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FIBA Oceania Pacific Youth Tournament

On Saturday, November 24, teams started to arrive in Churchill for the FIBA Oceania 9th Pacific Youth Basketball Championship.

Eight countries – 16 teams – competed to determine the best basketball teams in the Pacific.

Having won the last two events, Australia's Men's and Women's teams were expected to come close, if not take it out again. Australia's team was younger than the others in the interest of making more competitive games, rather than just winning easily.

The competition started in Fiji in 1997 and has been held every two years since 1998. Australia made their debut in the 2000 event.

The event is more than just finding the best team though. FIBA Oceania focuses on developing and training youth so everyone can take skills away and improve.

As part of the youth initiative, all coaches and referees had to be 35 and under. The players range from 14-19. Each team also had to have at least one female on their coaching staff.

Official media for the event were young students from The Reporters Academy in Melbourne. They were responsible for writing game-day reports, taking photos and updating websites – Facebook, Twitter and the event page – as they gain experience at the event.

With the help of professional trainers, athletes developed their on-court skills through the use of stations. Staff trained in Sports Recovery are also taking athletes through opportunities – how to use the pool as well as weights for strength and conditioning. Specially trained GippsTAFE students were giving the athletes massages.

As part of their education, athletes were taught about HIV/AIDS and drug use. A lot of use can be accidental or come from a lack of knowledge, rather than being deliberate. *Continued on Page 32*



Churchill's Christmas Lights



Each year some of our dedicated residents put in a great effort to make our town "Light Up" with Christmas cheer, as they festoon their homes with lights and other Christmas decorations, thrilling those who come to see, and giving the community much pleasure, especially the children. Thank you all for your contribution to making Christmas time so memorable.

Junior Fishing Competition 2012



After months of preparation by the Churchill and District News Junior Fishing Competition organisers, Saturday November 17 was finally there.

It was a pleasant day with weather fine and not too hot. By 10.15am there were 115 young anglers registered to fish, with 171 in total for the day. This is a record.

The organisers wish to thank all those who took the effort to come and bring their children and enjoy a relaxing day beside the lake. It was a pleasure to see families relaxing around the lake and having a family day out for the little cost of \$2 a child or \$5 a family.

Our grateful thanks go to the members of the Churchill and District Lions Club who are great supporters of this competition, willingly donating their time and the food for the sausage sizzle. A special thank you also goes to Thelma and Barry Hicks from Fishcare, who eagerly turn up each year to help out young anglers, sharing their knowledge of preparing a fishing rod, tips for fishing and how to cook fish, as well as having, to give away, a range of leaflets and information.

Latrobe City Council supply walkie talkies, safety vests, witches hats and signage which are very useful. Gippsland Trades and Labour Council help with photocopying, safety vests and loud hailers, which is most appreciated.

The 1st Churchill Scouts willingly do a leaflet drop for us each year and for this we are very grateful.

Mathison Park Committee and Friends group help to clean up the park, whippersnapping and helping with parking and supervision on the day. This is a great partnership.

To run such an event takes funds and this year we were sponsored and supported by Latrobe City Council (sponsorship), International Power GDF-Suez (sponsorship), Quantum Support Services (sponsorship), Churchill and District Lions

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Rotary Club of Hazelwood



As this year closes on an extremely active and rewarding year, the Rotary Club of Hazelwood members continue to raise funds for wider community allocation by organizing barbecues (sausage sizzles) at Bunnings stores at Mid Valley and Traralgon.

December will also see club members at Mid Valley Shopping Centre wrapping Christmas presents right up to Christmas Eve. Working alongside volunteers from various other community groups, this occasion is always testimony to sharing happy times with shoppers and well wishers as everyone prepares for their festive season.

Kerry Swenson of Traralgon based business, The Doc Shop, gave an intriguing talk about e-waste and e-security. His business now dismantles computers and sends off the parts for recovery of special metals therein.

Kerry's associate, Rob Garnett, an electrical engineer, explained some clues on disposing of e-waste. Deleting files is not enough – they can be recovered and possibly sensitive information becomes accessible to other people. Even dinging or drilling holes in a hard drive disc does not make information inaccessible.

To this end The Doc Shop has obtained a degausser that will clean hard drives before disposal at a reasonable

cost. DVDs made at home are not recommended for long term storage of data as they fade over 10 years. HDDs and USB memory sticks (flash memory) are better.

The world hard drive manufacturing industry has shrunk to only three- Western Digital, 40%; Seagate, 40% and Toshiba, 20%.

Recently, a select group of cast members from the 2012 Strzelecki Scout District Showtime entertained club members with music and songs from that show. Led by Showtime producer, Fiona Flanigan and Showtime Director, Michael Thompson, the occasion provided an opportunity for the club to understand and appreciate one of the various activities in which local scouting becomes involved.

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood is also the proud sponsor of Churchill resident and Year 11 student, Emma Gunn, for the 2013 Australian Rotary National Youth Science Forum. Now held during January in Canberra and Perth, the National Youth Science Forum is the only program in Australia that offers students currently in Year 11, the chance to "test-drive" a wide range of universities and careers in the sciences. Emma follows a long list of successful, local Year 11 students sponsored by the club to the annual National Youth Science Forum.

Pistons Car Club



The Pistons Car Club is a Churchill based car club, and we would like to thank the Churchill businesses and the Churchill community for supporting the Hazelwood Car and Bike Show, making it a great success again this year.

It was a pleasure to hand over the proceeds of the Hazelwood Car and Bike Show to the Chapman family of Yinnar.

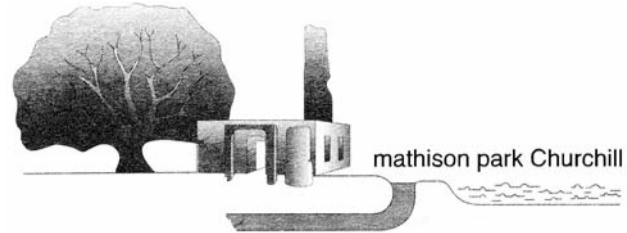
The amount raised this year was \$5,892, this money will go towards airfares to America for treatment and support for their three girls who have Glycogen Storage Disease (gsd) type 3a.

Next years' Hazelwood Car and Bike Show will be on October 27, 2013 at Gaskin Park Churchill.

We hope everyone will come out and support this great event.

Mathison Park - A Busy Year

It has been a very productive year in Mathison Park, especially with regards to the birds. There are baby magpies, mudlarks, Eurasian coots, willy wagtails, purple swamp hens, dusky moor hens, currawongs, kookaburras, striated pardalotes, yellow-rumped thornbills, wrens, starlings, galahs, noisy miners and Indian mynahs, wood ducks and bronze wing pigeons to name some.



Although small in number, the Mathison Park volunteers are a wonderful group of people. Thank you to all those who helped to prepare the park for the Junior Fishing Competition (JFC) and who volunteered at the Junior Fishing Competition as parking attendants, supervisors and in the Lions cooking complex.

Prior to the JFC, fallen branches were cut up ready for collection and disposal, a general clean up of the area completed, and some whipper snipping was done to make areas for the anglers to get closer to the lake.

Since the JFC further cleaning up has occurred on two occasions. Thank you to those who made themselves available to do that, especially Dave with his trusty ute which transports the rubbish to the piles. Thanks to Max too for replacing missing tree guards and stakes for our newly planted trees.

Thanks to Tim for mowing on the eastern side of the lake.

A big thank you also goes to the members of the Churchill Fire Brigade who burnt off the two piles of rubbish we had accumulated. This service is most appreciated.

The last working bee for 2012 will be Saturday December 15, from 9.30am-1pm.

All are welcome. For meeting place to start, ring Ruth 5122 1961

The Mathison Park Committee and Friends wish all the users of, and visitors to Mathison Park a happy time, with successful fishing (remember the bag limit please) and safe activities (keep your eyes open for snakes; no swimming) and thank you in anticipation of your respect for the park and it's facilities and the other people using it.

Carols By Candlelight

Proudly brought to you by the Churches of Churchill, Churchill Christian Fellowship, Co-Operating Churches in Churchill and Lumen Christi Roman Catholic Church.

Date: Sunday, December 16, 2012

Place: At the Auditorium at Monash University.

Time: 7.30pm.

Carparking: Use the main car parking area outside the Auditorium (north side of Monash).

Wheelchair users have access.

Getting there: At the Monash University roundabout, turn left and right into Mary Grant Bruce Drive and follow it around.

What to bring: money for the collection which is in aid of the breakfast clubs at our local schools.



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Introducing Sergeant Phil Denhouting



Hello Churchill!

My name is Phil Denhouting, I have been a police sergeant in the Latrobe Police District since 1995 and have worked extensively at all of the larger police stations during my time here.

I was officially appointed as the Officer in Charge of the Churchill Police Station in March this year.

