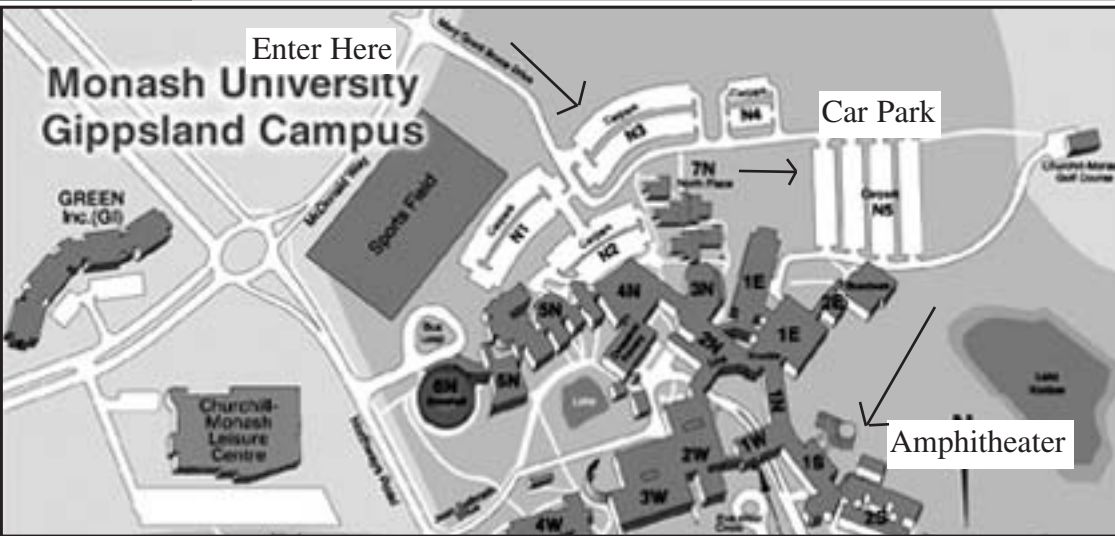


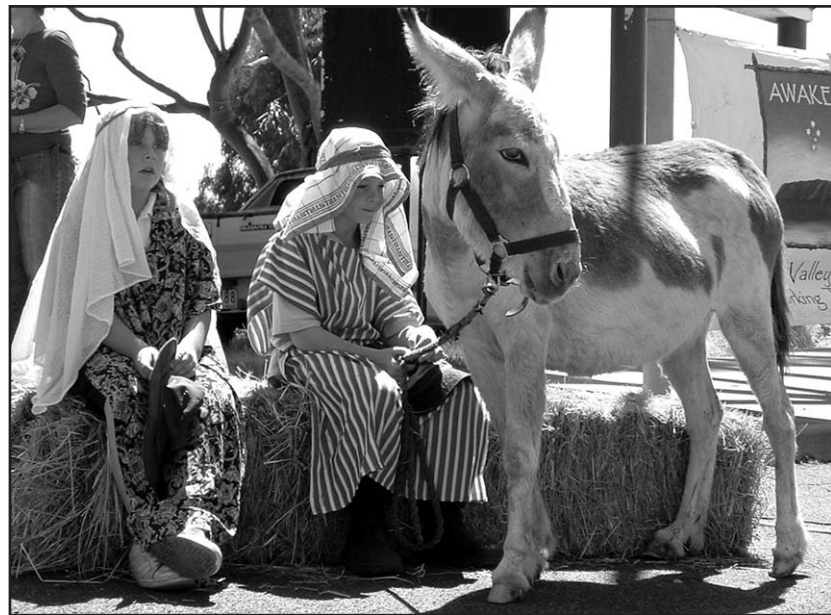
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Advent Pageant

STUDENTS from Primary Schools in Churchill took part in a colourful Christmas celebration at the Churchill Shopping Centre.

The Churchill Advent Pageant on Friday 25 November saw students from Churchill North and Lumen Christi Primary Schools join together in a Christmas celebration to provide a colourful and exciting way of bringing students into the heart of the community to celebrate Christmas in a meaningful and visible way.

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Classes begin at Gippsland Education Precinct

THE Gippsland Education Precinct this week began classes for senior secondary Kurnai students.

These students, currently in year 10 and 11 are the first full time students to study at the Gippsland Educational Precinct.

The students have undertaken a program of classes they will take on next year and have had the opportunity to try out the new educational facilities.

The Education Precinct is the newest school in the Latrobe Valley with access to many of the facilities and services of Monash University and GippsTAFE.

The Precinct brings together the major regional providers of education and training in the region on a facility that is closely integrated with the Gippsland campus of Monash University at Churchill.

The partners in the development are Monash University, GippsTAFE, Kurnai College, Gippsland Group Training and the Latrobe City. The \$14m Precinct provides a unique learning environment that the Victorian Government regards as a key educational development in the post - compulsory sector.

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EDITORIAL

Christmas is almost here and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

I would also like to thank all those who have supported us once again this year - our advertisers, our contributors, the Co-Operating Church, Monash University, International Power Hazelwood and Latrobe City Council, without whom we would not survive!

The paper is put together each month by unpaid volunteers who work hard and give much of their precious time. A big thank you to: Ruth Place for her dedication and patience and Peter Prokopiv for his sheer determination.

Huge thanks to: Tracey, Andy, Melinda, Wendy, Karen, Tara, Charlie, Olivia and Peter Ceeny who have also

contributed so much this year. A special thank you must go to Matthew Prokopiv who has saved many an edition and article from being lost forever in cyberspace and also for his photography!

I would also like to thank John Parker, Luke van der Meulen and Jenny Henke - for their support (in many more ways than they realise!!).

The Churchill & District News would like to congratulate Darrell White on his re-election - we look forward to your continued support.

There will be no paper in January - we are all taking a well earned break!

We look forward to starting again in February, not forgetting the Churchill Festival in April!

Ed

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Gippsland Education Precinct

ROBERT Juratowitch, Gippsland Education Precinct Principal, commented about how exciting it is for both staff and students to be using the new educational facilities. Classes will benefit from state of the art facilities and links to the site partners - Monash University, Central Gippsland TAFE and GGT.

A special motivational program was also run for the Year 11 students where they completed a number of sessions run

by Monash staff. The sessions highlighted the skills needed to succeed in the VCE and decision making techniques.

Motivational session organizer Jeff Monahan spoke of the many positive comments made by the attending students.

Any queries about enrolments or the facilities at the Gippsland Educational Precinct can be directed to Robert Juratowitch on 5122 7800.



One of the classes using a computer lab

Advent Pageant



THE pageant was organised by Fusion Australia along with the Primary Schools, local Churches, Hazelwood Rotary Club, Lions Club and the Churchill District Community Association.

The Pageant began with students from the schools meeting together for morning tea before Reverend Neil Thompson's welcoming address and an official opening by Deputy Mayor Darrell White. The concert was opened in song, as the Primary Schools took their turn in singing Christmas carols before marching through the Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre on the quest to find an Inn for the birth of Mary's baby Jesus. A great day was had by all, with the local shopkeepers, Primary

Schools and various community groups banding together to re-enact the Christmas Story in a way which put local children in the centre-focus of the community and provided a fun and enjoyable time for all involved.

"The day couldn't have been better", said Dani Stone of Morwell. "All the kids loved the march; the donkey, sheep and free sausage sizzle. Everyone seemed really into it".

The organisers of the event would like to thank everybody involved for their support in making the day a great success. For information on how to be involved in future Advent Pageants or other local community events, please contact Fusion on 51346651.



Pondage Pursuit - Back Next Year!

By PETER CEENEY

THE Churchill and District News proudly presented the Pondage Pursuit on Sunday November 20. The weather was glorious; the Pondage full of yachts and colour, and in and around the Aquatic Centre was alive with activities and entertainment.

Unfortunately, we could not call the day a success mainly due to a low participation rate, but those who did come along, thoroughly enjoyed the day and what it had on offer.

The idea of the day was for families and teams to participate in a walk along the pondage matching the Trivia clues throughout the course with the questions on their booklet.

They then got to supplement their scores by playing a range of simple games provided by Churchill and District sporting and other associations. The course included seating, food and drink provision and some lovely scenery.

The games were designed for all ages as was the trivia. Those who participated enjoyed the whole process as a fun event.

The course finished in front of the Aquatic Centre near the Caravan Park at which was located market stalls, food stalls, musical entertainment and the Awakenings group providing free Children's activities.

If this didn't offer enough, the Latrobe Yacht Club then provided yacht rides around the pondage at no charge.

What was an amazing positive on the day was the attitude and pres-

ence of the associations who ran the games, the Lions and Rotary club members who manned the food stalls, our market stall volunteers and clubs and all our other helpers and volunteers. Some of these people were there all day, and not one of them offered a negative thought.

Their efforts were not fully rewarded, but they did not complain of wasted time. The majority of them stated their intention of being back again next year.

These people are a credit to our community and make me especially proud to have made this place my home.

As with any event of this size, the effort and organisation was enormous, especially on a limited budget. The small attendance did not give that effort justice, but the feedback and encouragement to go again did.

Therefore, keep an eye out for next year. The ground work has been laid, and the support group may grow.

Please come along and support it, as the event has the potential to be regular and provide a highlight on our local calendar.

We would like to thank all our sponsors and volunteers listed below, without which this fabulous event could not have taken place:

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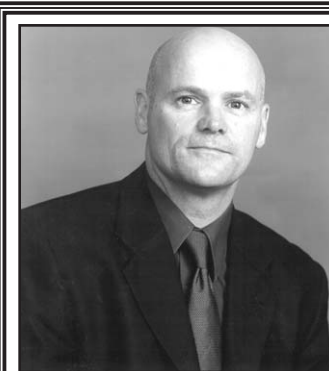
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Please bring a plate. Sandwiches supplied by the Committee. For more details ring Zelma Mildenhall on 5133 1264

Lumen Christi

THE past month has been a busy time in our parish with a number of liturgical and social events happening.

On 31st October 2005 Lumen Christi parishioners enjoyed a Cup Eve social function in the new School Eco Centre. All the excitement and "glamour" of the Spring Racing

Carnival was evident as people dressed in their finest "Op Shop" racing fashions. Racing events added to the excitement of the night as recognizable horses were identified with local parishioners and plenty of barracking followed.

The highlight of the night was the running of the Lumen Christi

China Cup won by "Bacon Steal" for its popular connections Ken and Jan Harding. Organisers are hoping to make this event an annual occurrence and hope that attendance will be even bigger next year.

A group of parishioners attended the 40th Anniversary celebration luncheon of the Co-operating Churches and thoroughly enjoyed reminiscing the many shared events and times we have enjoyed over the last four decades. Our local Football and Netball Club Rooms were a very suitable venue and thanks must go to all those who provided the lovely luncheon.

The weekend of 19th and 20th November saw the celebration of

First Holy Communion in our parish. This occasion is always one of great joy to the families involved and the parish as a whole.

The Men's weekend at Tamboritha was again well attended and a very enjoyable experience for the men who made the trip to the high country.

Participation in this year's Advent Pageant was a very rewarding experience with students from Lumen Christi School and other local schools involved. The re-enactment of the events of Christmas drew the community's attention to the real significance of the Christmas season.

Saturday Breakfast

By KEITH ENDERS

THE last Saturday Breakfast for 2005 was held on the 26 November with 16 people attending including a number for the first time. The venue was the Boolarra Plants nursery in Tarwin Street, Boolarra with Rob and Marietta Herni, the hosts.

Rob spoke about his interest in ferns and how he and Marietta decided to start the nursery which is basically a wholesale operation and open at weekends to the general

public. Rob had been employed full time but took a retirement package and it was then about five years ago that they decided to set up the nursery, building on their interest in ferns, a plant which is not so restrictive for selling compared to flowering plants which can often only be sold to nurseries and businesses when in flower. They grow ferns but also buy in from other suppliers including interstate ones.

Rob also explained about and

showed some of the damage which occurred in the August snow falls. It also damaged their main plant housing which had to be rebuilt at considerable cost. There was also an opportunity for those attending to ask questions and get some helpful advice on growing and looking after ferns. Rob and Marietta also supplied breakfast which completed a very enjoyable morning.

The first Breakfast for 2006 will be held in February.



Rob and Marietta Herni at Boolarra Plants

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Churchill

CO-OPERATING CHURCHES IN CHURCHILL

6:30pm Christmas Eve: Crib (family) service

11:00pm Anglican Holy Communion (Rev. Lyn Porritt)

9:30am Christmas Day: Uniting Church Christmas Service (Rev. Dr. Bob Brown)

LUMEN CHRISTI

Christmas Eve: 7.30pm Mass at Yinnar Church

Midnight Mass at Lumen Christi

Christmas Day: 9.30 am at Lumen Christi

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Boolarra/Yinnar/Yinnar South

Christmas Eve: 11.00 pm Anglican Holy Communion at Boolarra (Rev. Dr. Bob Brown)

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Church Times

Co-operating Churches in Churchill

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

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

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

Chaplaincy Contemplations

HERE we go again! Into the busy and consumer focused time of Christmas in our society.

How Christmas has been exploited in our capitalist society to become a consumer frenzy is salutary to reflect upon.

At the University the exams are over, the marking is done and most students have headed for home and family. Staff breathe a sigh of relief when results are posted and think of vacation as well as planning next year.

The last Christian event in the Spiritual Centre for the year was a Carol Service with an opportunity for us to gather together and celebrate this Christmas occasion. The Muslim community will continue to meet in the Spiritual Centre across the holiday period.

At Christmas time we are celebrating the birth of Jesus into this world of ours. The consequences of this birth are momentous for all humanity. Jesus came into the world as an "incarnation" of God. We say "the Son of God". Jesus often called himself "the Son of Man" which is really "Son of Humanity". He came to remind us all that love overcomes hate and that strict adherence to law is not always the way to go in human affairs.

The death penalty being used by Singapore and many other countries currently shows a strict adherence to law without love and compassion.

Wherever we are and in whatever situation we find ourselves we make choices about how we will act; think of Jesus and act with love, compassion and mercy.

That is what he did, ultimately giving up himself in death on the cross for the sake of human beings.

At Christmas see if you can limit the frenzy of consumerism and be with friends and family showing love, compassion and forgiveness. Reach out to those who are alone and feeling unloved and unaccepted. Celebrate the birth of this extraordinary child - Jesus - who is the Christ. Give thanks for the joy and hope this brings for us all.

We lose sight of hope and joy in these troubled times. Let go into God and rejoice that Jesus Christ was born, died, and returned to God sending the Holy Spirit to be with us always in our journey through this life on this earth.

