

# CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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Prizewinners in the Churchill and District News Writing Competition

## Churchill and District News Writing Competition Winners

THE Churchill and District News received over two hundred entries in their recent writing competition.

"The standard of entries was extremely high and judging proved very difficult," said Churchill and District News Editor, Val Prokopiv. "In a couple of categories it was so difficult we increased the number of prizes!"

Lynda A Taylor won the Adult Short Story prize for her work 'Family Stuff'. Brodie Pink came first in the Adult Poetry with an imaginative poem 'My Dear Self Hatred'.

Janice Cook won the Children's Story section with a lovely story 'Dinosaurs Don't Knit Scarves'.

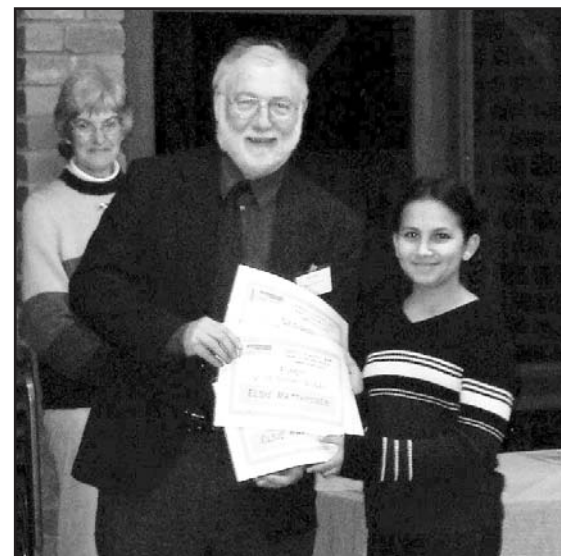
Elise Matthyssen, a very talented young writer, won both the Under 18 Short Story (first and second prizes) and the Under 18 Poetry Prize. Amanda Rowley and Jayme Day were joint winners in the Under 12 Short Story, with Cassandra Hoimeyer winning the Under 12 Poetry section.

Winners in the Under 7 section were Leigh Woodbridge, Taiesha Post and Jett Dalmau.

The Churchill and District News would like to congratulate all our prizewinners and thank everyone who took the time to enter. We would also like to thank our sponsors, Department of Humanities, Communications and Social Sciences, Monash University, Monash University Bookshop and Hazelwood Rotary.

Thank you also to all our judges and the willing volunteers who organised a successful presentation.

The winning stories are on pages 9-12.



Elise Matthyssen accepts her prizes from Dr Keith Wilson from Monash University



## Mathison Park Wins Tidy Towns Award

ON Wednesday 21st September, four of the Mathison Park Committee attended the Tidy Towns awards at Sale Showgrounds. AND YES THEY WON the Protection of the Environment section!

Terry Key accepted the certificate on behalf of the small but very hard working group of The Mathison Park Development Committee. He will put the certificate in the

noticeboard for all to see.

The well deserved award pays tribute to the dedication and vision of a small group of volunteers. Congratulations to the Mathison Park Committee- Tom Lawless, Terry Key, John Lee, Ruth Place, Ken Harris, Chris Foley, Max Zygarliski, Simon Clark and friends!

Pictured left: Committee Member Terry Key accepts the award.

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## Churchill Hazelwood Village Spring Sale

**Amcal Pharmacy is holding a side-walk spring sale to clear stock before Christmas.**

## October 29th Side Walk Sale



To be held on Saturday morning at the front of the store.

Lions Club will be holding a sausage sizzle and there will be other promotions.

If you are interested in taking part in the sale or have any other ideas please contact the pharmacy on 51221390.



### Churchill & District News

## Short Story and Poetry Competition 2005

### RESULTS

#### Under 7

1st: Leigh Woodbridge

2nd: Taiesha Post

3rd: Jett Dalmau

Encouragement Award: Bailey Fielder

Best Illustration: Brenton Hodson

#### Under 12 Short Story

1st: Amanda Rowley

1st: Jayme Day

3rd: Ben Sharman

Encouragement Award: Chantelle

Semple

Best Illustration: Lincoln Atkinson

Encouragement Award: Maddison

Ancilleri

Encouragement Award: Robert Gemmell

Encouragement Award: Matt Smart

#### Under 12 Poetry

1st Cassandra Hoimeyer

2nd Connor Flake-Farrell

3rd Breanna Downes-Smith

Encouragement Award: Cassandra

Hooimeyer

Encouragement Award: Courtney

Semple

#### Under 18 Short Story

1st: Elsie Matthyssen

2nd: Elsie Matthyssen

Encouragement Award: Josiah Oakely

#### Under 18 Poetry

1st: Elsie Matthyssen

2nd: Corrinna Waycott

Encouragement Award: Vanessa

Holcombe

#### Adult Short Story

1st Lynda A Taylor

2nd Gloria Rabe

3rd Kevin Jackson

Encouragement Award: Sandra Lyn

Evans

#### Adult Poetry

1st Brodie Pink

2nd Kay F Ruane

3rd Trudi Reimers

EA Sandra Lyn Evans

EA Eleanor McWhirr

#### A Childrens Story

Winner: Janice Cook

# \$1000 PONDAGE PURSUIT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20TH, 2005

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\* Teams accepted from 10 am - 2 pm.

\* Parking Aquatic Centre off Yinnar Road at the Hazelwood Pondage.

\* More than a trivia competition for competitors.

\* Take Part in Games .

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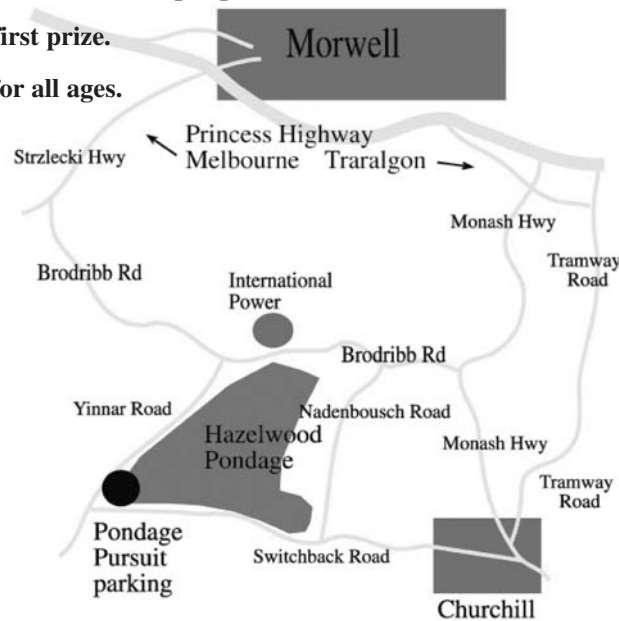
\* Get a team together of family members, friends, work colleagues, and/or other associations to participate.

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\* Teams will compete for a \$1000 cash first prize.

\* This will be a great day out, suitable for all ages.



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Proceeds donated to the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre.

## Lions Club Citizen Awards 2006

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity  
FOR several years, the Lions Club of Churchill & District Incorporated have been responsible for organising and running a community function for Australia Day in Churchill involving citizens of Churchill and especially our youth.

To enhance this event, the club decided to present a Young Citizen Award and a Citizen Award to the most outstanding person in each category for their contribution to the community during the previous 12 months.

The inaugural presentation of the Citizen of the Year Award 2005 was made to Mrs Ruth Place, a very pop-

ular recipient. There were no nominations for the Young Citizen of the Year Award.

This Award is now adopted as a tradition and we ask that residents again nominate candidates. Nominees must be a resident of Churchill or reside in the immediate surrounding district.

The nominated person's applications will be scrutinised by an independent panel of judges and the relevant winner for each category chosen. The decision of that panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The awards will be supplied and presented by the Lions Club of

Churchill and District at the Churchill Australia Day Ceremony on 26th January 2006.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc Young Citizen of the Year Award - applicants must be 18 years or under on 26th January 2006.

Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc Citizen of the Year Award - open to all applicants over the age of 18 years on 26th January 2006.

The closing date for all applications is Friday 18th November 2005. A nomination form is on Page 17.

## "What's going for Youth..."

By TARA BRIEDE

Since March this year I have been involved with the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill.... And I'm loving it!

I have been taking on the role as the youth leader within the church.

We have been on a few different outings, which have been very inspiring and lots of fun!

On the 30th June some girls and I attended a conference in Melbourne. This conference was exclusively just for high school aged girls. They called it the 'Dare Girl Conference.' We got so spoiled!

The day consisted of singing, laughing, listening to really inspir-

ing speakers, freebies and good food! All of us girls came home with a different perspective on life and were encouraged to keep going in life and not to give up.

We also had a panel where the girls got to ask questions and the panel would answer it as best as they could... some of the questions were very insightful and at the same time challenging.

Our most recent outing was going to 'Youth Alive' at Rod Laver arena in Melbourne in August. Youth Alive is a huge concert held specifically for the youth of Victoria.

They run this event at a very low

cost (for us) and they bring a message of hope to young people. At the same time we get to enjoy a fantastic concert! We had lots of fun, jumping up and down and singing our lungs out... as well as being challenged about our life.

If Melbourne sounds too far to go and attend Youth Alive... well the great news is that in October 'Youth Alive' is coming to Morwell.

I plan to take lots of young people. If you are interested in attending or for someone else to attend, please contact the Co-operating Church. Hope to have you there!



## Walk and Play the Pondage Pursuit for \$1000 First Prize

THE Pondage Pursuit – organised by the Churchill and District News is a fun filled day raising worthwhile funds for the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre at the Latrobe Regional Hospital.

November the 20th is fast approaching and so is the Pondage Pursuit. Beginning at 10am and accepting teams until 2pm, the day will provide much more than a trivia competition for competitors.

Participate in games while exploring the 3.2km waters-edge course along the western side of the Hazelwood Pondage.

Then at the end, enjoy sausage sizzles, a variety of community stalls, free musical entertainment, and yacht rides as part of the Latrobe Valley Yacht Club Open Day. Make sure that you don't miss this exciting event.

Get a team together of family members, friends, individuals, work colleagues, and/or other associations to participate.

Entrance fee will be \$20.00 per team which includes up to 4 adults and 12 years old and over. Extra team members 13 and over will cost a further \$5 per person.

Teams will compete for a \$1000 cash first prize. This

will be a great day out, suitable for all ages.

This is a brilliant opportunity for our community to come together for a fun day out while supporting the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre.

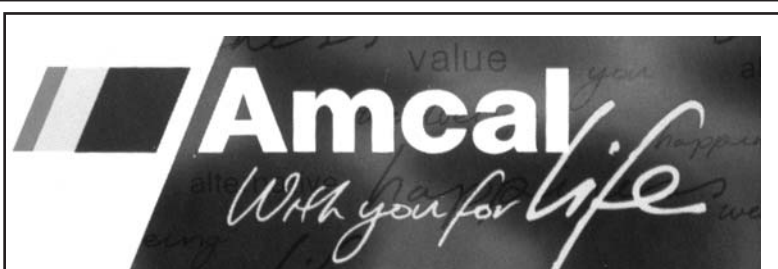
This event has the full support and backing of the Churchill & District News, Latrobe City Council through the Commonwealth Games "warming up for the games" program, International Power Hazelwood and the Co-operating Churches in Churchill.

Make sure you are a part of it, bring your family and invite your friends as well. All are welcome.

We acknowledge the generous donations made by a number of community businesses and thank them for their ongoing support which helps make this type of event possible.

We would welcome further business participation. For more details go to our website at [www.cdnews.com.au](http://www.cdnews.com.au) and find the Pondage Pursuit link, or contact us on 03 5122 3507 for Tracey, 03 5122 1961 for Ruth and 0408 149 579 for Peter.

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## Camp Quality Goes to Camp

By JOHN BARKER, Camp Quality Companion

CHILDREN, sunshine, a park, food, a playground and miniature train rides are a great mix for fun.

Three bus loads of children and Companions from Camp Quality arrived at Newman Park, Traralgon on their way to a six-day camp at Coonawarra near Bairnsdale during the school holidays.

Bob Lowick, a Churchill Lion and Camp Quality Program Staff member did a fantastic job with arrangements.

The Lions Club of Churchill set up catering vans adjacent to the Scout hall and prepared food – sausages, hamburgers, egg and bacon, hot chips – ice-creams and drinks for the visitors. This was all free thanks to the generosity of suppliers donating goods.

The Model Engineering Society (Gippsland) provided free miniature train rides for the children (small and big) and presented each child with a drink and lollies. They dedicated the event to ex-club member Garry Dunn who passed away recently from cancer.

The 1st Traralgon Scout Group made the Scout hall available to the Lions Club to assist in their catering requirements.

Camp Quality is a national non-profit charity committed to bringing fun therapy to every child living with cancer, as well as their families through ongoing quality recreational and educational programs. Camp Quality passionately believes in the power of fun in helping children and their families overcome the challenges that cancer and illness bring.

The program is unique and provides a wonderful opportunity for a child with cancer to put their illness aside and just be a child again, enjoying a variety of activities that are fun.

Children who attend camp are assigned a one-on-one adult companion on a 24 hour a day basis to attend to

their needs and to ensure they have FUN.

Six children from the surrounding area attended the camp, five of which enjoyed the Newman Park experience. Six companions who attended the camp were also from the surrounding area – John Barker, Margaret Barker, Bob Lowick, Sue Lowick from Churchill, Rosemary Dean from Moe, and Paul Hurford from Morwell.

The camp provided plenty of daytime activities – archery, flying fox, canoeing, hut building, giant swing amongst many. Evening activities included a disco, campfire and fireworks, movie and the ever-popular concert. The off site activity was a day at Buchan Caves and a treasure hunt in Bairnsdale.

A great time was had by all, and everyone is eagerly looking forward to the next camp.



**Lions Club Presentation (above).  
Below - Local Camp Quality Members.  
Below right - Enjoying the train Ride**



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# September Saturday Breakfast

ROBYN Heckenberg, a Lecturer at the Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies at Monash Gippsland was the guest speaker on the 24th September. Robyn had run a session on Aboriginal Spirituality at the recent Tuesday lunch time sessions at Monash Gippsland and her talk was based on that session.

Robyn spoke about the social differences between Aboriginal people in the various parts of Australia, such as people living near salt water or fresh water or in the desert people. Another example was the influence of Indonesians on the northern people who came in contact with them when they fished at sea. Robyn explained the importance of the flora and fauna to the Aboriginal people and how individuals were linked to a particular animal or plant and how they accepted responsibility for looking after the animal or plant and their habitat so that they would survive successfully.

The land is an important part of their lives and spirituality and Robyn gave examples of land features which are incorporated into the Aboriginal history and stories handed down from generation to generation. Knowing a person's name is also very important to Aboriginal people because it helps them establish correct relationships and they may only marry people from particular groups indicated by their names.

The influence of Christian missions and the first white people was also discussed along with some of the problems that arose from those contacts. Robyn spoke about how some Aboriginal Christians were able to suc-



cessfully incorporate their Aboriginal spirituality into their Christian spirituality and beliefs. Robyn gave the wool industry as one example of where Aboriginal people were treated as equals as distinct from the cattle industry where they were often poorly treated.

Robyn's talk was very well illustrated with illustrations and pictures and she was able to bring to those who attended a better understanding of Aboriginal culture, which is not simple but complex, and their spirituality.

The October Breakfast has not been finalised at the time of writing, but people interested in getting details can contact me later in October on 51221148 or at kbenders@net-tech.com.au.

# August Saturday Breakfast

By KEITH ENDERS

THE August Breakfast was held on the 27th with Angela Robb as the guest speaker. Angela is the Native Vegetation Project Officer with the Department of Sustainability and Environment. Angela spoke about the Ecological Vegetation Class (EVC) known as Damp Forest which was once found extensively throughout the Strzelecki Ranges, but as a result of land clearing for agriculture it is now considered endangered and occupies less than

5% of its original range.

Her task has been to identify properties from aerial photographs which had damp forest on them when the photos were taken some years ago. Angela visits the properties to see if the damp forest remains and if so to give the owners information concerning support that is available to encourage the owners to maintain the damp forest. Her work is being done in conjunction with Latrobe City Council which has a native Vegetation Protection

Incentive Scheme which covers grants for fencing, weed control and whole farm planning, plus a rebate for Covenanted properties.

The department of Sustainability and Environment has a Southern Victoria Bush Tender scheme which invites land owners to tender for services that better manage bush land. The Greening Gippsland Biodiversity Project provides assistance with protecting or restoring bush using funds from the Federal Natural Heritage Trust.

# Chaplaincy Contemplations

THE University year rolls on and we return from the September vacation period. The "I Think" Seminar series has ended and it was good to see many people from the community attending the whole series. In April/May 2006 there will be a lecture series on War and Ethics with international experts coming to share their ideas. In August/September 2006 another "I Think" series on social justice will take place using the expertise of the local Gippsland academics. We look forward to your participation.

It was my pleasure to be able to attend the Tertiary Chaplains Conference held in Sydney this year at the end of September. The theme of the conference was "Growing Tertiary Chaplaincy" and there was a valuable exchange of ideas, experiences and future hopes. This Monash University campus of Gippsland is blessed in having three Churches willing to fund an Ecumenical and Multi-faith Chaplaincy and a University Administration willing to support this position, both financially and personally.

The three Christian Churches that have made this commitment are the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Uniting Denominations from Gippsland. This Chaplain thanks them profoundly as it enables me to work closely with everyone at the University and in the local community. It is also a demonstration of Christian love that these three Christian denominations who fund this position also wish the Chaplain to be there for all the people on campus, no matter what their faith, Christian denomination or secular belief system.