Since I started at Churchill, we have had a large increase in staff, from four members to nine, and this has meant that the Churchill Police Station has been able to provide a much expanded police service to the Churchill and District Communities.

In the lead up to Christmas and the holiday season, I would like to take the opportunity to remind people that although they might be on holidays, criminals are not.

Although Churchill has had an overall decrease in reported crime, there are still a lot of people who still do not lock their vehicles, and continue to leave valuables such as purses/wallets, computers and tools in plain sight.

I would urge people to remove or at least hide personal items that they are going to leave in their cars, and ensure that they lock their vehicles when they are unattended, even for a short time; similarly with their houses.

On those warmer days, people are more likely to leave doors and or windows open.

The other significant thing I would like to touch on is the Fire Season.

I feel that it is timely to remind people to have their personal fire plans organised, and that if such a plan involves leaving the area on days of extreme fire danger, then I would encourage people to enact their plans early, and not leave it till the last minute.

Churchill Rainfall



It was below average rainfall for Churchill in November with only 36 mil falling. That brings our total for the year to date of 875 mil. or 35 inches in the "old" reading. Still a month to go some heavy falls predicted due to tropical conditions effecting us from the North.

Have a good and safe Christmas and hopefully Santa won't get too wet as he travels South for the festive season.

Eel Hole Creek Pavilion concept emerges



By Mike Answerth

Significant progress on the design and location of the proposed Eel Hole Creek Pavilion has been made, according to Gippsland Education Precinct (GEP), following the successful conduct of a stakeholder workshop and community consultation in early November.

Part of the Churchill /GEP Art and Culture Pathway, the proposed Eel Hole Creek Pavilion will be located in open space west of the Churchill Leisure Centre, and will provide a significant meeting place for all sections of the community with views overlooking the town, as well as including facilities such as barbeques, seating and items relating to the history of Churchill.

The Churchill Art and Culture Pathway, includes several sub projects encompassed in the Brecknock report commissioned by the Gippsland Education Precinct in 2010, and is designed to create greater pedestrian and social links between the Churchill township and the Education Precinct, including Monash University, Gippsland.

Eel Hole Creek Pavilion will provide a destination and meeting place for both local community members and visitors to the town. In July of this year, Member for Morwell, Russell Northe, announced a grant of \$16,000 from the State Government under the "Putting Locals

First" program, to conduct a feasibility study and plan for the Pavilion. Funds were also provided by the GEP partners and Latrobe City enabling the engagement of consultants, Hansen Partnerships, who conducted the stakeholder workshop and the community consultation.

Project Manager, Mike Answerth of the GEP, said "the breadth of innovative and creative ideas put forwarded by the workshop participants has enabled the consultants to identify a preferred location and develop early conceptual designs. These ideas were put to local residents as part of community consultation conducted at the Churchill shopping centre on a Saturday morning."

The early concepts will be further developed over the coming weeks as stakeholder consultation continues and, following the Christmas break, a plan will be put on display for public comment and input.

South Ward councillor Darrell White, said he and Council officers were working closely with the GEP and the consultants to ensure the project became an exciting and unique feature of the Council's East West Link development linking the town with the Churchill Leisure Centre.

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Hazelwood House Happenings



Volunteers afternoon tea

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Melbourne Cup

We celebrated Melbourne Cup day by having a sweep throughout the facility, with residents, staff and relatives having a go.

In the afternoon we had some trivia and quizzes on horse racing. This was followed by a horse race. We laid on an afternoon tea of champagne, fruit punch and lots of goodies.

Greyhound Races

We signed up for the 'Great Chase' greyhound races in Traralgon, where we were allocated 5 greyhounds.

The residents met the dogs and wished them good luck but unfortunately we did not win any races.

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Sister cities conference provides young people with a learning experience

As our community would be aware, Latrobe City Council has long established Sister Cities arrangements with both the City of Takasago, Japan and the City of Taizhou, China. In this regard the Australian annual Sister Cities Conference was held recently in Devonport, Tasmania, with a delegation from Latrobe City's Youth Council and Youth Leadership team attending the youth conference, which was held concurrently with the adult conference.

The program featured forums and workshop presentations addressing a broad range of themes such as the global society, effective collaboration, and entrepreneurial cities.

There were two delegates from Latrobe City Council at the conference - Youth Leadership Program member, Tearnna Schumann, and Youth Councillor, Hayden Stephens, both students at Kurnai College, Churchill.

The Youth Conference was facilitated by the Oak Tree Foundation which provided the delegates with tips and tools to work on international issues. Part of the proceedings was a workshop called 'Living In Between' involving young people who entered Australia as refugees. The workshop focussed on

social equality, poverty, opportunities for young people to have a voice on national issues affecting them. The students clearly enjoyed being delegates and having an opportunity to represent and showcase our region at a national conference. They were able to showcase two Latrobe City youth programs, the Youth Council and the Youth Leadership Program on a national stage.

The Sister Cities Conference was a great educational experience for the students who had the opportunity to compare lifestyles, and discuss youth issues at a national level with youth delegates from 25 different municipalities around Australia.

Rare and precious artefacts on show at Latrobe Regional Gallery

A National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) travelling exhibition that displays rare and precious artefacts, many of which are centuries old, is currently on show at the Latrobe Regional Gallery. 'Living Traditions: The Art of Belief' draws upon diverse material from across all areas of the NGV's rich collection.

The exhibition contains a diverse range of objects that relate to many different spiritual and religious beliefs from around the world; Christian, Islamic, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist and Indigenous. The objects displayed hail from around the globe,

from countries such as China, Europe, Japan, India, Africa and Australia.

Some examples of the works in the display are manuscripts of sacred texts, ritual vestments, a glass and enamel lamp, silverware, paintings and bronze and wooden sculptures.

This touring exhibition from the National Gallery of Victoria is a delight to have here in regional Victoria. The opportunity to look at such precious and ancient artworks in our Latrobe Regional Gallery doesn't come too often. Don't miss the chance to see it for yourself.

Christmas/New Year

With Christmas very fast approaching may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very safe and joyous Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Darrell White

Northes Natter

The 9th Pacific Youth Basketball Championships (formerly the FIBA Oceania Youth Tournament) was recently held at the Churchill Leisure Centre from November 24 to December 2, 2012. This year is the first time the event has been held in Victoria. The event attracted over 100 competitors with teams from Australia, Guam, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Samoa and Tahiti.

The Churchill Leisure Centre is a wonderful facility and all visitors were glowing in their praise of the precinct along with the local hospitality. These events are critical to our local communities and indeed our local economy and I applaud all who played a part in bringing this high calibre

event to Churchill.

It was also pleasing to have the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Hugh Delahunty, attend the Pacific Youth Basketball Championships in Churchill. The Minister was also in town to announce the ever popular "sporting uniform grants" of which a number of local clubs have been successful.

There were many young fishing enthusiasts at the annual Junior Fishing Competition on Saturday November 17, held at Lake Hyland Mathison Park, Churchill. The day was a great success attracting many junior anglers aged between 4 and 16 years. There were prizes given to anglers for the most fish caught in different age groups, heaviest catch of

the day, mystery weight and most unusual catch. The recent stocking of 750 rainbow trout into Lake Hyland in the September school holidays greatly assisted the Junior Fishing Competition.

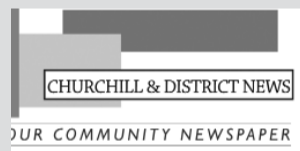
As we enter the summer period it's a timely reminder and important that fire plans are now in place and ready to be implemented in the event of a fire. I also want to acknowledge the efforts of all our local CFA Brigades and volunteers who do such a marvellous job in supporting and protecting our communities. Of course the fire events of 2009 are very much at the forefront of our minds and one will never forget the incredible and tireless efforts of our local CFA crews during such a traumatic time. We do

hope that the summer of 2012/2013 will be a quiet time for our local brigades including the Churchill CFA.

As we approach Christmas and the New Year, I also want to remind everyone to nominate outstanding community members for Citizen of the Year awards for local Australia Day events. I wish you all a very merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. I hope 2013 brings much joy and success to you and your family. Please be extra vigilant on our roads, to ensure we all get to and from our destinations safely.