Let us value and care for our planet and all the life upon it as we value and care for one another, understanding that God is here with us through the Holy Spirit and that Jesus walks with us through our lives.

As Isaac Watts wrote in the 18th century, based on Psalm 98 as a wonderful Christmas carol:

Joy to the World! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive its King
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing!
A blessed and happy Christmas to you all.

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

Snippets

40TH ANNIVERSARY

ON the weekend of 5 and 6 November, we celebrated our very special 40th anniversary. The "Meet and Greet" held on the Saturday night was an occasion for much chatter and 'remember when?' conversation. Cathie had put together a CD of photos, which ran continually through the evening. The photos also brought back many happy memories and comments about how people had changed!

On the Sunday, we began our magnificent service with three items from the Yallourn Madrigals. This set the tone for the rest of the service. The singing was marvelous, with the 139 in attendance giving full voice on each hymn.

An explanation of the three church logos was given. Each one included a symbol encouraging its members to take

the Gospel to the world. The Moderator Rev. Sue Gorman gave an effective sermon which basically said you can't fool God. So be ready at all times. We were treated to a second feast of items from the Madrigal Singers. The prayers were beautifully prepared. One was illustrated with a series of pictures appropriate to the words.

It was a great start to a day of getting together. Over morning tea, which seemed to have a never ceasing stream of cups of tea and coffee to pour, people talked and shared, and caught up.

Then it was off to the Football Club rooms for a lovely dinner with speeches and greetings. One very special presentation of a Life membership was made to Jean Brick for 30 years of dedicated work to the Ladies Fellowship. Jean received a plaque to mark the occasion.



The Co-Operating Church welcomed visiting clergy for the 40th Anniversary

Church News Reflection

By Rev. Dr. Bob Brown

CHRISTMAS is almost upon us, children are getting excited with anticipation, Christmas decorations are appearing and carols are playing in the background while we do our Christmas shopping. In Christmas pageants, at carol services and wherever Christians gather for worship on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day the story of Jesus' birth will be retold and presented in a variety of ways.

The details of the story are recorded in the first two chapters of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke and we will break into the story at the point where Emperor Augustus has ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire. So, "Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birth place of King David. He went to register with Mary, to whom he was engaged and was expecting a child. She gave birth to her first born son, wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in the manger - there was no room for them to stay in the Inn" (Luke 2:4-7).

I have often wondered what the Innkeeper made of these events. We are not told anything about him in the story. He is an implied character. However, I imagine him in later life reflecting "That was a long, long time ago. But the memories of people are also long and nobody has forgotten anything about my own sad part in it all. I speak to you as people experienced in the ways of the world: not as idealists but as realists. Do you know what it is like to run an inn - to run a business, a family, to run anything in this world for that matter, even your own life? It is like being lost in a forest of a million trees and each tree is a task to be done. Is there fresh linen on the beds? Did the children put on their coats before they went out? Has the letter been written? Is there enough money left in the bank? Today we have food in our stomachs and clothes on our backs, but what can we do to make sure that we will have them still tomorrow? A million trees, a million tasks.

"Of course, I remember very well the evening they arrived. I was working on my accounts and looked up just in time to see the woman coming through the door. She walked in that slow, heavy footed way those women have in the last months, as though they are walking in a

dream or at the bottom of the sea. Her husband stood a little behind her - a tongue-tied, helpless kind of man, I thought. I cannot remember either of them saying anything, although I suppose some words must have passed. But at least it was mostly silence; the nervous silence of the poor. It was clear enough what they wanted. Then it happened much in the way that you have heard. I did not lie about there being no room left in the inn. We were booked out with people down for the census; although perhaps if there had been a room I might have lied, as much for their sake as for the reputation of my inn. They were poor people who were used to bunking down in stables; and I do not mean that unkindly either. God knows!

"Later that night, when the baby came, I was not there. I was lost in the forest of chores to do. There are fifteen steps down to the cellar. Firewood on the floor to the left; flour, bags of grain, bottles of wine and jars of olive oil go on the shelves to the left. If the fire goes out the heart freezes; if the food supplies run out the guests will never return. I speak to you as people experienced in the ways of the world. So when the baby came I was not around and saw none of it. As for what I heard - just at the moment of birth, I do not remember.

"But this I do know my own true longing. In the midst of the million chores I long for some meaning to it all: to my life. All of us do. I long for my destiny, to live and laugh with a deep sense of joy in my heart: to have peace of mind. That is my great desire. So how am I to say it? When the baby Jesus came, I missed him. And he may have just been life's gift for me! Pray for me friends, pray for the innkeeper in the midst of his daily chores. Pray for your neighbours as they live out their lives, sometimes in very difficult circumstances. From time to time I get the feeling deep down in my bones, it comes to me like an inner voice from the very ground of my being - there is still time. Keep on longing. He is still with us. He is always waiting for us to welcome him afresh into our lives"

May the peace and promises of God be with you and your families this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

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Rotary Club of Hazelwood News

By MIKE ANSWERTH, Rotary Club of Churchill.

November has been a very busy month for the Club with activities every weekend. We began the month with the Mega Auction of furniture which proved to be a little disappointing but the Club still managed to make over \$2,000 from the event. Our Cup Eve Night held jointly with Traralgon Central was a great success and netted the best return ever. It was also a great night socially. Several members assisted with the draw of the Land Raffle at Trafalgar, which raised over \$57,000 for Gippsland Rotary Centenary House. Rotarian Garry Watkinson and his wife Heather accompanied a container of donations in kind from our Club and sev-

eral other clubs in the District. Garry has reported back to the Club of the emotions they experienced in distributing simple items like kitchen utensils and toys to the villagers of Fiji and the incredible joy and gratitude of the recipients. It is hoped that a larger group of Rotarians will be able to make a follow up visit to Fiji next year. This is also a busy time for the sale of Rotary Christmas puddings and cakes with only three weeks to complete sales. December sees the start of the Christmas wrapping at Mid Valley and this will involve most members in the Club.

Other projects for the month included participation in the Hazelwood Pondage Fun Day and in the Churchill Advent Pageant.

Lifeline Christmas Sale!

NOVEMBER 21st was the start of the very popular Christmas Sale held at the Churchill shop.

Customers in past years have eagerly awaited this sale as there are lots of goodies, lots of them brand new, or as new, that will make ideal presents to put under the Christmas tree. As usual these can be bought at a fraction of the normal retail shop price. If you want to take advantage of this bargain bonanza please get in early.

If you haven't visited the shop before, it is located in the walkway at the side of the Churchill Pizza Shop in the bottom

shopping area. The shop is open each week-day from 9.30am until 4pm. Come in and have a browse.

Also remember if you are having a clean up before all your Christmas visitors arrive and you find you no longer have space for some things, just bring them along to the shop or pop them into one of the three bins in Churchill. If they are large items and you cannot take them into our warehouse at the corner of Church and Fleming Streets in Morwell you can call the warehouse on 5133 7512 to arrange for a van to call and pick them up.



Christmas Club



On 17 and 24 November, nearly 100 children from the grade 1/2s and 3/4s attended the church for Christmas Club. The children, with the aid of a time machine, went back to the year 50 and met up with the characters of Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, Wiseman, the Star, Donkey and Camel, to find out more about God's gift of love

to the world- Jesus. This was followed by a range of craft activities, which kept the children happily occupied until time to go back to school. The church supports this program wholeheartedly, in many ways- donating money, time, talents, goods, and backing the program with prayer.

Churchill Primary School

Move-A-Thon

THE move-a-thon was a great success with children and staff, participating in a range of activities, with the goal of raising enough money to complete the high fencing around the front of the school to add further protection. The grand sum of \$3,607.70 was a fantastic effort. The winners of the bikes were Oliver Thain and Rhys Comber.

The following families raised sufficient money to be eligible for a plaque on a section of fencing- Comber, Turpin, Wilkins, Clissold and Curwood Families.

Deadly Australians

The students enjoyed an informative talk by Marcus, on Tuesday. He brought along a selection of snakes, spiders and other deadly Australians to show the children.

40th Anniversary Community Fair

Students from CPS were involved on the 3 December, in the CDCA Community Christmas Fair held in West Place shopping centre. They provided items of singing, instrumental, guitar and dance groups. This was a great day of stalls, entertainment, and other attractions to suit all tastes.

Bingo Night For The Breakfast Program

Once again, the Churchill Football Club ran a special Bingo Night with the proceeds going to the school's Breakfast Program. \$530 was raised with 60 people attending. The school would like to thank the many local businesses which supplied vouchers and donations to make this night a great success.

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The school extends a HUGE 'Thank You' to the CHURCHILL FOOTBALL CLUB for their generosity in hosting this event. We would also like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to CHURCHILL HOT BREAD for their ongoing support of our Breakfast Program

Grade 5/6 Adventure Camp At Phillip Island

The students have been fund raising for this camp for most of the year. There was an air of excitement as they gathered to get on the bus. Part of the program included surfing. The students sleep in cabins. The camp will finish tomorrow, and no doubt there will be many adventures to share with parents and friends on return; that is after a good night's sleep to recover some sleep deficit.

School Christmas Concert

This will be held on Wednesday 14 December from 5:30pm, commencing with a picnic tea. The grades have been hard at it rehearsing and making props. It is always a treat to see. Hope to see YOU there!

Happy Christmas And A Safe New Year
The school wishes the community a Happy Christmas and a safe New Year. See you all back at school in 2006

Human Powered Vehicle (HPV)

THE excited team and it helpers set off on Wednesday 23rd for Maryborough in Central Victoria, to participate in the RACV Energy Breakthrough. The teams had trained very hard, in a dedicated fashion, with Mr. Higgins, right through the last six months. The students in Grade 6 really try hard to be part, and remain a part of these teams. It is a gruelling 14 hour event, which means the team must be very fit to make the grade. It is a great honour to represent your school in this way.

Here is what Mr. Higgins had to say about these great young people.

"As a Principal, I have been on many camps, and have lead six HPV teams to Maryborough, but this team stands out as the most exceptional group. All the teams with which I have been involved have been fantastic, but this group of young ambassadors for our town, were exceptional.

They worked as a team, supported each other while enjoying the whole experience.

During HPV not everything runs smoothly. A number of equipment failures and roll overs challenged their commitment. But at all times students supported their fellow riders, continued to make repairs, and soldiered on.

When things were tough the students supported their friends encouraging them with positive words, or an arm around the shoulder.

Other people at the event commented on just how well behaved and polite the students were.

During their presentations to the judges, the stu-



dents themselves highlighted the team spirit and friendships which had developed over the six months of training. The training had required a commitment to early morning and late afternoon sessions.

The team of parents and staff who also supported the students need to be congratulated for showing such dedication. A special thank you to our cooks- Jenny Webb, Leah Fenech and Angela! Also thanks to our mechanics- Graeme Harvey, Terry Jongerius, and Bob Cooper back at school, for their efforts.

Can you imagine a group of twenty twelve year olds, who looked after themselves, kept their tents and pit area tidy, and supported their friends, at the same time competing in a very strenuous event? Well they did!

This is the third year the school has competed, and the school showed improvement, with the final placings being Team A 38th and Team B 45th, out of 63 teams.

Special thanks go to Yinnar Primary School who supported us in times of mechanical difficulty, during a particularly traumatic Thursday and Friday. We were able to help Yinnar Primary School with our welding equipment, and they returned the favour when the lights broke down at night. We are pleased that Churchill Primary School maintained the Churchill/Yinnar, HPV trophy.

We would like to express our thanks to Valley Ford for their sponsorship.

Plans are already under way to build a hi-tech version for next year!"



Brendan Jenkins presents the cheque



Grade 6 Graduates Winning Recorder Ensemble



A Busy Term at Yinnar South Primary School

By ROBYN WILSON, Principal

The Yinnar South School community celebrated the creativity of its students by presenting the students artwork at its Annual Art Show. The theme for the evening of 27th of October was "The Rhythm of Life is a Powerful Beat". Under the guidance of Jacqui Dodson, the school's art teacher, the students created art pieces that related to a musical perspective.

It was my great pleasure to open the Art Show and introduce our guest artists, Joanie Smith and Geoff Machen, who shared their musical and singing talents as well as speaking about their performance experience. They encouraged audience participation by having everyone sing "Let It Be". Joanie Smith's two children, Gen and Daniel enthralled everyone with their solo performances on an electric organ.

Among the many highlights of the evening were the recorder performances of the senior students who were accompanied by the school's musical teacher, Lindal Lay. They played the items that they performed for this year's Traralgon Eisteddfod, which won them first prize in their section.

The evening concluded with the presentation of thank you gifts, lucky door prizes and a shared supper.

The work of the Art Show was left on display so that the wider community could view it when Mr Jenkins presented the Yinnar South Citizens a cheque for refurbishment of the Yinnar South Hall.

Yinnar South students from years two and three attended Camp Rumbug for three

days with Yinnar Primary School. From the 31st of October to the 2nd of December the students experienced a range of fantastic outdoor activities like canoeing, Titanic rafting, Jail Break, archery and Scare Bear. The students needed to work cooperatively with their team-mates as well as challenge themselves by trying new things. The students devoured lots of food and appreciated the second helpings they could have. The two evenings were spent having Red Faces and a night hike.

On Wednesday 25th of November the whole school travelled to Healesville Sanctuary. The students were able to pat a few animals in the Education Centre, watch the birds of prey retrieve food and see the various habitats of the different animals. The Tasmanian Devil and the dingoes were some of the many favourites of the students.

A special graduation ceremony was held on Thursday evening, 1st December, for our Grade 6 students. Robert, Chantal, Kate, Floyd and Richard were awarded with graduation certificates and a school pen inscribed with their name. We wished our graduating students all the very best wishes and good luck for their secondary education.

Finally our school concert will be held on Thursday 15th December and a final Christmas barbecue held on Wednesday 21st December.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Yinnar South and District Community a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.



The Art Show



Camp Rumbug

Hazelwood North Primary School

The whole school enjoyed performances by the Melbourne Symphony orchestra held in Warragul recently.

Students from Grades Three and Four had a fantastic time at the Phillip Island Camp.

One of our Year 6 students Rachele competed at the Regional Athletic Sports at Newborough in long jump.

Our three Prep Orientation activities were well attended.

Our students and parents had a great time at the RACV Energy Breakthrough. Both of our teams rode over three hundred laps in fourteen hours. We could

not participate if it were not for the great support of our community and local businesses.

