poetry
8. Local History
9. A Children's Story

I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them. I certify that this is an original unpublished story or poem, written by myself.
 Entry form can be completed on behalf of U12's by a parent or guardian.

Signature: _____

Entry Fee to be included with Entry Form.
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Neighbourhood Centre News

MANY individuals and groups within our community support Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, and we'd like to say a special 'thank you' to all who help out.

Our successful Christmas raffle last year is a prime example of the support we receive, and we'd like to thank the following for their donations:

Australia Post – Churchill, Churchill Newsagent, Churchill Saloon Bar, Churchill Chemist, Churchill Leisure Centre, Café le Mac, members of CNC

Tickets are now on sale for our

Mothers' Day Raffle at 1 for \$1 or 3 for \$2. This raffle will be drawn on 5 May at the Neighbourhood Centre. All prizes have been made and donated by Avril McKeand, and we'd like to take this opportunity to say 'than kyou' to Avril for her work in supporting the Centre.

The Centre has been closed for school holidays, but will reopen next Monday 18 April. Term 2 programs have been delivered to letterboxes throughout Churchill.

Several new classes are on offer this term, including 'Introduction to Workplace Practices' (resumes, job-

seeking skills, etc), 'Basic Sewing with Patterns' and Astrology workshops.

For enquiries on courses in computers, reiki, yoga, creative writing, adult literacy, leadlight, folk art, patchwork, candlewicking, and embroidery and crafts, please contact the Centre on 5122 2955. Office hours are Mon – Thurs, 9am to 3pm.

We'd also like to hear from you if there are any other classes you would like to see held at the Centre.

Public comment sought on Local Law No 2

LATROBE City Council is seeking comment on its proposal to make a Local Law titled Local Law No 2 - 2005.

The proposed law covers matters such as behaviour in public places, the use of footways and roads, parking and animal management.

Latrobe City's Chief Executive Officer, Paul Buckley, said that the current Local Law No 2 expires in October 2005 and consequently public submissions over the content of the replacement Local Law are being encouraged, so that the best governance outcomes for the community can be achieved.

"The proposed Local Law No 2 contains lots of regulatory aspects that govern everyday issues that affect us all as Latrobe citizens," Mr Buckley explained.

"For example, Local Law No 2 determines how many pets we can keep on a property and aspects of pet ownership such as requirements to keep dogs on leads in built up areas, or the cleaning up of pet faeces," Mr Buckley said.

"It determines rules relating to matters such as the consumption of alcohol in public places, the use of incinerators, and the requirement for community groups preparing food at fetes and events to have undertaken food handling courses.

"It is really about all those day-to-day matters that need some rules so that they can be governed for the benefit of all of us. However, they are all regulatory aspects that not already specifically covered by state or federal legislation," Mr Buckley said.

"In a nutshell it's about us all being able to enjoy a quality of life that is not impeded by another person's detrimental behaviour."

A copy of the draft Local Law No 2 - 2005 is available from each of Council's service centres, or alternatively, they can be accessed through the Council's web page: www.latrobe.vic.gov.au.

Submissions in respect to Local Law No 2 should be forwarded to the Manager Local Laws, PO Box 264, Morwell 3840.



Doctor of Philosophy

RAMON Hall was recently presented with a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from Deacon University.

Ramon was one of the first students at the Churchill North Primary School when he lived in Churchill.

He completed his primary education at Hazelwood Estate School when his parents moved from Churchill to a farm-let in Hazelwood Estate.

Ramon then attended Gippsland Grammar at Sale for his secondary education.

Tertiary studies were commenced at the Gippsland campus of Monash University and then to Clayton where he obtained his Bachelor of Applied Science degree.

Further studies were at Deacon University where he gained a Masters

degree in Human Nutrition.

After working for a few years Ramon was engaged by the Deacon University and private food related companies to undertake a research project to evaluate the Australian Sweet Lupin Kernel as Palatable Functional Food Ingredients. From his research into this subject over a period of 3 years Ramon was awarded his Doctoral degree.

During his research Ramon has spent research time both in Australia and overseas.

He is now employed as a Lecturer and researcher at Deacon University Burwood Campus.

Ramon is the youngest son of Norm and Jan and brother of Tammy, Corrie and Laurie who are all proud of Ramon's achievement.