Oh God

Without you we are not able to please you:  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

Yours in Christ,

Rev'd Lyn Porritt, Anglican Priest, Chaplain,  
Monash University, Gippsland Campus

# Church Snippets

By RUTH PLACE

OUR month began with an All Age Worship session. The theme was "On the Move". It focused on the Israelites escaping from Egypt; they were on the move, and how we have to be on the move now to take the Gospel message of God's great love through Jesus Christ, to the world. We looked at the elements of the Passover meal, and the great commandments (God's Rules) to Love God, and, Love Your Neighbour as You Love Yourself. We also made a special mention of fathers as it was Fathers' Day. It was lovely to see so many children, and to have so many participate in the service.

The Church was decorated with a wonderful display of the Churchill and District News' Writing Competition entries. We are proud to be able to provide a venue for such worthwhile events which encourage and celebrate the talents of our community.

Friday 23 September was a night to remember, with the very knowledgeable and entertaining Arch Van Berkel. Arch

had a marvelous display of plants to show us. He talked about the reasons for pruning and demonstrated pruning techniques. Then he gave various audience members a chance to practise what he had demonstrated. One lady took what seemed drastic measures, but surprisingly, Arch gave the nod of approval. Arch also spoke about spring gardening and the joys it can bring, before showing us a number of low water use plants. To complete a busy and informative night, Arch answered a myriad of questions to the satisfaction of the appreciative crowd. A delicious supper, supplied by the Ladies Fellowship who hosted the evening, followed.

Saturday Breakfast was a most interesting time, as Robyn Heckenberg shared with us about Aboriginal Spirituality. It would be good if many more people could hear her speak, so that more understanding of Aboriginal culture could be achieved. This will make people more appreciative of the where Aboriginal people find themselves in their land dominated by our western culture.

## Letter to the editor

### ARE DISABLED DOLLARS WELCOME?

Did you know that there are 220 parking bays at the "Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre"? The developers are to be congratulated for catering for most of their clients so well. I don't recall ever seeing the car park full. But only one of those 220 bays meets the criteria for the disabled. One has to wonder whether the disabled dollars are not welcome?

Until the subject was raised in the last issue of this newspaper, only two bays were allocated for the exclusive use of the disabled. One is outside the video store and the other outside the florist/toy shop which is now closed. Two new bays are now painted with the disabled sign. One is outside the super-market and the other opposite the vet's surgery. Thank you to those responsible for doubling the disabled bays. Unfortunately only one of those four bays meets the criteria for the disabled and it is not conveniently located.

As a regular disabled shopper at the village, despite inadequate parking, I offer the following suggestions as to how some changes could be made that would make which the disabled visits less stressful and perhaps we would shop more often at the village. Like many disabled, I have had both my knees totally replaced which makes walking much easier, but to extricate myself from my car I have to push my seat right back and open the door fully to enable me to swing my legs around. Unless there is a vacant bay alongside, the disabled cannot get out of their vehicle and if they try they usually bang their car door against the adjacent car much to the annoyance of it's owner. I have encountered much verbal abuse from this problem and believe only my white hair has prevented a punch up or two. Many times I have had to wait patiently for the driver of a car in an adjoining bay to return so that I could either get into or out of my vehicle when the adjacent car is driven away.

The first essential for disabled parking to be useful is to have the bays at least fifty percent wider than normal bays. To minimize repainting, converting three normal bays to two disabled bays is the easiest solution.

While not wishing to favour any par-

ticular business, I believe that the locations where disabled parking bays would be most beneficial are as follows: the super-market, the medical centre, the chemist, the post office

The bay now designated for disabled outside the super-market is only serviceable if one is prepared to open the door into the pedestrian walkway. Who would be responsible if a pedestrian was injured crashing into an opened car door? If it is the passenger who is disabled, the bay is useless because you cannot open the door into the adjoining bay if a car is parked in it.

It is accepted that provision be made for taxis to set down and pick up passengers at the village. From my observations over a long period, I have never seen the two taxi bays occupied and only seldom one. Taxis usually stop briefly beside the curb outside the bread shop. Since this seems to be the general practice one wonders whether better use could not be made of the two taxi bays. An alternative access for taxis could be the first part of the drive leading to the drive-in bottle shop.

The whole of the parking area at the village is signposted for two hour parking. While there is ample parking for those not disabled, I am surprised that some business owners park their vehicle all day outside their premises perhaps depriving themselves of otherwise valuable custom.

Earlier this year my late wife and I spent ten weeks on a camping holiday around both main islands of New Zealand. We did most of our shopping at "The Warehouse" for two reasons. They usually had what we wanted at an affordable price but more importantly most stores had up to twelve disabled parking bays at their front door. They must appreciate the patronage from the disabled!

I have waited 78 years to write this first letter to any newspaper. I trust my contribution might be of some value. If the folk responsible for the parking area at the Hazelwood Village would care to discuss the issues I have submitted I should be happy to make myself available. Incidentally, I was successful in getting three full sized disabled parking bays at Manny's Shopping Centre.

Rob Pengelly, Jeeralang Junction

## Church Times

### Co-operating Churches of Churchill

Rev. Dr. Bob Brown  
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Glenda and Ian Combridge  
Tel: 5166 1819  
Sunday Service: 9.30am.  
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### Lumen Christi Catholic Church

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Tel: 5122 2226  
Father Malcolm Hewitt  
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Sunday: Mass: 9.30am  
1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays: Yinnar:  
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2nd and 4th Sundays: Boolarra:  
Mass: 11.00am

### Churchill Christian Fellowship

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



## Hazelwood Rotary Mega Auction

THE Rotary Club of Hazelwood is to conduct a "Mega Garage Sale" on Saturday,

5 November to raise funds for Gippsland Rotary Centenary House.

The auction, which will be conducted in the grounds of Gippsland Printers in McCormick Street, Churchill, will include large quantities of desks, chairs, tables, computer desks, lights, curtains and many other items.

Around 200 items will go under the auctioneers hammer with purchasers being able to use either credit cards or cash for payment.

Prospective purchasers will be able to inspect the items for sale on Friday 4

### Matthew Stolk – Australian Scout Medallion

John "SKiP" Barker

Matthew Stolk has achieved another of his goals. As a Cub Scout up to age 10, he attained all the requirements to achieve the Yellow Cord Award, the highest award possible in the Cub Scout section. On "going up" to Scouts he set his goal to do his best and started working on the requirements for the Scout Award scheme.

In October 2004, having passed Citizenship, Campcraft and Construction at Pioneer level, gaining a Challenge Badge and taking part in a Patrol Activity, he gained the Pioneer Badge and Cord.

In June this year, having passed Citizenship, Campcraft and Construction at Explorer level, gaining a further two Challenge Badges and taking part in another Patrol Activity, he gained the Explorer Badge and Cord.

He attended a Leadership Course in December 2004 and finally completed Citizenship, Campcraft and Construction at Adventurer level, gaining a further two Challenge Badges and taking part in

November between 3.00pm and 6.00pm

Rotary President, Aldo Minchella, said that the Hazelwood Club was looking to make this a major fundraising effort for Gippsland Rotary Centenary House. "We have been fortunate to have a large amount of furniture donated to us", he said "and this is an opportunity for businesses and individuals to secure a bargain while contributing to a very worthwhile cause", he said.

The Auction will commence at 9.am and conclude at 5pm or when all items are sold.

For further information contact Mark on 0407862856 or Aldo on 0427 342 411.

another Patrol Activity, he passed the last requirement for the Adventurer Badge and Cord in August.

He thereby achieved his second Scout goal by attaining the very prestigious Australian Scout Medallion – the highest award possible in the Scout section.

Each award, as well as being a personal achievement, has been a major inspiration to other scouts. The test work requirements affected every scout in his Troop, with two other scouts subsequently gaining the Pioneer Badge and Cord.

Matthew Stolk is now a member of the Venturer Unit in Churchill, and has already set his sights on the Queens Scout Award, his third scout goal. I know he will succeed.

I am honored that I was able to play a part in this achievement. As a past Cub Leader, Scout Leader, District Leader and currently an Australian Scout Fellowship member I was able to help Matthew along the path, advising and instructing along the way.

Congratulations Matthew, and very best wishes for your future.

## Walkley Park Children's Centre

WALKLEY Park Children's Centre are having their annual open day on Tuesday 25th October at Mulcare Crescent, Churchill from 12noon.

If you have young children and are looking for a 3 year old kinder or play-group please come along and check out

the facilities. There will be a cake stall, face painting and fun galore.

So mark it in your diary because you are most welcome to come and join one of our groups. If you have any queries please call Roslee on 5122 2645.

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## Community Consultation

By Margaret Guthrie, President.

At our September meeting some discussion occurred around the topic of community consultation. Latrobe City Council has a Community Engagement Strategy, which sets out a process for staff to follow in policy development.

Some matters, such as the proposed Churchill Intergenerational Community Hub, seem to fire the imagination of the public and much discussion follows.

Other matters however, particularly those concerning the infrastructure areas of roads, footpaths and drains prove difficult to engage with the community, despite the change that might be proposed.

A recent example of this was Latrobe City's draft B-Double Routes proposal, in which we might have seen heavy trucks using Balfour Place as a throughway. Little public response was received, however, CDCA responded to Latrobe's request for comments and

suggested that Canterbury Way East was a more appropriate route.

This month we have received a copy of the Council's draft policy update on Maintenance of Nature Strips and Roadside Verges to comment upon, along with a request for submissions regarding the discontinuance of part of Northways Road.

These matters do affect us and require our input to ensure that Council's policies are realistic and appropriate. It is always better to be part of the process than argue after the policy has been adopted.

CDCA is committed to responding on behalf of local citizens to Council's requests for comments and submissions on policy matters that affect our town and district. Officers from Latrobe City have commended CDCA on our participation in their Community Engagement process and frequently include our suggestions in their final policy documents.

Members of CDCA who have an

email address are able to receive these draft documents for comment without attending our committee meetings. All members and local residents are most welcome to attend, but participation is not limited to meetings.

Please consider joining CDCA (annual membership costs only \$2) to be kept informed and have your say in matters that affect us all. CDCA welcomes your ideas, suggestions and offers of assistance. Contact the Secretary, Rob Whelan, on 5122 3602, or write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill 3842.

CDCA meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Link Room at Monash University. Our next meeting is on 1 November, when arrangements for the launch of our 40th Anniversary Project on Saturday 12 November will be finalised. All residents of Churchill and district are welcome.

# CHURCHILL

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## Term 3 Action at Hazelwood North Primary



Years 4/5 and 5/6 attended the Blue Ribbon Police Concert in Traralgon

The Prep Ones had a woodwork session with one of our parents Jamie Martin who is a builder.

The whole school heard from a visiting speaker about motor-bike safety.

The Prep to 2 students performed at the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod. Many individuals competed in the spoken verse section.

Science Week was a great success - all students participated in a range of multi-age activities.

Students in Years Five and Six have started to train for the



Our students enjoying themselves at the Bush Dance



Students from 3A and 3/4O pictured during the visit by Hazelwood North Fire Brigade

RACV Energy Breakthrough in November.

The teachers held a morning tea in appreciation of the great work of our support staff - our office manager and three

The school held a bush dance on September 6th. A good time was had by all. Ron Wall, our music teacher was the caller and the band Crosscut did a great job providing the music.

integration aides.

Our staff attended the Kurnai Cluster Professional Development Day. It was great to meet with staff from primary and secondary schools and exchange ideas.

The Prep, One and two students visited the zoo on September 12th. Thankyou to all teachers and our many parent helpers

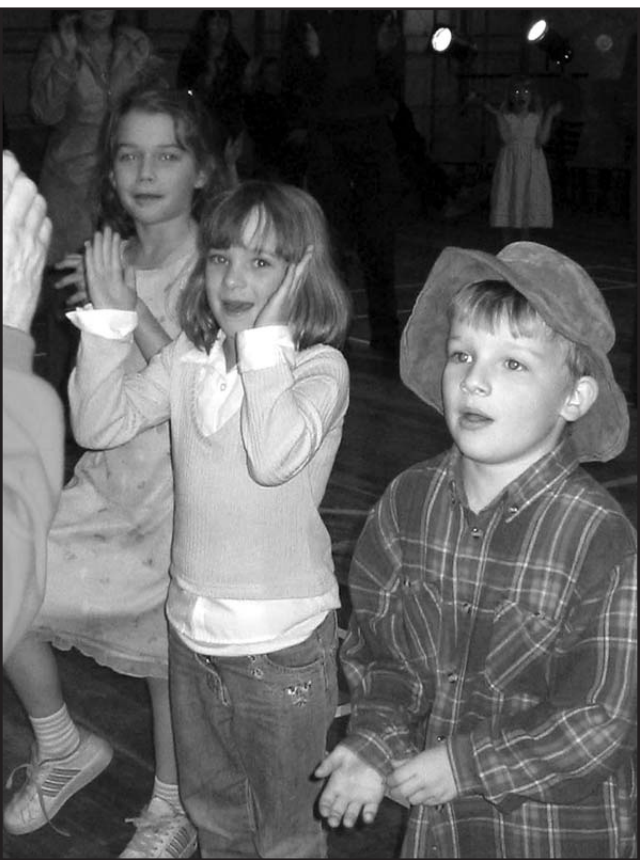
This year's Fun Run on September 9th was a parlouf relay. Over \$1100 was raised

Students in 3A presented their PowerPoint slide shows to their parents and grandparents one afternoon.

Our Junior School Council is sponsoring a World Vision Child.

Hazelwood North Fire brigade visited the school to talk to students from 3A and 34O

Our first Prep Orientation Activity will be in October. Prep enrolments for 2006 are still being accepted.



Our students enjoying themselves at the Bush Dance

## Thank you CFA from Lumen Christi



The Prep children from Lumen Christi had a wonderful visit this term from the volunteers at Churchill CFA.

It was very exciting for the children to climb up into the fire truck and have a turn at hosing down the school yard.

Our thanks to the CFA for the great work they do in the community all year round and especially in the fire season.

Lumen Christi footballers had a convincing win over St Vincents in Morwell East recently in a friendly but competitive game.

Our team chose co-captains and a vice-captain and trained very hard each lunch-time with great drills and dedication.

The trophy cabinet got a boost this term from every class who participated in the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod. Classes competing in the Sketch section and Group Speaking all received a place and Grade Five came first in the sketch.

The results were a credit to the teachers at Lumen Christi who prepared them so well and we had fantastic parent support for these events. It is an important part of our Performing Arts program.

In the last week of term, a representative group of Grade Four students went to Morwell to collect Third Place in the Latrobe Valley "Keep Fit, Don't Sit" campaign.

Students are required to keep a log for two weeks of all their outside school fitness activities and they

did a lot! Thomas D'Alia won Third Place across all schools for the individual award.

We are now enjoying extensive use of our new Eco Centre at Lumen Christi and the wonderful facilities are a treat after the hard work of building.

The Hall is equipped with sensational projection facilities onto a big screen from a ceiling mounted data projector and combined with a creative Lap-Top program happening in Grade 6, we have instant replays on slide shows from school events.

The Grade 6 students are skilled with the digital cameras and quickly can project their images for everyone to see.

With a wireless network and good sound system, we look forward to more exciting and skilled presentations.

Mr Ruyg, our Grade 6 teacher, is bringing great talent to the technological development of our students and we are all reaping the benefits.

We were open to the public for Solar House Open day which is a national event each September to educate communities about building for a sustainable future.

Finally in Term Four we will be preparing for 2006 and any inquiries from new families are welcome.

Please phone Debbie on 51222231 to arrange a tour of the school and check out the great work of our students.

**KURNAI COLLEGE**  
is proud to invite you to the  
**KURNAI COLLEGE ART SHOW**  
In the Kernot Hall Foyer,  
Morwell  
Wednesday 9th  
& Thursday 10th  
November  
from 10.00am - 7.00pm

Watson Park Pre-School  
**Melbourne Warehouse Shopping Tour**

Is happening on Saturday 12 November 2005, come along a great day out with friends and family, do some shopping and have a heap of fun

**Approximately 12 outlets will be visited:**

\$30.00 per person which includes Morning and Afternoon Team  
Payable on booking and non-refundable unless seat can be filled

Underwear	Toys
Leather Goods	Christmas Goodies
Manchester	Sports Warehouse
Shoes	Books
Clothes for the whole family	Giftware

**For Bookings or enquires please telephone Lisa Dunn on 5166 1265**



# Churchill Primary School

## Bike Ed Challenge

On Wednesday 7th September, Tamsin, Rhiannon, Elizabeth, Adelaide, Justin, A.J., Jayden and James compete in the Bike Ed challenge at the International Power Hazelwood Traffic School in Morwell.

They all tried their best. Overall they were placed 9th, and were very pleased with their



Churchill Primary School at Bike Education

efforts. Best of all, their teacher Mr. Andrew, and Mrs Duffas who accompanied the children, were proud to report that they had behaved very well.

A special achievement award was won by A.J., and an encouragement awards was gained by Jayden.

## Footy Dress-Up Day/ Last Day Of Term

This was the last day of term, and it was a great celebration. Not only was the school acknowledging the good behaviour of the students, it was a time to show off the students favourite footy team colours, and indulge in a little healthy rivalry.

The day included a very happy assembly, with lots of performances and awards.

Later in the morning, the students participated in sport's games, which were followed by a staff/ student football match. [Not sure who won!!!!]