The school has received almost \$99000 from the Commonwealth Government. The school will be repainted, a covered in assembly area erected, new playground equipment installed as well as shade sails for the two playground areas. These improvements will be a great boost for the school.

Planning is underway for 2006, at this stage it appears there will be slightly more students than in 2005. Enquires regarding enrolment are always welcome.

Smooth Transition From Kurnai to GEP

The historic, first School Council meeting at the Gippsland Education Precinct (GEP) took place on Tuesday 22 November. The transition from Kurnai to the GEP has been smooth. The students have spent this last week in orientation to the new venue.

The Morwell To Maryvale Campus Move took place on 28 November. At this stage, the future use of the old Morwell Campus buildings is unknown.

On 29 November, the school offered course counselling to students and parents. It was a chance to chat about the subjects chosen by the students, and to receive advice re the suitability of the chosen subjects, for the particular student.

The Art Show was staged in the foyer at Kernot Hall. A magnificent display of many types of art work graced the space. It was well attended, and a great success. The three day exhibition was opened by a former teacher at Kurnai- Mr. Andrew Blair. Andrew is President of the Victorian State Secondary Principals Association. The Maryvale Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning students catered for the event. The college band provided a range of entertaining music.

The students are looking forward to their Awards Night on 14 December. It will be held in the Binishell at 7:00pm. It is open to students who are receiving awards and their parents. However anyone else interested, is welcome to attend.

The 6 December is a state-wide day set aside for Grade Sixes to visit their new secondary college. It provides an opportunity to do some work with their teachers for next year, and allows them to get to better feel for the physical environment of the school. They spend some time with the Peer Support leaders, whose role is to ease the new students into their new school.

The Grade Sixes have met these Peer Support Leaders on several previous occasions. One of these was at the "Creating Conversations" primary school visits.

Maryvale's Graduation Ball is a special occasion, on the 15 December, when the academic results are announced, and awards given out. It is a time for parents, staff and pupils to socialise.



"Creating Conversations"

The Peer Support group at Kurnai have developed an event to take to the Primary Schools and to present to the parents, based on scripts and scenarios of material written some five years ago, and used State-wide in secondary colleges. With encouragement from teacher Kim McDuffie, the students, using their own initiative, have adapted the material to be suitable for this location and the local needs. They have worked hard to produce a polished performance.

The performance has consisted of a series of scenarios, about drug and alcohol issues. It has had a good impact on the primary students, as it is young people talking to them about these issues, not adults. The scenarios are based on a harm minimization approach. They deal with parents' need to alert their children to possible drug pushers, and the harm that drugs can cause. There were interactive question / answer sessions, which encouraged decision making.

Other activities put arguments for and against, and asked the participants to decide. Another activity put probing issues to the primary students, asking for them to decide if they 'agreed', 'disagreed', or were 'undecided'. Once the students made their choice, and went to that particular facilitator, who asked them to explain why they had chosen their response. This was then reported back to the group as a whole, giving everyone the opportunity to hear people's reasons.

The final part of the performance was a hypothetical play situation. Primary students were given questions to ask the folks participating in the hypothetical. Each one had to reply, giving their point of view, according to the role which they were playing.

The groups are to be commended for their efforts in presenting a well run, well organised and thought provoking event. The group consisted of Brodie Bruce, Lesley Burkett, Shaun Ernst, Casey Felmingham, Kelly Gradam, Tara Hamilton, Adele Hiscock, Samantha Holcombe, Adelle Hudson, Emily Hutchinson, Andrew McKernan, Nicole Osborne, Sarah Owen, Natalie Schutte, Ellie Smee, Jade Treloar, Sam Visser, Matthew Whitelaw, and Daniel Yacoub.

Churchill North Primary School

Assembly

At Assembly on Monday December 5, Brendan Jenkins (MP) presented our school with a Commonwealth Games flag. He also spoke about the Games and what it meant for Melbourne and our local community. Our two School Captains Cindy Chin and Luke Hamilton thanked Mr. Jenkins for his presentation.

On the same day, our students went outside to see a variety of motor bikes brought along by members from three different clubs. A motor bike Santa showered our students with a bag of lollies. The purpose of the visit was to thank our students for donating hampers of food to be distributed by the motor bike clubs to needy families at Christmas time.

Deadly Australians

On Tuesday December 6 we had our final Visiting Performance entitled 'Deadly Australians'. Students were informed about deadly land and sea creatures in Australia. Live snakes and turtles were also shown to the students.

Churchill North Art Show

The wonderful art that has been created by our students was entered in the Traralgon Show by Mrs. Algie.

The high standard Mrs. Algie has achieved with our students is to be commended. We felt our school community should be given the opportunity to see this excellent work. It will be displayed in the multi-purpose room next week.

The Smith family have very generously supported our Art Show and have awarded the following prizes.

Prep 1/H	Jaryd Downes-Smith.
Prep 1/O	Bryan Duffell.
Gr 2/3D	Montana McStay

Gr 3/4S

Gr 4/5B

Gr 5/6P

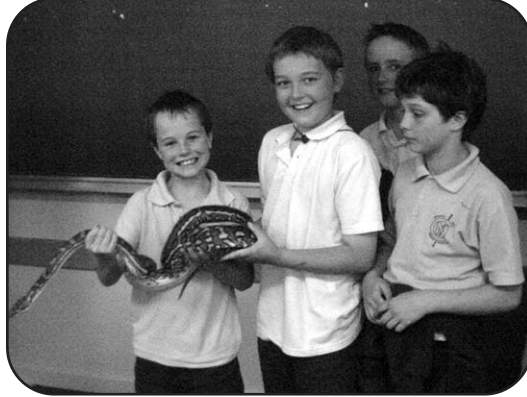
Madeleine Anderson

Danielle Flanigan

Luke Hamilton



Kailah Gardam taking an interesting walk (above)



The Python with Mrs Prior (left) and with Nick & Miles

Below: Commonwealth Games Flag



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Jean Brick Awarded Life Membership of Ladies Fellowship

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Her involvement has included being on the cleaning roster, sewing parcels for overseas missions, Junior Vice-President in 1981, making of the communion cloths, representative for Ladies Fellowship at Anglican Women of Australia, and Uniting Church rallies, setting up Emergency Food Program in 1987, instigating morning coffee with guest speakers for new residents of Churchill, co-ordinating the Fossick and Find Op Shop clothes bin, and working in that Op Shop in Morwell, Mission Outreach, contact for Ladies Fellowship catering- a huge and unending task over the years.

Jean has also contributed in so many other ways to the life of our church. Jean has served as both Elder and Parish Councillor. Jean has a special way of showing her love and care to members of the church, who value her very much.

Well done Jean. We think you are tops!

End of 40th Anniversary Year



By Margaret Guthrie, President
THE unveiling of the Churchill 40th Anniversary Project took place on 12 November at Monash University. The set of six portable display panels depicting the history of Churchill, commissioned by CDCA and Latrobe City from the Monash Centre for Gippsland Studies, delighted the audience with the selection of photos and their design. An accompanying souvenir booklet was also produced.

The second 'part' of the Project - a series of six complimentary panels on the same theme, produced by students from Churchill Primary School, were also handed over to the community of Churchill. This second set of panels is quite spectacular - bright and colourful depictions of significant milestones in our community's history.

A highlight of the evening was the speech by Haddon Stratford, one of the Primary School students involved in the Project. Many thanks to students and staff at Churchill Primary School for their enthusiastic support for this Project, along with the school's many other community initiatives.

The Project panels have recently been displayed at Churchill Primary School, and are now on display in the Gallery at 13 West Place, where copies of the souvenir booklet are

also available.
Discussions are taking place with the Co-operating Churches of Churchill, where we hope the panels will be housed over the Christmas period, as part of the Project's 'tour' around the district.

Next year the panels will be available for display at community facilities in the area. Some of the proposed locations are Churchill library (at Kurnai College), Monash University, Churchill Football & Netball Club, the new Gippsland Education Precinct, Hazelwood House and Latrobe City Headquarters.

Groups, clubs and organisations are invited to contact CDCA to 'book' the display panels for specific occasions or locations during the next twelve months. It is hoped that the Project will be permanently displayed in the proposed Churchill Community Hub when it is built.

Churchill's 40th Anniversary year has been quite an occasion. Beginning with the Lions' Club inaugural Churchill 'Citizen of the Year', 2005 saw the completion Stage 1 of the Gippsland Education Precinct, progress on the construction of a new soccer stadium, the announcement of the proposed Churchill Intergenerational Community Hub, the release of land for new residential development, the Co-operating Churches' 40th anniversary celebra-

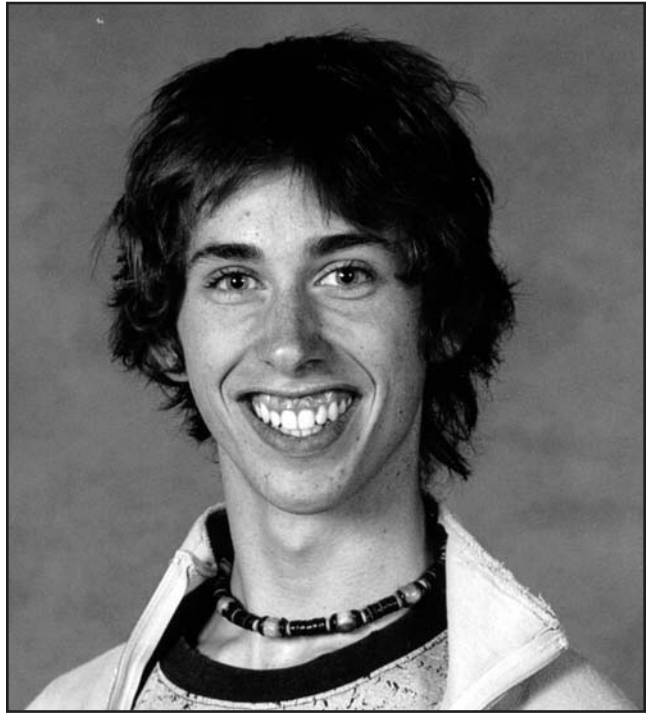
tions and a great variety of social and community events.

CDCA would like to thank all those who give their time and energy to provide so much for our community. We would particularly like to congratulate the partners involved in the 40th Anniversary Project and to all the groups that provided displays for this Event. Thank you also to those that participated in the final anniversary event - the Community Christmas Market held in the West Place courtyard last Saturday.

Finally, CDCA would like to bid a sad farewell and say a sincere thankyou to David Abbott, from Monash Gippsland Campus Community Services. David has been our Monash liaison officer for some years, but has now retired to another part of Gippsland. We will miss his valuable support, assistance and advice.

CDCA can be contacted at PO Box 191, Churchill 3842, or by phoning the Secretary on 5122 3602. Our next meeting is on February 7th, at 7.30pm in the Link Room at Monash University.

We wish all residents and their families and friends a safe and happy new year. In 2006 we hope to see works begin on a number of new projects in Churchill, including the Civic Gardens and the Churchill Hub.



Brendan Is Dancing Over The Waves

By RUTH PLACE

BRENDAN Yeates continues to make us proud he is a local. He has now completed Years 11 and 12 at the Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School (VCASS). During that time he was able to perform at many different locations, including the Arts Centre, Palais Theatre, Crown Casino and Warrnambool.

In October, Brendan accepted a six month contract with the P & O Group. He left for Sydney for a four week rehearsal period. Accommodation was supplied.

Flown back to Melbourne on 26 November, he boarded the 'Pacific Star' on the next day and headed for New Zealand, to be followed by Vanuatu,

Noumea, Malaysia, and Singapore. Brendan officially takes over from the existing crew on 7 December.

Brendan decided this would be a great way to see some of the world and also do what he loves best, jazz dancing, getting paid for it too!

Brendan's ambition is to one day dance on Broadway. As Brendan says "You never know who might come on the ship and see me dance."

We at the Churchill and District News have followed and reported on Brendan's previous highlights. We wish him well with this new venture and hope to see his name in a Broadway production soon.



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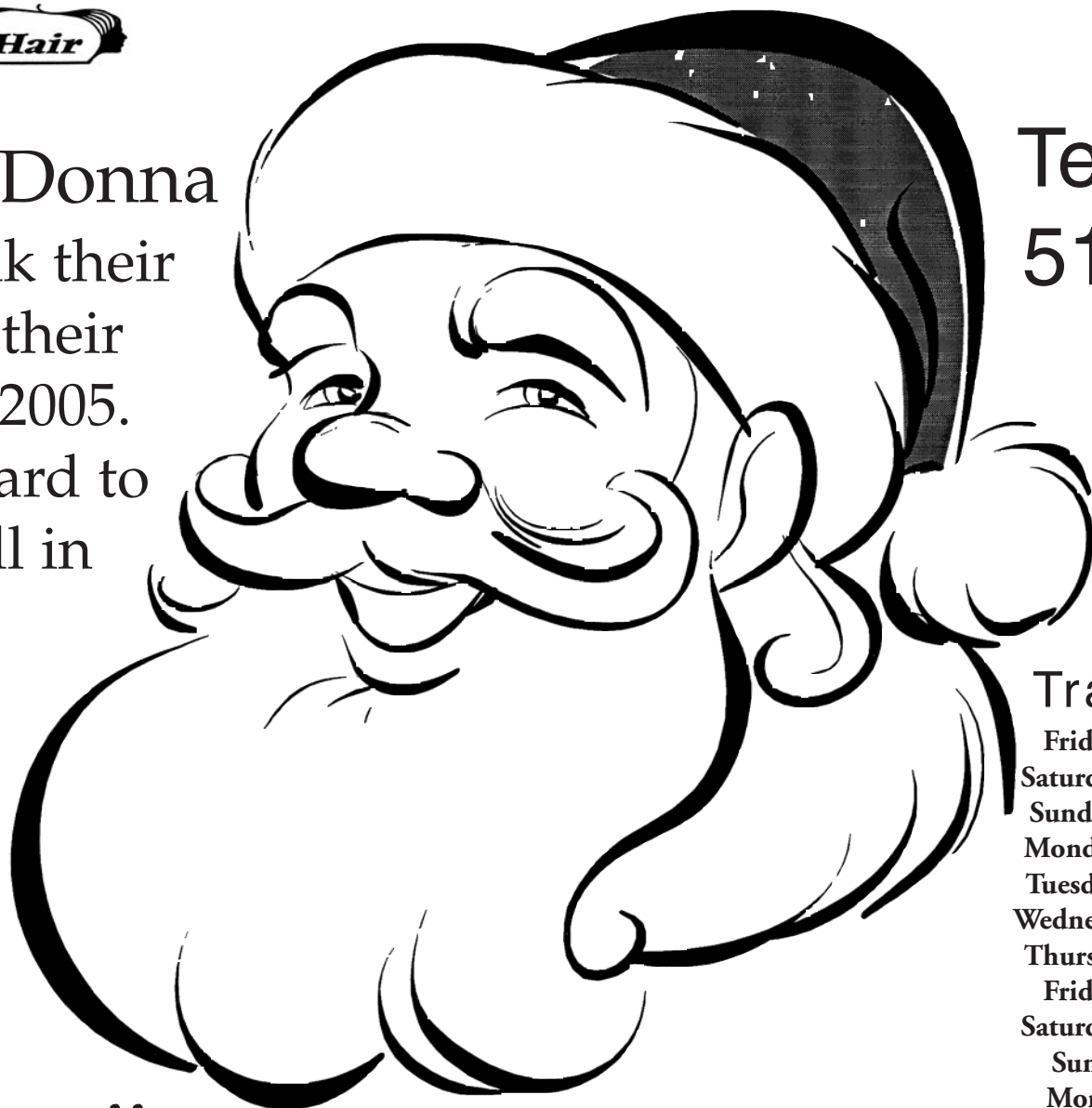
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Funding Announcement

THE Minister for Children, Sherryl Garbutt, today announced Bracks Government funding of \$500,000 for a new children's centre in Churchill.

