

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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Churchill Festival

“You can have fun in the sun and even the same in the rain!”



THE occasional shower and gust of wind did not deter visitors to the Churchill Festival.

The day was well attended with the Churchill Lions cooking up a staggering 90 kilos of sausages! Awakening entertained lots of children with games, stilts, a wind tunnel and bouncing castle. The Gippsland Historic Car Club and Ulysses put on a wonderful show. On stage music and entertainment played all day.

“We had plenty of umbrellas on standby!” said Val Prokopiv. “The weather did not stop the fun - even if a couple of tents did blow down!”

Organisers heard only positive comments throughout the day from both stall holders and visitors.

From the ‘Comments Book’:

‘Its very nice to see the community

working together. I have seen the joy and freedom, its awesome.’ Praveeen, Fusion India.

‘We had a top time, 3 kids had heaps to see, do, eat and drink. Thanks.’ Nichole.

‘Improving year by year. The diversity of interests and activities works well.’ Martin.

‘Way to go!! The Festival is good as lots of people come and enjoy it. Its raining, but is doesn’t matter coz we have Fun. God bless you, Churchill!!’ Anast - Jakarta, Indonesia.

Pictured above left: Latrobe Valley Rockers, above: Awakening’s Jumping Castle, far left: Fusion’s ‘Gray Lady’ and left: Trent had a wonderful day!

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EDITORIAL

Four seasons in one day - but that did not stop a huge crowd enjoying the Churchill Festival! I would like to thank the team that put it all together.

They worked long and hard - it took eighteen months of planning so thank you to Ruth, Tracey, Peter C, Andy, Peter P, Melinda, Matt, Karen, Wendy, Carol, Mark, Fiona, Peter R, Max, Ian C, Ian P, Ken, Lindsay, Linda and Marian.

The Churchill Festival is unique. We will soon be planning for the next one in 2008.

We welcome any comments about how we can improve the Festival or if there is anything else you would like to see happening on the day. Also we are always looking for volunteers to help,

particularly in the planning stages.

More pictures of the Festival can be found on our website along with all the details of our competitions, the latest editions, advertising and how to submit articles.

The Photographic Competition closes this week - all entries must be in by the last post next Monday.

All entries will be on display at the prize giving ceremony on 18th May at the Co-operating Churches in Churchill. Everyone is welcome to come along - more details will be published in the next edition.

Everyone at the News would like to wish readers a safe and happy Easter and please take care on the roads.

Til next time Ed

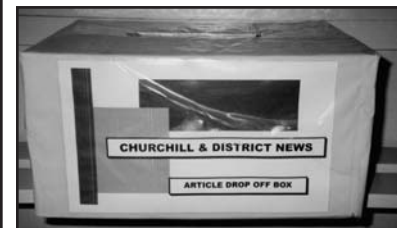
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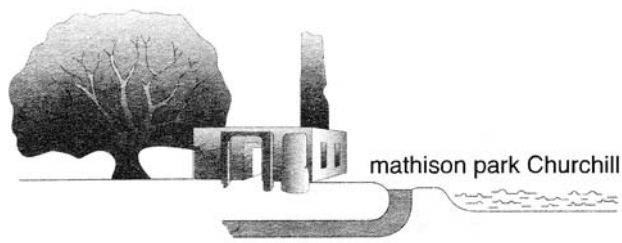
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New Age Fitness Station



FOUR new fitness stations, in Churchill, Traralgon, Morwell and Moe, were launched before a big crowd at Mathison Park recently. Churchill's station is conveniently located at the Mackey's Road end of Mathison Park. Latrobe City mayor, Cr Lisa Price, said communities across Latrobe would now be able to benefit from improved levels of fitness by regularly using the new fitness apparatus installed. Each station consists of six pieces of apparatus including; arched monkey bars and chin-up bars, designed to strengthen the upper body; log jumps designed to strengthen the legs and torso; a sit-up/push-up station and parallel bars designed to strengthen the upper body; and balance beams designed to improve balance.

"Residents can use the fitness equipment at any time of the day and progress with their exercise routine at their own chosen pace," Cr Price said.

Located next to the walking track, the fitness station

will allow people to use the equipment when it is convenient for them, perhaps providing an enjoyable break to their regular walking routine.

An easy to read instruction board that contains easy to understand instructions features artwork from Kurnai College students Jaime Day and Matt Smart. It features a colourful representation of a community actively engaged in physical activity.