## Clic-Community Learning In Churchill

The proposed Wednesday evening classes program for Term 4 is as follows

5th October and 12 October: Using Maths and English to play Family Games - Faye Lake

19th October: Basic First Aid - Rob Higgins

26th October and 2nd November: Internet - Rob Higgins

9th November and 16th November: Basic

mechanics for two weeks [Limited numbers]

23rd November: Family Maths - Charlie Twomey

30th November: End of Year Display/ Celebration/ Review.

This is only a proposed program and all interested participants should contact the school to make sure of when each program will operate.

REMEMBER THAT ALL PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS ADULTS OF THE SCHOOL'S CHILDREN.

## Disco - Junior School Council

Once again Mr Grecco and the JSC ran a disco in two age groups. The \$700 raised will go towards

funding the Grade 6 Adventure Camp.

## Walking School Bus

This valuable program will get under way on the first day of Term 4. As with all such programs it relies heavily on volunteers support. I know

there are many people out there who take an early morning walk. Would you please consider combining your walk with this program, for the benefit of our local children?

With the price of petrol why wouldn't you want to walk?

## Churchill and District News Writing Competition

Many entries were submitted to the Churchill and District News Writing Competition, with 14 successful prize winners. The judges were very pleased with the improved standard of the entries, and praised the school for their efforts.

## Prep Studies

This term, the Preps have been studying "My Community". The students have learnt about safety, people in the community, places in our community, and how to communicate with our community. In the second last week of term, the Preps went on a walk around the community, visiting the Police Station, Post Office, Bakery, and the Supermarket. The children had a marvellous, but tiring experience. The Preps teachers wish to extend to those who hosted the children, their sincere thanks for allowing them to visit and see how they work.

The Preps have also been involved with the Brigades in Schools program. The school would like to thank Mrs. Ruth Place and the Fire Fighters from Churchill Fire



Handcuffed - Zach Campbell and Brodie Murdoch



Luke Schembri being breathalised

brigade, for the program in which the children learnt the lessons about

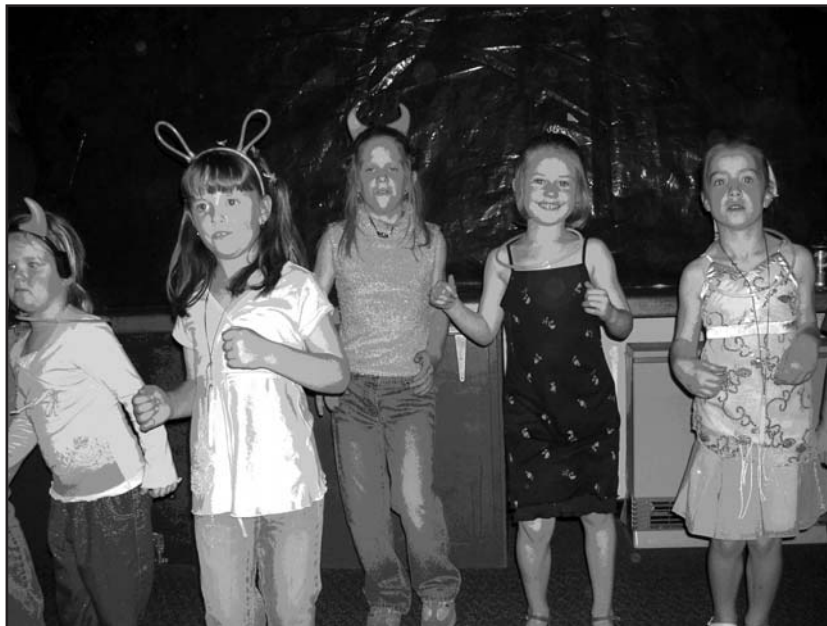
## Fires can be good and bad

If your clothes catch on fire to stop, drop and roll.

If you burn yourself, cool it with cold water  
Smoke alarms are important and necessary

## Crawl Low in Smoke

The visit of the truck on the third week was a big hit. The children enjoyed sitting in the cabin, climbing on top of the truck, and squirting the hose. They also saw fire fighter Darren dressed up in the breathing apparatus, listened to the siren and watched the flashing lights. They understand the importance of the fire truck as a means of transport to a fire, for the fire fighters and their equipment.



Prep-Grade 2 students glowing in the dark



Rose Edmundson, Maddylen Lock, Lucy Severson from Grade Prep Henry



Mrs Richardson, Brodie and Tristan



Students playing Large Battleship



## Expressions of Interest Gaskin Park Stadium, Community Meeting Room

Latrobe City invites expressions of interest from Community Organisations to utilise the Gaskin Park Stadium, Community Meeting Room. The Community Meeting Room has access to a kitchen, toilets and a carpark and will be hired out at \$11.00 per hour (GST inclusive) on a casual basis.

Interested persons can obtain an expression of interest form by contacting Simon Clark, Recreation Development Officer on 5128 5422, or by mail to Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell, 3840.

## Expressions of interest close Monday 7 November 2005

Jeremy Bein  
Latrobe City Media Relations



## Churchill Fire Brigade 60th Anniversary Celebrations All Welcome



ON Sunday 16th October, the Churchill Fire Brigade will celebrate 60 years of service to this area. An Open Day will be held at the station that day. All are welcome to come and visit, between 11 am- 3pm. There will be a barbecue lunch, tea and coffee, a photographic record on display and a display of various appliances, including those from other local brigades. The Department of Sustainability and Environment, as well as Grand Ridge Plantations will be present, and contribute to the display.

Ron Bennet who is the brigade's President and Fourth Lieutenant, has been keeping an historic record of the brigade. Here follows his summary.

### Churchill Urban Fire Brigade A Brief History Of Sixty Years Service

The Churchill Urban Fire Brigade first started sixty years ago as the Jeeralang North Rural Fire Brigade. The brigade's formation followed a meeting of landowners from Jeeralang Junction and surrounding Jeeralang district to form a bush fire brigade,

This followed the disastrous 1944 bushfires, which swept through Gippsland as well as other parts of Victoria that summer.

The formation meeting of the Jeeralang North Rural Fire Brigade was held on

7 October 1945 and the brigade was the 26th fire brigade registered with the newly formed Country Fire Authority of Victoria, which was formed in late 1945 to bring all Bush Fire Brigades around Victoria under the one organisation.

On 27th February 1961 the brigade's name was changed to Jeeralang Junction Rural Fire Brigade as most of the brigades members resided around the Jeeralang Junction area.

The first fire station, if you could call it that, was a shed built on Captain Stewart McFarlane's property in Hazelwood Estate Road, on 13 November 1962, to house the brigade's equipment which included a Furphy trailer unit, Hoses, Hydrant, Knapsacks, Beaters, Rakehoes etc.

On 7 December 1966 the CFA handed over an "Austin" Small town tanker to the brigade.

On 9 December 1967 a working bee erected the "tin shed fire station" on the corner of Switchback Road and Jeeralang West Road (now Monash Way) and the brigade moved into the new town of Churchill.

On 29 October 1974 the name of the brigade was again changed to Churchill / Jeeralang Rural Fire Brigade.

The CFA granted Churchill/Jeeralang Rural Fire Brigade, Urban Fire Brigade, Class D, status on 3 December 1990.

Churchill/Jeeralang Urban Fire Brigade moved into their new brick fire station in Phillip Parade on 13 December 1990, from where the brigade operates today.

The brigade officially changed its name to Churchill Urban Fire Brigade on 8 January 1991 and has continued to operate as such ever since.

The Churchill Urban Fire Brigade and its predecessor brigades

have served the Churchill and Jeeralang district communities for the last 60 years.

The brigade is made up of volunteers, from all walks of life, who freely give up their time to train in fire fighting skills, respond to fires and incidents and who are "on call" 24 hours a day to serve the local, as well as distant communities, whenever needed.

In recent years, Churchill brigade fire fighters have attended fires in New South Wales, ACT and the 2003/04 Victorian Campaign fires as part of CFA Strike Teams. Brigade members also attend local Latrobe Valley fires as well as fires in Gippsland and other parts of Victoria.

During the past sixty years all the brigades have been ably lead by the following Captains -

Jeeralang North Rural Fire Brigade (07-10-1945 to 27-02-1961): James Vonarx: 1945 -1947. Jeffery Nield. 1947. Harry Flint: 1947 - 1948. Jeffery Nield: 1949 - 1951. Richard Dunford: 1951 - 1955. Raymond Smith: 1955 - 1959. George Gourde: 1959 - 1960. Ronald Basse: 1960 - 1061.

Jeeralang Junction Rural Fire Brigade (27-02-1961 to 29-10-1974). Stewart McFarlane: 1961 - 1965. George Farley: 1965 - 1975. Kevin Beer: 1975 - 1976.

Churchill/Jeeralang Rural Fire Brigade (29-10-1974 to 08-01-1990). Kevin Beer: 1976 - 1978. Alan Long: 1978 - 1999.

Churchill Urban Fire Brigade (08-01-1990 - ) Alan Long: 1992 - 1997. Steven Barling: 1997 -

## This Month Highlighting the "Saimon" Range



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## Lions Club Of Churchill & District - Supporting The Public

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity

CLUB members successfully catered for Camp Quality at Bunnings in September, and for Latrobe Valley Express Expo at Kernot Hall. They also took on the huge task of catering for Camp Quality at Newman Park.

Catering coming up - Pondage Pursuit and Junior Fishing Competition.

Lion Frank Langston is recuperating and we wish him all the best.

Lion John Barker and Bob Lowick attended a Camp Quality six day children's camp as companions to the children at Coonawarra.

Lion Bob Lowick and his committee are continuing gearing up for the Camp Quality Escarpade by following up sponsors. Lion John Barker will be joining him on the event.

Snippets -

Five members will be attending the District Convention at Drouin

The Club is running Citizen Awards again this year

The Club is running "letters to Santa" again this year through the schools.

Welcome to Lion Mick Johnson, our latest new member

We held our AGM and sponsored a group of children on an Adventure Park Outing (annually)

Following our tradition of supporting youth, the club will support the Junior Fishing Competition by purchasing prizes and supplying a free sausage sizzle for participants.

The Lions Birthday Club, sponsored and run through the Churchill & District News by our Lions Club, is a great hit. Jedd Britton and Danielle Flanigan were each the happy Birthday Club recipients of a \$15 voucher in September. 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 in the Churchill News. WE NEED MORE MEMBERS.

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.

## The Don Rod

A "Don Rod" may sound like an engine part, but it isn't! It is a custom made fishing rod, being handmade in a special after school class at Kurnai College Churchill. The young people involved take this class very seriously, and derive much pleasure from their painstaking work. They are ably directed and supervised by teacher Dave Egan, and volunteer assistant Darrell Brew, both of whom are just as keen on fishing and fishing equipment as the students.

Each rod is branded with an individual label which contains a photo of the maker.

When talking to some of these young people it was obvious that they enjoy this activity, are deeply involved with the design aspects, and proud of their results.

This enterprise has become a business with the help of an injection of funds from an alliance of RecruitNet Career Skills, who are working in the Neighbourhood Renewal Program, Latrobe Valley Job Pathways Program, Quantum Support Services and Kurnai College. The funds were supplied by the Brotherhood of St. Lawrence, who are managing this Community Enterprise Development Initiative.

To also promote and establish this enterprise, Mark Daniels from the Brotherhood has provided training and support on how to develop a feasibility study, business plan and marketing, as well as ongoing advice and support as required. A Monash University student has also assisted with business aspects.

Margaret Dawson from RecruitNet is delighted to be able to work with the other agencies to develop this innovative learning enterprise with the students.

College Principal Margaret Corcoran describes the project as "an exciting initiative which highlights innovative ways in which the young people can interact with the community in order to enhance a range of skills"



Katrina Rogers

Campus Principal Geoff Block is also excited about the positive outcomes of this venture for his students.

These three people see the outcomes of this program being acquiring new skills, developing an understanding of the value of putting in an effort to gain a reward, the value of teamwork, and the necessity and reward of making a long term commitment to the venture.

The students involved are Sam Visser, Matt Mundell, Matt Stolk, Katrina Rogers, Jack Alexander, Luke Forsyth, Stephen Klein and Robert Hillenaar.



Matthew Stolk

## Koala 3 Year Old Kinder

KOALA Kinder is now accepting enrolments for 2006. If your child turns 3 years old before April 2006 please call for an information pack now.

Children love 3 year old kinder and there families who come from

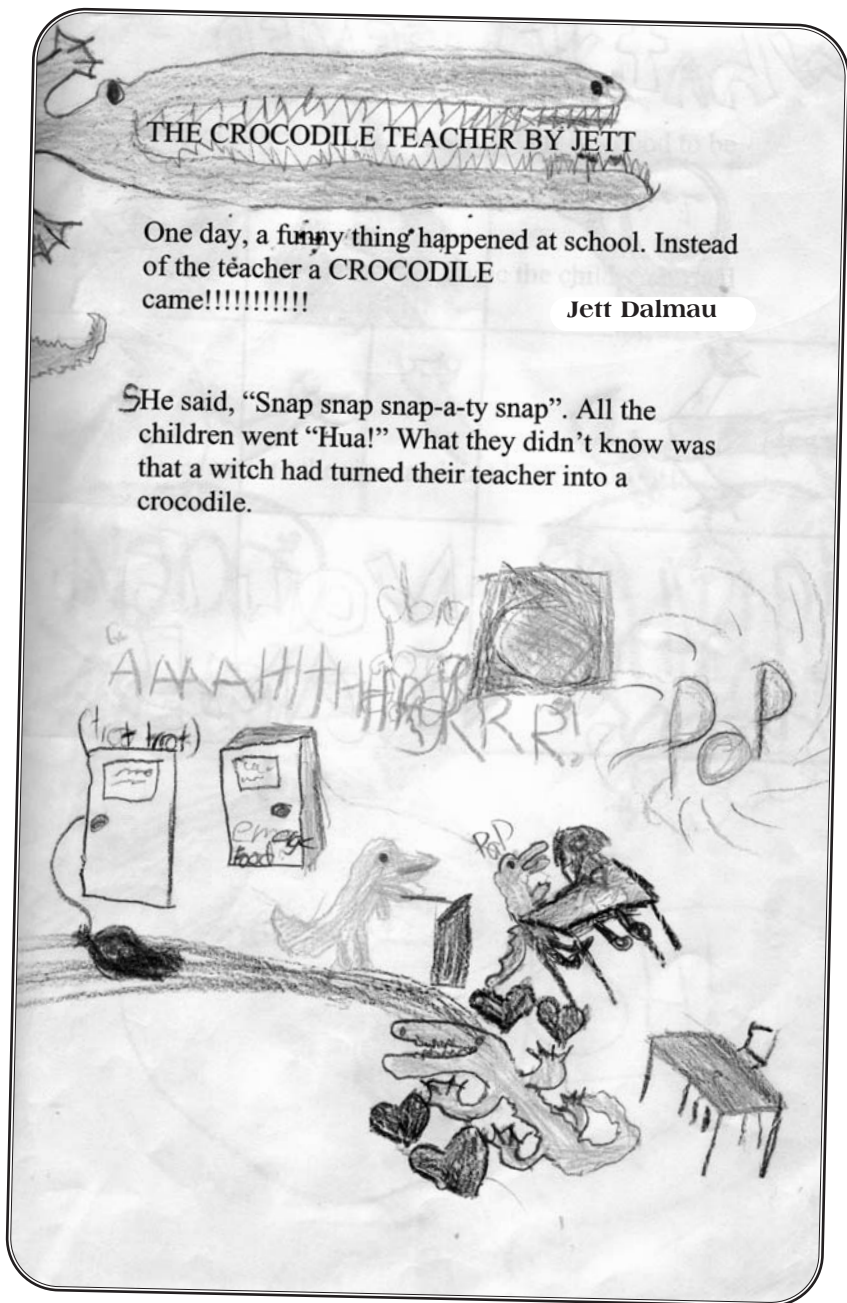
Hazelwood North, Yinnar Morwell and Churchill to the group.

If you have any queries or would like and information pack please call Roslee on 5122 2645.





Brenton Hodson



One day, a funny thing happened at school. Instead of the teacher a CROCODILE came!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
Jett Dalmau

She said, "Snap snap snap-a-ty snap". All the children went "Hua!" What they didn't know was that a witch had turned their teacher into a crocodile.



### The Mother Crocodile Cassandra Hoimeyer

One day a Mother Crocodile  
Gently with her hungry smile  
Looked upon the eggs she'd laid  
On the sand near the thrashing wave.

She watched and waited for a while  
And then (cause she's a crocodile)  
Went to quench her hungry smile.

Down to the river did she slide  
With her mouth open wide  
Then through the water did she see  
A male croc looking at her with glee.

Oh! Quickly did she hurry  
Up the bank in a flurry  
Good! She found to her delight  
That her eggs were alright.

One hatched and then another  
"Mother! Mother!" cried the others  
"Here I am children," she said with a smile  
"I am your Mother Crocodile."