Ms Garbutt said the State Government grant to Latrobe City Council for the \$2 million Churchill Intergenerational Hub in the Phillip Parade shopping precinct would deliver a wider range of children's services for families in the area.

"The Bracks Government is making Victoria a great place to live and raise a family," Ms Garbutt said.

"We are investing heavily in children's services where they are needed across the State because we know how important it is to communities - especially young families.

"The new hub is the first stage of the Churchill Neighbourhood Renewal Precinct project to provide easier access to integrated early childhood and specialist services for locals.

"Project works are planned to start next year and will offer long day care, kindergarten programs, occasional care, maternal and child health, parenting support and early childhood intervention."

Two existing kindergartens will transfer to the site. Ms Garbutt said the Churchill Intergenerational Hub project was a great example of local communities and the State Government working together to give children



the best start in life.

"Children are a major focus in A Fairer Victoria - the Bracks Government's \$788 million action plan for addressing disadvantage across Victoria - which is why we are providing accessible and affordable services for children where they are needed," Ms Garbutt said.

The funding to create the Churchill centre is part of the State Government's \$16 million, three-year program to establish up to 60 children's centres across Victoria.

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Churchill Hub Update

PLANNING is proceeding with vigour for the Churchill Intergenerational Community Hub with the project committee continuing to meet monthly and Latrobe City actively working to secure the necessary funding.

Hub Location

Latrobe City has been working to arrange for transfer of the parcel of land for the proposed location of the Hub, next to the Churchill Fire Brigade, from the University to Council. Negotiations are close to finalisation.

Following feedback from a community meeting held in early October at the Churchill Public Hall, key elements of the design are being modified and prepared for submission to State and Federal Governments to source further funds.

While the project has been designed in such a way that it can be staged, the preference is for building all the elements of the Hub in one go. This will ensure maximum efficiency gains and better use of available resources.

Building Design

Among the top priority issues identified for potential user groups is the need to maximise storage space

to enable multiple users the opportunity to share. Building accessibility for all user groups from childcare to older members of the community and families is being considered as part of the design with safe pick up and drop off points.

A community commercial grade kitchen and informal relaxation space is being included as a central feature and meeting place in the Hub.

The key service components of the Hub as it is presently envisaged from community input and feedback include: a neighbourhood centre, a range of children's services, including preschool, childcare, child and maternal health, library services, general meeting rooms, wet and dry workshops, space for youth and older persons to meet and run activities and space for music and drama.

Proposed Redevelopment of the Churchill Public Hall

There has been strong support for including the current Churchill Public Hall into the Hub concept, as part of a larger community precinct.

The favoured suggestions for use of this space are for wet and dry workshops on the ground floor and music and drama theatre space on the top floor. This would mean that

the hall would be redeveloped from its current design and usage, but could result in the top level being more user friendly. As it currently stands, the top portion of the hall is used infrequently, with people preferring to use the football club facilities at Gaskin Park for local functions.

Latrobe City Council would like feedback on this proposal and any other ideas or comments about the redevelopment of the Public Hall.

Sustainable Design

The building is being designed featuring the latest technology and materials to maximise its energy efficiency and reduce the need for maintenance. This will enable the operational costs for user groups to be kept to a minimum.

Management Structure

Among the priorities of the project committee is to research options for the governance and management structure of the new facility.

This will require all user groups to work together in a different way to any current arrangements, by sharing resources, information and expertise to optimise seamless service delivery for all users and project partners.

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place in free expression/blowwave and third place in off the wall, a creative imaginative overall look.

Congratulations Renae!

For an appointment with Renae or the team at Kats please call 51223311.



2006 Program in Place

THIS year may be fast coming to an end but already a program is in place at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre for 2006. Under direction from the Government, the Fees and Charges the Centre must charge for specific Government funded classes such as adult literacy, computers, creative writing will now be more appealing. The Centre will now charge \$52 for 40 hours of funded classes and, if the participant has a concession card, it will only cost them \$52 for a year of Government funded classes. It certainly makes it a worthwhile exercise to call into the Centre to find out what programs and classes are on offer in the New Year!

Our terrific and talented Creative Writers have arranged for their latest collection of poems and short stories to be printed and will launch their publication on Tuesday 13th December at the Centre. If you are interested then please come along and be part of this positive group and, who knows, you may feel inclined to join then next year when the classes resume!

To finish up for the year the Centre is organizing a

Christmas break-up on Wednesday December 14. We would love to see all past and present participants come along, with a plate of food to share, and join in the festivities. The Christmas raffles will also be drawn at this time.

Discussions are still happening between all major stakeholders in regards to the Churchill Intergenerational Hub and it has been extremely valuable to hear the views of the community members on this issue. The Centre can only move forward and be advantaged by a move into a Hub that is more accessible and brings together a greater diversity of community agencies and groups.

If you would like to be a part of the Centre whether as a class participant, a volunteer or an activities leader or, if you would like to join the Committee, please contact Christine at the Centre and make yourself known. Remember the Centre is a community resource and is there for the benefit of all community members so please make use of this facility and what it can offer.

R.C.H. Christmas Fundraising at the Churchill Hotel

FOR many years now the Churchill Hotel has been avidly involved in fundraising for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Last year over \$10,000 dollars was raised and this year looks to bring in an even bigger total.

This Christmas the Hotel is again running its BIG Christmas fundraising raffle, with over 30 prizes up for grabs. The major prize is a large hamper full of toys and

food. There are also seafood trays, gift packs, toys, puddings, the RCH teddy bear, just to name a few.

Friday 23rd is not only a night of fundraising, it is a night of family fun. The Salvation Army Band will be playing Christmas carols at 5.30 and the raffles will be drawn from 6.30pm.

Raffle tickets are available from the Churchill Hotel.

40th Anniversary Panels



AS part of the 40th Anniversary of Churchill, Churchill Primary School participated in the historic panels project. Matt Pavey and Wendy Smart who work at the school were the adults in charge of the group of students who expressed interest in being involved with this project.

They worked with the students to produce 6 complementary panels to those designed by Dr. Meredith Fletcher of Monash University. Meredith was commissioned by the CDCA to produce the panels which were titled

Before Churchill
Why Churchill?
Pioneering Churchill
Churchill 40 Years on
Churchill Comes of Age
Landmarks of Churchill

The students- Hadden Stratford, Lauran Sho, Mitchell Ipsen, Jason

Butler, Sarah Cook, Chantelle Kadir, Jayden O'Connell, Courtney Semple, Shelley Woodham, William Marks, Jed Mudge, John-Lee Robinson and Roger Morris.

Dr. Fletcher worked with the students extensively, to bring the works together. The children were very satisfied with, and proud of, their achievements.

The two sets of panels were on show at Churchill Primary School for a week. If you missed seeing them they will be visiting various venues.

At the presentation/ launch evening on Saturday 12th Nov. Assistant Principal, John Turner spoke about the school's request to be involved with the project, and the positive outcomes which had resulted. Then he called on Haddon Stratford to outline the process which had happened to result in the

final production of the 6 complementary panels.

These were the four steps in the process.

1. They met with Dr. Fletcher, looked at old photographs and newspapers, and discussed the history related to each of the panels

2. Once they had an idea of what the panels were about, they set about drafting their ideas in pencil.

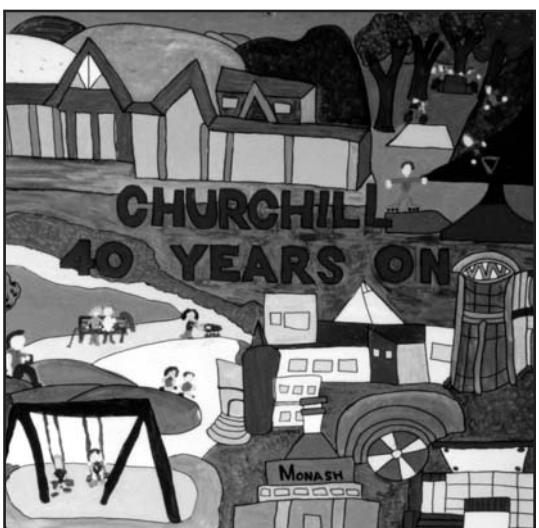
3. When they were happy with the draft, they re-drafted the design onto a good piece of paper, which Matt Pavey had photocopied onto plastic sheets, which they put onto an overhead projector, then copied the sketches onto the panels.

4. Once they were lightly sketched onto the panel, the painting team moved in and painted the panels.

Haddon spoke very well, being a credit to his parents and the school.

Haddon Stratford (left) and John Turner (below) at the launch of the 40th Anniversary Panels.

Pictured below left is one of the panels and above the very talented students who created them



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Thanks to the generosity of the Churchill Football/Netball Club these sessions every Thursday have taken place with carers and members enjoying the lovely venue supplied.

On November 24th a "Mystery Trip" took place with Sudsy Tours at the helm. Our bus load of very excited people ended up at the magnificent property of Ken and Alice Rae. Some did the garden walk some just sat and enjoyed the beautiful view. Ken then did the honour of providing lovely music and a sing-a-long for all to join in followed by a "yummy" afternoon tea presented by Alice and

friends. Great weather and great day was enjoyed by all.

December programs are under way with entertainment by the "Traralgon Tappers", a celebration of a 54th Wedding Anniversary and a Christmas Party on the 15 with a traditional Christmas dinner catered by Café Le Macs followed by a Christmas breakup afternoon tea.

Thanks to everyone who has participated in various ways to make this club a success. We look forward to starting up again in February 2006 and would welcome anyone who would care to come and have a cuppa, meet some new friends and fill in some lonely hours.

'Happy Christmas and New Year' from Betty Wyatt and Joan Gardner



Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



The Churchill News A History By Ruth Place

Part 3

Martine Sheppard, Leanne Ashcroft and Kresta Mason

In 1999, Martine Sheppard took over as Co-editor with Leanne Ashcroft. Both these young ladies were students at Monash- Martine in Journalism and Leanne in Science. Martine and Leanne would type the articles, some of which they wrote themselves. They enjoyed the writing of articles, saying it gave them good practical opportunities to practise writing and editing skills. Another friend, and Marti's housemate, Kresta Mason, took on the responsibility of doing the adverts. Here are the thoughts Kresta sent me in an email.

"Casting my mind back to my time at the Churchill News I remember getting the job through Dave Shield's connections with the Reverend. My housemate Martine Sheppard became the Editor and many of our friends assisted with writing articles and the layout and production of the Churchill News each Monday fortnight.

Marti and I were both studying Journalism at Monash and it felt idyllic and a privilege to be working on a newspaper. I remember spending the weeks prior to the paper's next edition speaking with local businesses regarding advertising their business, products and services in the paper and supporting the paper as a consequence.

The response was generally very good and there were many regular contributors such as the Churchill Pharmacy, Nursery, Bakery, Monash Uni, the local MP, Thrifty-Link Hardware and many more that I forget, whose ads are probably in some boxes at the Church (if they've been kept). Some of the business provided their own ads and I designed the majority using a very basic computer program and many - what would be now seen as manual - graphic design techniques and skills learnt while studying graphics at High School. Looking back this seems archaic but provided some high quality ads - noting the reasonable charges to advertise (\$45 for a quarter page, \$90 for a half page & \$180 for a full page) and circulation.

I would drive or walk to each business and pick up the advertisement as a part of the service and building a relationship with the business - plus the people were friendly, welcoming a chat and they were great to talk to! Laying out the paper with the rest of my friends of a Monday night was an occasion for us all to get together and catch up after the weekend when some of us went back to Melbourne or elsewhere. Cutting boards would be laid around the table and each article and ad trimmed and 'glued' onto special paper with tenderness and care in a military like production line with a few fastidious friends ensuring that ever thing was straight and that there was a winning layout to rival Kerry Packer!

The rhythmic nature of producing the paper - and lack of television to distract - always leant towards great conversations, humour and favourite (Pearl Jam) tunes being sung out on sporadic basis usually intertwined with a bad joke or banter. It was always rewarding when the paper hit the letterboxes and we would see the end product, or a business would comment that their ad received a good response and resulted in some more customers. It was definitely a special time, with some special friends, that I won't soon forget."

Marti and Kresta were able to use this work to present to fellow students at Monash.

Another one of that extraordinary group of friends, was Allan Hooper. He began his involvement with Churchill News as a Newsboy, delivering the paper fortnightly. This continued up to the age of sixteen. He helped with layout for two

years. Allan's sisters Francis and Sally were also involved as news girls.

Tammy Rowed

About 2000, Tammy Rowed was doing voluntary work at the NHC (Neighbourhood House Centre). She cannot remember which minister [It would have been Tony Peters] came to the NHC enquiring if someone would like to take on the job of Editor of the Churchill News. Tammy agreed to give it a try. A few people helped Tammy with the first issue, and then she went solo. She was responsible for advertising, stories and layout. Jacqui Johnson offered to help and took over the advertising responsibilities, but Tammy continued to do the rest. When Jacqui became pregnant and had to leave for a while, Matthew Pavey took over the advertising aspect. Matt and Tammy were friends and she recalls that they had a great time working together. Jacqui returned, but after a while Tammy moved to Melbourne for work. She continued with the paper for a while and in this time, with much patience and understanding, she showed Jacqui the ropes - training her to take over, which is much appreciated. Jacqui then took over the full responsibility. Tammy continued the regular set ups of type, cut and paste. Photos were also glued on and the lot delivered to the Express by 8.00 am on the given day. Regular advertisers continued, but Tammy would also ring around any businesses in Churchill and Morwell which she thought might advertise. She would get the details for the advertisement, compose it, take to the business for approval, and then put it in the paper. Tammy remembers the great support given by advertisers, especially Ollquist's Pharmacy, the Florist and Churchill Hotel. The advertisements determined the number of pages in the paper.