New Guide Leader

By MARLENE ELLIS

The Hazelwood/Churchill Guide District has a new District Leader, Marlene Ellis. Telephone Marlene on 5122 2148 for all enquires regarding Guiding for girls from 5 – 16 years of age.

The Guiding movement is about helping to Give the girls the confidence and self-respect to enable them to become responsible community members.

There are lots of activities that the girls can do and have fun doing them.

The Churchill Guide Unit for 5 to 10 year olds meet on Thursdays at the Maternal and Child Care Centre in Churinga Drive, Churchill at 4.30pm to 6.00pm.

The Hazelwood Guide unit for 10 to 16 year olds meet at the Hazelwood Guide Hall in Tramway Road, Churchill on Tuesdays at

6.00pm to 8.30pm.

For the 18-30 year olds there is the Gipps Guides. The Gipps Guides meet at the Maternal and Child Care Centre on Mondays at 7.00pm.

This year is the 49th year of Guiding in the area. We are making arrangements to celebrate our 50th anniversary next year – more details to follow.

Education seminars help the community to be safe from stroke

LATROBE Community Health Service are hosting two strokesafe™ seminars for the Gippsland community. The seminar is just one component of the stroke-safe™ campaign developed by the National Stroke Foundation, educating Australians to 'look out for the signs of stroke and live'.

The seminars will be held on 27th April at Latrobe Community Health Service, 42 – 44 Fowler Street, Moe and the 28th April at Latrobe Community Health Service, 11 Philip Parade, Churchill, 1.30 – 3pm for both sessions.

Community Health Nurses Catherine and Julie say "all members of the community are encouraged to attend, it is important for everyone to know what the signs of stroke are and how to be proactive towards stroke prevention".

Over 48,000 Australians have a stroke every year with a stroke occurring every 11 minutes. strokesafe™ is a major public health program targeting the Australian community to ensure that the advances in research are relayed.

strokesafe™ aims to save 110,000 Australians from death and disability over the next 10 years.

Dr Erin Lalor from the National Stroke Foundation says "Many stroke survivors can look back and see that there were some early signs of stroke.

The problem is that many Australians don't know what the signs of stroke are and if they did they may have been able to avoid a stroke or achieve a better recovery".

The seminar will help people to understand what a stroke is, how to look out for signs of stroke and what people can do towards stroke prevention.

People attending will also have the opportunity to have blood pressure checked as high blood pressure is a major risk factor for stroke.

Please register interest for these free sessions by phoning:

Moe: 5127 9100

Churchill: 5122 0400

PLEASE DON'T DO IT!

CHURCHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREA LTB 22

By PETER MCSHANE, Area Manager

Something which seems to be happening increasingly in our Community (Churchill and the Latrobe Valley) which concerns me greatly is the worrying practice of parents and occasionally grandparents leaving small children alone in cars.

If the motor is left running then slightly older children may knock the car into gear and cause an accident or the car could be stolen with your children still inside.

With the motor not left running the temperature inside a motor vehicle builds up quickly even on a day of moderate outside temperature and can cause distress in a small child.

It doesn't matter if you are just ducking into a shop for 30 seconds – have you ever been delayed by a surprise meeting or an unforeseen occurrence.

Children are our most precious resource, please don't put them at risk. Remember that our children are our most precious belongings as they are part of us.

Like your Music – part 2

The local police want us to mention this month that you can get charged for excessive noise from your car stereo – a new by-law provides for an instant \$205 fine.

But perhaps the message they are trying to get across is that excessive noise can be a distraction and prevent you from hearing the things that you need to hear when you are driving and mess up your concentration.

Reporting Problems to Police

Do you have problems reporting concerns/problems to the 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.

We asked this question last month and a couple of people contacted us with concerns which we were able to get addressed so come and join us and have your say in your community.

You are cordially invited to our next meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday April 21, at the Neighbourhood House Room, Churchill Leisure Centre.

Latrobe Community
Health Service
42-44 Fowler Street
Moe

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Why, and how to Cope??