**1st Under 12 Poetry**

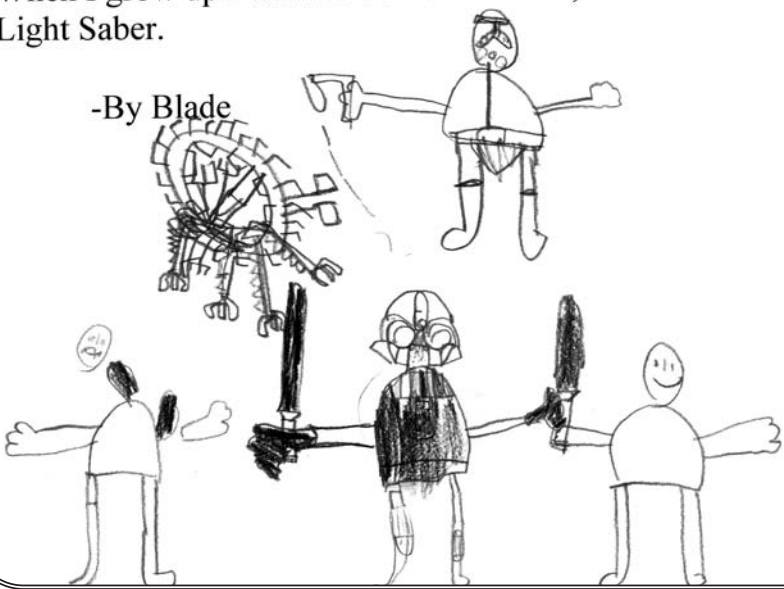
## Churchill and District News Short Story and Poetry Competition 2005



Jaelyn Quinn

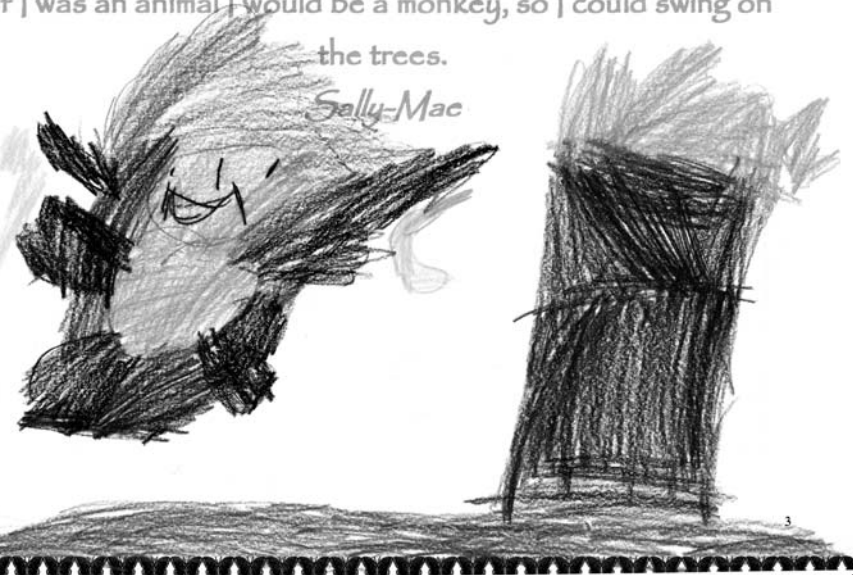
When I grow up I want to be Darth Vader, so that I can have a real Light Saber.

-By Blade



If I was an animal I would be a monkey, so I could swing on the trees.

Sally-Mac



Prep Henry (above) and Prep Robbins (left) from Churchill Primary School



# Family Stuff

## Linda A Taylor



From within the glass my reflection stared back.

“Well, higher, or not?”

“It’s perfect,” I replied, admiring the old mirror hanging on the wall, near our front door.

Roy smiled then said, “Good. Might go to the pub then. Don’t mind do you?”

Saturday in a small country town meant football and my Roy was no different to most men. The local game was a ritual, followed by beer and careful dissection of the aforementioned; its every true or missed kick and tackle.

“No. I’ll finish here and make dinner – after a large cup of tea.” He kissed my cheek and was gone. Roy never stayed too long at the pub, nor consumed over much alcohol – unlike the first ‘love of my life’. That man had believed every day was for drinking. Often he was violent; routinely he’d beg my forgiveness, vowing it would never happen again.

Yet it always did: until I found the courage to leave and strength to recognise that in bad times action was not beyond me. I could move on. I was me.

My life was made of bad choices – before Roy. He was my saviour and (thanks to my turbulent history) I probably appreciated him more than many could. He was a good man and a hard worker; cheerfully doing overtime to cover the cost of shipping the crates from England. Crates, at the cost of his beloved sport, we had spent the afternoon unpacking.

I glanced at my reflection once more. There was a black mark on the end of my nose; ink no doubt from the ton of newspaper used as a shock absorber for the boxed contents. I licked my index finger and wiped at the smudge. It didn’t retreat but spread further across my skin, like a blur of thick English fog in the dark of night. The mirror was oblong with metal flowers, curling leaves and cherubs around its edges. It was extremely heavy and incredibly ugly but I loved it, and it had been in the family for as long as my memory. It always hung over the kitchen mantelpiece; in childhood I needed to stand on a chair to gaze into its silvery depth. It was probably only good fortune I didn’t fall in the fire that generally burned beneath it. Later, as a teenager I used it to apply forbidden make-up, prior to a date with the also forbidden boyfriend of the moment.

The dirt was still there but it would wash off later in the shower. I went into my own kitchen for the long-awaited cup of tea.

My parents had died a year previously – a double suicide pact. Mum, in the early stages of dementia, held Dad’s hand while he shot her between the eyes. Then, still holding her hand, he shot himself.

That they loved so intently and chose to die together in this fashion rocked my world. Then, Sheila (who turned out to be not even my natural sister) found adoption papers for both of us. Mum and Dad, unable to seal their love naturally, gave their name to two strangers, who remained forever strangers. We were cared for but a distance remained between us and them: we failed to touch or even meet their inner selves.

Their distance and strictness were inhibiting. This was the ‘60’s, a time of freedom and so, when legally able, I left England for Australia. They voiced no objection but wooed Sheila with inheritance promises.

Contact over the years was sporadic. As they aged I felt guilty for abandoning them. And probably too, was shamed at not living what they would consider a successful life. No glorious career came my way; unskilled factory labour was nothing to brag about. I attracted more than my share of calamitous relationships and these too, I kept to myself.

And then Roy! Our love blossomed and soon we were married. For the first time I was truly

happy. Children would have been welcome but alas none ever came and soon it was too late.

Then Sheila phoned with the news of Mum and Dad’s death. The cost of returning for the funeral was beyond our limited income. Nor could we raise another loan: the mortgage already stretched us to the limit. Sheila could have helped but made no offer. She probably thought I didn’t want to go and in a strange way I did not. Their manner of death, more than how they lived, was a shutting of the metaphorical door; yet it was my duty and if able to go, I would have. But I would not beg.

I dared hope that now we might bond as sisters should, but somehow never had. I wrote each week; replies, when they came, were brisk and contained news of her doings but nothing personal. Soon no news came at all and saddened but obscurely relieved I accepted our estrangement as inevitable. We had drifted too far.

Months later, catching me off-guard, Sheila had phoned. “I’d have written but Glen and I have not been well,” she said. Naturally I sympathised and asked about the symptoms, what the doctor said and so forth. She had trouble concentrating; her answers were vague, disjointed and she kept repeating the same point. “Phones are too expensive. Can’t we email?” To calm her, though we had no computer, nor the prospect of one and even less idea of the technology, I promised to at least try and arrange something. Then, satisfied, she immediately said goodbye, leaving me to wonder and worry.

It was fortuitous that Roy, understanding its importance to me, knew a man, who knew a man with one for sale cheap. Soon it was installed in the lounge and our neighbour’s daughter wrote me pages of complicated instructions. Letters would be so much easier, for me at least but Sheila insisted our contact be via the Internet – less personal I suspected. Her emails though short and carrying a panic not put into words, came almost daily. Complaints of their poor health continued, though apparently without damage to their social life, (sometimes I can be quite catty) but any firm diagnosis remained elusive.

Roy’s explanation was, “She is grieving but she’ll get better in time, you’ll see.”

“Sheila perhaps but that doesn’t explain Glen’s problems. He didn’t even like Mum and Dad. At least I don’t think so.”

“But he loves Sheila?”

“I suppose, but they’re not *that* close.”

“How can you tell from emails? It’s not like face to face, over tea and biscuits.”

This sounded sensible, yet I felt a drain on my spirits and continual worry over Sheila. I felt she needed me. Adoption or no, family ties can stretch but never *truly* break. So I wanted to believe.

Then – “A few of Mum and Dad’s personal items are on their way to Australia,” Sheila’s email said. This was closely followed by, “Taking your pride into account, I’m attaching the shipping account for your attention too.” That Sheila had despatched things without consultation was a shock. So was the size of the bill but just the same I certainly wasn’t ungrateful.

On arrival there was far more than I expected. I trusted my sister implicitly but wondered how much, or indeed how little, she had kept. She was never a collector of *things*. Not old things anyway, she was modern to the core. And money was more her style. (Meow!) In legality and fairness, any inheritance was hers. Sheila was the eldest: the one that stayed in the same country; the one who took care of them; the one who handled their death and burial.

After my shower, with dinner in the oven I prowled around admiring the old but new additions to our lives.

On the bedroom chests was Mum’s small jewellery box, containing her pearl necklace, matching earrings and wedding ring. The only adornments she ever owned.

Other things, not so small but just as important were scattered throughout our home. Honourably displayed in the lounge was a wooden knee desk of Dads. Its front was angled to facilitate writing, with sections for correspondence, envelopes, pens and even a glass bottle with a screw top lid for the ink. His favourite fountain pen was red with black stripes. I could still picture him writing and even hear the nib scratching on the paper. On impulse and truly expecting it to be empty, I opened the desk and found wrapped in cotton wool, his pen and fob watch. A flood of tears followed.

On the left side of the lounge, encased in dark polished wood was the chiming clock. Its chimes each fifteen minutes signalled a stirring of forgotten memories: some happy, some sad.

A pair of tall black vases stood one either end of our gas heater. For no other reason than wanting to, I picked one up and sat in the armchair, holding it like a child in the bend of my arm. Something inside gave a slight, almost unheard chink. Cautiously I tipped it up, holding it out and away from me, just in case. Two keys I somehow knew belonged to the front door of Mum and Dad’s house fell at my feet. I picked them up and they were warm in my hand. The smaller ring I guessed belonged to Mum, and the larger to Dad. I sat in the chair, holding them tightly and not moving until Roy came home. Hastily I replaced the vase and pushed the keys into my pocket, saying nothing to him of the find.

Monday morning without hesitation, I went to a locksmith. He agreed to the job and several days later new locks, matching the keys from the vase replaced the existing ones on the front and back door. No doubt an illogical and unnecessary expense but it felt right. Roy accepted my story for the change of locks. He had no reason for suspicion: I’d never lied (white or not) to him before.

We heard that Sheila and Glen’s health improved and they were returning to normal. Sent or received, this email was the last in our brief time of contact.

Soon we moved the computer into the spare room and covered it with a cloth. I’m shamed to admit that my thoughts rarely travelled in Sheila’s direction during this time. Nor did I notice this was so.

Our new possessions gradually took on the appearance of having been there forever. I developed a previously unknown kind of peace: as if Mum and Dad were actually with me, guiding all I did, ready to catch me should I fall.

The mirror was used frequently. It amused me to watch Roy check overall and baseball cap before leaving for work as a brickie. Of course I used it too. It became my norm to pat hair into place and straighten clothes before leaving; even for the quick and simple task of checking the mailbox.

Sometimes, when alone, I thought there was a slight movement behind me. At first it was far across the room and just a blur. Slowly it came closer but remained formless. I considered an eye test but like the fat/skinny/short/tall view in the Hall of Mirrors, images are easily distorted. And it was old glass.

Styles and fancies change as we age. I began to appreciate the classic simplicity of Mum’s pearls and took to wearing them. Her clip-on earrings concealed where mine were pierced. Roy admired them and also suggested that I wear Mum’s wedding ring. He said mine looked cheap in comparison and I had to agree.

Our house block, planted for strong Australian sunshine and water conservation, was no longer what we wanted. It took the labour of

six weekends to transform it into a proper English country garden. It looked enchanting and I experienced a wave of unexpected homesickness.

It was after this I think, that a hand-written note, too brusque to be called a letter arrived from Sheila – she was gifting Mum and Dad’s entire estate to us. If my suspicions were not aroused before, they certainly ought to have been then. But to be honest, I was too happy and never thought of it. Roy declared, “Your sister’s finally developed a conscience.” He had never before spoken of her in less than favourable terms. “You deserve it,” he said. So, like any woman would, I went shopping and had fun.

One Saturday morning Roy and I were going grocery shopping. This was not usually something we did together but it had been a busy week. As we stood before the mirror Roy’s serious face made me laugh. He looked affronted and sternly asked, “What?”

“We look like Mum and Dad.”

“I take that as a compliment,” he replied – a strange comment when he had never known them.

The incident refused to leave my mind and I became aware of other trifling niggles, previously unnoticed. For instance, I no longer brought frozen pastry or packet cake mixes but instead cooked everything from scratch and washed windows every Friday; just like Mum. Scarey!

The previous week a good and loyal friend suggested I stop wearing Mum’s pearls because I looked like her *Gran!* At the time I gave her my best frosted smile but now I wondered.

Roy was no longer a brickie and never wore his baseball cap. He wore suits and white shirts with ties. He used the fob watch and fountain pen and sold insurance – just like my Dad!

The television was rarely used but the radio was a busy little thing, permanently tuned to a station of big bands, ballads and war time music.

Slowly we were turning into *Them!*

But was that so bad?

They shared an incredible love, (like us), and provided financially for Us (or Them).

Roy and I would be together forever.

But would We, be Them, or Us?

I lacked the words to tell Roy.

They were my family therefore the solution must come from me.

I drove to the local Opportunity Shop and gave the manager a large cheque. She asked, “Is this a joke?”

“Certainly not,” I replied.

Willingly they followed me home with a truck. The loading was done with speed and calm efficiency. Finally, everything that could possibly endanger us was gone.

I sat at the kitchen table saddened by the action I had been forced into but proud of my ability to save our lives and sanity.

I lifted up the phone and dialled my sister’s number. As if knowing it was me, she answered on the first ring. “You set us up,” I said.

“Yes. Just like they did us. So much for family eh?”

I gently replaced the receiver. The disconnecting click echoed throughout my emptied heart, the house and even the bank account.

The front door opened.

My beloved called, “I’m home.”

Explain my actions – how?

Then...

Not so safe after all.

I’d forgotten to change the damn locks back!



# My Dear Self-hatred Brodie Pink

First Adult Poetry

Well hello again,  
I remember your face,  
it hasn't been long,  
I've not forgotten this place.

This place I created,  
the one that I own,  
which feels so much warmer,  
and more like my home.

Mind if I sit?  
Curl up, close my eyes?  
on my comfy old couch,  
that used to hear all my cries.

I've tried so hard,  
to belong, find my place,  
seems this world doesn't need  
me,  
and my disgusting lil' face.

But I know you will be here,  
on you, I'll rely,  
coz you'll always be with me,  
'til the day that I die.

And where are the others,  
with whom, friendships I share?  
Loneliness, Isolation,  
Desperation, Despair?

Yes, these are the ones,  
that I call my true friends,  
they too will be with me,  
and stay 'til the end.

I never will see,  
the turn of their backs,  
and their blunt honest truth,  
shall keep me on track.

But it's you, above all,  
you're my friend, who is best,  
you keep my hopes low,  
put self-esteem to dead rest.

You're simple and honest,  
you do what you can,  
you set me right when I think  
that I'm more than I am.

You often will hurt,  
but it's for me, that you do,  
my dear loathing Self-Hatred,  
yes, I'll always have you.

## Dinosaurs Don't Knit Scarves

Janice Cook

1st A Children's Story

Henry the Dinosaur wasn't like the other dinosaurs who liked to run, jump and stomp all day.

Henry liked to sit, smell the flowers and watch television. One day while watching the television, Henry saw a lizard knitting. He thought to himself, "I can do that!"

The next day Henry went to the store and bought needles and wool. It didn't take long for Henry to learn how to knit.

While Henry knitted outside one day, Mr Elephant walked by and asked "What are you doing there Henry?"

"Why, I'm knitting a scarf," replied Henry.

"But dinosaurs don't knit scarves," scoffed Mr Elephant.

"I do," replied Henry, and he went back to knitting. With that, Mr Elephant walked away.

That evening while knitting a jumper and listening to old time music on the radio, the telephone rang and Henry answered it. It was Fred the Hippo.

"Are you coming bowling tonight?" asked Fred.

"No, I'm busy knitting jumpers," replied Henry.

"But dinosaurs don't knit jumpers," laughed Fred.

"I do," sighed Henry. Then he hung up the phone and went back to his knitting.

The next day Mrs Crocodile came by to invite Henry to a barbecue but Henry said, "I'm sorry Mrs Crocodile, I'm busy knitting socks".

"But Henry, dinosaurs don't knit socks!" snapped Mrs Crocodile.

"I do," responded Henry with a frown. By now, Henry was a little frustrated with everyone saying that dinosaurs don't knit.

That afternoon while Henry was knitting hats, Mr Ape swung past his win-

dow.

"Hey Hen', why don't you come out for a walk in the park?" inquired Mr Ape.

"No thank you Mr Ape. I'm knitting hats," replied Henry.

"But dinosaurs don't knit hats," chattered Mr Ape.

"I do!" yelled Henry with his face turning red. He closed the window and went back to his knitting.

Henry was knitting blankets by the time the other dinosaurs came stomping over to play.

"Come out and play Henry," the other dinosaurs sang out.

"I'm sorry, but I must get these blankets finished before winter sets in," Henry said anxiously.

"But Henry, us dinosaurs do not knit blankets," teased the other dinosaurs.

"I do," replied Henry with a little grumble.

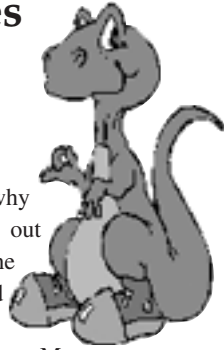
Soon no one bothered to ask Henry to play anymore. Henry became sad and lonely. Then winter arrived with its bitter wind and freezing snow, and Henry noticed all of his friends were catching colds and getting sick. So Henry went back to his house and gathered all the things he'd knitted. He gave each of his friends a set of clothing and blankets to keep them warm.