Tammy also recalls the dedication of Roger Marriott in the regular provision of his gardening segment. Roger was just one of many regular article providers. The schools were also encouraged to contribute at that time. Summing up her involvement Tammy says she enjoyed her time with the Churchill News, although sometimes it was stressful. Often she would be up till 12 or 1 am arranging the paper. Tammy appreciated Jacqui's contribution. She realised what a huge task it is to do the whole paper by yourself, and that is what Jacqui ended up doing.

Kath Tanian helped with the accounts at this time.

Jacqui Johnson

Jacqui Johnson worked for the Churchill News for approximately 2 1/2 years, 6 months of that time on her own. Jacqui employed the type, cut and paste method. The printing machine at the Express used to publish the Churchill News broke down, and the Express was not going to replace it. They required the paper to be typed on computer in Quark Express program and presented on a disc. Jacqui was not familiar with this technology and the Church didn't have the equipment or programs necessary. With family and study commitments added to these circumstances, Jacqui resigned and the Churchill News went into a 10 month recession. Jacqui is thankful that the Churchill News was taken over by people with the appropriate skills and vision. She considers that the paper is now all that she hoped it would become.

CHURCHILL AND DISTRICT NEWS

Jacqui brought the Churchill News to the end of an era in December 2001.

To re-start the paper in the new process of Quark Express, required much research, and the help and support of many organisations and individuals. It was ten months in the doing, with

stringent measures being imposed by the Church Parish Council. Debts had to be cleared, and a \$2000 buffer amount raised to ensure the paper remained viable. Monash University personnel were wonderful, carrying out telephone and letter surveys of the Churchill community, including businesses, to ascertain that the community wanted Churchill News to re-start. There was an overwhelming positive response in the feedback. Through Liz Hart in Journalism at Monash, we were supplied with a room, computer equipment, a third year student, Cathy Cochrane, who learnt the Quark Express program to teach the new editor. A new editor needed to be found. Through a CDCA meeting, Margaret Guthrie took word to the Glendonald Residents Group where it reached Val Prokopiv, who said she would love to be the new Editor. Val also volunteered her husband Peter to be Advertising Manager. David Abbott from Monash Community Services, co-ordinated much of the Monash assistance, and also gave \$1000- half our required buffer amount. David also helped to write the submission to I.P.Hazelwood, which successfully yielded the second \$1000.

The community was marvellous. Avril McKeand and Jackie McClure from the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre called a public meeting to gauge community support. It was alive and willing. To add to the support, many local organisations contributed financially, to give the paper a sound financial basis on which to re-start.

We decided to rename the paper the Churchill and District News to reflect the total distribution area of the paper. The Parish Council gave permission.

At the September meeting, David Abbott said it was time to start. We were all shocked. But, yes, it was time to put into practice, all that had been arranged.

Peter gathered advertisements, people wrote and submitted articles, and away we went.

Since then we have two computers operating (thanks again to Monash IT Department Head Guogon Lu), and the paper has grown to 16 or 20 pages on a regular basis.

The paper now has entered the electronic age. Articles can be submitted by email, photos can be taken digitally, and emailed. Photos can be scanned into the computer. Val and Tracey do all the articles and ads on computer. When the paper is "put to bed", it is emailed to the Express to be printed. In some ways this process is easier-BUT-computers can be very FRUSTRATING!

Our paper team runs two competitions per year. Art and Photography alternate annually, but Writing is every year. We are grateful to judges who have a difficult time, and sponsors for giving for prizes. All work entered is displayed in the church for our Presentation days.

Val has produced two beautiful calendars from our photography competition winners.

In 2004, we staged the Churchill Festival, a follow on from the Churchill Community Fair.

Margaret Guthrie instigated a group for writers for the Youth Yard page at Kurnai College, on Friday lunchtimes. This has continued for two and a half years. The paper rewards the writers with a 'Thank You' lunch in December, and an award at Kurnai's Awards Night. Lately some other helpers have joined the program with the blessing and support of the school, particularly, Kim McDuffie.

A history book will be produced containing the 'Looking Back' stories of early Churchill.

In our present active team we also have Wendy Brown, Tracey and Andy Burr, Matthew Prokopiv, Karen Bradfield, Charlie Rawlinson,

Churchill & District News Team



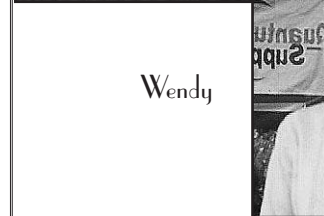
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Andy



Tara

Peter Ceeney, Tara Briede, David Lyne and Cathy Halliwell who helps with the accounts. On top of that we have some wonderful folks we can call on for proof-reading (one of whom is Olivia Jackson), typing and special occasions.

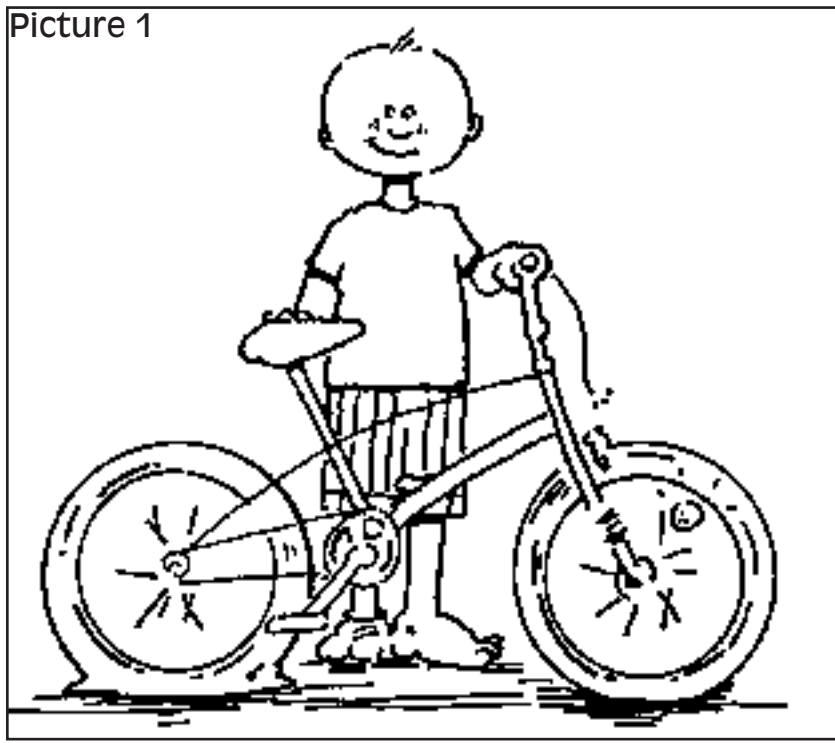
There are so many blessings we have enjoyed through working with, and for the community. The blessings began when we started to find ways of re-starting the paper. It would take too much time and paper, to write it all. Sufficient to say, we love working for the paper, and see it continuing to occupy the very integral part it has always played in our community and district. It is a district with a special people, a wonderful history, and a very positive future, if we all work together to ease the load. We are glad to be part of it and hope we can help it to take those positive steps.

BIKE SAFETY COMPETITION

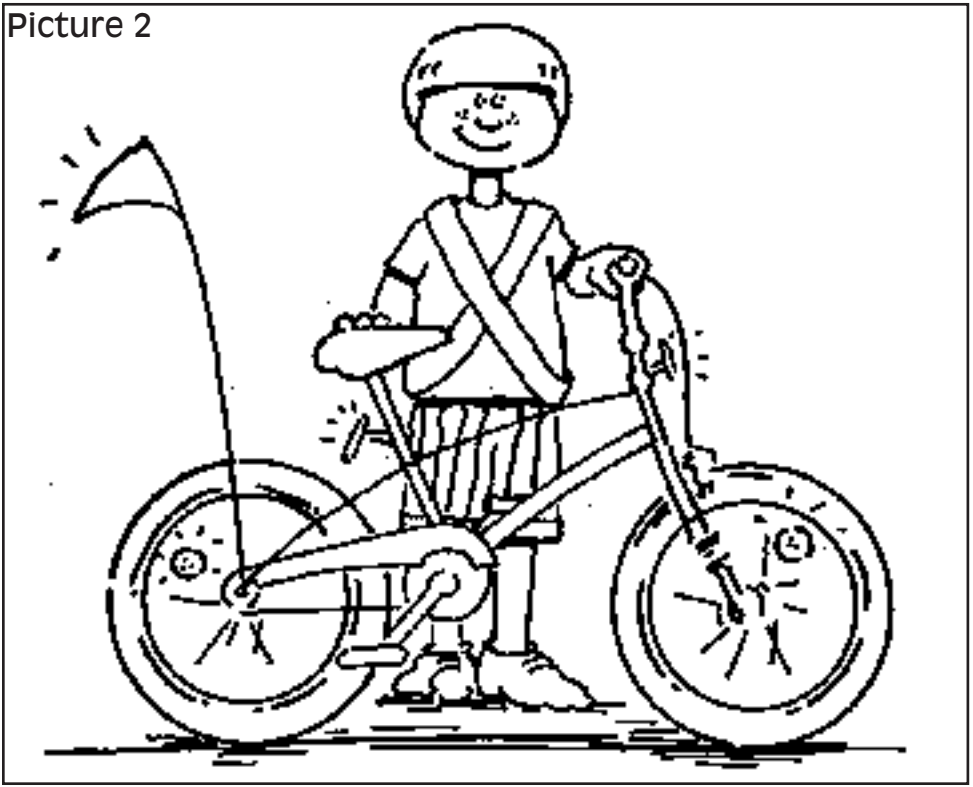
*** WIN A BIKE ***

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 16th December 2005

Name

Address

Telephone Age

LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB

*Proudly sponsored by the
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Hi Kids,

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

LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB
PO BOX 110
CHURCHILL 3842



with your NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, BIRTHDATE, and whether BOY or GIRL. **We need more members so please join NOW.**

The lucky "Birthdayites" for November were
Jasmine Porter and Scott Marriott

BIRTHDAYITES FOR DECEMBER 2005

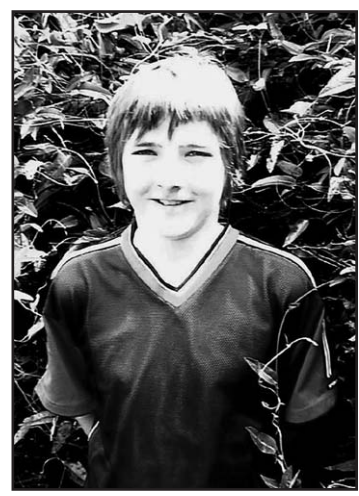
Brandon BENNETT	11 years
Megan KEARNS	6 years
Joshua KEMP	12 years
Dylan ROWLEY	10 years
Oliver THAIN	10 years
Jake WARDELL	7 years

The randomly chosen "BIRTHDAYITES" for December are
MEGAN KEARNS and JOSHUA KEMP

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

John Barker Publicity

Birthdayites



Scott MARRIOTT, 12 years on the 10th of November



Jasmine PORTER, 5 years on the 13th November

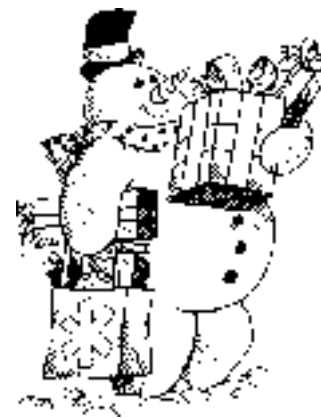
These "Birthdayites" were all smiles as they were each presented with a \$15 voucher for Churchill Newsagency by John Barker from the Lions Club of Churchill &

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

Christmas Colouring Competition



**Win a
Santa
Sack full
of
Goodies
Closing
Date 16th
December**



Colour in the picture of Santa, tell us what you like best about Christmas, fill in your name and address and drop it in the Churchill & District News Box at Cafe Le mac's, Churchill Primary School, Churchill Library or Co-Operating Church or Mail to PO Box 234, Churchill, 3840

I like Christmas because _____

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Age _____



CHRISTMAS TRADING HOURS HAZELWOOD VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTRE & WEST PLACE

Amcal Pharmacy

December Saturday 24 - closing 4.00 pm
December Sunday 25 - Closed
December Monday 26 - Closed
December Tuesday 27 Closed
December Wednesday 28 - December Saturday 31 Normal Trading Hours
January Sunday 1 - Closed
January Monday 2 - Closed
January Tuesday 4 - Normal Trading Hours

Churchill Hot Bread

December Sunday 25 - Closed
January Sunday 1 - Closed
January Monday 2 - closed

Post Office

December Monday 26 - Closed
December Tuesday 27 - Closed
January Monday 2 - Closed

Café Le Mac

December Saturday 24 - Closed
December Monday 26 - Closed
December Tuesday 27 - Closed
December Wednesday 28 - December Friday 30 - Normal Trading Hours
December Saturday 31 - Closed
January Monday 2 - Closed
January Tuesday 3 - Normal Trading Hours

Churchill Laundry

December Saturday 24 - 3.00 pm Close
December Wednesday 28 - December Friday 30 - Open
December Saturday 31 - 3.00 pm Close
January Monday 2 - Normal Trading Hours

Churchill Chiropractic

December Friday 23 - Open.
December Saturday 24 - 1.00 pm Close
January Wednesday 4 - Normal Trading Hours

Hazelwood Health Centre

December Sunday 25 - Closed
December Monday 26 - Closed
December Tuesday 27 - Closed
January Sunday 1 - Closed
January Monday 2 - Closed

Commonwealth Bank

December Monday 26 - Closed
December Tuesday 27 - Closed
January Monday 2 - Closed

Woody's Hardware

December Saturday 24 - Closed
Re-opening January Tuesday 3.