Monday April 18, 2005

10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Latrobe Community Health Service

Moe Centre

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Disorders Support Group

Presented By
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Clinical Psychologist
The Melbourne Clinic
Consulting Suites Phone: 9420 1414



How to Prune Roses

By BARRY WHITEHEAD

Gardening is one of my favourite pursuits. I can spend hours dreaming about all the things I would like to do in the garden! I find it very relaxing imagining lush garden beds featuring sensational blooms, rockeries with a little fountain, a fernery and a native orchid display. In an instant I can conjure up an image of a backyard similar to the Botanical Gardens. Sadly, my gardening exploits have not yet transformed into the physical act of actually taking up implements, setting foot in the garden and doing things like weeding or planting or digging.

That just doesn't appeal to me in any way, shape or form. If I can't dream about the things I'd like to do, I am content to read Rogers column (although I think he makes it up as he goes along!) or better still, park on the patio with a coldie and watch SHE WHO KILLS WEEDS BY LOOKING AT THEM as SHE huffs and puffs and curses her way around the backyard.

This was the case until last weekend when I was invited by SHE WHO IS THE ULTIMATE BLOOM OF LIFE to help prune the roses. When I say invited, it was more of a threat that clearly indicated unless I participated willingly in this exercise I was in immediate danger of sustaining a bodily injury. Cheerfully I gathered all the necessary devices and equipment and under instruction from HER I carried out my first rose pruning expedition.

It turned out to be quite a rewarding experience and one that I completed so successfully that I am moved to pass on the techniques and some of the secrets that I learned so that you too may enjoy the delights of rose pruning. It doesn't matter if you don't have any roses - I'm sure these techniques can be used on any shrub or bush in your garden.

First of all you must be correctly attired. Those rose shrubs are a nasty piece of work, when you are in close contact and single, shorts and thongs do not provide adequate protection. A full boiler suit, sturdy boots and gum boots over the top, two pair of gloves (one leather the other chain mail), knee pads, shin pads and arm pads (parents of roller bladers will be right here) and I also opted for the strategically placed cricket protector. Safety goggles, ear muffs and a hard hat complete the outfit and just to be on the safe side I give myself a good spray over with a 2 x 1 mixture of roundup. The earmuffs also come in handy when SHE is cuffing you around the lughole! Now that you are kitted up, check that you have the appropriate equipment. Secateurs, saw, axe, hammer and wheelbarrow.

Optional items include, hedge clippers, whipper snipper and climbing equipment for some of the taller shrubs. Now some finicky and pedantic rose

pruners will tell you that the art of pruning is an involved process combining technique with skill and requires patience and a high level of expertise - not so! It is a simple matter of letting the rose shrub know who's the boss!

The object of the exercise is to end up with a stumpy little thing with a few sticky type things poking out in a reasonably healthy condition in the hope that some new growth might be encouraged. If you take the wimps approach you are simply saying to the rose bush "Please try and grow nicely for me and produce some lovely blooms" and of course half of them will curl up and die - when in fact what you should be saying is "Listen here prickly features, cop this! And unless you produce the goods the next thing you'll see is size nine shovel under your roots".

Having stood square on and confronted the shrub take seven eighths of the largest branch between your secateurs, belt it with the hammer, hoe into it with a saw, finish it off with the axe and then drop kick it into the wheel barrow, select the next branch and repeat. There is some suggestion about the correct point and the correct angle to sever a rose branch - rubbish.

Lop, hack, chew, graunch wherever you feel it's appropriate - unless you hear that rose bush squeal, you are not doing the job properly

During the process you must avoid handling the branches at all costs. Even though you are wearing protective equipment you must only touch them with your implements of war. Those thorny little buggers are bred to prick you when and where you least expect it and there is nothing worse than coming in from a day of rose pruning with those annoying and painful little thorn words. The final step in the process after you have cut them down to size is the feeding and fertilisation. Again the Rogers of this world will recommend the most exotic and expensive concoction from the nursery or garden shop. I have a cheaper solution - it is my own home grown recipe for blood and bone. Take a drive around the district and collect half a wheelbarrow of road kill. Set a fire using lopped rose shrub branches - place road kill in four-gallon drum with tap water and a sprig of rosemary. Boil furiously until road kill reduces to thick mulch or smell become too bad. Pour liberally over rose bed then sell house and move!

This gardening game is not as bad as I thought. I might even launch into some more adventurous activities come the springtime. A leisurely day in the garden means you will... STAY HAPPY AND MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY!!