Then Miss Snake appeared and asked, "What are you doing?"

Henry sadly frowned and answered quietly, "I'm teaching the other dinosaurs how to knit."

Miss Snake swayed and nodded in approval. "It'ssss nicce to ssee that dinosaurssss do knit Henry, she replied brightly.

Henry smiled



## Waltzing Matilda – the swagman's song

Elise Matthyssen

1st Under 18 Short Story

As I wandered through yet another field of tall, dry grass I thought about what I'd made of my life. I was basically a traveler. No fixed home, no proper family. But I enjoyed this kind of life. I was free. As a traveler I had no obligations, I could go wherever my feed would take me. For me, it was a simple but satisfying life with no complications.

I climbed the top of the rise and looked down. Below me the field stretched for a few more feet then it gave way to a grove of trees – I think they were Coolabah trees. It looked as good as any place to stop for the night. I picked up my matilda swag and made my way to the edge of the billabong. I took a piece of flint out of the swag and started building a fire.

The fire was going nicely and I hummed my latest song out loud as I put the billy on the fire...

*"Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda, my darling?*

*Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?*

*Waltzing Matilda and leading a water-bag—*

*Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?"*

I was still singing when I saw a sheep come down to the billabong to drink. It didn't look as if it belonged to anyone so I quietly got up, crept behind the sheep, grabbed it and stuffed it in a sack. I was all the time singing my song feeling very pleased...

*"Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda, my darling?*

*Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?*

*Waltzing Matilda and leading a water-bag—*

*Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?"*

If only I'd seen the owner of the sheep watching me from the neighbouring field...

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Just out of sight from the swagman, the owner of the sheep sat on his thoroughbred watching. He was quite well off for a farmer, with a modest sized cottage, good crops and some cattle. He thought his life was perfect except for the one thing – the travelers.

*"These good for nothing travelers don't know a thing about morals. I am kind enough to let these vagabonds tramp through my fields, when they totally disregard that I own the fields! It's the nerve of them I can't stand! Now there's another one to deal with."* He muttered under his breath as he stared at the swagman angrily. *"I'll have to go and get those fools who call themselves policemen! This is their job!"*

The squatter quickly turned his horse around and rode swiftly back into the small outback town, and stopped right outside the police station. He got off his horse, tethered it to the fence, then went inside. He stood glaring at the four policemen who were sitting around idling.

"I need a few of you to help me apprehend a swagman who stole one of my prized sheep!" he snapped.

"Right away sir," the chief of police replied. "You three get up and help the man."

The three men stood up and made their way out. The squatter quickly followed them out the door.

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The billy started whistling just as I sat down. I poured myself a cup of tea into an old, chipped mug; sat down and relaxed...

I was just finishing the dregs of my tea when I saw a rider come down towards me from the opposite field. Then a policeman topped the hill, then another and another. Three policemen. I placed my cup on the ground and grabbed the sack with the sheep. I started running in the opposite direction, but it wasn't fast enough. They soon surrounded me with their horses, dismounted and turned to face me.

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The traveler stared each of us squarely in the eye. We stared back at him. I cleared my throat and said, "Whose is the jumbuck you've got in the tucker bag? You'll come a waltzing Matilda with me!"

The traveler gave a short hysterical laugh, and started singing the following words.

*"Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda, my darling?*

*Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?*

*Waltzing Matilda and leading a water-bag—*

*Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?"*

When he finished singing he replied in a shrill voice, "This jumbuck? Why it's mine!"

"You lying piece of filth!" the squatter replied angrily. "I saw you take one of my sheep!"

"I swear I didn't!" the traveler told him.

"Well! There's one way to solve this," I told them both. "You squatter! Do your sheep have a brand on

them?"

"Of course!" the squatter replied quickly.

"So we'll just take a look at the sheep for the brand!" I said matter of factly.

When the traveler heard my words his face fell. I could tell he was guilty.

"Show us the sheep then," I told him impatiently.

"Fine! I took the sheep from the squatter. But it was for a valid reason. Tell you what...I'll return the sheep and we can forget this whole incident," he said hopefully.

"See he is guilty!" shouted the squatter triumphantly, "And I certainly shall not forget this incident. Police – arrest that man!"

"Come on lad...we'll have to take you to the station. If you come along quietly things won't be too bad," I told him gently.

I felt sorry for him. All he had done was steal a sheep from a man who was so rich it didn't really matter to him. And for this 'crime' he was being sent to jail. But there was nothing I could do.

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I took one last look at the policeman and the squatter. I knew I couldn't survive a life in jail with no freedom. For me, it was unthinkable.

"No. I won't go with you," I said loudly.

The squatter looked shocked while the policeman looked resigned, as if they thought they'd have to drag me back to the station. But I wouldn't give the squatter the satisfaction. I dropped the bag with the sheep, turned around quickly and ran towards the billabong.

As I ran I yelled over my shoulder to the three pursuing policemen, "You'll never catch me alive!"

I jumped into the billabong, knowing full well that I would drown. But I would rather die than live a life of imprisonment. I gave a final scream as darkness swirled in my vision...and then there was nothing.

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I watched in shock and fascination as the traveler jumped into the billabong and drowned after giving a final, echoing scream. His body didn't sink though. It stayed floating, bobbing up and down. The day was no longer sunny. It had taken on a grey cast. For the price of stealing a sheep...the traveler paid with his life. The two other policemen and myself were forced to retrieve the body and bury it. We returned to town subdued. We eventually told the tale to our friends...and they told it to their friends and so on until many knew the tale.

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Many people have visited that billabong since then. But they have all felt as if a strange presence resides there; forever watching over the billabong and all who come there. Some say it is nothing...but others say that it is the swagman calling out for the life he lost. Singing a mournful song...

*"Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda, my darling?*

*Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?*

*Waltzing Matilda and leading a water-bag—*

*Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?"*

WALTZING MATILDA

A.B. PATERSON

Oh! There once was a swagman camped in a Billabong,  
Under the shade of a Coolabah tree;  
And he sang as he looked at his old billy boiling,  
"Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?"

Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda, my darling?

Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?

Waltzing Matilda and leading a water-bag—

Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?

Down came a jumbuck to drink at the water-hole,  
Up jumped the swagman and grabbed him with glee;  
And he sang as he stowed him away in his tucker-bag,  
"You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me."

Down came the Squatter a-riding his thoroughbred;  
Down came Policemen – one, two and three.  
"Who's is the jumbuck you've got in the tucker-bag?  
You'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me!"

But the swagmen he up and jumped in the water hole,  
Drowning himself by the Coolabah tree;  
And his ghost may be heard as it sings in the Billabong  
"Who'll come a-waltzing Matilda with me?"



# The Bucket Hat

## By Jayme Day

### 1st Under 12 Short Story

Oh how I miss Australia, the warm weather, all the trees and the warm hat rack I used to sit on with all the other hats. How I miss them. My name is Candise but my friends call me Candy. That's because I was won by a candy then given to a little girl. She would wear me all the time until she bought Sandy. She's a beret, a French one. She's gorgeous! That was the last time I saw daylight.

One day her mother walked in with a box and started putting things in it. I was one of those things. She grabbed me off the rack and threw me in the box with no hesitation and walked out of the room. She went out to the car and put the box on the seat. When she stopped she got out and put us in a bin that said Salvation Army Red Cross Transport and left us there. It was

dark and cold. I had fallen to sleep.

I woke up in another box but this time I was in a store. I was put on a shelf. The man who put me there came back with a sticker and put it on my face. It said \$5. A little boy walked in and was looking at the toys. He ran over and said, "Mummy, Mummy can I get this one please?". She said "No, you already have a hat and besides, I'm getting you this one." I felt very unwanted and thought no one would ever buy me. A little girl walked in and she ran up to me and grabbed me off the shelf. She took me to the counter and grabbed a purse out of her pocket and put her money on the table. She was 10 cents short but she got away with it.

She put me on her head and walked out. Then I saw something really gross. She had 'BUGS'.

That's right, bugs all over her head.

A gust of wind blew me off her head and I went tumbling down a hill away from her. Just as I thought I was safe I saw a kid walking straight for me with 9 scoops of chocolate ice-cream with chocolate topping and choc chips. Yep, you guessed it; he dropped it all over me.

An old lady was chasing her hat down the street but she stopped right next to me. She picked me up and said, "What a beauty!" She put me in a bag and took me to her house. She washed me, she dried me and put me in a glass cabinet with lots of weird and strange hats. Yep, she was a hat collector. She looked after me really well and I made new friends. I don't miss Australia but then again I guess I'm just happy to feel at home again.

# Run, Run, Run

## By Amanda Rowley

### 1st Under 12 Short Story

I was panting with big deep breaths as I squeezed through another hole under the fence, the sounds and echoes of my enemy screaming, as I ran faster and faster. It was pitch black as I tried to find my way through the trees. As I turned I saw two big, bright yellow eyes looking at me. I prayed that somebody would save me as I hid behind a tree.

My enemy didn't notice me and kept going. As I walked the other way, 'crunch'. I peered down at the ground and I had trodden on a leaf and as I turned round there were the big yellow eyes again. I sped past trees and huge trees to make it to my hole where my family awaited. My feet hurt and my hare was all ruffled up and dirty.

Suddenly I heard a bark as a big dog jumped out of the bushes and a fight broke out. Feathers flew everywhere as the dog ate his new catch of dinner and I was hoping I wasn't desert. After he had eaten the eagle, he left and I breathed a sigh of relief as I stood up and head-

ed home.

It was getting lighter as the sun began to come up. I was nearly at my home now and at the door was my family. My wife, my nine boys and my thirteen girls. As I walked closer and closer my family glared at me with wide beady eyes.

"Did you bring back any food?" asked my daughter, Malaya. "No," I replied back to her in a sorry voice. "That's okay," said my wife Anmaurece, "We'll eat you instead". They all started to walk towards me with rope in their hands as two of them ran past me and stared the barbecue. They grabbed me and tied me on the barbecue as they got the places. "Nooooooooo," I screamed, "noooooooooo."



# The Shark

## Elise Matthyssen

Swimming carefully, quietly but in pain,  
Scared, angry, would his enemies find him again?  
Blood, the smell both painful and sweet,  
Wounded, in agony his body starts to heat.

The water once azure and crystal clear,  
Is stained scarlet by the shark so near,  
Still swimming gracefully not making a ripple in the calm tranquil water,  
Swiftly and silently he escapes from the slaughter.

His steel-grey body cuts through the water like a knife,  
Through metallic grey eyes, narrowed in slits he swims quickly although he is almost drained of life.  
Through his agony he gazes towards the beach,  
But he doesn't know if it is within his reach.

To end his misery he tries to reach land,  
Oh how he longs to reach those fine white sands,  
But there are people everywhere, laughing and making noise,  
But he doesn't care who or what he destroys.

The people on the beach laughing happily,  
Don't realise that the shark approaches rapidly.  
Then suddenly a baby cries in fear,  
For she senses that something bad is near.

Then slowly but surely the shark reaches the shore,  
He just wants to feel no pain, nothing more.  
But all that the people see,  
Are the gleaming ivory teeth, and start to flee.

Screaming and running the people go,  
Now only the shark is on the shore.  
The beach is empty, deserted with no one there,  
There is only the shark gasping on the sand in agony...with no one to care.

And there on a lonely beach a body lies just out of reach of the sea,  
And how the waves long to surround the shark's lifeless body, to let him once more be free.

1st Under 18 Poetry



# The Pilbara

## Kay F Ruane

They stand like sentinels  
The brick red termite mounds  
Lofty, legions of guards  
All is still, there are no sounds.  
We are almost there  
We have come so far.  
The shimmering heat, the breathless air  
Engulfing everything...everywhere  
This is where our two worlds meet  
Our senses reach an unknown height  
Overtaken by the tremulous heat.  
And so the day wears on.  
It's karratha, that we are headed for,  
Before this day is done.  
The red, red soil, the breathless air  
Under a blazing sun.  
Where no bird sings, the landscape's flat  
Day in and out, red, red dust  
Beats a path to our front door  
Then comes the twilight  
Heat of the day has past, night is almost here  
The stars so low they almost touch  
The likes of you and I.  
The craggy mountainous ranges  
Are filled with iron ore  
The isolation is pitiless  
Wild flowers cover a dirt red floor.  
I learn to love this harsh red place  
It takes a year or so  
When homeward bound, after our sojourn  
I find...I'm a little loathe to go.  
The Pilbara's got it's hooks...in me  
Like it does to everyone  
The red, red soil, the stark beauty I have known...  
Under the blazing sun.

# Alternatives

## Trudi Reimers

*I saw the last of my friends off  
The other day.  
Sad Farewells, Solemn Faces, Watery Smiles,  
A Hug –  
And she was Gone.  
"Good Luck," I whispered after her, "Goodbye" –  
And she disappeared, shrouded in a Mist of White.*

*I wore Black, because the Farewell  
Felt more like a Funeral  
And all the more so because I knew  
I would never see my  
"Single Sarah" again.*

*We would try, of course,  
But somehow Wedding Rings and Babies  
Would not mix too well in the conversation  
With Broken Romances and Parties.  
Sarah had Moved On  
(It comes to us all – eventually – doesn't it??)  
And I had remained.*

*She smiles at me occasionally now  
From behind a pile of ironing,  
Her hair in disarray and a baby clinging  
Lovingly to her neck,  
And tells me she misses the "Single Life"  
Surrounded as she is by Love  
From every corner.*

*At times she asks me why I never married,  
Her brow creasing in concern,  
Her kind eyes a little sad,  
And I glance quickly at the Rings on her finger –  
His Rings –  
And smile weakly through the pain.  
"Marriage is not for me, Sarah love,"  
I say – kissing her goodbye.*

*The tears begin as I turn for home.*

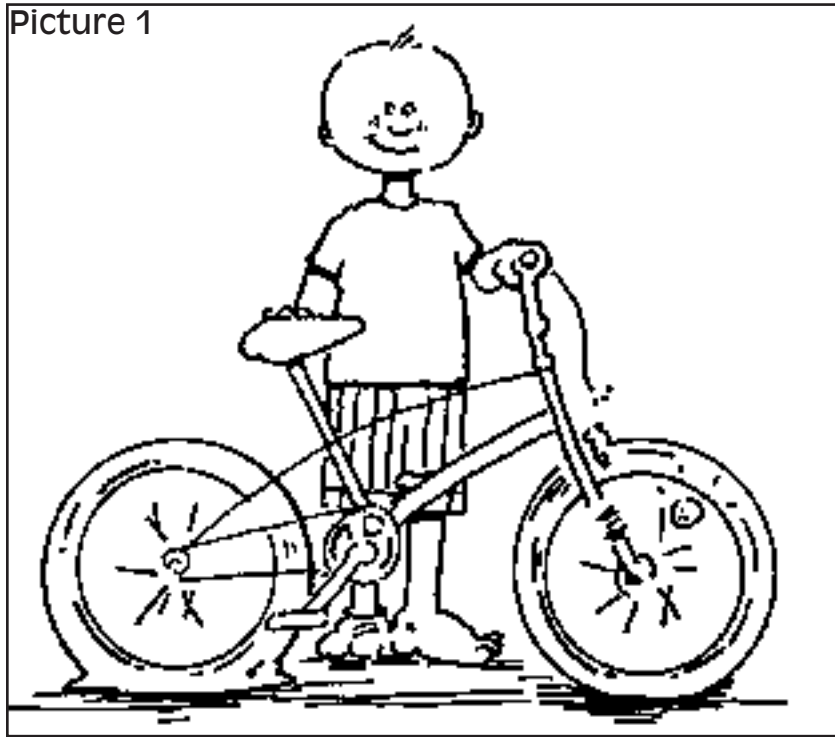


# BIKE SAFETY COMPETITION

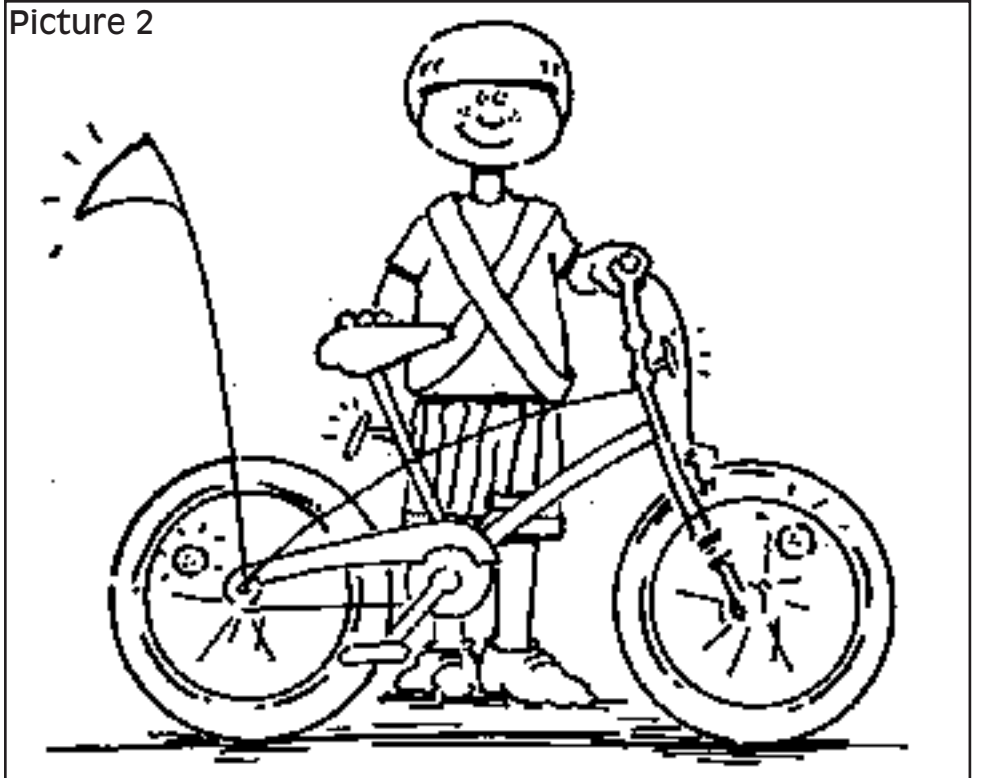
## \*\*\* WIN A BIKE \*\*\*

Enter our bike safety competition and you could win a new bike! We have one girl's bike and one boy's bike to give away so enter NOW!