"This project has been initiated because of the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games, and is another indication that the legacy of these Games will be around for many years...our community will be able to enjoy these fitness stations for many years to come," Cr Price said.

Funding of the \$40,000 all age fitness stations has been undertaken through a \$20,000 allocation from Latrobe City and a \$20,000 contribution through the State Government's 'Get Involved' grants program.



Working Bee

THE last working bee was better attended and considerable work was achieved. Weeding of the Koori Garden took place, followed by

the planting of some new additions. The fern garden was weeded and mulched.

Pictured top: Enjoying the new Fitness Station at Mathison Park. Above: The Mathison Park Committee. Left: Mathison Park Working Bee.



good Friday auction

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Dancing from 8.00 pm to 11.30 pm

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Please bring a plate. Sandwiches supplied by the Committee.
More details from Secretary: Zelma Mildenhall Tel: 5166 1264

CHURCH SNIPPETS

BY RUTH PLACE

WORLD Day of Prayer was celebrated at Lumen Christi this year. The theme was Signs of the Times, and was prepared by the Christian women of South Africa. Marian and her team arranged a very moving and thoughtful service which included participants from both churches. Images projected on a screen, during the reflection made a sobering impact.

A delicious supper and happy fellowship was shared after the service.

Our first Church service for the month was conducted by Liz Sulley who is chaplain at Kurnai college Morwell and Churchill. Liz was helped by the team of Fusion folks who had assembled for the Awakening Fusion activities, which were held at the Live Site at Moe Racecourse. Liz presented a very thought provoking talk about everyone's need to have someone to walk along side of them and guide them. She then said that many young people today are without that significant person in their life. She

challenged us to find a person who needed someone in their lives, and walk with them. She also shared with us ways that we could support the work of Fusion as it runs programs to help young people experience the love of God, through care.

Clean Up Australia, was held on March 5th. Some of our congregation were joined by community members to clean up the park, McDonald Way and surrounding areas. It was a pleasure to note a large decrease in rubbish. We attempted to separate the rubbish and recycle what we could. Thank you to the City Council for your support, by providing a skip and bins for our collection.

The following week, 32 campers tripped off to Lake Tyers beach UCA camp site. There they took part in studies lead by Rev. Dr. Bob Brown, enjoyed a trivia night and a concert night. Meals were shared, as was jolly fellowship. A scavenger hunt caused a lot of continuing interest, especially for the children.

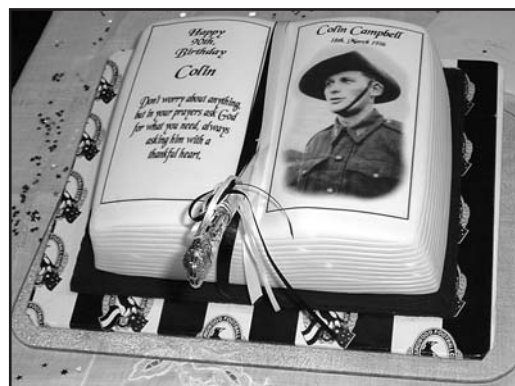


Clean Up Australia Team



Colin invited son Bruce and daughter-in-law Ruth to help him cut the cake.

Colin Campbell celebrated with family and church family, his 90th birthday. Colin invited son Bruce and daughter-in-law Ruth to help him cut the beautifully iced cake. He remarked that one of his philosophies was the importance of family, and staying together. He said he was



Beautifully iced cake

grateful to his God for wonderful protection and good health over the years.

Lenten Studies are being conducted at 2 loca-

tions- Churchill and Yinnar (Sunday evening and Thursday morning respectively), by Bob Brown.

Yanlin and Mary, with son Tony, have come from China, and have made our church family their own. They had a marvellous time at church camp. Yanlin shared her thoughts and experiences about China at Saturday Breakfast. It was good to learn which part of China was their home.

The Churchill and District News team were flat out preparing for the Churchill Festival.

The Ladies fellowship invited Anne and Jim Connelly to speak on Friday 31 March. Anne and Jim had been to live and work in Rwanda, for whom

the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland, including Churchill, had contributed money to purchase cows for the pastors of Rwanda Anglican Church who have no income. This has been a very positive project, which has resulted in relationships between parishes in Rwanda and Gippsland being established. There was a power point presentation of photos. Anne had selection of hand made items. The presentation and display showcased the country, people and culture, giving those present an insight into this people of faith, with whom we are linking, halfway around the world.