This article was published in the Churchill News on 24 August 2000

Sports

Cougars Adopt Companion Card Program

THE Churchill Football Netball Club has recently adopted the Victorian Government's Companion Card Program in alignment with their purpose of providing sporting and social development opportunities in an inclusive, family friendly environment.

The Companion Card Program is designed to assist people with a severe or profound disability to access leisure and recreational opportunities. It is issued free of charge to eligible Victorians who require a companion to assist them to participate at most venues and activities.

"If a cardholder requires the assistance of a companion to access a particular activity or event, like the footy, they simply present their card and the cardholder is issued with a second ticket or admission for their companion at no charge" said Club Committee Member, Stacey Sherriff.

"The Companion Card Program will enable people with a permanent disability who require a companion to

access a whole range of local and regional community activities, including Churchill's home games, without having the additional financial burden of paying for their companion" advised Stacey. "The Companion Card will go a long way in breaking down the barriers that prevent people with a disability from participating in all aspects of community life."

Companion Card holders are encouraged to attend all the Churchill Football Netball Club home games, the first being on 16 April 2005 against Newry.

Further information on the Companion Card Program for prospective cardholders and industry affiliates, please contact the Companion Card Information Line on: Telephone 1800 650 611 or TTY 1800 898 888 (for people who are Deaf or have a hearing, speech or communication impairment). Alternatively you can visit the Companion Card web site at:

www.companioncard.org.au



New Basketball Season Starting

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	D. Young Adults:	(12 - 18) - up to 32 lines
	F. Junior:	up to 12 years - up to 20 lines

Fees:

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I have read and agree to the conditions of entry. I declare that my entry/entries are original, unpublished and written by myself.

Signature: _____ (By an adult if under 18)

End of Bowls Season

By GEOFF MARSHALL

THERE was a great turnout for the Palliative Care Twilight Bowls night with \$1030.30 raised. Thanks to Matthew and Jake Whitelaw and Matthew Stolk who lost their hair to make some money on the night (it will grow back soon!). Anne Lovison from Palliative care thinks you are all great and thanks you for your generosity.

April is the last month for our bowls season. The last dates are April 13th and 20th for Triples and 25th for our last day of bowls for this season. There will, however, be a bowls day on 16th or 23rd for a new shield for an inter club tournament between Yinnar and Boolarra thanks to the new owner of the petrol station at Yinnar.

The new member was well into his seventies so the selectors thought it would be kind to let him play lead since he would be able to sit down and rest at each end. Moreover, they had not yet had the opportunity to find out how good he was. As a new player they didn't expect too much from him, but to their astonishment, game after game, he consistently played his bowls neatly to the jack.

When the game was over, one of the selectors approached him and said, "How long have you been



playing bowls?"

"Three weeks" was the answer.

"Oh, come off it, mate. Only three weeks and you play like that!"

"Yes," replied the old boy. "But I have been practicing for twenty-five years!"

Good Bowling.

The Thursday prior to Easter saw a combined Cougar squad against the Traralgon seconds. With many returning from cricket duties it was an improved performance by the Cougars and again gave many younger players the opportunity to play against some quality opposition. The game was Grantley Switzers first game back as Coach.

With the start of the season upon us, the Cougars look in full swing to again get back where they belong, winning premierships.

Pre-season Round Up

By BRADLEY MACARTNEY

CHURCHILL Cougars have started their 2005 campaign with two practice matches against Yinnar at Churchill and Traralgon at Traralgon.

In what was a new look Cougar outfit they took the field against Yinnar. Due to many players still with cricket commitments, many younger players had the opportunity to play at senior level. The end result was not in the Cougars favour but the development and experience many of the younger players received will be valuable.

Chris Hunt Local Cycling Legend

By BRADLEY MACARTNEY

LOCAL cyclist Chris Hunt has just returned from Melbourne as the Australian Title Holder for the 20km Individual Road Time Trial and 3000 metre Individual Pursuit. Two Australian Titles would satisfy most people but Chris also broke two Australian records and received a silver and bronze in two other events to add to his two gold and two records.

These achievements for anyone would be a great honor but when you hear Chris's story, you will be forced to recognize that with dedication and a strong will you can achieve most things.