Picture 1



Picture 2



1. Colour in both Pictures
2. On Picture two circle all extra things on the bike to make riding safer.
3. Fill in your name and address
4. Send your pictures to Bike Competition, PO Box 234, Churchill or drop it into the Churchill and District News box at Cafe Le Mac, Churchill Primary School, Co-Operating Church in Williams Avenue.
5. Entries must be in by 18th November 2005

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone ..... Age .....

## LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB

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Hi Kids,

If you are under 12 years old you can join the club. Ask your Mum, Dad or Guardian 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 September were  
**Jedd Britton and Danielle Flanigan**

### BIRTHDAYITES FOR OCTOBER 2005

Kristy BARRY	10 years
Tyson CURTIS	10 years
Breanna LAMONT	6 years
Dana LAWSON	10 years
Maddylen LOCK	6 years
Trent ROSEWELL	4 years

The randomly chosen "BIRTHDAYITES" for October are  
**DANA LAWSON and TRENT ROSEWELL**

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

John Barker      Publicity

# Birthdayites

These "Birthdayites" were all smiles as they were each presented with a \$15 voucher for Churchill Newsagency by John Barker from the Lions Club of Churchill & District.

They were chosen at random from the September list. This could have been you - make sure you join so you also have the chance to be a lucky "Birthdayite".



Danielle FLANIGAN  
11 years on the 6th of  
September



Jedd BRITTON  
8 years  
on the 4th of  
September





# Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



## The History of Churchill and District News

By Ruth PLACE

Part 1

### Early Days

The Churchill and District News is 40 years old this year. It has a long history with many ups and downs. However, throughout there has been a progression of dedicated people who have kept it's initial spirit not only alive, but extended it to include distribution and reporting from and to Boolarra, Yinnar, Hazelwood South and North and other outlying districts.

The Churchill News was started in 1965, by the Reverend Peter Arch, the first minister of the Co-Operating Churches and second resident of Churchill. It was an information sheet and was initially delivered to each new household by Rev. Arch as part of a welcome kit. Later, as the town grew, other residents helped with the deliveries. Betty Wyatt remembers Liz Ollquist delivering theirs in 1971.

The sheet contained information about buses to Morwell and Yinnar, Church times, deliveries of bread and milk and maps of the town. Peter Arch was the instigator and sole producer for some time until life became busy in the blossoming town. It was then, in 1967, that he asked Yvonne Sargeson to be the typist. She fulfilled this role for 18 months before starting full time employment.

Peter gathered all the information and Yvonne typed it onto a stencil once a fortnight. This was then duplicated on a Gestetner machine. There were no advertisements and it was hand delivered. Yvonne cannot recall how it was funded.

Rev Peter Arch said in his "History":

*"This report would be incomplete without reference to the Churchill News, which just grew and grew. It has been a wonderful way of serving the community, helping to bind it together and letting the community know what is being done and going on. It also gives me the opportunity to bring Church and religious matters before the whole community from time to time, but I have been most careful not to make it a church paper."*

Judy McKenzie and Gwen Bowden took up the reins for the remainder of Peter Arch's time and into Reverend Noel Park's time. Judy still lives locally, continuing to be very much involved in the community. Gwen has moved to Tamworth, but fondly retains the last issue of the Churchill News that she worked on – 7 November 1974. Both ladies did the typing of articles, but Judy did everything else that wasn't typed – headings, drawings and borders. Judy remembers drawing the dolphins for the Dolphin Fish and Chip Shop. All the articles had to be typed onto stencils which had a fine paper cover that tore easily. Typing mistakes could be covered over with a special fluid like nail polish. If you were lucky you could retype that space correctly! The stencils were then run off on the Gestetner copier. Judy and Gwen found this machine very frustrating as it broke down frequently. Gwen described it as 'an invention of the devil'.

Typing of the stencils in two columns was very exacting work. Doing headings was very time consuming as they all had to be centred. The number of letters was counted, then for half the number Gwen would backspace on the typewriter before typing. Typewriters could only help with the setting out by doing margins and tabulations (carriage spacing). Putting the advertisements together was a huge task. Often the paper was 24 pages of quarto – slightly shorter than, but the same width as A4 paper. One thousand copies were being produced fortnightly so it needed a lot of advertising to cover the costs. Judy would use a stylus – a shaped nibbed pen – to do the borders and lettering. A plastic stencil of letter outlines was a useful guide.

Proof reading was an important activity before running off the stencils. Judy was anxious to have the spelling correct. At that time Morwell Co-Op supplied the covers. On the front was a picture of the Shopping Centre fountain.

After all the pages had been typed, drawn and compiled, they would be run off on the Gestetner- 1000 copies of each page run through twice to double-side each page. Caution had to be taken to run off the correct pages in sequence. A date stamp was used to put the date on the front cover. All the pages then had to be put together to complete the paper. It was "all hands on deck" with many volunteers, including Judy's children. It took all day to complete with the help of a trusty long-throated stapler. Judy and Gwen were paid \$9 each per month. This was seldom forthcoming at the due time, but usually when Parish Council could afford it. They both agree that it didn't matter, as they had lots of fun and laughter working together for three days a fortnight on what they considered a great asset for Churchill.

1969 – 1971



Betty Wyatt recalls the Church moving from Roy Court to 14 McDonald Way and it was then she became involved as a typist for the paper under Rev. David West. She also did the editing and the advertisements with the help of others. Betty's brother-in-law was in the printing business and supplied lots of off cuts of cardboard. The long strips of good heavy paper were ideal in colour and size for typing on, and to use in the layout. The format of the paper went from A4 size to its present newspaper size. It started out as four pages but gradually increased in size. Betty became the paid Church Secretary. Approaches to Murray Homes at Gippsland Institute for Advanced Education GIAE (now Monash University) saw his Private Secretary, Barbara Girardi, become involved. Barbara trained Betty in computer work so the paper could be typed in column widths. This was then cut and pasted on to the special sheets supplied by the Latrobe Valley Express. Other volunteers helped with the typing and layout. The paper was then delivered to the Express office. It took approximately two days to prepare each issue and was published fortnightly. Pictures were originally drawn by hand, as were borders, but the advent of computers made these tasks easier.

Betty had to keep accounts as well as do the advertisements. Very often she says they sailed close to the wind. The budget was tight, but some advertisers, especially the Ollquists, were extremely generous and lifted the amount of

advertising space to balance the costs.

There were many supporters also among article suppliers, including the Churchill Citizens Association, Council news, schools and sporting groups. Betty and Ruth Campbell remember Jim Dear's regular contributions of football and basketball club news. In the December issue a calendar of events and Christmas season opening and closing times for businesses, were important inclusions.

Betty Wyatt worked on the paper through the ministries of Rev. David West, Rev. Brian Edgar, Rev. John Gale and the Rev. Greg Strack, as well as with Ruth Campbell and Ethel Griffiths.

Ruth Campbell was asked by Brian Edgar to take over as Editor. To begin with, Ruth said no, as she felt she couldn't do it. However with encouragement and much help from Betty and Brian, Ruth "learnt the ropes". Ruth was paid \$7 an hour for 10 hours per fortnight, but did many more hours. Betty's husband John, and Ruth's husband Bruce, used a Polaroid camera to supply photos for the paper. Ruth remembers with some frustration the Letraset kit. It contained all the letters of the alphabet in lower and upper case form, and different fonts. It was also used to do the advertisements. She would carefully spell out the advertisement to make sure she had sufficient numbers of letters. If not, the advertisement was modified to accommodate the letter supply. Borders were done using ruled lines, or fine strips of tape, some of which had designs on them. They were up to ¼ inch in width, and sticky, so you could stick them in place. The whole advertisement was assembled by hand – a skill which was handed down. The letters could be used again, as could some of the borders. The hard copy was brought back from the Express, the advertisements taken off and filed for future use, if possible. The placement of page numbers was always a difficult task because of the placement of advertisements.

Ruth gratefully remembers that Bob Ulph constructed and installed the long table in the office, so she could lay out all the pages at once as she collated the paper. Each fortnight Ruth would follow the established procedure of ringing the advertisers to see if they were happy to run an advertisement again, and if so, asking about any changes to be made. She would frequently have to go and collect the advertisements. Later a box was put at Ollquist's Pharmacy for people to submit articles and letters to the Editor. John Gale had an article drop off box installed at the east door of the Church.

Every second Monday, Ruth and Betty gathered at the Church to compile the paper. They also delivered it to the Express. Their children came after school and had to be kept busy while the paper was completed. Ruth and the other editors right through to the present day, agree that the Latrobe Valley Express has been a great help and support.

Olivia Jackson

From the time that the Churchill News was printed by the Express, there existed a wonderful band of news boys and girls under the leadership of Olivia Jackson. The news boys and girls delivered the papers to all sections of Churchill. They even had their own column written by Olivia. She took special care to acknowledge each one's birthday and write about the special events in which they were involved. A regular inclusion was jokes and riddles, which she described as corny, but which everyone looked forward to reading. The Express donated some



News Boys and Girls

money to the Churchill News which was used to purchase green and yellow caps for each news boy and girl.

On the publication dates, the papers were delivered to the Church after lunch. Olivia, Dorothy Menke, Margaret Klose and others would sort and count the papers into groups for the children to deliver. The piles of papers were then taken to the appropriate news person's house for delivery after school. Olivia says the ladies had a good laugh as they counted, and admits that sometimes the numbers were wrong because of it. Wendy Steenbergen also remembers delivering Churchill News.

At the end of each year an outing was organized for the young folks, by Olivia, the minister and the ladies. There was bowling, grass ski-ing, picnics, Old Gipps town, barbecues and pictures at Yallourn Theatre. The public was asked to contribute and the local butcher would sponsor the event with a supply of sausages.

Rev. John Gale.

John came to be minister at the Co-Operating Churches in mid 1986, and stayed for approximately twelve months. He filled the interim time before Rev. Greg Strack. Ethel Griffiths had been Editor. During that time the Churchill News was mostly done by Betty Wyatt as Church Secretary. John would write the fortnightly editorial pieces. Betty did the advertisements and much of the other work.

John had had previous experience with producing papers similar to the Churchill News. He took the opportunity of revamping the production of the paper.

John's contribution was in his realisation that the Churchill News was not well equipped. So, John, through the Ministry of Employment and Training, applied for a grant. This was accepted and an Employment Initiative package enabled a young lady to receive training and experience, in order to apply for a job. The grant enabled this young lady to be computer trained one day a week at TAFE and spend a day working on Churchill News. The grant also allowed for the purchase of an electric typewriter to make editing and typing much easier. The young lady worked for Churchill News for a few months before securing a job.

The faithful Monday night helpers- Roger Marriott, David Lyne, Bev Hooper and Joyce Belford continued. Roger will be remembered for his gardening segment which he did on a regular basis, even after the family left and went to live in Berwick, right up to the time he became ill. Roger explained that Editors were appointed by the Parish Council. Prospective editors applied for the job, were interviewed and appointed. When the Churchill News became a supplement of the Latrobe Valley Express in 1986/87, the news boys and girls were no longer required. It was the end of an era.

In 1988 after six years as Editor, Ruth Campbell started work and Ethel Griffiths took over as Editor. Ethel remembers the regular advertisers who kept the paper afloat especially the Ollquists. Advertising rates were low but had to cover the costs, which in turn determined the number of pages. Ethel also remembers the help given by GIAE typists Rhonda Briggs and Wendy Nixon, and the involvement of Bob and Elaine Hodson.



# --- Youth Yard ---

## MYTH - Bonus Trivia

So you think you're familiar with MYTH? Do you think you've been paying close attention to the chapters so far? Take this quick trivia test and find out how much you really know...

**1: What did Nigel use to kill the Wilken Beast?**

- A) A sword
- B) A plasma rifle
- C) A knife
- D) Nothing, it died due to poison...

**2: What is the name of the mountain that Frostbite once visited?**

- A) The Crusher
- B) The Decapitator
- C) The Eliminator
- D) It didn't have a name...

**3: What colour was the dragon that attacked Radiu?**

- A) Red
- B) Green
- C) Purple
- D) Blue

**4: What was the name of the Commander that gave Nigel and Darrowin their mission?**

- A) Fib
- B) Jug
- C) Vib
- D) Big

**5: What was the title of Chapter 2?**

- A) An unfortunate event
- B) Close encounter of the green kind
- C) Monstrosity in Radiu
- D) The return of Sephiroth

**BONUS Question:**

What was the mistake that was made in chapter 4 concerning the weapon Nigel used to kill the Wilken Beast?

All answers revealed next issue...



## Top 10 songs

1. Daniel Powter - Bad Day
2. Black Eyed Peas - Don't Lie
3. The Veronicas - 4 Ever
4. Rouge Trader - Voodoo Child
5. James Blunt - Your Beautiful
6. 2Pak Ft - Elton John - Ghetto Gospel
7. Rob Thomas - This is how a Heart Breaks
8. Mariah Carey - We Belong Together
9. Simple Plan - Untitled
10. Missy Higgins - The Sound Of White

## Justin's Funny Poems and Jokes

Q: What do you call a blind dinosaur?

A: A didyouthinkhesawus

Q: What do you get if you cross a chicken with a caterpillar?

A: Drumsticks for everyone.

Q: What's fat hairy and has one sharp tooth?

A: I don't know but its crawling on your shoulder.

Q: Why did the wombat cross the road?

A: To see his dead flatmate.

## HUMAN POWERED VEHICLES AT CHURCHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

BY MATT SMART

As most of us at CPS all know the grade six HPV team has been picked after trials at the Churchill football oval.

Yes its on again. HPV training has started again.

Still the same nights and really early mornings!(Why does the morning ride have to be so early?) but only for the selected HPV team.

On the Wednesday mornings we do a

ride on our bikes and on the Thursday afternoons we have a healthy snack and then we ride the HPV.

The whole team is all ready and excited about training and the whole HPV experience.

A lot of the parents are too. Its going to be a great experience.

We hope the team will represent our school up there well. I think they will.

## West African Drumming and Dance

By CINDY CHIN

On Tuesday the 30th of August, the members of H2y from Churchill Nth Primary school participated in a dance and drumming workshop that they had helped to organize. Cindy, Kailah, Luke,

Rebekah and Crystal were there to thank Mariama and Foday who ran the workshop. The workshop was a huge success we all had a ton of fun.

## A Joke

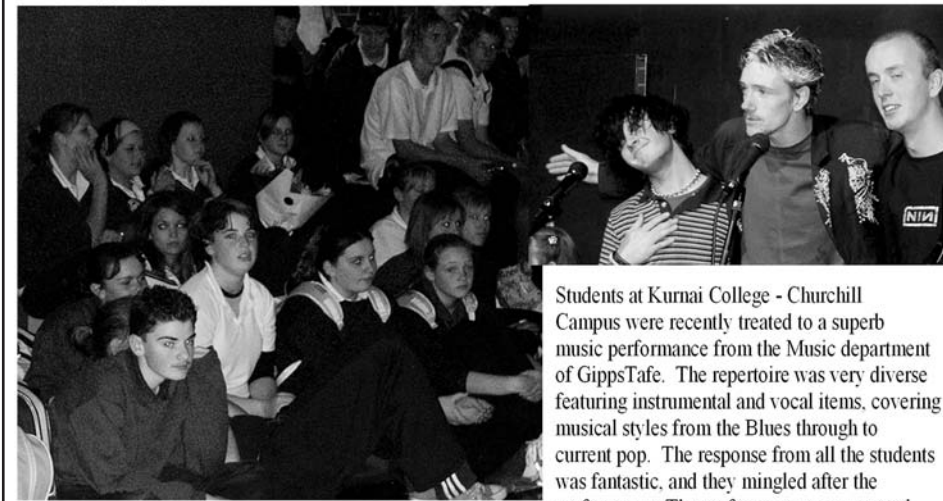
BY JESSICA

Q: Why did the chicken cross the road?

A: To get to the other side.



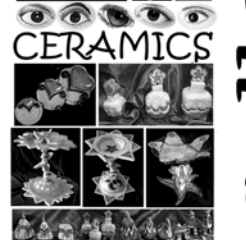
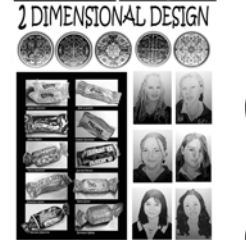
## GippsTafe at Kurnai Churchill



Students at Kurnai College - Churchill Campus were recently treated to a superb music performance from the Music department of GippsTafe. The repertoire was very diverse featuring instrumental and vocal items, covering musical styles from the Blues through to current pop. The response from all the students was fantastic, and they mingled after the performance. The performance was repeated at all campuses of Kurnai and was organised by the respective music department heads Joseph Bonnici (Kurnai College) and Paddy O'Dowd (GippsTafe). If you are interested in the music program at Kurnai College or even GippsTafe contact Joseph Bonnici on 51221455.