Kats

December 25 - Closed
December 26 - Closed
December 27 - Closed
January 1 - Closed
January 2 - Closed
January 3 - Normal Trading Hours

Churchill Newsagency

December 25 - Closed
December 26 - Closed
December 27 - Closed
January 2 - Closed

Cutting Corner:

December Friday 23 - Open.
December Saturday 24 - December Tuesday 27 -Closed.
December Wednesday 28 - December Friday 30 - Open
December Saturday 31 - Closed
January Sunday 1 - Closed
January Monday 2 - Closed
January Tuesday 3 - Re-Open

Dainbridge Financial Services

Closing December Thursday 22 - Re-opening
January Monday 16.

Churchill Hotel

Saturday 24th - Open Late with Xmas giveaways.
Hotel closed - Christmas Day
Bottle Shop: Open 9am - 7pm.
Bistro Closed December 25 to January 4 2006

Future Flicks:

Open Every Day 10.00am - 10.00pm
December Sunday 25: Christmas Day 4.00pm - 10.00pm

LifeLine

Lunch Time December 21 - Re-open January 16
With changed hours 10.00am - 3.00 pm until January 31
Then Normal trading hours 9.30am - 4.00pm

New Churchill Motors:

Closing from Friday December 23 to Monday January 9.

PDP Computers

December Saturday 24 - Closed. Re-Open January Monday 9 2006

Community Funds At Work

By JOHN BARKER

The Lions Club of Churchill and District and the Lioness Club of Churchill, with financial support from our District Lions Christmas Cake Fund, have donated \$2795 to the Latrobe Regional Hospital for the purchase of a CADD Legacy 1 Pump. The pump will be used initially by the hospital and then the Cancer Care Unit.

(We thank Latrobe Regional Staff for the information on the CADD Legacy 1 Pump in this article)

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CADD Legacy 1 Pump

[Continuous Ambulatory Drug Delivery (CADD)]

The CADD pump allows continuous delivery of chemotherapy drugs at home that are prescribed by the Oncologist. It is small and can be carried comfortably around the waist or over the shoulder for the prescribed amount of time the drug is to be delivered.

The medication is contained in a cassette that is attached to the pump and connected to the patient allowing freedom of movement and activity for the patient whilst still undergoing treatment. Nursing staff connect the pump and set the rate ordered - this cannot be changed because the pump has a security setting to prevent this.

Prior to use of these pumps patients would have lengthy hospital stays for delivery of the same type of chemotherapy through an intravenous drip.

As an example a patient undergoing treatment for bowel cancer having the drugs Oxaliplatin / 5FU / Folinic Acid has a pump attached for 48 hours after the initial 2 hours of treatment in the Chemotherapy Unit. If this were not available then the patient would have to remain in hospital for this 48 hours. The patient is generally well and a hospital stay would interfere with their quality of life. Patients can continue to work or undertake their normal everyday activities.

There are also regimes of chemotherapy that require pumps to be worn for weeks on end - the implication without pumps for the patient would be lengthy stays in hospital.

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The pumps that are currently available from LRH are old and well used - many more are needed. With more pumps, more patients will be able to have treatments in the comfort and familiar surrounds of their own home without the often numerous and lengthy journeys to hospital. This will also free up beds for other patients.



Lioness Margaret Barker, Lions Trevor Burgess and John Barker present the CADD Pump to LRH staff

The "Urban Myth" of Churchill's Cigar

By MIKE ANSWERTH, Hazelwood Rotary Club

As a member of the Rotary Club of Hazelwood and a long time resident of Churchill, I was intrigued to receive a telephone call recently from a researcher in the State Library of Victorian on the subject of Churchill's "cigar".

He was gathering information in order to satisfy a request from an academic in Scotland who has an avid interest in things relating to Sir Winston Churchill.

It appears that a story that has gained considerable momentum in academic circles is that our town spire was built by the Hazelwood Rotary Club as a symbol of the great man's beloved cigar. This is completely incorrect of course as it was built by the Housing Commission of Victoria in 1967, more than 10 years before the Rotary Club of Hazelwood was formed.

Furthermore, it was not meant to represent Churchill's cigar but was quickly dubbed that by angry locals who were still smarting from the change of the town's name from Hazelwood to Churchill when the former British Prime Minister passed away.

Community dissatisfaction with the Housing Commission spending \$40,000 on the spire arose from the fact that, at the time, the town lacked many basic facilities such as a medical clinic and a suitable school and many residents considered that the taxpayer's funds could have been put to better use.

The Rotary connection almost certainly arises from the fact that the Club built a commemorative wall at the base of the spire which is made up of bricks, each bearing the name of one of the first 100 families to occupy houses in Churchill. This project was completed in the

early 1980's and still bears the Rotary symbol today.

So even Churchill has its "urban myths" and there is probably now a disappointed academic in Scotland.



Photo by Ken Ewen





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Christmas Special

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- * Engine oil and oil filter

Lions Club Of Churchill & District - Christmas Is Coming!

By JOHN BARKER

The club is sponsoring 2 new Awards through the four Primary Schools in our district this year. One is based on Leadership skills and the other based on Academic skills. Each school nominated a year 6 student to receive each of the Awards, which will be presented at an appropriate occasion before the school year ends. Churchill Primary, Churchill Nth Primary, Lumen Christi Primary and Hazelwood North Primary all agreed to participate and we thank them for this opportunity to expand our involvement with youth in our community.

The club held a mixed dinner meeting and invited members from Yinnar lions to hear a guest speaker, Mr Tim Maruff from Camp Quality. Tim spoke on the aims and objects of Camp Quality, the role of volunteers camps and the support of families who have a child with cancer.

Lion Norm Hall was responsible for creating a display for the 40th Anniversary celebrations.

There was a presentation of a CADD Chemo Pump to Latrobe Regional Hospital by Lions and Lioness clubs.

Each year we send a group of children to Lions Village Licola to 'have a break'. Four children have been chosen to attend in January.

Snippets -

Club is running Citizen Awards again this year. The deadline is past and the applications are being judged. Presentations will be at Australia Day celebration in January.

Club ran "letters to Santa" again this year through the schools.

Lions Christmas Cakes are available - see Carl Hood at Australia Post or any Lions member

Lioness/Lions Christmas break up barbeque was at Hazelwood pondage

Christmas Trees are available from 10th December

A working bee at Lions Village Licola cleared the river banks in preparation for

the summer camps

Camp Quality volunteers Lions Bob Lowick and John Barker and Lionesses Sue Lowick and Margaret Barker attended the family Christmas party at the zoo.

Club members also successfully catered for -

Camp Quality at Bunnings in November

Computer Expo, Pondage Pursuit, Combined schools Advent Pageant, Royal Children's Hospital at the Saloon bar, Camp Quality at Bunnings 4th December

Catering coming up -

December 10th Bunnings, December 11th Bunnings - make sure you drop in for a snag and a yap, Glendonald Resident's Group, Salvation Army

REMINDER - The junior and senior Lions Club of Churchill and District Junior and Senior Citizen of the year Awards - presentation at Australia Day 2006.

The Lions Birthday Club, sponsored and run through the Churchill & District News by our Lions Club, is a great hit. Scott Marriott and Jasmine Porter were each the happy Birthday Club recipients of a \$15 voucher in November. 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 and wish each and everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. Need to contact us? Our address is The Secretary, Lions Club of Churchill and District, PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842.


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# YOUTH YARD Break - Up



Those who have been regular attendees at Youth Yard, had their final session on Friday 25th November. They celebrated another year by sharing a cake. The Youth Yard participants have been contributors to the Youth Yard page of the Churchill and District News. The paper would like to thank Mr. McDuffie for his consistent attendance at, and support of, these sessions which has made it possible for them to run.

## MYTH - CHAPTER 6: THE NEAR ESCAPE THE FINAL CHAPTER OF MYTH

BY JAZZMAN...  
Raiden was getting really mad. Grengrei was getting really scared. Nigel was getting some sleep.  
"Look Raiden" Grengrei said quietly "I don't want any trouble, I just think you should; well, settle down..." Raiden's face turned bright red after Grengrei's remark, and it seemed that Raiden was only getting angrier.  
You'd think that after this entire racket Nigel couldn't possibly still be asleep, you'd be right! "What's going on?" Nigel wondered; rubbing his eyes.  
Raiden suddenly calmed down, as if by a miracle, and answered Nigel's question to the best of his ability; "It was Grengrei's fault!"  
"WHAT?!" Grengrei snorted, "It was you who started yelling at me for no reason!", "No reason?!" Raiden retaliated "You made smart remarks!"  
Raiden seemed to restore his anger with very little effort.  
Nigel's head was spinning, listening to the moronic twits arguing about something that made very little sense to him at all. "What are you two arguing about?"  
There was no answer, and there wouldn't be for quite a while. Nigel figured this of course, and began thinking about a way of getting out of the prison cell.  
Two guards were walking up and down the hall; obviously patrolling the other cells. Nigel thought the guards were blind,

because there was nobody in the other cells.  
"What's up with the guards?" Nigel asked Raiden, ignoring the arguing in the background. "Isn't it obvious? They're 'guards', and they're 'guarding' the perimeter" Raiden replied, whilst strangling Grengrei.  
Nigel's eyebrows suddenly looked drowsy, though he was probably just annoyed with Raiden for stating the obvious and completely humiliating Nigel in the presence of two high-authority figures that looked like they were about to fall asleep at any second.....Just a theory.  
"I knew that, <Mr. Obvious>!" Nigel stated angrily, "But why are they both patrolling the cells, isn't it kind of a one-man job?"  
Raiden's face was blank with un-helpfulness. He actually never thought about the matter before. Talk about dumb, no please don't...  
Raiden finally released his grip on Grengrei's neck, leaving Grengrei gasping for air after about three minutes of suffering. Good friends...  
"Seriously though guys, we need to think of a way to get out of here!" Nigel explained. "Now look who's <Mr. Obvious>!" Raiden exclaimed.  
So, for about five minutes; Nigel, Raiden and Grengrei discussed a plan that would hopefully guarantee their safe escape.  
"Guard, guard, over here!" yelled Nigel impatiently. Amazingly, one of the Atlantean

guards actually paid a slight amount of attention to him and walked over to the firmly supported steel bars. "What is it scoundrel?!" the guard grunted. "Could you please help my friend, I think he has some kind of disease!" Nigel lied disgracefully.  
It took a few seconds, but the guard actually believed him and opened the gate with his jumbo-cell key. The guard wandered over to Grengrei with little suspicion. Nigel crept around him and yanked the key from his pocket (Nigel happens to be very talented at this).  
Raiden sneaked out of the still open gate, followed closely behind by Nigel. Suddenly, Grengrei blasted the Atlantean with a powerful paralysing spell.  
Now, all three were out the gate and Nigel; the thief locked the gate behind them, trapping the guard in one of his own prison cells.  
Perhaps you want to know what happened next. Well; that's another story...  
<To all of you MYTH fans out there (if any)>: I regret to inform you that this was the last issue of MYTH. To tell the truth, I was getting sick of it. Instead, I shall demonstrate my artistic talents by submitting a short-comic series, that's if the editor will put up with me any longer. It's called 'South Suburbia'. It's up to you to decide whether it's comedic or not...>  
*We look forward to South Suburbia! Ed.*

**Wildfire**  
BY JOSH BEASLEY  
Watching and waiting for the wail of the siren  
It is a destructive force of nature that brings new life but destroys some  
Leaping flames jumping from shrubs and leaves  
to your beautiful home  
Devastated parents searching through the charcoal that used to be a family home  
Fire is a tragedy for you and everyone.  
Intimidating flames trying to destroy your home.  
Refuge from the radiating heat  
Escape as soon as possible to a safe refuge to rest

**Blazing Bushfires**  
BY JACQUELYN CHRISTIE  
Black smoke fills the air  
Like fog but dark and scary  
As the fire feeds on dry grass and weeds  
Zooming around the pitch black forest  
Intense heat scaring people  
Nature dying and animals running  
Gusts of wind changing the fires direction  
Burning all the trees and leaving ashes  
Units and house's getting burnt down  
Smoke alarms going off from town to town  
Horried people running away  
Furious fire coming their way  
Irresistible heat getting hotter and hotter  
Raging fires are almost gone  
Eerie stillness fills the bush  
Suddenly the fires gone so is the foliage in the forest

## DRAGON GEM

BY JAMES KLEIN  
THE story begins at what appears to be a small shop with swords and armor hanging on the wall.  
"Shannyir!" a very annoyed voice yells up to a small bedroom.  
The boy in the room starts to get up, he walks over to his wardrobe, and he changes into a black and red t-shirt, and then into a pair of blue pants. Finally he brushes his hair.  
"There, I'm ready to get going," Shannyir murmurs to himself as walks down the stairs.  
"Shannyir you're not going back to that dimension!" the annoyed man said, walking over to Shannyir.  
"Well this is the last time Algrundo..." Shannyir started to reply.  
"Last time nothing. That is what you said last time," Algrundo interrupted Shannyir.  
"Well if you had let me finish, I was going to say that I found her!" Shannyir snapped.  
"You think that you found her?"  
That is impossible. Even if it is her she'll probably have no recollection of the day, or the years before it," Algrundo stated in shock.  
"I know but she has been showing promise and she has started to remember some of her last life," Shannyir said as he walked into a small room.  
"Well if I know anything it's that once you set your mind on something you will not stop till you do it," Algrundo groaned as he turned on a machine.  
"Remember you must turn the machine off if I'm not back by 5:00pm tomorrow.  
See you later," Shannyir said as he walked in to a swirling vortex on the wall.  
The next thing Shannyir knew he was flying through a swirl of colour. He landed just on top of a ridge behind the drama room of Nairay College's Coral Campus.  
"He is getting better with the aim," Shannyir said to himself.  
"Hey Shannyir, what are you doing up there?  
The show starts in half an hour!" said a girl's voice with a sound of urgency.  
"I'll be down in one sec Delaeda."  
Shannyir ran and jumped off the ledge.  
"Shannyir what are you doing?"  
Shannyir landed without a sound on the ground.  
"What do you think you're doing Shannyir?  
You could have hurt yourself," said Delaeda as she walked over and hit him in the ear.  
"Ouch! That hurt, but you have to admit it was a good jump."  
"Ya ... well hurry up and get changed."  
The rest of the evening went well right up until the end of Shannyir's performance.  
All of a sudden the wall smashed in and as the dust settled Delaeda looked up and in a v-shape gap in the broken brick Shannyir with a sword in his hands.  
"Shannyir what is that thing?!" Delaeda yelled at him.  
"Don't be alarmed, all will be told," Shannyir told her.  
"Shannyir look out!!!" Delaeda screamed.  
"What!!!" Shannyir spun around.  
"Oh no you don't, I call upon the power of fire!!!" Shannyir burst in to flame.  
"Shannyir what is happening to you?" Delaeda fell to the ground in disbelief.  
"No ... you can't be gone." She just knelt there.  
"Do not fear I'm fine," Shannyir's voice sounded