Russell Northe MLA



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 Christmas Eve (24th) 8.30-6pm
 Christmas Day (25th) closed
 Boxing Day (26th) closed
 New Year's Eve (31st) 8.30-6pm
 New Year's Day closed

Asian Grocery and Gifts
 Christmas Day (25th) closed
 New Year's Day open

Sazzy Day Spa
 Christmas Eve (24th) closed at 3.30pm,
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Churchill Neighbourhood Centre
 Christmas Eve (24th) closed
 Christmas Day (25th) closed
 Boxing Day (26th) closed
 New Years Eve closed
 New Years Day closed
 Office open week prior to February 4th
 Classes resume Feb 4th

KFC
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 Christmas Day (25th) closed
 Boxing Day (26th) open 10am-9pm
 New Year's Eve open 10am-9pm
 New Years Day 10am-10pm

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 Christmas Eve (24th) 7am-9.30pm
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 New Year's Day 8am-9.30pm

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Hazelwood Health
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 New Year's Eve (31st) 9am-5pm
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Dainbridge Financial Services
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 Reopen January 14th

Churchill BBQ Chicken
 Christmas Eve (24th) 10.30am-8pm
 Christmas Day (25th) 8am-1pm
 Boxing Day (26th) closed
 New Year's Eve (31st) 10.30am-8pm
 1st January New Year's Day 10.30am-8pm

Smart Saver
 Christmas Eve (24th) 9am-7pm
 Christmas Day (25th) closed
 Boxing Day (26th) 10am-5pm
 New Year's Eve (31st) 9am-5.30pm
 1st January New Year's Day closed
 2nd January resume normal hours

Churchill Chinese
 Christmas Eve (24th) 5pm-10pm
 Christmas Day (25th) closed
 Boxing Day (26th) closed
 New Year's Eve (31st) 5pm-10pm
 1st January New Year's Day 5pm-10pm
 Closed from January 15th-February 6th
 February 6th 5pm-10pm

Ritchies IGA
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 Christmas Day (25th) closed
 Boxing Day (26th) 9am-8pm
 New Year's Eve (31st) 8am-9pm
 1st January New Year's Day 9am-7pm

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 1st January New Year's Day closed
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 Back open from 2nd January 2013

Lifeline
 Close Wednesday December 19th at noon
 Open Monday January 7th at 9.30am



The "Crocca" Foundation



Picture by Kylie Jade

David "Crocca" Williams died of Sudden Cardiac Arrest at the age of 35, leaving a wife Kylea, and three children.

Kylea wanted to have something positive come out of this tragic situation, and so she came up with the idea of the Crocca Foundation. Its motto is "Raising awareness and prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death. Its purpose would be to a legacy for David, to help keep his memory alive, and importantly to be a way to raise awareness of this condition- Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

'Crocca' as David was known, was a dedicated and popular football player and coach for the Churchill Football/Netball Club.

With the help and support of a group of special friends a sell- out fundraising event was held at the Club.

Over 200 people attended and raised the staggering amount of \$40,000.

This money will go to the Murdoch Children's Research Centre for research into genetic heart conditions and finding the gene which carries this condition.

The research will establish why this happens and raise awareness in families so precautions can be taken. These precautions include fitting of a pacemaker or defibrillator, having a heart by-pass or new arteries inserted.

David died of cardiomegaly and coronary atherosclerosis. This causes a build up of plaque on the artery walls, which slows the blood flow and stops the heart from pumping.

As this is a genetic condition, Kylea's determination to raise funds for the necessary research has fired her resolve.

David had a wide ranging sporting and fitness background, but that did not stop him dying, but it may have prolonged his life. A healthy diet and exercise are recommended.

Two representatives from the Murdoch Children's

Research Centre attended the event.

Ivan Macciocca spoke, raising awareness about genetic heart conditions and visibly presented information about how the family relationships cycle works. Many people at the event expressed astonishment at how genetic inheritance can affect successive generations.

This presentation showed the need to be aware and take preventative measures, the goal which Kylea is passionate to achieve.

If people would like to contribute to this foundation's work, they can make a donation which is 100% tax deductible, the foundation having DGR (Deductible Gift Recipient) status.

You can find out details of how to donate by using Facebook- (Crocca Foundation) or accessing the web site which will be up and running soon.

At present Kylea has six wonderful sponsors, but would welcome more.

"The local community has been wonderful in their support," said Kylea. "I would like to thank them wholeheartedly, as well as my marvellous family and friends who have been a tower of strength to me."



Raising Awareness and Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death

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Chaplain Reflections

By Pene Brook.

In the Christian liturgical calendar, we have entered the season of Advent.

This is a time of expectation and preparation for the commemoration of the birth of Jesus celebrated at Christmas.

I had the great privilege recently of spending time conversing with a Muslim scholar, Dr Zafar. During our wide-ranging conversation, a comment Dr Zafar made, reminded me of the intrinsic link between the two great Christian celebrations, Easter and Christmas, and how transformative these celebrations should be for us as people of faith.

Dr Zafar asked me if I knew why Jesus died.

Well, I'm a Christian and I have a couple of good theological responses for that question!

But Dr Zafar's question was not addressing ideas on salvation and sin, but of corrupt systems and of ways in which we should live.

Dr Zafar claimed that the religious leaders began to plot to kill Jesus when he challenged and called into account their corrupt economic/religious system.



They had turned the Temple from a place of prayer and worship into a market-place!

How often we do the same.

Instead of Christmas as a time for love and joy in the celebration of the generous love of God in the gift of Jesus, it becomes a frantic time usurped by the market-place.

We shop frantically, frequently overspend and overeat, chasing the illusive pleasures the market-place promises, instead of chasing the one thing that can truly satisfy us: life in God: life lived with hope, forgiveness, mercy, compassion and gratitude.

May this Christmas bring you the gift of hope and renewal and the wisdom to challenge the dominance of the market-place, not just at Christmas, but in all areas of our lives.

Christmas message from Rev. Brenda

A couple of weeks ago I had an email from someone I had only recently met.

In the opening sentence they expressed the hope that my family was well and that we were winding down for Christmas.

My immediate reaction to the hope that I was winding down for Christmas was a giggle, as I thought to myself, "She obviously doesn't realise what I do for a living." Ministers in Christian churches usually wind up - not down - during the time before Christmas!

I have a sneaking suspicion that most of us wind up in the weeks before Christmas as we do things like shop for presents, decorate our homes and our Christmas trees, plan our Christmas dinners and our holidays and go to numerous Christmas parties.

By the time we get to Christmas Day we are often too exhausted to enjoy it.

Even though my role as a minister means that I am particularly busy at this time of the year, as the church joyfully celebrates the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, I am conscious of the need to slow down when I can and reflect on the meaning of Christmas.

If I don't, Christmas will come and go and I will have missed the opportunity to let the wonder of Jesus' birth and what that means for me - for all of us - really get down into my heart and soul.

As Rick Warren says in the foreword of his book, "The Purpose of Christmas", Jesus is God's Christmas gift to us! And this gift has three very unique qualities.

Firstly, it is the most expensive gift you'll ever be given.

In fact, it is priceless because Jesus paid for it with his life.



Secondly, it's the only gift you'll ever get that lasts forever.

Finally, it's a very practical gift because you can use it every day for the rest of your life.

On behalf of the Cooperating Churches in Churchill, Boolarra and Yinnar I wish you a safe, happy and peace filled Christmas and New Year.

May you have time to slow down and reflect on the meaning of Christmas.

May you discover the hope, peace, joy and love of God, revealed in the gift he gave to us and for us - his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

R. Warren, "The Purpose of Christmas" (New York: Howard Books, 2008), p 8.

Co-Operating Churches Snippets



Rev Brenda Burney has settled in and has matters well under control.

She was welcomed at Coffee Connections and was then asked to share some of her Christian walk story.

Those present valued the opportunity to get to know Brenda, as well as enjoying the food and fellowship which is so much a part of this group.

Preparations for an edible Christmas at Christmas Club have been under way for the last few weeks, and it was good to welcome the children from Churchill

Primary School to the first session on November 29.

The last Saturday Breakfast for the year was Breakfast in the Bush at our hosts in the beautiful Jeeralang Hills.

The beautiful sunny warm morning made for perfect conditions for eating outside in the delightful garden setting and then walking around the grounds of the venue.

Thank you to our hosts for your generous hospitality.

Church Times

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

35 Walker Parade, Churchill
Tel: 5122 2226

Father Hugh Brown

Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass: 9.00am

1st and 3rd Sundays:

Yinnar: Mass: 10.30 am

2nd and 4th Sundays:

Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

Boolarra / Yinnar

Co-Operating Parish

Week 1 - 11am at Boolarra

Anglican H C

Week 2 - 11am at Boolarra U

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Week 3 - 11am at Yinnar U

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Week 4 - 11am at Yinnar

Worship Service

Week 5 - 11am at Yinnar

South Anglican H C

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Glenda and Ian

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Sunday Service: 9.00am.



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Maple Crescent, Churchill.

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Christmas Services

Co-Operating Churches In Churchill, Boolarra, Yinnar

Dec 24 Christmas Eve

6.30pm Crib service at Churchill

8.30pm Boolarra Anglican HC

Dec 25 Christmas Day

9am HC at Churchill and 9.30am Family

Worship at Yinnar.

Lumen Christi

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Lumen Christi Snippets



Relocation of Lumen Christi administration

Over the next few months the administrative arm of Lumen Christi Parish will move into the Morwell Parish Centre.