One of the highlights was to see a photo of the cow the parish had provided. It was wonderful to see the pastor, his family and key members of his congregation. We saw both their current worship space and the new church, which they are building as resources become available. The evening concluded with a light supper, and much chatter. A total of \$200 was raised towards ongoing support of the Cash for Cows Program.

Chaplaincy Contemplations

BY REV'D LYN PORRITT

THE year flies by and Easter is here. This gives the University its first vacation for the year from lectures, tutorials and seminars. People give a sigh of relief to have some time without input, students focus on assignments which are due when they get back to the campus.

Some international students wonder what to do with themselves at this time. We are working on a plan which will help them become involved with a local family during their stay here with us. Any experience which fosters understanding between peoples of different cultures and belief systems is to be encouraged.

Jesus, as he walked about Judea before he headed towards Jerusalem, was trying to show his disciples and others how to reach across the divides of wealth and class and education and rationality to the heart of the person and the need which Jesus saw and felt in them. He broke many taboos and restored men, women and children to better lives. He talked to his disciples about how to live and what was

important and he intimated to them his coming death and resurrection (Mark 10:32-34). Then he turned himself towards Jerusalem and thus towards his triumph, passion, death and resurrection bringing about a forgiveness for all humanity from God and a hope in a life lived for each of us which goes back into God, as Jesus did. Which is what Easter is about no matter what else is happening and how many assignments are due! After the crucifixion and the finding of the empty tomb Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene and to the disciples and he asked them to "go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation". Mark 16:15.

Easter is a reminder to all the peoples of the world that Jesus came and died for all humanity and his resurrection and ascension demonstrate the possibilities of relationship with God not only in this life but for eternity. What this requires is faith in this wonderful story of determination, courage, sacrifice and redemption.

Easter Blessings on you all as you explore your faith in God through Jesus Christ.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

By KEITH ENDERS

The first Co-Operating Churches in Churchill Saturday Breakfast for 2005 was held on 25th March with 21 people in attendance. Yanlin was the guest speaker and he spoke about the history of China, his home country, covering the various dynasties and historical periods which date back thousands of years. The building of the Great Wall of China was described and some other places of interest such as the Yangste River and its three gorges and the terra cotta figures, which were discovered about 30 years ago by farmers drilling for water.

Yanlin is studying at Monash Gippsland for his PhD in the School of Applied Science and his wife and son are also with him Churchill.

The next Saturday Breakfast will be held at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, Williams Avenue, at 7.30 am. The guest speaker will be the Rev Lyn Poritt, Chaplain at Monash Gippsland. Her talk will be based on the one given at the Monash lunch time series in 2005 and titled 'Images of God - Personal Experiences Across Life'.

People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders by Thursday 20th April on 5122 1148 or at kbenders@net-tech.com.au



Yanlin and his wife at a recent Saturday Breakfast

Church Times

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Rev. Dr. Bob Brown
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Father Malcolm Hewitt
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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

Letters to the Editor

Churchill Community Hub

I have been involved with and a supporter of Churchill's Neighbourhood House, now Neighbourhood Centre since its early days when it was located in a house in Churinga Drive. After a few years it outgrew the small house and the Morwell Council, with a government grant, built the present Neighbourhood Centre.

It has become an important and

well used community asset in Churchill, it was purpose built and its shared facilities, i.e. car park, meeting rooms, toilets etc., are a feature of good planning.

The current proposal for Monash University to take over the centre and relocate it to the lower level of Churchill's Community Hall (Churchill News 9th Feb) is I believe disastrous.

There has been no effective com-

munity consultation on this proposal and I support those who are campaigning against any interference with the present building and operation of our Neighbourhood Centre.

Monash owns about 300 acres of land so I see no reason for taking over a community building and cramming so many buildings together on one corner of it.

Tom Lawless

Boolarra Folk Festival Bigger and Better



THIS event gets bigger and better each year. The number and variety of stalls increases annually. There was music galore with 14 acts from 12:45pm - 7pm. This was begun with the very popular primary schools drumming performance

with Steve Schultz. Children were well catered for with their own tent, staffed by volunteers from Awakening.

More entertainment followed from 7:30pm until 12:30am, with a time set aside for budding musicians

to have a go.

Two free workshops were held during the afternoon. One was for acoustic guitar with Anthony McGloin, the other for 5-string blue grass banjo, with Jim Golding.

Churchill & District News Photographic Competition 2006

THE Churchill and District News third photographic competition is closing this week. **Entries must be in by last post on Monday 17th April.**

The theme for this year is

'Natural Gippsland'.