out of nowhere.  
As the dust finally cleared there stood a giant rock beast with fists that looked to weigh five tonnes each.  
Where Shannyir had stood as a man covered in fire was a dragonman covered in scales and claws.  
"Shannyir what happened to you?" asked Delaeda in shock.  
"Well I guess I can't have it all my own way, (he starts to breath deeper), I'm a dragocoanian - a dragon man, and I'm not from this dimension and I'm not the only dragocoanian in the room!" Shannyir stated as he struggled to hold to beast off.  
"What are you saying there is another dragon man in the room?" Delaeda inquired.  
"Well not exactly it is a dragon woman, Delaeda."  
"Are you saying that I'm a dragon woman! Don't lie - I was born in the hospital here in town," she snapped.  
"Well have you felt that you've always been stronger than everybody else that works out?" Shannyir asked.  
"Yes but what is your point?"  
"It's just that you are one of the last of our race."  
"That's not possible, there is no such thing," she stuttered.  
"I feared you'd do this, you've been here that long that it's hard for you to let go. Here catch this. It's yours, I promised to return it."  
Shannyir threw her a bracelet and as she catches it she is taken to a waterfall.  
"Where am I?" she asks herself.  
"You are at the water temple in your mind.  
Nothing here is real, this is all a memory brought back by the bracelet," a strange voice said.  
"What are you saying? That what Shannyir said is the truth?" she asked the water spirit.  
"Yes, you are what Shannyir has said. But it is time to go back.  
Good-bye." The spirit touched her on the chest and then Delaeda was back at the battle.  
"Where are you Shannyir?" she yells. "Over here. I see that you met the spirit.  
Shannyir's words fell out of him as she realises that he is being crushed.  
"I believe - I will help you Shannyir."  
At that moment a bubble of water surrounds her.  
"No, I can't breathe" she yells.  
She is taken to the spirit again.  
"You have chosen the right path. Shannyir was right to believe in you. These will help and you needn't worry that you can't breathe."  
Delaeda gasps for air as the spirit hands her a pair of gloves.  
"What will this do?" she asks as she puts the gloves on.  
"You will know when the time comes, now go help Shannyir." Then Delaeda was back.  
"You're going down rock boy!"  
Delaeda screams as she runs at the beast.  
She clenches her fists to find two handles in her hands then water flows out of the end of the handle and forms a blade for each one.  
"Time to go!!!" She digs the blades into the beasts back.  
A groan of mortal pain then Shannyir hit the ground as the beast shattered into a hundred pieces.

## Gary Allan

BY JACQUE CHRISTIE  
On the 23 of October Gary Allan came to the Churchill Saloon Bar. Gary Allan is an American country music singer with a very cute accent. He was accompanied by Steve Ford and the Flange.  
Half way through the concert Gary Allan started throwing out his guitar picks  
to the crowd. I got two, and on the back of them it said 'This pick was stolen from Gary' and on the front it was signed by Gary himself.  
Before the show started I saw him getting his stuff ready and he said hello to me and I went to get his signature but I froze because I wasn't sure if it was him.  
All together I'd like to say I had a great time and it was worth the money.



# Churchill Fire Brigade



## Morwell Group Exercise

The Churchill Brigade organised and led a Morwell Group exercise recently. Local property owners in the Jeeralang Junction area, saw the need to do some fuel reduction burning on their property, to not only make it safer for themselves, but their neighbours also, should a fire come through that vulnerable area, with much forestation.

The owners contacted the Churchill Brigade, which on inspection realised that the job was too big for one brigade to handle. It was then decided to use the opportunity, to involve all the Morwell Group brigades in a useful training exercise, while providing a necessary, safe service. The exercise was organised by First Lieutenant Darlene Parkinson of Churchill Brigade.

This fuel reduction burn was termed a

cold burn. This means the wind, and the flames are kept at about 30cm.,[or one foot] high, and allowed to creep through slowly, resulting in minimum damage to the bush being burnt.

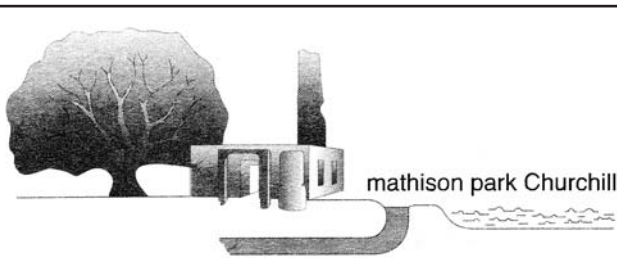
The cold burn was very well organised, to the satisfaction of all concerned, creating a safer environment without causing unnecessary harm.

## Santa Runs

These will again be a feature of Christmas Eve here in town. Other local brigades will help out. Donations of wrapped lollies to give to the children will be most appreciated.

## Cleaning up Blocks

There are several blocks in town that are overgrown and are a potential fire hazard. These will be reported to Latrobe City Council for clean up action.



# Churchill Fire Brigade Helps Mathison Park

The Mathison Park committee has been doing a lot of cleaning up and pruning through the park as we maintain the area. As a result several large piles of prunings were made. These were too big for the committee to safely burn, especially as they were close to trees. So the

committee contacted the fire brigade to seek their assistance.

On Saturday 29 October, on the normal Mathison Park working bee day, the brigade attended, bringing with them the tanker truck.



Above Left: To minimise the damage to the nearby trees, foam was sprayed onto the trees.  
 Top: Then the pile was lit, and soon was a huge ball of flames.  
 Above: Close watch was kept on the progress of the fires. In one case the hoses had to be used to quell some runaway flames.  
 Right: As the fires died down the remains were pushed together to ensure the safety of the surrounding area, and to complete the burn.

Some very practical lessons about the severe effects of radiant heat were learnt, by all, in the process. The Mathison Park Development Committee would like to publicly thank the Churchill Fire Brigade volun-

teers who gave the best part of their day for our benefit, and in the long run for you the public. This occasion is just another example of the brigade's unstinting service for the protection of our community.

# The Inside Out Hall

On Friday 2 December, the newly completed ECO Hall at Lumen Christi was officially opened. "It is the culmination of the Lumen Christi Parish to build a multi-purpose hall which incorporates the principles of good passive design, energy efficiency and renewable technology." This embodies the role of the Church to be responsible for the earth which God has given us to look after and manage, for all time. It also adds to the school's other practices of waste management, energy saving and environmental education philosophy.

Many dignitaries were in attendance including, Bishop Coffey, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Sale, Bill McMahon, Deputy Director of Catholic Education Warragul, Brendan Jenkins, Member for Morwell, representing John Thwaites, Minister for Sustainability, Victoria, the builder Jim Harry, Fr. Malcolm, Parish Priest, Peter Perks, Sustainability Victoria, and Mr. Stephen Ingrouille, Going Solar Consultants, Carlton. School Principal Miss Denise McKenna was there, realising the culmination of her dream, which had been shared by the School Board and the Parish.

This project came about with the granting of funds from the Catholic Schools Diocesan Supplementary Fund, Sustainable Energy Authority of Victoria through the Victorian Solar Innovations Initiative and the Lumen

Christi church community. This is a very expensive building costing \$500,000. But the running costs will be extremely low due to its energy efficiency. It will be even more efficient when the Climbing Figs become established.

The Blessing and Opening Ceremony began with a beautiful presentation of the symbols of light, water, native flowers, the Cross of Creation (pictured left).

Some readings followed, each one acknowledging the necessity of looking after God's wonderful creation, putting a halt to our thoughtless use of the earth's resources, and finding ways to be aware of what can be done to turn the decline around. These readings were interspersed with singing and prayer.

After the Blessing came the speeches and thank yous. It was an interesting time, of learning a bit more about this most innovative building.

Finally, to much applause, Miss Denise McKenna and Bishop Coffey cut the ribbon to officially open the building (pictured left). Then Denise had her time to say thank you and be happy that her dream was finally realised.

In next issue, a more comprehensive explanation of the buildings features will be given.





The Tea Trolley is presented to Hazelwood House

## Lionesses Grant Two Wishes!

By MARGARET BARKER, Publicity Officer

It is great that our membership is slowly increasing - we have inducted 7 new members in the last 6 months. Our latest recruit is Pauline Prowse and it is a pleasure to welcome her. This brings our membership to 15.

Christmas is upon us and we are all very busy, but we managed to put in 438 hours of service to our community. We have once again catered for the Gem and Collectibles Show at Kernot Hall which was a huge success. The money we raise goes back into the community and some of the things we have supported in the last few months and will in the near future be -

Monies raised from the Lioness Forum to be allocated to Mental Health Services at LRH in the form of Recreational Aid helped the Lions club fund the purchase of a CADD Legacy Chemo Pump - this pump is primarily used in the home for cancer patients who have difficulty in getting to hospital. This also eases the bed situation within the hospital.

Emergency toiletries packs were also delivered to LRH. We have extended this service to O'Mara House as a trial for elderly patients transported to hospital in an emergency situation

A wish list was put forward from Hazelwood House and the Lionesses decided to take up two of their wishes at this time. One being a new Tea Trolley which was pur-

chased and is in use. The other which we are looking at is some Outdoor Seating. As the outdoor furniture has to be made to assist the elderly it is quite expensive, but it will come to fruition in the near future.

The Rose Garden at Hazelwood House has been at it's absolute best this month; all the roses in full bloom. Members have been busy deadheading, placing new mulch and weeding to keep this garden looking superb. The residents love this garden - when we are working they come out. Some help us, others tell us how much they enjoy the roses and what we do. This gives us pleasure to know it's appreciated and enjoyed.

The Lions Club entered a car in the Camp Quality esCarpade. Once again we gave them a donation to help with this fund raising event. A mixed dinner meeting was held and Tim Maruff from Camp Quality came as a guest speaker to thank the Lions and Lioness Clubs for their efforts.

Knitting and Crocheting of 'Love Wraps' is continuing with many of our members participating along with members of our community taking up this project through our club. Thank you very much to these ladies, your contribution is greatly appreciated.

The Lioness Club would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Health and Wellbeing

### Skin Cancer - Q & A

This article lists a range of questions on sun protection and skin cancer. Our Better Health experts provide the answers.

Q. What is the best relief for sunburn? My friends say moisturising day and night avoids peeling. Is this true?

There are many myths about sunburn remedy but, in reality, there are no effective cures to reverse the redness and pain. Sunburn is the body's defence mechanism against exposure to both UVA and UVB rays. Our skin produces melanin to defend against the damage caused by UV radiation. We can see this occurring as our skin reddens or tans. Tans are a sign of skin damage.

Moisturising will return moisture levels to your skin but will not prevent peeling. If sunburn is severe enough, your skin will peel regardless, as the skin cells have died and your body naturally replaces them. Available sunburn remedies may alleviate your discomfort but cannot reverse the physical effects of sun damage. You should never rely on home remedies or products like after-sun care creams to keep your skin healthy, supple and smooth. Protection from the sun is the only method that will prevent premature ageing, discolouration and wrinkles.

Q. I read in the paper recently that there is no difference between cheap sunscreens and expensive ones. Why then is there such a price difference if they all do the same thing?

Fundamentally, there is little difference between the protective contents of sunscreen. Sunscreen in Australia must meet strict guidelines, so all products contain the primary ingredients that combine to protect your skin according to the rating on the bottle. Prices vary usually as a result of the quality and efficacy of the additives added to the sunscreen or simply because of the brand name.

Q. Sunscreen irritates my skin. Do you know of any brands that are for sensitive skins?

Some people suffer reactions to the ingredients in sunscreen. If you do, experiment with different brands, particularly those designed for children or sensitive skin. Fragrance free sunscreen is also a better option, as it is often this component that stimulates the allergic reaction.

Q. I get lots of freckles. Does that mean I am likely to get skin cancer?

Freckles are signs of sun exposure - and the more UV radiation you receive, the more freckles you will get. If you have a lot of freckles, it usually means that you have sun sensitive skin and that you have spent a lot of time in the sun. This would put you in a higher risk category for skin cancer compared to those with darker skin. The freckles on their own do not contribute to skin cancer.

Q. I've had psoriasis for 30 years. Sometimes the sun's rays are beneficial, and at other times they are not. Do I need to apply sunscreen?

Yes. While UV light is used as a treatment for the effects of psoriasis, it should be carefully regulated and controlled. If you seek natural sunlight to reduce your symptoms, you should ensure your skin is protected from undue damage by wearing sunscreen. While you may experience a marked reduction in your symptoms by spending time in the sun, you risk skin damage if you are unprotected. Seek medical advice before you deliberately expose yourself to sunlight.

Where to get help

Your doctor

Cancer Council of Victoria, Information and Support Service Tel. 131 120

SunSmart website: [www.sunsmart.com.au](http://www.sunsmart.com.au)

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

## Wattle Club Wanderings

Since the last report Wattle Club members have been out and about again.

They spent a lovely day at Wallaby Rise, enjoying a scrumptious meal. While in the vicinity they drove around the Glenmaggie Weir area to observe the height of the water level. It is the highest it has been for years, which is marvellous. Then there was another trip to Port Albert. A homemade picnic morning tea was consumed at Meeniyan. The drive took in Meeniyan, Toora and Port Albert. Lunch was of course, fish and chips at Pt. Albert. The members and helpers enjoy these outings very much. Exchange visits take place between the other ADASS groups. Recently, Churchill went to Morwell, where they enjoyed a performance by the Hillendale Singers. Moe and Morwell have also visited Churchill. On one occasion, they were entertained by Bush Poet Des Bennet, who recited poetry and played the piano. Another time, Kay and Murray entertained with guitar playing and singing.

After lunch one day, the group went to the Cultural Food Festival which was

held at the Football Club rooms. There they were able to taste foods from many different countries. Some purchased a recipe book on sale.

In house events have included a Melbourne Cup Day celebration, with a chicken and sparkling lemonade lunch. Some wore special hats. On 31st October for Halloween, there was a fancy dress up day, which from all reports was stunning.

Each month there is an inter group competition. A word is given, eg DECORATIONS, and each group has to see how many smaller words they can make from the letters of the word, without using a letter twice. There are prizes, but they weren't saying what!