## THE ARTS AT CHURCHILL CAMPUS KURNAI COLLEGE



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Check out the student Creations on our web site.

www.kurnaicollege.vic.edu.au

## Poem

BY JACQUIE

No one else knows me,  
Quite like you do,  
Without a single word spoken,  
You know what I'm thinking,  
And what I'm feeling too....

No one else is there for me,  
Quite like you are,  
Your door is always open,  
As well as your heart....

No one else is as close to me,  
As you; my best friend,  
You mean the very world to me,  
And will until the end....

I am so blessed that you're my best friend.

THIS POEM IS FOR MY FRIEND BIANCA

By Jacque Christie

We'll be friends until the end  
I'll wait for you until your heart mends  
I'm here for you and you're here for me  
I'm so glad that you could see

I'll cry with you  
You'll cry with me to

I'll sit by you in your time of need  
I'll dance with you and sing with you  
And you'll dance with me too

Friends forever, that's what I see  
Friends forever you and me.



# Lioness Club of Churchill and District

By MARGARET BARKER – Publicity

It is with pleasure the Lioness Club inducted new member Margaret Dawson into our club.

Regrettably we lost a member in Bev Hooper as she and husband Martin moved to the South Coast in their retirement. We wish them all the best.

Our Club hosted the Lioness Forum with some 40 plus ladies joining us to pass on club information and enjoy a day of fellowship. We enjoyed our guests Martin Hooper speaking about Environmental Science, John Barker giving us information and the joys of being a companion for Camp Quality and Des Bennet for entertaining us with his bush poetry.

Two of our members have just spent the week attending a Camp Quality camp at Coonawarra as companions. This was a great week with the theme of Circus so there was lots of little and big clowns to be seen and lots of fun to be had. Thanks to the Lions Club of Churchill for supplying a great lunch on the way to camp and the Morwell Lions for lunch on the way home.

We have just had a successful weekend catering for the LV Home, Leisure and Lifestyle Show held at Kernot Hall.

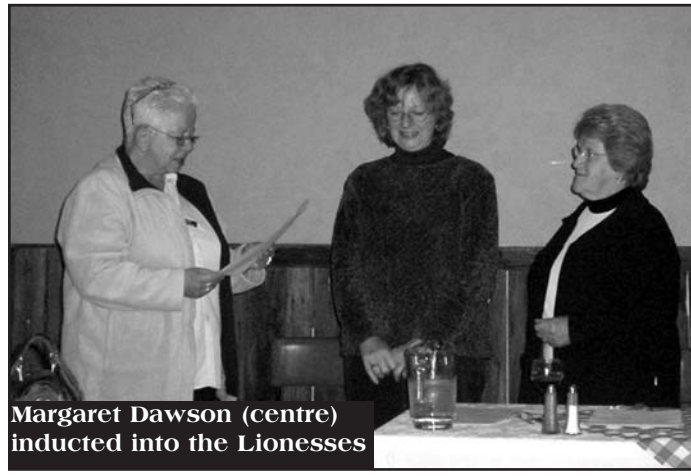
Hospital Emergency Toiletries packs along with knitting for babies in need have been delivered to Latrobe Regional

Hospital. We find this is a great service to the hospital.

The Rose Garden at Hazelwood House is looking good with lots of new growth on the roses. Maintenance is carried out each month with weeding and trimming to keep the garden in shape.

We have undertaken a new project to add to our list with members knitting or crocheting "love wraps" (blankets) that are sent to Kids Under Cover. So if you have any odd balls of wool you no longer need, donations are gratefully accepted.

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



Margaret Dawson (centre) inducted into the Lionesses



Marlene Ellis from Guides face painting



Glendonald Park during Term 4. Funding from the Department of Victorian Communities' Physical Activity Grants Program has enabled our group to purchase a range of sporting equipment for use by children attending our activities.

Supported by Churchill Primary School and Latrobe City

Council, volunteers will be supervising non-contact ball games and other fun activities for children and youth of various ages. Sunscreen, drinking water and fruit will be provided for all those participating.

The Term 4 after school program will be held every Monday from 3.30 – 5.00pm at Glendonald Park, weather permitting.

If you'd like to know more about our activities, we can be contacted at PO Box 245, Churchill or by phoning the Secretary, Barbara James, on 5122 1407. A display of photos and information can be seen in the vacant shop window next to Glendonald Pizza in Churinga Drive.

GRG Inc.'s next General Meeting will be held in Glendonald Kindergarten at 6.30pm on Tuesday 25 October. Childcare is provided. All residents of Glendonald are welcome to attend.

## "Go for your Life" Launch

By David Guthrie, President

GRG Inc organised a lunchtime children's activity in Churchill Town Hall during the recent school holidays. About 40 children, along with parents and volunteers, had a great time playing some 'old fashioned favourites' such as egg and spoon races, hula hoop competitions, 3-legged races and musical chairs.

Many thanks to Churchill Guides for providing face painting, and to Latrobe Community Health Services for organising a colouring competition for all ages. Thanks also to our 'distinguished guests' who rolled up their sleeves and helped in the kitchen!

The chicken and vegetable kebabs were delicious and popular with all ages. A selection of fruit was also provided, along with flavoured milk and iced water for the very thirsty.

This event was also the launch of our regular "Go for your Life" Monday after school program, to be held in

# Stamp and Coin Fair

THE Latrobe Valley Philatelic Society will be holding its annual Stamp and Coin Fair on Saturday 22nd October 2005 at The Trafalgar Scout Hall, Kitchener St, Trafalgar from 9am – 4pm

The fair is being held in conjunction with Battle of Trafalgar

Celebrations. Admission is free.

The fair will include a range of Melbourne and local dealers offering stock for sale as well as valuations and purchasing.

There will be a priceless cricket memorabilia display, a Royal Winton Crockery display and a

mega raffle.

So come along, enjoy a family day out, and add to your stamp or coin collection in a friendly, local environment.

For more details please contact Trevor on 5134 4936

## GO Golden Oldies!

ARE you looking for something to do? Want a chat, cuppa, cards, bingo, rumiikin, craft, outings or entertainment?

Join us at the Golden Oldies (GO) Club. We meet on Thursdays

from 1.00pm to 3.30pm at the Churchill Football Club, Manning Drive, Churchill.

Everyone is welcome to join us. For more information ring the Cordinator, Betty Wyatt on 5122

1691 or Joan Gardner on 5169 4623. Between them they have over 40 years experience in aged care!

All are welcome to come for a cuppa and a chat.

# Copy of History Given At 50th Celebration

On Saturday 30th April 2005, the Hazelwood North Rural Fire Brigade gathered to celebrate, and be presented with, a 50 year Certificate. They are actually older than that however. It is 76 years since the first meeting was held to form a Brigade.

Also on that day Operations Officer Phil Glover presented Service awards to Ralph Greenough for 50 years, Sonny Jones for 40 years, Wally and Jenny Anders for 20 years, Peter Greaves for 12 years, Nick Manzo 12 years, John McMillan 12 years, and Peter Jackson 12 years.

Max Cranwell, a long serving member put together a history of the brigade, using the old minute books.

It follows:-

'A meeting was held in the Hazelwood North Hall on 12th December, 1928 with a view to forming a Bush Fire Brigade. Mr. Edwin Sanders was voted to the Chair. Some of the motions were;

That a branch of the Bush Fire Brigade be formed – Moved Jack McInnes and Seconded by Albert Cranwell

That Ted Sanders be Captain. Moved Jack McInnes, Seconded Albert Cranwell

That Jack McInnes be Secretary/Treasurer – Moved Bill Firmin Seconded Jack Ellis.

That subscriptions be 5/- for landowners and 1/- for non landowners. Moved Albert Cranwell and seconded Josh Macreadie.

That Hazelwood North Brigade affiliate with Bush Fire Brigades Association. Moved Jack Ellis and seconded Albert Cranwell.

Committee members were – Albert Cranwell, Jack Ellis, Ali McInnes, Josh Macreadie, Bill Firmin and Bill Maxwell.

The names of some of the landowners were – McInnes, Sanders, Cranwell, Macreadie, Ellis, Maxwell, Henderson, Jones, Clark and Tanner.

Our Leaders.

We have always had a Captain and in the early days the Captain chaired the meetings. Over the last twenty years we have had a person set aside to be chairman of meetings. The Captains have been;

- Ted Sanders - 14 years
- Dave Cook - 13 years
- Norm Woolacott - 6 years
- Bruce Hunter - 16 years
- Charlie Jones - 2 years and also 17 years as Secretary
- Ken Rae - 7 years
- Hank Griepsma - 4 years
- Ralph Greenough - 4 years
- Nick Padula - 2 years
- Ray Beaton - 9 years – still captain

We will not list the names of all the other office bearers except to say Bev Simpson is our current Secretary and she has been Secretary for just on 15 years.

Some of our Regional Officers have been Messrs. Dick McKay, Les Lupton, Malcolm Potter and Noel Hedington. They were here through the 1950's, 60's and 70's.

In January 1929 we bought a No. 10 water cart from J. Furphy and Sons for 30 pound with a discount for cash making it 28 pounds 10 shillings. Our first Austin tanker we believe may have been a 1954 model that we acquired in 1958. We had two more Austins, a 1959 model and a 1961. Then we got an Inter 4 x 4 about 1980. These tankers were kept in a spare garage that Sonny Jones had before we moved into this shed in 1988.

A few of our Milestones.

We had the first meeting in 1928. The Brigade may have been in recess from 1930 to 1942. Our original name was Hazelwood North Bush Fire Brigade in 1943. Then our name changed to Hazelwood North Rural Fire Brigade in 1947. We moved into our current building in 1988 and the community with assistance of C.F.A. funds and donations built the meeting room in 2004.

## Have you found the new Lifeline Op-Shop in Churchill yet?

LOTS of people have found us and gone away very happy customers. Sales have been very heartening to the volunteers who give their time to work in the shop on behalf of Lifeline.

Our new permanent site is in the walkway beside the Churchill Pizza Shop in the bottom shopping centre and is open each week day from 9.30am until 4.00pm.

If you are wanting something for a special event such as a fancy dress party, come in and see us, preferably a couple of weeks before the event and we will do our utmost to fit you out. By coming in early, if we don't have your requirements, it gives us time to place a special order into our warehouse for you. We will also accept orders for cut rags for painters, mechanics, furniture restorers etc.

If you have good unwanted items that you would like to donate to Lifeline all you have to do is drive up the vehicle access during shop hours and we will gladly accept them. We also have our three bins in Churchill, but unfortunately when bigger items are left outside the bins the goods get stolen or damaged. So if you have larger items that will not fit in the bins they can be taken to our warehouse at the corner of Fleming and Church Street, Morwell, or telephone 5133 7512 to arrange a pick up by the Lifeline van.

All the proceeds from the shop help Lifeline to maintain the 24 hour telephone counselling service which is handling a record number of all from troubled people across the whole Gippsland area.

## Old Time Family Dance

When: Friday 21 October

Where: Jeeralang North Hall

Time: 8pm - 11.30pm

Music: Harmony Plus

Cost: Admission \$5.00

Supper: Bring a plate to share

Sandwiches supplied by the Committee

The hall is available for hire, it has an excellent dancing floor, and is heated and is in a rural setting.

For more information ring Zelma Mildenhall on 5166 1264





# Lions Club of Churchill and District



## 2006 CHURCHILL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

The Awards are provided by the Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Persons who have made a noteworthy contribution during the preceding year and / or given outstanding service to the local Community over a number of years shall be eligible.

The person being nominated must be a resident of Churchill or the immediate surrounding district.

### NOMINATION FOR (Please tick appropriate box):

- Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Young Citizen of the Year Award  
Must be 18 years or under on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2006.
- Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc. Citizen of the Year Award.

### DETAILS OF THE PERSON BEING NOMINATED:

Surname: ..... Other Names: .....

Private Address: .....

Occupation: ..... Telephone Private: ..... Business: .....

Date of Birth: ..... Age: ..... Marital Status: ..... Children: .....

### THE PERSON IS BEING NOMINATED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY IN:

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### OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

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### PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERSHIP OF COMMUNITY/SPORTING/PROFESSIONAL BODIES, ETC:

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### ANY OTHER RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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### OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY BE CONTACTED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEE:

Name: .....	Name: .....
Position: .....	Position: .....
Address: .....	Address: .....
..... Post Code: .....	..... Post Code: .....
Telephone: .....	Telephone: .....

### TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION:

Mr/Mrs/Miss: .....

Address ..... Post Code: .....

Organisation represented (if any): .....

Telephone: .....

Signature: .....

Completed forms to be returned by Friday 18th November 2005

# Churchill Hockey Club 2005 Season

CHURCHILL Hockey Club recently held its senior presentation night at the Churchill Noodle Bar. Awards were presented to players from the Women's A and B grades by President Linda Cheater and Team Manager Pauline Linke. The awards presented were:

**A Grade**  
Best and Fairest: Kim Reid. Best and Fairest Runner Up: Gail Harding. Most Determined: Rebecca Hutchinson. Coaches Award: Gail Harding. Top Goal Scorer: Kim Reid.



Club Person - Linda Cheater

**B Grade**  
Best and Fairest: Josiah Bertoli and Michelle Ypelaan. Best and Fairest Runners Up: Mary Bertoli and Pam Tregenza. Most Determined: Pam Tregenza. Most Improved: Isobel Stewart. Top Goal Scorer: Pam Tregenza.

A Grade player Kim Reid had a wonderful season winning the Latrobe Valley Women's Hockey Association League Best and Fairest and also taking out the club's Barrett and Top Gun Awards. Our President, Linda Cheater, won the Best Club Person Award. Linda does a lot for the club and all her work is much appreciated. Both teams are also grateful to Pauline Linke for taking on the role of Team Manager. A thank you also goes to Carol Kemp, Michael Cheater, Kim Reid and Linda Reid who volunteered their time to umpire senior matches.

A Grade had a good season making it to the Preliminary Final. Unfortunately they lost 2 - 1 to Maffra in time-on. B Grade did not make the finals this season, however the team showed many good signs and are looking forward to a successful season next year with many young players showing promise and enthusiasm.

The Junior Presentation was held in Traralgon with the children and their families enjoying a barbecue lunch. Churchill Hockey Club has two junior teams and two intermediate teams. Our intermediate team, Churchill Cougars won the Grand Final, defeating Moe Devils 3-0. Well done to all the players in this team. Awards presented were:

**Churchill Blues** - Coach: Rebecca Hutchinson  
Best and Fairest: Dean White. Best and Fairest Runner Up: Josiah Bertoli. Most Determined: Dean White. Most Improved: Chantelle Semple. Top Goal Scorer: Dean White.

**Churchill Blacks** - Coach: Rebecca Cheater  
Best and Fairest: Alice Stewart. Best and Fairest Runner Up: Tamara Kemp. Most Determined: Corey Foster. Most Improved: Tyler Holdsworth. Top Goal Scorer: Tamara Kemp.

Churchill Cougars - Coach: Rebecca

**Cheater**  
Best and Fairest: Mary Bertoli. Best and Fairest Runner Up: Michael Cheater. Most Determined: Isabel Stewart. Most Improved: William Hollands. Top Goal Scorer: William Hollands.

Churchill Bobcats - Coach: Linda Cheater

**Best and Fairest: Rachel Cheater.**  
Best and Fairest Runners Up: Josiah Bertoli and David Cheater. Most Determined: Chris Bertoli. Most Improved: Nicole Ypelaan. Top Goal Scorer: Chris Bertoli.

Well done to all the players. Thank you to Carl Kemp, Michael Cheater, Mary Bertoli and Glenn Stewart for umpiring and also to Linda Cheater, Heather White, Margaret Gatehouse and Barbara Bertoli for washing the shirts every week.

The club is losing two young players as their studies are taking them away from the area. We wish Caitlin Jordan and Krystal Payne all the best and they will be missed from the A Grade Team.

The club would also like to congratulate Ashlee Wells and Alice Stewart on their recent success in Melbourne. Ashlee has been selected to represent Australia in the Australian Under 16 School Girls Team, which will play in South Africa in June 2006. Ashlee played in the Victorian Under 16 Girls Team in Canberra and from there was selected for the Australian Team.

Alice Stewart traveled to Canberra in late September playing for the Country Cobras Under 13 Girls Touring Side. Alice



Best and Fairest B Grade - Michelle Ypleen

was selected for this team after playing in the Country Cobra's Under 13 side in the Melbourne Victorian Junior Championships. The Club Hokey Association presented the girls with cheques to help with their travels. We wish the girls all the best.

The 2006 season begins in April next year, with training starting in March at the hockey field in front of Gaskin Park Stadium. Anyone wishing to play hockey can contact Linder Cheater on 0400 690 972.



A Grade - Gail Harding



# Tigers Take The Hat-Trick

THE recent Churchill Junior Basketball Association winter season grand finals saw the under 10 girls Tigers team achieve a rare feat by winning their third successive division premiership. Playing against a keen and even opposition in the Tauros, the Tigers girls played as a cohesive team, displaying great skills and some individual magic.

Tigers team captain, Kate Mayer, linked with runners, Kaitlin Lugton and Vice Captain Kaylah Pike, to keep a steady flow of scoring opportunities for game top scorer, Caitlin Gaudeon, and gun lay-up opportunist, Gabby Maynard, who made the opposition pay for not guarding her more closely. Tamsyn Feneck, along with twins Stacey and Shannon Van Sambeek, provided drive from the bench, all making valuable contributions on the scoreboard. The Tauros played a great game and the final score did not tell the true tale of the close encounter with the Tigers running out eventual winners 018 - 2. Best-on-court was K. Mayer.