This will free up the Presbytery for other purposes. It does NOT mean that the Parishes are being merged and they will still run both juridicially and financially independent of each other.

Yvonne will work out of the Morwell office on her scheduled days, and there will probably be a change of phone number for the Lumen Christi Parish.

Deputy Principal – Lumen Christi School

An announcement has been made that the new Deputy Principal for Lumen Christi is Mr Dave Cooper. Dave, who is currently Deputy at Sacred Heart, Morwell, will commence his duties in 2013 and work with the newly appointed Principal, Mrs Joanne Brewer.

Lumen Christi Fete

Very many thanks to everyone who attended the fete in fairly inhospitable weather. It was a great effort on the part of so many people and, despite the rain, we raised approximately \$4000.

Bicycle Riding

Bicycle riding, especially for new riders or those who want to get more confidence with road riding or longer distance riding, commenced on Saturday November 10 at 8.30am, meeting at the Gaskin Park Football Ground. Riding every second Saturday or Sunday, the more people that come the more opportunities we will have to give everyone what they want. For more details contact Ann Van Rhine 0417 300 368

Churchill Anointing Masses

The Sacrament of Anointing will take place at all Sunday Masses of the weekend of December 15/16 at Lumen Christi church.

Peace on Earth

By Father Francis Otobo,
Lumen Christi Parish,

Peace is a state of mind that almost everybody, (in fact, if not everybody) wants and desires. Individuals scramble for peace. Families desire it, and nations and governments of the world work for it. It is an essential state for development both of the individual and the society, hence the saying: "where there is peace, there is development."

On that cold winter night, in the little town of Bethlehem in Judea, the sky was bright with the stars of the night, and the atmosphere was calm and serene. In one word, the environment was all "peaceful." In this state of serenity, the Saviour of the world was born. The angels from heaven cried out "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace to people of goodwill." With these words, the birth of Jesus was announced. This was the first Christmas.

Today, there is a great turmoil in the world. Many individuals are torn apart from within. Families are disintegrating and members tearing at each other. Several nations of the world are destabilised by domestic violence and border conflict; and many crimes are committed as a result of poverty, hunger and unemployment. All these eradicate peace.

As we celebrate this Christmas, therefore, let us pray for peace. Peace within the individual person; peace between individuals; peace in families and homes; peace in nations and between nations. Let us pray for peace in the world.

But as the old saying goes: you cannot give what you do not have. Thus, let us pray for one another, especially at this celebration of the birth of Christ, that we all may be filled with lasting peace, and that through us, peace will flow to the rest of the world.

Peace be with you all and Happy Christmas!!!

Churchill Gardening Group

Welcome to Christmas 2012.

With all the break up parties, Christmas luncheons, gift giving, Christmas carols etc, let's not forget our gardens at this time, especially pot plants.

However don't leave water in their saucers, as this presents a breeding ground for mozzies.

There have been reports of a hot summer, and others of a cool and wet one, so go with the flow and deal with what's served up to us.

Place mulch around where ever possible and use water saving granules.

Keep your mower blades high when cutting the lawn, as this helps to conserve moisture in the soil.

If the grass dries out and browns off a bit, it will green up again with rain.

Let's not forget the birds that visit our gardens and have some water available for them where possible.

In an earlier article I wrote about our friendly crows "Port" and "Adelaide" and that I hoped they would bring their babies to visit.

Much to our pleasure they have done so, and watching these babies, as big as their parents, being so clumsy trying to sit on the fence and branches, for which



they are too big, is fun to see.

Companion planting is a good way to minimize insect pests in the garden and help to reduce the need to use harmful sprays.

Grow corn with potatoes or pumpkins; beans, peas and cucumbers; tomatoes, parsley, basil, and asparagus to complement each other; chives or garlic with roses and also under apple trees.

Many herbs have insect repellent properties.

For instance garlic, chives, spearmint and nasturtiums will help to keep aphids away.

Pennyroyal and tansy discourage ants; hyssop, sage and thyme deter cabbage moth. Chamomile is considered to be a "Plant Doctor" giving strength to plants growing nearby.

That's all for this year and I hope that you and your family all have a very Happy Christmas, and a safe, happy and healthy New Year.



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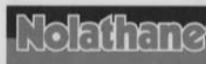
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Frontier Services Celebrates 100 Years Of Support For Remote Australia

Rev. John Flynn, (Flynn of the Inland) was a school teacher before joining the ministry in the Presbyterian Church. John Flynn taught at the Hazelwood South State School, so he has a special bond with our area.

It was 'our' John Flynn who recognised the need for a "Mantle of Safety over the inland places of Australia to encourage and support the brave people who pioneered and built community in those areas."

John Flynn was born in Moliagul, north-west of Melbourne.

He completed secondary school at University High School in 1898 and then, when unable to afford to go to university, he trained and worked as a school teacher for the Victorian Education Department

for five years. By 1903 he

had decided to become a Presbyterian minister and after serving as a home missionary at Beech Forest in the Otway Ranges (1903-4) and at Buchan in East Gippsland (1905-06) he entered the Presbyterian Theological Hall at Ormond College (a college of the University of Melbourne) to study divinity in 1907. He became a missionary.

Always thinking of the needs of those in isolated communities, he published a magazine for the outback and he took up the opportunity to be the missionary at Beltana, a tiny settlement north of Adelaide. He was ordained in Adelaide for this work in January 1911.

The missionaries visited the station properties in a wide radius from Beltana, and their practical and spiritual service was valued in the isolated localities. Flynn used it as an opportunity to look at the potential for something bigger.

By 1912, after writing a report for his church superiors on the difficulties of ministering to such a widely scattered population, Flynn was made the first superintendent of the Australian Inland Mission.

Three things were identified as the greatest needs; the need for padres or missionaries, for spiritual

support, a medical service plus a means of communication.

Soon after this need was identified, the medical service was provided, usually by two nurses together who often were deaconesses.

They were to wear white uniforms throughout the day. They were picked up at railway stations by men unknown and transported to their new homes, usually of very basic means.

Working out of Beltana, using camels for transport, the padres visited as many isolated people as they could.

These were mostly men as there were no medical facilities in the outback for women, especially help with having babies, until the nurses became stationed at a series of bush nursing hospitals established by the

All these services allowed people to go to remote parts of Australia. Flynn persuaded people to support the work with funds, people and later building programs.

The Australian Inland Mission is now called Frontier Services since the union, in 1977, of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches to become the Uniting Church in Australia.

This organisation is a combination of the three denominations' services into one.

This year, Frontier Services celebrates its 100 years of service to remote areas of Australia, now including areas of East Gippsland.

The National Director for Frontier Services, Rosemary Young, spoke at the Co-Operating Churches during the month.

The modern services include patrol ministry, advocacy which involves pressuring governments and other organisations to fund services equivalent to those in cities.

Many of the services provided are now government funded but include aged, children's, youth, counselling, financial and respite services; and systems support to small communities. Frontier Services has been asked to help with the provision of these services, a huge and ongoing challenge.

The patrols help engage people to meet together, and provide hope where often there is very little.

Frontier Services provides a constancy and consistency, introducing innovative programs, trains local people to take over, and when ready hands back the service to the locals.

The Service has 1000 staff, and serves 15,000 families. Many volunteers offer to be involved with work parties at various venues, participating in Outback Links and using their skills. Two people from the Co-Operating Church in Churchill are two such volunteers.

Frontier Services is a network across the nation, gathering in those left on the outside- part of a caring church.



Australian Inland Mission.

This medical service eventually became the Royal Flying Doctor Service, which still operates most efficiently in remote areas.

The third need, of communication was fulfilled with the supply of pedal radios. These needed relay stations to make them effective over the long distances of the Outback. Many of these stations still exist.

A complex system of communication now operates and has continued to develop as technology has progressed.

Churchill Neighbourhood Watch -Safer Community Group

November 1 - November 30
 Robbery - Nil for the month (Nil previous month)
 Assaults - 6 for the month (5 previous month)
 In all incidents an offender has been charged with assault related offences. One offender will face two counts of assault police, as well as two counts of reckless conduct endangering life as a result of hoon driving.

Arson - Nil for the month (Nil previous month)
 Property Damage - 4 for the month (1 previous month). An offender has been charged in all incidents.
 Burglary - 3 for the month (3 previous month)
 All three burglaries were committed in residential areas with one premises in Coolaroo PI targeted twice in a week.

In all burglaries damage was also caused when the unknown offenders have spread items around the residence. Cameras, TVs and DVDs were amongst the items stolen.

Theft From Motor Vehicle - Nil for the month (2

previous month)
 Theft of Motor Vehicle - Nil for the month (Nil previous month)

Theft - 1 for the month (3 previous month)

S o m e t i m e between September 1 and November 19, unknown offenders have stolen a commemorative plaque from the "Giant Cigar".