ADASS group run through the Latrobe Community Health Service. It is open to older people that live at home. It provides socialisation and recreation for members, and respite for carers. For further information please contact Shannon Vaughan Co-ordinator on 51220400 or 0400 067 632.



Members of the Wattle Club at Walhalla

## Documentary Film Crew at Wonthaggi

A documentary film crew from Monash University Gippsland campus spent the day filming an underground tour for future use in educating the public about the unique black coal history of our region. Under the guidance of Parks Victoria staff, two volunteers accompanied the film crew underground to capture images of the mine and the coal face which are no longer accessible to the general public.

Monash University staff Daniel Clancey, Audio Visual Production Officer, and Maxine Holden, Executive Officer from the Institute for Regional Studies, went underground with Parks volunteers Garry and Reg Wilson. "The file will provide an invaluable tool for future generations, in understanding the conditions facing the miners and the struggle to produce the black coal needed to supply the state up until its closure in

December 1968" said Maxine Holden. Reflections were given by Reg, an ex-miner and employee at the State Coal Mine for 18 years, and his son provided a 'typical tour' of the underground mine given to visitors on a regular basis until the temporary closure of this service late last year.

"Engineering assessments and underway to cost fitting out the mine to contemporary industrial standards - with the ultimate aim of re-opening the service to the general public and many school groups who have enjoyed the experience of visiting a genuine black coal mine in the past" said Ms Holden.

"Capturing footage of the under-

ground mine was essential in the light of the current closure and threat to existing services. This film will add to the experience and provide an opportunity for many people to take a 'virtual tour' in the very near future".





## Sports News

# Keep Fit - Play Tennis

By Elaine Andrijczak, Secretary, Churchill Tennis Club

Junior and senior teams are enjoying the competition and improving each week. The Club really appreciates the support of players who fill in when regular team members are away.

Senior social tennis is still being held on Mondays at 1pm - contact Carol 5122 1464 for further details. Twilight tennis is held on Wednesdays at 7pm. Join in for 3

sets of tennis.

For the tennis enthusiast, the following tournaments are being held in January and will provide spectacular tennis.

Locally, the Loy Yang ITF Victorian Junior Championships are held at the Traralgon Tennis Centre on 5th - 11th January 2006. There is no charge for admission and you will see future Wimbledon champions in action. Roger Federer and Lleyton Hewitt participated in this

event as juniors.

The Kooyong AAMI Classic is being held at Kooyong on 11th - 14th January 2006. This round-robin event features the world's top men players.

The Australian Open is held at the Melbourne Tennis Centre from 16th - 29th January 2006. Even if you can't get tickets to the large stadiums, it is great to wander around the outside courts to see some great matches.

# Golf Results

Sunday Men's Comp: Stroke.  
13/11/05. CCR: 68.

Winner: B Barnes (29) 62. DTL: D Taylor 66. NTP: 3rd C Speekenbrink. Birdies: 14th J Ambrosini.

Sunday Ladies Comp: Stroke.  
13/11/05. CCR: 70.

Winner: J Blizzard (28) 70. DTL: H Croft 71. NTP: 5th M McConville. Birdies: 12th E D'Alterio.

Saturday Men's Comp: Stroke.  
19/11/05. CCR: 67.

A-Grade: (0-13) G Beyer (13) 59. B-Grade: (14-22) P Coad (16) 64. C-Grade: (23-32) S Hutchinson (27) 60. NTP: 3rd S McCafferty, 5th, 12th P Coad, 14th R Hodgson. Birdies: 5th P Coad, J Dickson. 14th P Jordan, 14th R Hodgson.

Tuesday Ladies Comp:  
Stableford. 22/11/05. CCR: 67.

A-Grade: (0-36) M McDonald (34) 42 pts. B-Grade: (37-45) H Croft (41) 44pts. DTL: T O'Brien 42 pts, B Beebe 41 pts, S Cooke 40pts, S Jeffery 40pts. NTP: 3/12 (33-45) H Croft. 5/4 (0-32) Y Wotton. (33-45) M McDonald. Lost Handicap: H Croft 41 - 38, T O'Brien 45- 44.

Saturday Men's Comp: Monthly Medal. 22/10/05.

Scratch: M Brereton 77. A-Grade: (0-13) & Medal - M Brereton (12) 65. B-Grade: (14-21) J Dickson (20) 70. C-Grade: (22-32) J Jeffery (24) 71. DTL: C Speekenbrink 71, D

Williams 71, J Ambrosini 72, N Hutchinson 72, G Britton 72, G Miller 73, c/b. NTP: 3rd M Brereton, 5th P Coad, 12th S Wotton, 14th G Wells. Birdies: 3rd M Brereton, 5th J Jeffery. Encouragement Award: S Hutchinson 73 c/b. Putts: C Speekenbrink 27.

Sunday Men's Comp:  
Stableford. 23/10/05. CCR: 68.

Winner: M D'Alterio (32) 34 pts. Sunday Ladies Comp:  
Stableford. 23/10/05. CCR: 70.

Winner: J Maher (26) 25. DTL: C Barnes (36) 23 pts c/b. NTP: 5th J Maher. Birdies: 5th J Maher.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: 3 Ball Dropout. 25/10/05.

Winners: P Hrynyszyn (36), M McConville (21), J Hayes (45), 55 nett. DTL: E D'Alterio, L Ollquist, H Croft 56 nett. Longest Drive: (0-32) E D'Alterio, (33-45) J Beck.

Saturday Men's Comp: Yankee 4 Ball. 29/10/05.

Winners: G Fraser (14), R Sheahey (19) 68 5/8. RunnerUp: T Peters (16), G Hornsby (19) 69 7/8. DTL: B Murphy, W Peter 70 1/4, F Sedak, V Monument 72. NTP: 3rd W Peter, 12th R Welsh, 14th T Peters. Birdies: 12th R Welsh, 14th T Peters.

Sunday Men's Comp: Open Mixed Canadian. 30/10/05.

A-Grade: J & A Kuhne 73 1/2. B-Grade: T & H Hockley 73 3/8.

Visitors: S & I Yoshimura 74 5/8. DTL: L & J Maher 75 1/8, G Blizzard, H Croft 75 1/2, D Taylor, J Beck 75 1/2. NTP: 3rd R Welsh - L Jessop, 5th V Monument, 12th F Sedjack.

Saturday Mens Comp:  
Stableford. 5/11/05. CCR: 67.

A-Grade: (0-13) S McCafferty (13) 44 pts. B-Grade: (14-21) T Peters (16) 44. C-Grade: (22-32) F Debono (32) 40. DTL: P Williams 40, J Dickson 39, R Hodgson 39, R Sheahey 38, S Wotton 37, C Speekenbrink 38, F Sedjak 36. NTP: 3rd T Peters, 5th & 12th J Ambrosini, 14th P Ludlow. Birdies: K Garlick 12th, S McCafferty 14th.

Sunday Men's Comp: 2 x Ambrose Newry Challenge.  
6/11/05.

Best Churchill - W Peter - G Beyer 60 3/4, Best Newry - G Moreland - J Barnett 64 3/4. Challenge Winners: Newry 66-97.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stroke Medal. 8/11/05. CCR: 72.

Scratch: D Thomas 91. A-Grade: (0-33) D Thomas (25) 66. B-Grade: (33-34) H Croft (41) 74. DTL: S Jeffery 70, Y Wotton 73, M McConville 74, C Gardam 75. NTP: 3rd V Anderson, 5th Y Wotton, 12th J Blizzard, 14th M McConville. Putts: C Barnes 28. Longest Drive: 0-32 D Thomas. 33-45 V Rowley. Lost Handicap: D Thomas 25-23, S Jeffery 32-31.

# BMX Fun!

By David Guthrie, President

Our group held a community BBQ and BMX competition for local youth last month in Glendonald Park, as part of 'Housing Week' celebrations.

Housing Week events are funded by the Department for Human Services and are designed to celebrate the positive contributions public housing tenants make to local communities.

Competition on the BMX track was keen. Proud winners in the age-related categories were presented with trophies, as were second and third place-getters.

Lots of people called in at the BBQ shelter and partook of sausages and soft drinks. Many thanks to our volunteers: John, Gayle, Henry, Brett, Kelly, and all who helped on the day.

The BMX track is a popular facility for young people to enjoy outdoor activities. Latrobe City Council paid for some maintenance work to be done on the track before our BMX day, and we are approaching the Council, via Glendonald Park Advisory Committee, to provide regular maintenance and improvements to ensure its continued suitability for riders of all ages and abilities.

Our next activity will be our Christmas BBQ in Glendonald Park on Tuesday 15th December, starting at 5pm. The hard-working Lions Club volunteers will cook for us. Santa has also been invited to attend!

Our children's Monday

After School program in Glendonald Park will run to Monday 19 December. We'll be having a small 'break-up' that afternoon, and will start up again next year when Term 1 commences.

During the January school holidays, we will run a couple of children's activities in Glendonald Park. Many children have asked us to host another BMX competition, so we're proposing to organise this for around January 10. A further fun activity involving water play is planned for January 23.

Congratulations to those volunteers who successfully completed the St Johns' CPR Training course, held at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre in November. GRG has been able to source funding and provide several training courses for volunteers during 2005, and we hope to be able to provide further training opportunities next year.

Our next General Meeting will be on Tuesday 31st January 2006 at 7pm in Glendonald Kindergarten. All residents of Glendonald are welcome to attend. Supper and childcare are provided.


If you'd like to know more about our activities contact us at PO Box 245, Churchill or by phone the Secretary, Barbara James, on 5122 1407.



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# Gambling Impact Articles



By RUTH PLACE

Throughout this year, the paper has produced some articles outlining the effects of problem gambling, initiatives which various groups have taken to address these issues, and places where people can go to access help for themselves and those close to them, should they need to.

The Churchill and District News would like to thank Latrobe City Trust for their support of the writing these articles.

We would again like to list the places where help is available, if you are concerned about your gambling behaviour, or the gambling behaviour of someone close to you.

1. Staff at Gambler's Help Gippsland can be contacted Mon- Fri

9am-5pm, at Anglicare on 51339998. Counsellors are available 24 hours a day through Gambler's Help Telephone Counselling Line on 1800 156 789.

2. Latrobe Community Health Service provide emergency relief for individuals and family members with a gambling addiction. They also provide counselling for partners, and advice on where to go to seek assistance for family members.

Ring 51220400 and ask for Welfare. You may also contact the Morwell Centre on 51342011, or Moe centre on 51279100.

3. Latrobe Information and Support Centre on 51341118.

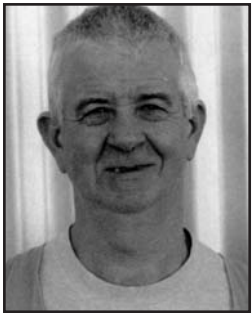
4. The Assemblies of God Valley Christian Centre for help with food and clothing.





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Christmas caroling began as an old English custom called Wassailing, toasting neighbours to a long and healthy life.

**CHRISTMAS QUOTE**

From a commercial point of view, if Christmas did not exist it would be necessary to invent it.  
Katherine Whitehorn

**JOB OF THE MONTH**



Pictured left is the much improved back entrance to Spotlight in Morwell. Now fully enclosed with glass and modern shopfront doors (all made and fitted by GUY'S GLASS), I'm sure you'll agree the change is fabulous!

These types of jobs are what gives us a sense of pride at GUY'S GLASS. We have all tackled those old, steep stairs in the past, while fighting the elements! How good it felt to see those old stairs being ripped down and replaced. Our windows and doors were just the icing on the cake!!!

**4 things GUY'S GLASS CAN HELP YOU WITH TO IMPROVE COMFORT & ADD VALUE TO YOUR HOME THIS SUMMER!**

1. Are you sick of blow-flies, mosquitoes and all those nasty critters that enter your home during the summer months? **KEEP THEM OUTSIDE WHERE THEY BELONG! ADD NEW FLYWIRE SCREENS.** GUY'S GLASS can give you a FREE measure and quote and make them to order based on your specifications.
2. Do you have one of those **OLD UGLY BROWN SECURITY DOORS** like so many others? Things have changed in the Security Door world and the designs and colours have changed for the better over the years. GUY'S GLASS can make and fit your new door in no time! So step up in the world and get with the times! Call us, or come and take a look at the beautiful designs available, and we will give you a FREE measure and quote.
3. Does the sun **BLAZE** through your windows on a hot summers day? GUY'S GLASS are professionals, and we have all the latest knowledge in window glass. Did you know that you can get window glass that reduces 99% of U.V. radiation and helps your furniture to last up to 8 times longer? Call us for a FREE measure and quote.
4. Are you tired of cleaning scum off the tiles in your shower? Does your kitchen have the **WOW** factor? In the Real Estate world these two rooms are the most important for resale value. Even if you are not thinking of selling at this time, imagine how great these rooms would look by adding glass splashbacks. As well as the reduced elbow grease you will need in your daily cleaning - a quick wipe and all dirt and scum is gone! So if you want to put the **WOW** into your kitchen and bathroom - Call us now for a FREE measure and quote.

**GUY'S Guarantee**



**"FAST GLASS REPLACEMENT"**  
WE GUARANTEE TO REPLACE YOUR GLASS WITHIN 24 HOURS, OR YOU WILL RECEIVE 50% OFF YOUR QUOTED PRICE!  
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**CUSTOMER COMMENTS!**



THE PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANISATIONAL ABILITY OF GUY'S GLASS MEANT THAT OUR JOB WAS COMPLETED PROMPTLY. WE WERE EXTREMELY SATISFIED WITH THE FINISHED PRODUCT AND WOULD HAVE NO HESITATION IN USING THEIR SERVICES AGAIN.

**JUST GIVE US 1% OF YOUR BUSINESS AND WE WILL EARN THE REST!**

**DEB'S - All natural 'CHRISTMAS CLEANING'**

Lavender Essential oil is universal. It is antibacterial, antifungal, antiviral and boosts the immune system. You can make your own cleaning supplies so your home will smell lovely when your guests arrive for Christmas Dinner

Lavender & Tea Tree Spray Cleaner

- 1tsp borax
- 2 T white vinegar
- 2 cups hot water
- 1/4 tsp lavender essential oil
- 3 drops Tea Tree essential oil

Mix all the ingredients together and stir until dry ingredients dissolve. Pour into a spray bottle for long term storage and use. Spray as needed on any surface except glass. Scrub and rinse with a clean damp cloth.



We would like to express a huge thank you to all of our customers for their support during 2005. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. See you in 2006!  
Guy, Debbie and Staff  
GUY'S GLASS

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