Chris began cycling with a win in the Under 14 Victorian Schoolboy titles at the age of 14. At the age of 17 Chris turned professional which forfeited his chance at Olympic and Commonwealth Games selection. What may have been a gamble at the time, would pay off with endless titles, medals and awards along with prize money which amateurs could not receive.

From competing in the Sun Tour on eight occasions, Chris finished 2nd in 1983 and had a total of 16 stage victories. The Tour ran for 9 days with two stages a day comprising 200 miles a day, totaling 1800 miles in 9 days. Today the tour comprises only 120km a day but is a lot faster, and competitors are kept a lot fresher to enable more consistent cycling. Chris also won the Golden Mile in Bendigo in 1981, followed closely by Clyde Sefton who had won silver at the Olympics in 1972 and Gold at the Commonwealth Games in 1976.

After this win tragedy struck, Chris was hit by a car whilst cycling. The injuries were horrific, broken leg, broken pelvis, broken shoulder and cracked skull and worst of all he was told he would never ride again.

Twelve months later Chris was back on the bike and ready for his first race in which he came third. He then competed in the Sun Tour which he finished 2nd overall with 2 stage wins. A huge achievement for someone who had been told he would never ride again. Chris followed up his Sun Tour success with a win at the Coca Cola Wheel Race. The fastest time at the Cootamundra

Road Race and a win at the 121k Bruce Hodge Memorial is not only a great achievement, but Chris did this over one weekend.

Chris then saw a new challenge in 1984. He attempted to break the 1 hour track record held by Reg McVilley for 12 years. Chris not only beat the record but he beat it by 2 km. When you consider the distance he rode was 44k 175m in the hour to beat the record by 2km it is quite significant.

After captaining his team in the Sun Tour in 1984 Chris took a break from cycling, at this stage he was riding at 10 stone.

In 2002 after hitting 20 stone and at the age of 45 Chris decided he would again jump back on his bike to lose weight. He had his first race in November 2002 after some local club interest. Since returning Chris's titles are incredible, he has held and defended roughly 5 Vic Titles each year, won the Australian title in April 2003, Gippsland Road Champion, Vic Pursuit Champion three times, Vic Individual Road Trial Champion twice, Vic Country Road Champion, Vic Scratch Race Champion, Vic Country Race Champion, Australian Pursuit Champion on three occasions, Australian Individual Time Trial Champion, broken the National 3000m Individual Pursuit Road Race Record on three occasions, Gold at the Masters Games in the Individual Road Time Trials twice and Gold at the Pan Pacific games.

The above list of medals and records details how dedicated and motivated Chris is. When you see his training schedule of cycling 700k a week, 8 hours a week at the gym, specialist training cycling behind a motorbike, you begin to realise that these awards, medals and accolades don't just get handed out to anyone with a bike.

Most people would not realise that we have an Australian and Victorian title holder living among our community. So next time you see or hear of Chris take notice as his dedication and commitment has earned him the right to proudly be an Australian Title Holder.

Churchill and Monash Golf Club Results



Saturday Men's Comp: Stroke – Medal 26.2.05 CCR 67

Scratch: C Johnson 73. A Grade (0-15) M Brereton (11) 66. B Grade: (16-22) D McCafferty (18) 65. C Grade (23-32) Medal K Stait (26) 64. DTL: G Fraser 66, C Johnson 66, P Kearns 66, F Peel 66, G Morrison 66, A Vandenhan 66. NTP: 3rd P Kearns, 5th K Hills, 12th D McCafferty, 14th D Williams. Birdies: 12th M Brereton, B Peter. Encouragement Award: P Coad. Putts: M Brereton 26.

Sunday Men's Comp: Mixed Foursome Championships 27.2.05.

Scratch: R and D Scurlock 84. Handicap – B Murphy and V Anderson (30) 68nett. DTL: B Peter / V Verheyen 69, J White / L Jessop 69, B and J Leslie 70, I Wilson / M McConville 72 1/2. NTP: 3rd J Leslie, 5th J Blizzard, 12 D Taylor, 14th J White.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stroke Medal 1.3.05 CCR 70

Scratch: Y Wooton 92. A Grade and Medal: Y Wotton (27) 65nett. B Grade: M McDonald (39) 67. DTL: C Barnes 70, S Jeffery 71, S Cooke 71, M McConville 74. NTP: 3 and 12 E D'Alterio, 5 and 14 Y Wotton. Birdies: Y Wotton 14th. Putts: M McConville 29. Longest Drive: 8/17th 0-32 M McConville, 33-45 V Rowley. Lost Handicap: Y Wotton 27-25, M McDonald 39-36.