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Scott Marriott- Queen's Scout

Proud Scout Leaders, fellow Venturers, friends and supporters gathered at the Scout Hall for the presentation to Scott Marriott of his well earned Queen's Scout badge.

Barney Farrell, leader of the Venturers, said to achieve a Queen's Scout Award required much commitment as the badge demanded at least 250 hours of work.

Initially a candidate had to set a goal, plan their progress to that goal, organise themselves and others, and maintain the determination to complete the task while overcoming setbacks.

Before all that happens there are requirements to be fulfilled. The candidate must be a Venturer, earn the Venturing Skill Award (7 badges, minimum of 10 hours each), earn the Venturer Award and complete the requirements in the remaining six areas (minimum of 10 hours each), complete the requirements in each of the four award areas at Queen Scout level (minimum of 30 hours, but can be worked simultaneously) and include outdoor activities (expedition or hike), community involvement (either environment or service), leadership development, personal growth (ideals, expression, lifestyle or pursuits) then be recommended by the Unit Council and the Venturer Scout Leader, the Group Leader, and have a personal interview with the District Commissioner. On completing all these requirements the District Commissioner will recommend to the Branch Chief Commissioner that the Queen's Scout Award be presented. The badge is presented locally, but the certificate is presented at Government House.

Barney Farrell said Scott has been an active member of the Venturers unit, and was willing to share with them the skills he learnt in his Queen Scout activities. "Scott was able to use me as a mentor, guide and facilitator to help him with his progress through the tasks."

Some of the tasks undertaken by Scott were two hikes (two days Mitchell River and five days Goldfields expedition Daylesford to Castlemaine), assisted at the great Australian Bike Ride as part of the luggage team, went caving, took on leadership roles on his school's Student Representative Council, served as chairperson and secretary for the Venturer unit, made a coffee table and CD rack, organised numerous visits to places and people.

The five day hike involved planning the expedition



from start to finish, from Morwell and return.

Norm de Silva, Chaplain at Mirboo North Secondary College where Scott attends, said he found Scott to be a delightful young man to work with. He is pleasant and quiet, genuine and helpful, is School Captain, and shows great responsibility especially in leadership roles: a very special person.

Norm's role in Scott's Queen's Scout candidacy was as a sounding board, and as a person with whom Scott could discuss aspects of the training. Norm also willingly accepted Scott's invitation to come and speak to the Venturers. He said past connection with the family (older brother Aaron also attended Mirboo North Secondary College) had helped to build the relationship.

Diane Marriott, Scott's Mum, said she was so proud and happy that Scott had achieved what he wanted. She said of her children, four are involved in Scouts, and she has willingly been the taxi and the provider for that to occur. "Scouts" she said, "was something they enjoyed and got a lot from".

Scott was very pleased to have done what he set out to do, saying he had a sense of achievement, and that it has been a very good experience, one in which he had learnt a lot about goal setting, overcoming challenges, gaining confidence, teamwork and leadership.

Scott was overwhelmed by the turn- out of people for the occasion, but it made it all the more special to know that he had conquered his doubts, persevered, and seen it through to the end over the two year commitment.

Scott thanked the Churchill Venturers for their encouragement and support which had given Scott the kick start he needed to complete the task, the Churchill group, all his different examiners of the aspects of the course, Strzelecki District and Yinnar Group, guest speaker Norn de Silva and Joanne and Gwenda for the celebration cake.

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The Casual Vacancy – JK Rowling Book Review

JK Rowling's newest book, and her first for adults, is a well told story of a little town after the death of Barry Fairbrother.

The book was originally published on September 27, 2012 by Little, Brown Book Group.

As Fairbrother was on the council, his sudden death has left the town with a casual vacancy.

As a war begins to break out over the empty chair, the town splits into two.

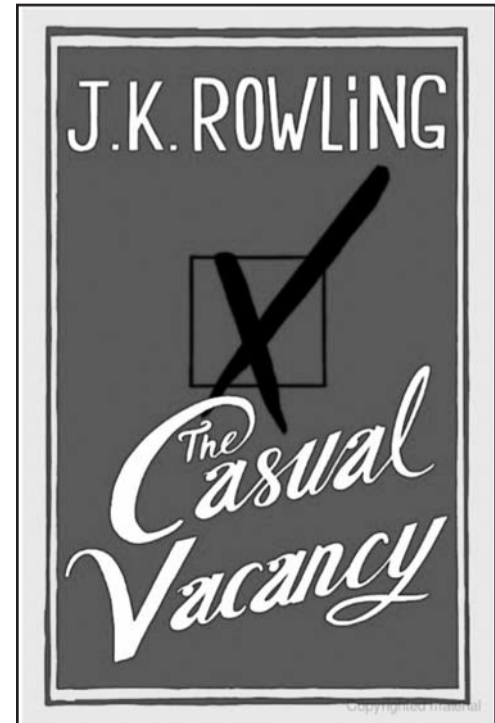
JK Rowling is trying to move away from her Harry Potter series and into adult territory, and she does that with themes in this novel including class, politics, drugs, prostitution and rape.

The writing style in her novel is similar to Truman Capote's non-fiction novel "In Cold Blood" (1966) which revolutionised the writing industry.

The book is split into seven parts with each section headed by a definition from Charles Arnold-Baker's Local Council Administration.

"The Casual Vacancy" had the second best-selling opening week in the United Kingdom since Dan Brown's "The Lost Symbol".

It became the 15th best-selling book of 2012 during its first week of release and topped one million copies within week three, worldwide.



Latrobe Valley Model Aero Club 40th Anniversary



By Wayne Lewis

The Latrobe Valley Model Aero Club recently celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a weekend of flying and socializing at the Lake Narracan Model Airfield, and a social evening at the Yallourn North Hall.

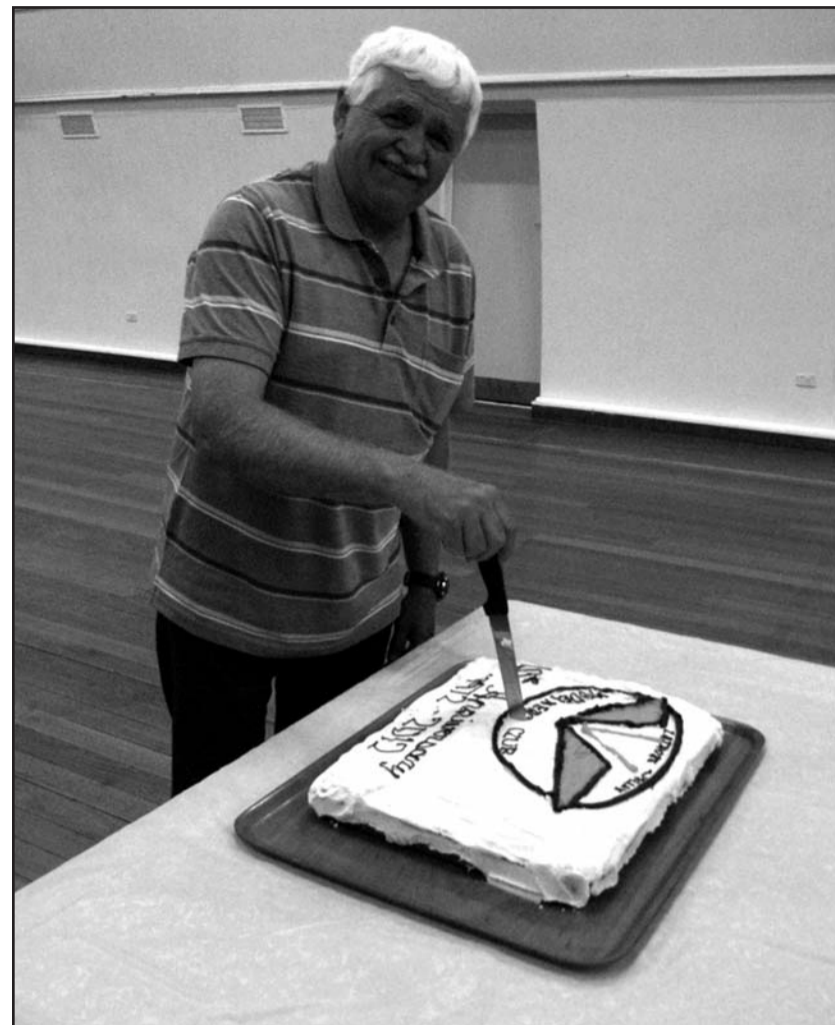
Over the weekend there were 46 registered pilots that came from Geelong, Melbourne, Sale and Bairnsdale as well as our own Latrobe Valley and Warragul members. They were flying a range of Model Aircraft off our grass strip and off the Lake. On this weekend there were over 100 models on site, including numerous Scale Models and Floatplanes and they had either electric, nitro or petrol powered engines, and due to the almost perfect weather conditions, there was a lot of flying done.