In the under 12 boys division, competitive yet friendly rivals, the Jets faced off against the Jesters who had not lost a game all season. The Jets played with nothing to loose, taking early risks that played off, especially through captain Tyson Webb who made consecutive drives to the ring knocking up 8 points in 3 minutes. The undermanned Jesters, who have played with only 5 players all season, countered by settling into their team game and, with swift passing and polished scoring, equalled the Jets by the half-time break.

The second half was a different affair. Any fear the Jesters had of running out of legs, with no bench, being put to rest, as the team scored freely. Nick Mayer's stand-out 22 points and speedy dynamo Natan Lugton's

16, backed by Nick Gaudion's solid 12, Ryan O'Donnell's steady ball moving and Luke Lintons' reliable defence efforts, saw the Jesters creating a healthy lead. The Jets never stopped trying and displayed some excellent passages of play, but in the end were overwhelmed by the rampaging Jesters, who recorded their biggest season score, securing back to back grand final trophies for their efforts. The final score was Jesters 54 - Jets 24. Best-on-court was N. Lugton.

Mayanne Lugton, who manages both the Tigers and Jesters, along with their teams Coach, Phill Mayer, thanked the players and their parents, Churchill Junior Basketball President Bruce Maggs, Referees Co-ordinator Simon Eaton, draw co-ordinator Kevin Osbourne and the rest of the committee and referees for their dedication and energy to junior sport. Association Secretary, Jenny Webb, was also presented with a gift by Michelle Jordan on behalf of all junior teams, acknowledging her special efforts in supporting and promoting basketball.

The Jesters, Tigers and the under 12 girls Jets will have their season break-up and presentations at Morwell Tenpins, before undergoing an identity change due to some generous sponsorship. All three club teams will be known as the Rockets from next season with new uniforms on the way.

For any information about Churchill Junior Basketball Association contact the associations generous and helpful secretary, Jenny Webb, on 5122 2884. For enquires about under 10 girls or under 14 boys Rockets contact Maryanne Lugton (Team Manager) on 5122 1747, or for the under 12 girls Rockets, Michelle Jordan (Team Manager) on 5122 3069.

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**The Tigers (left) and The Jesters (above)**



## Golf Results

Saturday Men's Comp: Monthly Medal. 27/08/05. CCR: 71.  
 Scratch M Brereton 81. A-Grade: (0-15) M Brereton (11) 70. B-Grade: (16-22) C Flanigan (20) 68. C-Grade: (23-32) and Medal I Wilden (30) 61. DTL: J Wells 69, J Armstrong 71, L Stein 71, S Hutchinson 71, A Justice 72, T Spark 73, P Shields 73. NTP: 3rd J White, 5th G Miller, 12th G Fraser, 14th C Flanigan. Birdies: G Fraser 12th, M Brereton 14th. Putts: 24 Max Brereton.  
 Sunday Ladies Comp: 27/08/05. CCR: 70.  
 Winner J Busch (28) 34. DTL: S Jeffery 33. NTP: 5th J Busch.  
 Tuesday Ladies Comp: L'Oreal Day Stroke: 30/08/05. CCR: 70.  
 A-Grade: J Blizzard (26) 71. B-Grade: M McDonald (35) 73. DTL: J

Leslie 74, S Jeffery 76, M McConville 77, H Croft 79. NTP: 3rd 5/12th 33-45 C Ellis. 5/14th 0-32 E D'Alterio, 33-45 M McDonald.  
 Saturday Men's Comp: Stroke. 03/09/05. CCR: 69.  
 A-Grade: (0-15) R Scurlock (8) 69. B-Grade: (16-23) T Spark (16) 68. C-Grade: (24 - 32) A Vanderham (32) 69. DTL: G Wells 68, L Stein 70, F Debono 71, C Johnson 72, G Hervery 72, V Monument 73. NTP: 3rd V Monument, 5th R Scurlock, 14th L Stein. Birdies: L Stein 14th.  
 Sunday Men's Comp: Stableford: 04/09/05. CCR: 68.  
 Winner: B Barnes (28) 33 pts. DTL: G Sanders (11) 33. NTP: P Slater.  
 Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford: 04/09/05. CCR: 70.  
 M McConville (22) 35 pts. DTL: J Blizzard 28 pts. NTP: E D'Alterio.  
 Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stroke Medal. 06/09/05. CCR: 70.  
 Scratch: M McConville 98. A-

Grade (0-32) M McConville (22) 76. B-Grade: (33-45) B Beebe (36) 73 and Medal. DTL: C Ellis 77, D Thomas 78, C Barnes 78. NTP: 3rd Di Scurlock, 5th M McConville, 14th E D'Alterio. Putts: Jo Leslie 29. Longest Drive: 0-32 J Blizzard, 33-45 M McDonald.  
 Saturday Men's Comp: Par. 10/09/05.  
 A-Grade: (0-19) D Shields +3 (15)/ B-Grade: (20-24) A Casey +5 (22). C-Grade: (25-32) I Wilden +5 (26). DTL: D Williams +4, A Justice +4, M Brereton +2, S Hutchinson +2. NTP: 12th S Sanders, 14th K Hills.  
 Tuesday Ladies Comp: Invitation 4BBBB. 13/09/05. CCR: 70.  
 Winners: M McDonald (35), M Passey (42) 40. R/Up: T O'Brien (45), I Pappas (19) 39. DTL: J Elders/M McConville 37, B Beebe/A McGregor 37, E D'Alterio/E May 36, NTP: 5th B Beebe, 12th V Verheyen, 14th M McConville. Birdies: J Bolton 12th, Longest Drive: 0-32 J Catherwood,

33-45 J Blondford. Encouragement: L Ollquist/S Karteusa.  
 Saturday Men's Comp: 4 Person Ambrose. 17/09/05.  
 A Justice (27), G Wells (18), F Sedjak (21), V Monument (25) 60 1/4. DTL: K Ellis, R Sheahey, J White, R Scurlock, S Hutchinson, F Debono, N Hutchinson, W Peter 60 7/8. NTP: 5th P Williams, 12th B Murphy, 14th A Justice.  
 Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford: 18/09/05. CCR: 70.  
 M McConville (23) 35 pts. DTL: V Verheyen (28) 34 pts. NTP: 5th M McConville, 14th H Croft.  
 Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stableford AGG Champs. 20/09/05.  
 J Blizzard (26), M McConville (23) 57 pts. DTL: C Ellis, C Gardam 53 pts, K Raber, V Verheyen 53 pts. NTP: 12th J Blizzard, 5th V Veheyen, 14th Di Scurlock. Birdies: J Blizzard 12th, Longest Drive: 0-32 Di Scurlock, 33-45 Barb Beebe.  
 Saturday Men's Comp: Stroke

Medal. 24/09/05. Scratch: W Peter 86. A-Grade: (0-18) W Peter (15) 71. B-Grade: (19-24) F Sedjak (21) 72. C-Grade: (25-32) and Medal S Hutchinson (27) 69. DTL: G Harvey 72, P Shields 72, S McCafferty 73, M Fletcher 73, R Sheahey 73, G Down 74, G Miller 74. Birdies: G Harvey. Encouragement: P Junker. Putts: W Peter 25.  
 Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford. 25/09/05. CCR: 70.  
 Best Score: H Croft (40) 28 pts.  
 Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stableford AGG Championships. 27/09/05. CCR: 70.  
 Day Winners: C Barnes (37), B Beebe (36) 55. DTL: S Jeffery/H Croft 51, C Ellis/C Gardam 51, J Blizzard/M McConville 51. NTP: 3rd Di Scurlock, 5th Di Scurlock, 14th Jo Leslie. Birdies: B Beebe 3rd. Longest Drive: (0-32) J Blizzard, (33-45) J Beck. Champions: J Blizzard (26), M McConville (23) 107. R/Up: C Ellis (34) C Gardam (29) 104.



# SNAKE TALES

By SCOTT GUERIN

Well, by the time you read this, the season will have started and hopefully the mighty cobras are 2-0 as we head into the 2 day games. The pre-season has been a success, with great numbers at training and a real buzz around club. After both C and B grade won the premierships last year, you can just see that our A grade side is keen to get back into finals action after a couple of years in the wilderness.

With Elder statesmen Craig 'Bluey' Flanigan and Rino Metlikovec going around again, The A Grade side will have a nice blend of youth and experience with young upstarts like John Keighran, Ryan Wilkes and Dan McKenna looking to get their go in the clubs premier side. Brett Duncan has decided to stay at the club and will again take on the vice captaincy, quite a challenge for a man of Brett's intelligence, but nice to see we give him a go.

The major recruits so far this season have been Ryan Wilkes, Stan Urbanic Jnr and Trevor Wright from Jeeralang /Boolarra, Dan McKenna from Rovers and Mick Mooney from Latrobe. I'm sure there are others, but well, I'm writing this from work and getting it done in between phone calls and actual work so tough to remember everything sometimes.

It's been great to get these guys at the club, as all are young and certainly have the potential to really drive the club to where we want to be. With these guys, and hopefully the continued progression of players like Leigh 'J Lo Bum' Walker and Phil Dyson, the club certainly has a future to be excited about.

Unfortunately we seemed to have lost Chris McQuillen, who is

leaving us to go to North Queensland for work, as he was arguably the best spinner in the TDCA at the moment. Chris, who has come off his best season in the TDCA, winning a spot in the TDCA team of the year, winning the Churchill Bowling award and even getting a Guernsey in the TDCA team for Country week, which is a great honour.

This should give Haydn Whitty a chance at playing A grade with Churchill, which I'm sure would sit well with young Haydn, and would also free up the B grade side from his regime which I'm sure will make some people in the B Grade side happy!

Paul McGann has been named as C Grade captain for the coming year, filling the big shoes of Jim Armstrong who lead a quality side through to the flag last year. With current numbers, Churchill C Grade again looks like a contender for the flag, despite losing many of the players from the Grand Final side. C Grade starts on the 15th of October.

Just a reminder for all Juniors keen on playing cricket this year. We are always looking to encourage young players to the club, so if you are interested please contact David Shields on 0400 457 459 or Graeme Harvey on 0412 866 811. From what I understand, as at the time of writing, Juniors start on the 15th October. If you have any questions, please contact either Graeme or David to discuss.

I stated last issue, we have been lucky enough to get an interview with the man about town, David Shields, a man whose appearance belies the cricketer within.

SG: David, You've been a wicket keeper for the last few years, but

you want to concentrate on bowling this year?

David: Well, there are times in your career when you just need a change. I realised it was time when I kept getting picked on. Some guys can be really mean.

SG: So what you are saying is that you only gave it up because people picked on you??

David: Yes, I mean no, I don't know. I kept getting sore legs too. Now you're picking on me!!

SG: Ok then, Now, as a bowler you've had success, taking 10 for 40 off 19 overs, how do you go from that to being a keeper??

David: Hmm, a good question, no idea. After Juniors I never got a bowl, so I thought I'd give keeping a go as C Grade needed a keeper at the time. It then just progressed through to B grade, then A grade.

SG: Do you think you are good enough for A grade if you aren't keeping??

David: I hope so, I don't want to play under Whit and his regime. Worst case I go back to C Grade and play real cricket. Anyone can play on turf!!!!

SG: Now, you are the Junior Vice President of the Club, and the Under 16s coach, local teacher, and local socialite, How do you do it???

David: Well behind every great man, is a great woman, so I would have to credit Leigh Walker with a lot of it!!!! (laughing)

SG: Anything else to add??

David: No, now where did I put my beret??

SG: No Idea. Thanks for your time.

That is all from, till next edition, au re voir

## A Milestone for L'Oreal Women's Golf

CHURCHILL and Monash Golf Club participated in a milestone achievement for L'Oreal Paris on Tuesday 30 August, celebrating five successful years of sponsorship of women's golf in Australia.

Eighteen ladies competed in the fifth annual L'Oreal Paris Ladies Cup vying for L'Oreal Paris skincare prize packs.

The L'Oreal Paris Ladies Cup is extremely popular across Australia, with more than 150,000 women golfers taking part since the tournament's inception

five years ago.

Maisey Mooney, CEO of Women's Golf Australia has commended L'Oreal's ongoing support of Australian women's golf at the grass roots level.

"Five years of continued support for women's golf is a wonderful achievement for L'Oreal. I commend them for recognizing the importance of supporting golf at the club-based level," said Maisey.

Jan Blizzard won the day with a score of 71. Coming a close second was

Merrilyn McDonald with a score of 73. Other lucky winners of a L'Oreal Paris Skincare prize pack were Jo Leslie, Susan Jeffrey, Maureen McConville and Heather Croft. The prizes were presented by Barb Beebe, President of the Churchill and Monash Golf Club on behalf of L'Oreal.

Many women are set to enjoy their day of golfing fun, as the competition continues across Australia until the end of the year.

## Keep fit - play tennis churchill Tennis Club

By ELAINE ANDRI-JCZAK,

THE Club held a successful Open Day to the season on Sunday, 18th September on a lovely sunny day. Two senior teams have been entered in the Yinnar and District Tennis Association and up to eight junior teams

in the Latrobe Valley Tennis Association and the Yinnar and District Tennis Association.

Senior competition will commence on Saturday, 1st October with junior competition commencing on Saturday, 8th October.

Social Tennis takes place on Monday afternoons at 1pm - sets are arranged to suit your standard. Beginners are welcome and racquets are available. Haven't played tennis lately? Come and join in and exercise in a social atmosphere.

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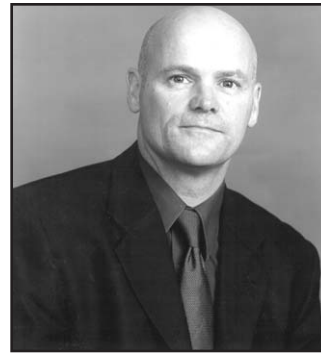
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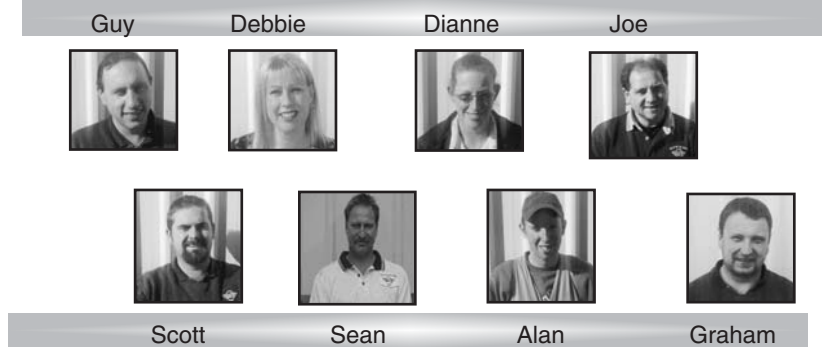




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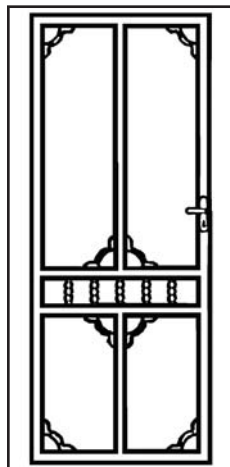


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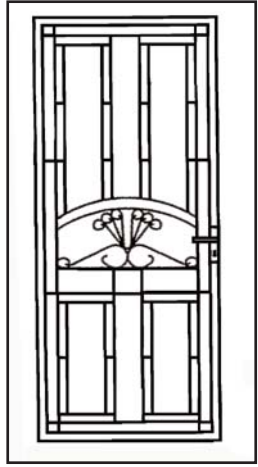
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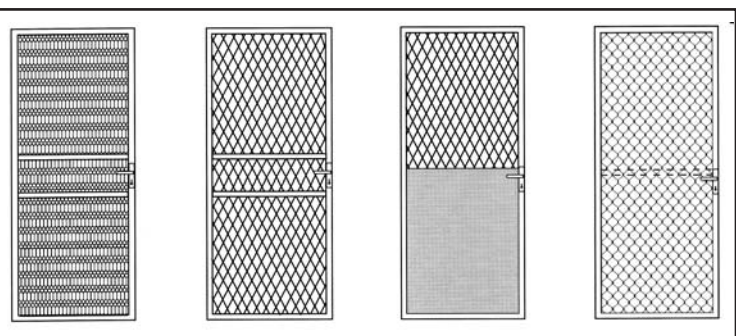
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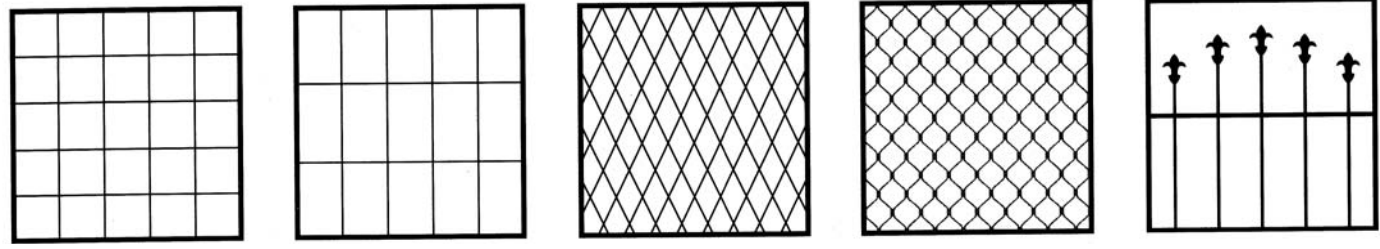
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