Saturday Men's Comp: Foursome Championships Round 1 5.3.05

Scratch: M Brereton / W Peter 78. Handicap – M Brereton (11) W Peter (15) 65, Runner Up – J Ambrosini (18) K Garlick (22) 70. DTL: G Miller / K Hills 72, P Williams / W Leslie 72 1/2, S Wotton / L Stein 74 1/2. NTP: 3rd C Lesiw, 5th G Beyer, 12th D Williams, 14 G Miller.

Sunday Comp: Mixed Foursomes Championship Round Two 6.3.05

Day Winners – G Beyer (13) E D'Alterio (21) Nett70. Runners Up – J Ambrosini (18) C Barnes (37) 701/2. DTL: S and Y Wotton 71, J and C Ellis 74, W Peter and V Verheyen 75. NTP 12th P Williams, 14th G Beyer. Champions 2005: P Scratch – R and D Scurlock 175, Handicap – B Murphy and V Anderson 141nett.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: ABC Stableford 8.3.05

Winners: D Thomas, V Verheyen, C Barnes 87. DTL: E D'Alterio, S Jeffery, S Cooke 80. NTP: 3/12 0-32 L Jessop, 33-45 H Croft, 5/14 0-32 E D'Alterio, 33-45 B Beebe.

Saturday Men's Comp: Foursome Championship 12.3.05

Winners Day Comp: A Casey (21) G Down (21) 64, Runners Up: J Ambrosini (18) K Garlick (22) 68. DTL: C Waterman / I G Beyer 68, J Dickson / K Ellis 70 1/2, M Brereton / W Peter 71. NTP: 3rd L Stein, 5th C Johnson, 12th S McNamara, 14th G Morrison. Scratch Champions: M Brereton / W Peter 162. Handicap Champions: M Brereton (11) W Peter (15)136.

Sunday Men's Comp: Stableford 13.3.05 CCR 68

Winner B Murphy 39pts. DTL: C Speekenbrink 38. NTP 12th C Speekenbrink, 14th L Maher.

Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford 13.0305 CCR70

Winner: J Leslie 42pts. DTL: C Barnes 38pts. NTP: 3rd V Anderson, 5th J Maher. Lost handicap: J Leslie 21 – 19.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: 2 X Ambrose 15.03.05

Winners: J Blizzard / D Mogford 68nett. DTL: M McConville / E Baker 68 1/2, C Barnes / Y Wotton 69 1/2. NTP 3/12 Y Wotton, 5/14 Di Scurlock.

Saturday Men's Comp: 2 X Ambrose 19.03.05

Winners: G Morrison and S Andrews 61 1/4. DTL: L Stein and Greg Down 62 1/4, P Ludlow and R Welsh 63 3/4 C/B. NTP: 3rd R Scurlock, 5th J McCafferty, 12th W Peter, 14th R Welsh.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Mary Mitchell Day (Stableford) 22.03.05 CCR9

A Grade: Di Scurlock (16) 43pts. B Grade: C Barnes 36pts. DTL: V Verheyen 43, C Gardam 39, C Ellis 39, B Beebe 35. NTP: 3/12 0-32 M McConville, 33-45 B Beebe, 5/14 0-32 C Gardam, 33-45 C Ellis. Lost Handicap: 16-15 Di Scurlock, 34-32 v Verheyen.

Keep fit – play tennis

Churchill Tennis Club Social Tennis

Wednesday Night Tennis is still happening and proving popular! Between 6.30pm and 8.00pm play 3 sets of tennis – all standard catered for – for \$4 (\$2 for University students).

Tennis racquets can provided if needed.

Please note – the Wednesday night tennis will resume after the school holidays.

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 or just come along on Monday afternoons.

Saturday Afternoons at 1pm

Social tennis is also being held on Saturday afternoons at 1 pm if there is enough interest from people wishing to 'have a game'. For more information call Carol Scott on 51221464.



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Bill Moore, Morwell

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