We also had a large turbine powered jet and a 3D electric helicopter giving demonstration flights. The

organizing committee had sourced several prizes to give away, so each hour a prize was given out to a lucky pilot. Several past members and past office bearers also attended and several of these guys are still flying in other clubs.

On the Saturday night a social evening was held at the Yallourn North Monash Hall, with 50 people attending. After the meal an Anniversary Cake was cut and then there was some fun with paper aeroplanes and a few prizes were given out.

This was the biggest and most successful event the club has ever run, and to have such good weather made it a weekend that the club will always remember. The club currently has 60 Members and flies at Lake Narracan on most weekend mornings. Anyone interested in learning to fly Model Aircraft is always welcome to come to Lake Narracan and have a look and get some friendly advice on how to get started.



Annual Wildflower Walk on Baw Baw



The Friends of Baw Baw National Park aim to foster awareness of the flora and fauna and the physical environment of the Park. On Saturday, January 12, we invite people to join us for a walk on the plateau. Visitors, being of widely varying ages and levels of fitness, can choose from a walk to the top or a wander on a much smaller scale.

A botanist, ecologist and members of the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club will accompany us to explain points of interest and answer questions.

Meeting at the DSE Office, Parkers Corner (north

of Erica) at 9.30 am before car-pooling and departing at 10.00am for the Mount St Gwinear car park. We plan to be back for a late afternoon tea. There is no charge for this activity.

You will need to wear suitable walking shoes and clothing for an alpine environment, including wet weather gear, and carry your own lunch, water, camera, binoculars etc.

For more information phone 5628 4459 or 5127 3393 or contact Parks Victoria on 5172 2186.

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Our first Committee meeting for 2013 will be held at 7pm on
Wednesday, January 16
in Studio 1, Churchill Community Hub, Phillip Pde

2013 General Meetings and Community Forums will be advertised in the new year

Contact CDCA at P O Box 191, Churchill 3842
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CHRISTMAS FUN PAGE

Santa's Reindeer



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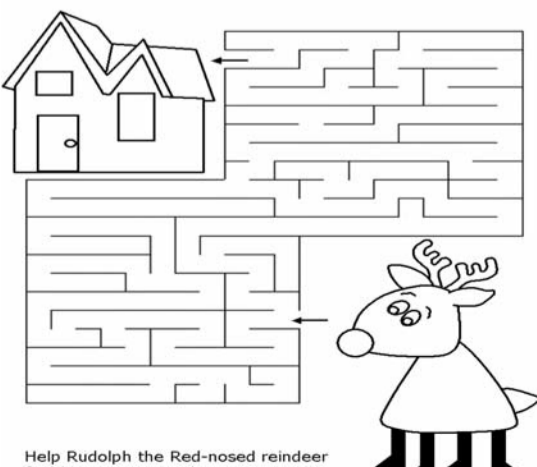
Nativity Word Scramble

All these words come from the Christmas story. Can you unscramble them?

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2. MAGREN -----
3. MYAR -----
4. SEPHE -----
5. DOEYKN -----
6. AEGLN -----
7. JPHOES -----
8. JSSEU -----
9. KIGSN -----
10. STBALE -----



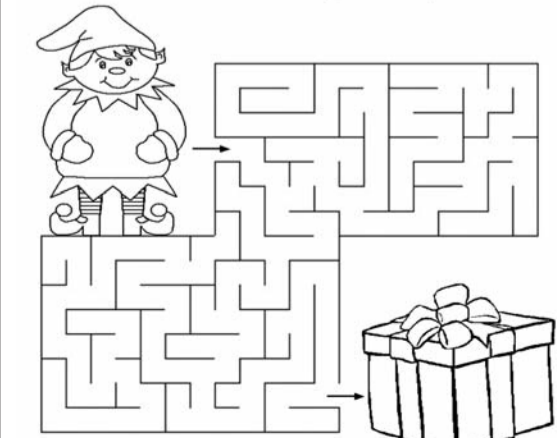
Christmas Maze



Help Rudolph the Red-nosed reindeer find his way to your house!

Christmas Maze

Help Jo Jo the elf find the missing Christmas present!



Christmas Maze

Help Santa find a nice tall glass of milk to drink with his cookie.



They Gave their Today for our Tomorrow

By Roslyn Carstairs

The book "They Gave Their Today For Our Tomorrow" was successfully launched on Remembrance Day 11/11/12. The book pays tribute to the 29 servicemen from Boolarra and District who paid the ultimate sacrifice in war.

Twenty soldiers from World War 1 are listed on the Memorial Park gate, eight from World War 2 and one from Korea are listed in the Memorial Hall. Local resident and keen historian / researcher Roslyn Carstairs spent approximately 2 years gathering the information needed to put the book together.

The Department of Veteran's Affairs gave a grant to assist in the printing of the book which is much appreciated. The Boolarra and District Historical Society supported Roslyn with the grant application.

Many of the servicemen's family and friends were present at the launch. Roslyn

gave an outline of the work it took to get the book to the printer. Roslyn also recounted some of the poignant stories and facts that emerged as she did the book. Then the book was officially launched.

You may know some of these brave men.

World War 1 - Trooper Francis David Amiet, Lance Corporal Ernest Edward Austin, Lieutenant David Black, Private Harry Booth Eagland, Sergeant Edward Robert Furniss D.C.M, Private William Hall, Private James Travis Halliday, Private John Thomas Holmes, Trooper Adolphus Kitson, Private Frank Theadore Mauer, Private George Howard Mayell, Private William Burnside Pennycuik, Corporal William Thomas Primrose, Trooper Edward Robert Radburn, Lance Corporal John Lewis Rennick, Private Lionel Antoina Cooper Richards, Driver Clifton James

They Gave their Today for our Tomorrow

An excerpt from the speech by Roslyn Carstairs

Before I officially launch the book I would like to give you some background about how it came to be written.

For many years I have known that the names on the Memorial Park gates and in the Hall were servicemen from Boolarra and District who paid the supreme sacrifice in war. But that was about the extent of my knowledge.

As I researched each soldier it became quite an emotional and personal journey. They became "my soldiers" not just Boolarra and District's. It was particularly poignant when I came across personal letters/comments that the soldiers wrote. One of these was Lieutenant David Black writing to his sister Agnes while he was in England recovering from a bullet wound. He says "Just a line to let you know that I am still in the land of the living and any day now will be going back to France...I had a letter from Archie. He is thinking about joining up. If he would take my advice he would stay where he is as this is no picnic. I don't know how I will stand the winter in France as the hit I got in the chest touched my lungs and I have had a cold ever since I got knocked. Well anyway it is a game of chance" David was Killed in Action on October 4, 1917 at the Battle of Broodseinde Ridge.

Private Frank Theadore Mauer, Lance Corporal Ernest Edward Austin, Private Harry Booth Eagland and Sergeant Edward Robert Furniss DCM, all died on the same day as David and in the same battle.

Sergeant Edward Robert Furniss was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal while in the field for conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty in that he



Spargo,

Private Sydney Joseph Statham, Lance Corporal Henry Charles Taylor, Private Francis McBain Tucker.

World War 2 - Private Cyril Robert Ashleigh Bolton, Private Thomas Arthur Bolton, Private Arthur Deane, Private Charles John Deering, Lance Corporal Norman Rothery Gair, Private Joseph Muncaster, Private Cyril Thomas Peter, Flying Officer Eugene Victor Roy.

Korea - Private Harold Bolitho

You may purchase the book at the Boolarra Post Office, Yinnar Garage, Boolarra Museum (open 2-4 pm first Sunday of the month), Collins Booksellers Traralgon, The Nook and Cranny Bookshop (Buckley St. Morwell) or contact Roslyn direct rdcarstairs@bigpond.com or 0429 383 686.

completed the consolidation of a strong point under heavy fire, during which he erected 100 yards of wire in front of the post. He showed great coolness under fire and inspired working parties with great confidence by his ability and courage.

Private Lionel Antoina Cooper Richards and Private Sydney Joseph Statham died on the Gallipoli Peninsula within 5 days of each other on May 1 and 6, 1915 respectively, just 10 days after the ill-fated Gallipoli Landing on April 25.

When I started on the World War 2 servicemen I already knew that Private Cyril Thomas Peter had been a Prisoner of War in Java but as my research continued I found that Cyril and Thomas Bolton were Prisoners of War in Ambon, and Norman Rothery Gair as a Prisoner of War was lost at sea on the "Montevideo". So of the 8 World War 2 men who paid the supreme sacrifice, 4 were Prisoners of War. Their war was fraught with such personal degradation that we can't begin to comprehend their war. We only know that it was fought just as bravely as those who were still in battle.