There will be lots of prizes and winning entries will be published in the paper. The competition is open to all ages from young to old!

The closing date for entries is 14

April 2006. An entry form and conditions of entry are printed below.

If you require more forms or more information please ring Val on 5122 2589. Good Luck!

Churchill & District News 'Natural Gippsland'

Photographic Competition 2006: Conditions of Entry

CATEGORIES: Entries are accepted in 4 Categories:
Prep - Year 6 Year 7 - Year 12 Under 21 21 and over

PRIZES: Prizes can be won in all four categories.

JUDGING: Entries will be judged locally.

1. Each entry must be accompanied with an entry form and state where the photograph was taken.
2. Entries must be in the form of a photographic print. Photographs can be submitted in colour or black and white. They must be unframed. Size 150mm x 100mm (4"x6")
3. Slides will not be accepted. Computer generated images will not be accepted.
4. Multiple entries will be accepted
5. Photographs must be received by 13.04.06
6. The greatest care will be taken with entries, but no responsibility will be accepted for loss or damage
7. Unless otherwise specified, permission to reproduce entries for publicity purposes will be assumed.
8. Photographers will be credited whenever the images are used.
9. Entries from students under the age of 18 must have adult consent.
10. Any persons included in the photographic image must be consenting for the photograph and any subsequent use of the photograph. A consent form must accompany any entries that include images of people. Please ring 5122 2589 to obtain a consent form.
11. Entries will be returned only if they are accompanied by a SAE.
12. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
13. Signing of the entry form for this competition constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry.



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Founders Day

By Ray Beebe

22 February is Founders Day, when Scouts around the world celebrate the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting. Activity was the order of the day that evening at the Churchill Scout Hall in Manning Drive. A team of Strzelecki District Leaders and 150 Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers enjoyed activities based on Orienteering, Mini Olympics, Scout Law and Promise, and Chariot Races (Construction). A Scouts' Own

Service was included.

Adam Wookey, Scout Leader at Churchill, was presented with his 5 years Service Award by Strzelecki District Commissioner Derrick Grant. Scouting provides adventure and activities for both male and female youth members from age 6 years to 25. Strzelecki comprises Groups in Churchill, Yinnar, Morwell, Traralgon and Glengarry. Membership in Strzelecki has grown over the last years, despite a fall in the population of young people in this area.

CLOSING 14TH APRIL

Churchill & District News Photographic Competition 2006 'Natural Gippsland' Entry Form



Name: _____

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Title of Photograph: _____ Category (see below)

The Photograph was taken at: _____

I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them. I certify that this is an original photograph, taken by myself.

Signature _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 18: _____

Entry Fee to be included with Entry Form:

Entry Fees: \$3.00 per photograph (\$2.00 per photograph concession or student)

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Entries to be mailed to:

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Closing Date 14th April 2006

Boolarra Primary School

Thanks!

The storm damage that occurred just before school resumed this year would have been devastating was it not for the fabulous support the school received from some local Boolarra folk. Thanks to their brilliant effort,



Storm Damage

order was restored and the school was looking remarkably presentable on day one of the 2006 school year. This experience highlighted the amazing power and force of nature as well as the fabulous community spirit that exists in Boolarra!

Great Start To 2006

Our 11 new preps have settled into the school routine brilliantly and all appear to be thriving. Our senior students are doing a magnificent job taking responsibility for supporting our new preps and setting a fine example for other students. As part of our Commonwealth Games study, we asked the students to reduce the rubbish they create; they have risen to this challenge brilliantly! The schoolyard has been kept so tidy the students earned a bonus recess reward. The new playground equipment is such a huge

hit with the students that we have had to impose a roster to ensure it is shared around. The painting on the exterior of the Budgeree Building and the interior of the main building also ensured that our school was looking fresh and welcoming this year.

New Programs At Our School

John Duck, a former Shared Phys. Ed Specialist Teacher, conducts P.E. lessons for all grades one day a week and the students are enjoying this opportunity to increase their fitness and skills. We obtained funding from the Education Department for a Welfare Coordinator and chose to use this to employ Karen Tingay, who works at our school on Mondays and Fridays and is conducting a Social Skills program for our students that focuses on helping them to interact positively with others, take responsibility for their own behaviour and bounce back from setbacks. Karen will

also liaise with our parents and wider school community to ensure that we have good communication in place. The school has lots of great books and resources that deal with a broad range of child wellbeing issues such as coping with bullying, building self esteem, parenting and so forth which we would be very happy to lend to any interested folk - contact Karen to access these. Karen's 1st big challenge is to improve our students' attendance, as this has been identified as a major concern. You do not need to be a rocket scientist to work out that if children are not at school they cannot learn. Already we are seeing some positive signs in this area, as 31 of our students did not miss a minute of school in February, which was a great effort!