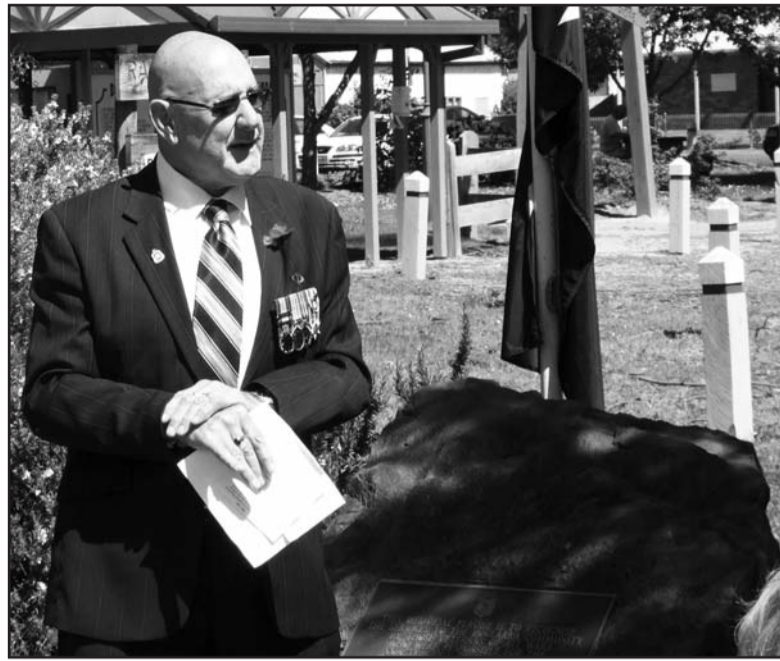
Private Harold Bolitho who lost his life in the Korean War on April 25, 1951 also served in World War 2.

These are just a few of the personal stories I came across while writing the book. I hope when you read it you will think it is a fitting tribute to 29 brave men who paid the ultimate sacrifice. It also is a tribute to all who fought and who are still fighting in theatres of war.

With that I am very pleased to launch "They Gave Their Today For Our Tomorrow"

Thank you

Remembrance Day 11/11/2012



Boolarra had its first Remembrance Day service for about 10 years at the RSL Memorial opposite the Hall. The service was conducted by Lyndon Giles from Morwell RSL.

Lyndon is himself a returned serviceman from the Vietnam War. With a clear, sunny day at hand about 30 people from the community and beyond, paid their respects to those who served in war. Wreaths were laid by Morwell RSL, Department of Veteran's Affairs and the community. Those who had a

poppy were invited to put them on the Memorial.

As the Last Post rang out across the town the people stood in respectful silence until the flag was raised by Bill Peter (a nephew of Private Cyril Thomas Peter of Boolarra who served in WW2 and lost his life as a POW in Java).

Light refreshments were served in the Hall and people had an opportunity to reflect on what Remembrance Day meant to them.



Churchill Town Safety Group

LOCK YOUR CAR

Most "Theft from motor vehicles" is from unlocked cars in residential areas

Going away this summer? Tell the police!
DON'T ADVERTISE YOUR ABSENCE ON FACEBOOK

**Prepared for the bushfire season?
Make a plan for 'Code Red' days.
DON'T WAIT FOR A MESSAGE TO LEAVE - IT MAY NOT COME!**

Police advise members of the public that, if you require police assistance, it is best to call 000 rather than trying to contact Churchill police station. The police communications operator will be able to assess your need and either send a police vehicle, relay a message or find out when the police station will be open.

FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE, RING 000

**Contact the Churchill Town Safety Group:
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In writing: PO Box 191, Churchill 3842
Email: ctsgrp@gmail.com
**Report Faults & Hazards to
Latrobe City Council - 1300 367 700**
For Emergencies, Ring 000



SAFER COMMUNITIES GROUP

CDCA - End of Year!



By Margaret Guthrie

Churchill and District Community Association funded a Christmas decoration project with the co-operation of Churchill Primary School. Grade 5 and 6 students were involved in producing scenes with a Christmas theme that are now on display in the concourse of West Place Shopping Centre.

CDCA would like to thank the school, in particular the 'Art Department', for taking on this project and supporting students to provide such a wonderful and unique display. We are sure that students, parents and teachers are as proud of the completed project as CDCA is!

Our final (for 2012) General Meeting and Community Forum was held last month at Green Inc.

Guest speaker from GDF Suez Hazelwood, Mr Doug Day, gave an informative presentation on the company, the challenges Hazelwood Power Station (and the industry generally) faces going forward, and information on current operations.

The key message was that Hazelwood Power Station, like any commercial enterprise, needs to remain financially viable to continue into the future. It was made very clear that GDF Suez has no plans to close Hazelwood as long as it remains a commercially viable business.

The current mining licence expires in 2030 and, whilst there are more coal fields, it is too early to predict what might happen to the power station that far into the future. Plant and equipment is upgraded and maintained to ensure operations continue.

The 'future' of coal-generated electricity production is subject to new technology, currently the focus of research and development and 'trial' projects, such as the Carbon Capture project being hosted at Hazelwood.

Mr Day stated that GDF Suez has a strong philosophy of 'Corporate Social Responsibility' and was committed to supporting the local community. During 2012, Hazelwood has contributed \$74,000 to a variety of community organisations and sporting clubs through sponsorships and donations.

Hazelwood Cemetery Trust have been the recipients of significant donations from the power station, including a two hectare adjoining parcel of land, to provide for further development of the cemetery and its environs.

Mention was also made of Hazelwood's support for community facilities at the Pondage, including the development of the Northern Boat

Ramp. Sadly, a decision was taken to close the Yinnar Road Boat Ramp, due to the expense of continuous repairs required due to on-going vandalism. It was decided that the money being expended on repeated repairs could be better utilised elsewhere.

'Surprise' guest at CDCA's General Meeting was Inspector Mick West from Latrobe Valley Police Headquarters. He was accompanied by Leading Senior Constable, Brett Godden, the 'Safer Communities/Neighbourhood Watch' officer for Latrobe and Baw Baw areas. Also present was Sergeant Phil den Houting, Churchill's own 'Officer-In-Charge'.

Inspector West provided an overview on Latrobe police resourcing and improved roster arrangements to ensure better local police coverage. It is encouraging to note that, from being 65 officers 'short' only a few years ago, Latrobe now has all those positions filled, along with an additional 40 plus police officers located at various stations.

Churchill police station has benefited from this, with current staffing levels at a Sergeant 'plus eight' (officers), meaning that Churchill police station is open daily and for up to 18 hours of the day on weekends.

It should be noted that staffing of the Churchill police station is almost at capacity – further increases in staffing levels (and opening hours) would require a larger facility to be built.

CDCA will be holding further Community Forums and General Meetings in 2013. This year's forums have been very successful and most informative, with guest speakers including the former Latrobe City Mayor, Cr Ed Vermeulen, State Member for Morwell, Hon Russell Northe, and Gippsland Water representative, Mr Kevin Enguell.

These events provide opportunity to mingle with other residents, some of whom may be engaged in other community undertakings, such as the establishment of Churchill Bowls Club or the Walker Parade 'Plan Our Park' group. Residents are also able to meet stakeholder representatives (e.g. from Latrobe City Council, Monash University, Police), ask questions about local issues and raise matters of local concern.

CDCA doesn't formally meet in December; our next Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday January 16, 2013. Observers are welcome.

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

Morwell Fire Brigade Centenary Celebrations

By Leo Billington

As the Morwell Fire Brigade prepares to celebrate their 100th birthday, the search continues for material to be used in a book to commemorate the occasion.

As a central part of a range of activities being planned for January 2015, the book will detail the life of the brigade from when it was first formed after meeting of concerned residents was held in August, 1914. There are also plans to hold a dinner dance, an open day at the Fire Station in McDonald Street, as well as hosting the Eastern Districts Running Competition.

According to Terry Ainsworth, Morwell Fire Brigade Centenary Committee Chairperson, the brigade was first formed following a public meeting convened by the then Morwell Shire President, Councillor Edney in 1914.

"Local historical records show that the Morwell Fire Brigade was unofficially formed at that public meeting held in November 1914. There was considerable local pressure to do something urgently regarding a town fire brigade, after a fire in Mr J B Hoyle's business on Thursday afternoon October 14, 1915. Mr Richard (Dick) Noy was elected as the brigade's first captain on November 20, 1914," Mr Ainsworth said.

"On this particular October afternoon, at about 4.50 pm, considerable damage was done to Mr J B Hoyle's business office in Commercial Road when a fire started in a box full of paper. Stock and furniture was damaged as well as the internal walls and ceiling.

Mr Hoyle was a valuer, and land and commission agent, and being ever so grateful to the brigade for saving his office, five days later gave a cheque for two pounds and two shillings to the fledgling brigade – half of which was to be "devoted to obtaining a fire bell for the town" and the other half "for a medal for competition between the members," Mr Ainsworth explained.

Before the first fire station was built, meetings of the new brigade were apparently held at Samuel Gill's Gazette (newspaper) office located in Station Street, approximately at the site of today's Morwell National Bank branch office.

"In January 1916, Chief Officer Marshall from the Country Fire Brigades Board (an early forerunner to



today's Country Fire Authority) visited Morwell and inspected a site for the new fire station. This vacant strip of land in Station Street, alongside the railway line site was opposite today's Morwell Post Office," Mr Ainsworth said.

"This site was directly opposite George Dayble's blacksmith business, later taken over by Mr A J Foster. When Foster relocated his blacksmith business down Church Street, the corner site remained vacant for quite a number of years before being sold after the Second World War to the Commonwealth government to become the new Morwell Post Office which was opened in 1955.

In 1953, the brigade moved to a brand new, purpose built station in Church Street, next to Morwell's Presbyterian Church."

Any material available can be left at the Fire Station in McDonald Street. If people wish to have the material returned, please label with ownership details and it will be under the committee's strict care and attention. The centenary committee guarantees that all material will be recorded and returned immediately after use.

"Alternatively, any enquiries can be emailed to mufb@wideband.net.au for our immediate attention and action," Terry added.



Churchill and District Lions Club

Australia Day Celebrations

January 26, 2013

Churchill Hotel rear Carpark

7.30am for ceremony

8am Breakfast



Friends of Morwell National Park - Christmas BBQ



Come along and enjoy a BBQ lunch to celebrate another successful year of activities.

When:
Sunday December 16

Time:
1.00pm

Where:
Kerry Road picnic area

What to bring: BYO plate, cutlery, cup/glass and bring either a salad or sweet.

Please come along

CAN I or CAN'T I?

A fire season message from Churchill Fire Brigade



Captain Steve Barling

Can I have a barbecue, light a campfire or light a fire for warmth or comfort?

YES

During Fire Danger Period

But only if:

- *The wind is not more than 10 kph
- *The fire is lit in a properly constructed fireplace or in a trench at least 30 centimetres deep
- *The area within a distance of 3 metres from the outer perimeter of the

barbecue is clear of flammable material

*The fire does not occupy an area in excess of 1 square metre and the size and dimensions of solid fuel used are the minimum necessary for the purpose

*A person is in attendance at all times while the fire is alight and has the capacity and means to extinguish the fire

*The fire is completely extinguished before the person leaves.

Note that in accordance with the CFA Act, a "properly constructed fireplace" means a fireplace that is constructed of stone, metal, concrete or any other non-flammable material so as to contain the perimeter of the fire.

A commercially produced barbecue would be considered a properly constructed fireplace.

YES

On Total Fire Ban Days

Barbecues that are fixed appliances: fired by gas or electricity, being permanently fixed structures built of

stone, metal, concrete or another non-flammable material designed] exclusively for meal preparation or that use only gas or electricity, are designed and commercially manufactured exclusively for meal preparation (including portable barbecues), and when alight are placed in a stable position, provided that:

*the area within a distance of 3 metres from the outer perimeter of the barbecue is clear of flammable material

*you have either a hose connected to a water supply or a vessel with at least 10 litres of water for immediate use

*an adult is there at all times when the fire is alight who has the capacity and means to extinguish the fire

*the fire is completely extinguished before the adult leaves.

NO

Campfires, fires for warmth or personal comfort are banned during **Total Fire Ban Days**.

Can I light a fire in the open air or burning off grass, stubble, weeds, undergrowth or other vegetation?

YES

During Fire Danger Period

But only if:

*You have a written permit issued by a Fire Prevention Officer of a public authority, the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer or by the CFA District office.

*You comply with the conditions of that permit.

*A person is in attendance at all times while the fire is alight and has the capacity and means to extinguish the fire.

*The fire is completely extinguished before the person leaves.

Many councils ban burning off on smog alert days or within certain locations or



Lt Graeme Renwick

times within their municipalities. Check with the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer.

NO

On Total Fire Ban Days

All fires in the open air for burning off grass, scrub, stubble or rubbish are banned during Total Fire Ban Days.

Any permits issued by Municipal Fire Prevention Officers are suspended for the duration of any **Total Fire Ban Days**.



Lt. Steve Shankland

Can I use a chainsaw, plant or grass trimmer or lawn mower?

YES

During Fire Danger Period

Chainsaws, plant or grass trimmers or lawn mowers

may be used in green vegetation

material.

*Further, the operator of the machine, who must be in attendance at all times the machine is being used, must carry either of the following fire suppression equipment:

*at least one knapsack spray pump, in working order, fully charged with water, with a capacity of not less than 9 litres

*at least one water (stored pressure) fire extinguisher, in working order, fully charged with water and maintained at the correct pressure, with a capacity of not less than 9 litres.

Note that the spark arrester, the knapsack spray pump and the water fire extinguisher referred to above must comply with the applicable Australian Standards.

YES

On Total Fire Ban Days

As for the Fire Danger Period.

However, if possible, postpone this work as the risk of starting fires is extremely high.

Can I drive a vehicle in places where the vehicle will be in contact with crops, grass, stubble, weeds, undergrowth or other vegetation?

YES

During Fire Danger Period

But only if the vehicle is fitted with an

efficient silencing device (eg. muffler) that takes all of the exhaust from the engine through the silencing device.

You should avoid driving vehicles through dry vegetation in hot and dry conditions, even if it is not a Total Fire Ban Day, due to

the risk posed by the hot exhaust system.

YES

On Total Fire Ban Day

But only if the vehicle is fitted with an efficient silencing device (eg. muffler) that takes all of the exhaust from the engine through the silencing device.

This should be avoided wherever possible, due to the extreme fire danger posed by dry vegetation and very hot exhaust systems.



Lt. Shane Renwick

Can I carry out activities including: welding, grinding, charring, soldering or gas cutting relocating bees extracting honey rail maintenance heating bitumen?

YES

During Fire Danger Period

But only if:

*A fire-resistant shield or guard is in place to stop sparks, hot metal or slag from the fire

*An area at least 1.5 metres from the operation is clear of flammable material or wetted down sufficiently to prevent the spread of fire

*You have a reticulated water supply or water spray knapsack containing at least 9 litres of water

*All cut-offs and hot materials from the operation are placed in fire-

proof receptacles

*A person is in attendance at all times while the fire is alight and has the capacity and means to extinguish the fire

*The fire is completely extinguished before the person leaves.

NO

On Total Fire Ban Days

Activities such as:

*welding, grinding, charring, soldering or gas cutting

*relocating bees
*extracting honey
*rail maintenance
*heating bitumen
are banned on Total Fire Ban Days without special permits that apply to these days. These are called Section 40 permits.

In limited circumstances, CFA or MFB may issue a permit on Total Fire Ban Days to:

*community organisations, charitable organisations,

fundraising organisations
statutory corporations, councils
industrial or trade operations
for the purpose of carrying out their work, or for the purpose of public entertainment, or for 'religious or cultural purposes. These permits must come from CFA District offices, CFA Headquarters or MFB Zone offices, and cannot be issued by Municipal Fire Prevention Officers.



PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

Fire Ready

Total Fire Bans are declared by CFA on days when fires are likely to spread rapidly and be difficult to control. The penalties for lighting fires illegally during the Fire Danger Period and on Total Fire Ban Days include large fines and possible imprisonment.

Churchill Lionesses



As 2012 is drawing to a close we can look back on yet another successful year.

The rose garden at Hazelwood House is looking magnificent and is a joy to both residents and staff. Thank you to Jean for all the time and effort you have spent in the garden. We have

been busy with our catering, with the Collectables Show the last for the year.

We have been able to assist the Churchill Lions on several occasions, mainly the Barry Sheehan bike ride and the Christmas function for GDF Suez International Power

Hazelwood Social Club held recently. The above photo was taken at Lioness Mandy Ellis' special birthday celebrations at the Out of India restaurant.

We would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year..



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Jillian Keenan

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Hours of operation are between 3:15—5:15.
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Playgroup

Your child can have fun playing with others while you meet other parents and share the joys and challenges of parenting.

Playgroup allows children to:

- Learn through play, listen to stories, sing & play musical instruments
- Have fun inside & outside, making friends and developing new skills
- Interact with other adults, learn simple rules & routines

Activities include:

Painting & pasting, Sandpit play, Climbing equipment, Play dough Home corner, Construction, Music & movement, Stories & much more

Where: Churchill North Primary School Coolabah Drive, Churchill.

When: Wednesdays & Fridays (during school terms)

Time: 9.00—11.00 am

Bring: A healthy snack & drink

Cost: Gold coin

Contact: 5122 1976