Breakfast At School

We are very grateful to some volunteers from the local church groups who assist our Junior School Council to provide free



Free Breakfast once a Month

breakfasts to our students once a month. Our students really enjoy starting the day in such a convivial and nourishing manner.

Congratulations and Thanks!

Everyone at the school would like to sincerely thank the Boolarra Folk Festival team who do such a magnificent job staging this outstanding event. We know that to organize such a spectacular day this must entail a massive effort. We are very grateful that we have volunteers who are prepared to work so hard for our community.

Forthcoming Events:

Thursday 13th April - Yinnar & District Athletic Sports, Yinnar

Sunday 23rd April -

The school caters at the Boolarra Rodeo and we will need all the help we can get!

It also allows the students to experience what it is like to have different classes with different teachers in different rooms.

Activities are conducted with the 5/6s and year 7/8s together.

Kurnai College participated in the Churchill Festival, with Kurnai College Music groups playing on the stage.

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL 1881 -2006

THE school will be celebrating its one hundred and twenty fifth anniversary during October this year.

In 1981 students at the school contributed to a time capsule that will be opened in October.

Another one, containing current students' work will be buried, to be opened in 2031.

There will be a planning meeting at the school on Wednesday 19th April at 7.30pm for the celebration.

Former and current students, parents and staff are most welcome to attend this meeting, or to make suggestions for the celebrations.

Please phone the school on 51661267 or email Drysdale.Ian.R@edumail.vic.gov.au if you are interested in being part of the planning committee, or have ideas to contribute.

Late last term our school held a Commonwealth Games Fun Run Relay.

Students dressed as athletes and teams designed their own batons for the relay.

It was a fun activity.

The students and staff appreciate the more than \$1300 raised which will be used to part fund the development of new sandpit areas.



**Above: Nicola Fun Run Relay
Below: Rodney & Nathan Fun Run Relay**



Come One Come All - Yinnar Primary School



INTERNATIONAL Children's Book Day at the beginning of the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge was celebrated at Yinnar Primary School in Medieval style.

Students entered the Kingdom of Reading coming to School dressed as Knights, Kings, Queens, Jesters, Princesses and even a Dragon.

The Students thoroughly enjoyed

their teachers' performing a Readers Theatre of a modern day Fairy Tale of "Cinderella."

Children paraded their medieval dress in a whole school parade which was followed by a Royal Banquet morning tea.

The day was a great success and a wonderful, exciting way to encourage children to enjoy books and reading.



KURNAI COLLEGE

STAFF member Robin Fitzpatrick was a volunteer at the Commonwealth Games shooting venue.

She has a great time.

Awareness days are coming up on 1 and 31 May.

These days are a chance for parents and grade 5/6 students from the feeder schools to attend Kurnai.

Engage in a variety of fun educational activities, which allow the students and parents to become familiar with the college environment.

Churchill Primary School

Staffing

The staff and students wish Pam Jordan a wonderful, well deserved holiday. Taking Pam's place for the term, the school welcomes Debbie Richardson and Fiona Simcock.

Commonwealth Games



Towards the end of 2005, Safeway wrote to the schools asking them to outline the ways in which their school had become involved with the community. The idea was that the school chosen would be allowed to send 14 students, at Safeway's expense, to see part of the Commonwealth Games. Sue Davis wrote the submission and sent it off. The result was that Mid Valley Safeway chose Churchill Primary School. So then came the difficult job of deciding which 14 students would be chosen. Sue asked all those who would like to go to write a short essay on why they should be chosen and why they should represent Churchill Primary School. Fifty very good applications were submitted.

Here are two of the letters so you can see what a difficult task it must have been to choose the selected students

"To Mrs. Davis,

Hi It's Jayden Wilkins and I would like to tell you a little about myself, and some of the reasons for you to consider taking me to the 2006 Commonwealth Games, and why I think I deserve to go. Well besides the fact that I love basketball and all other sports, and my country, I have represented the school in Junior School Council for two years, also competed in the Zone Athletics last year, in the sprints and

high jump. I have also enjoyed being Green House event champion on a few years in a row.

My sporting achievements include many events won over the years at the Yinnar and District Sports.

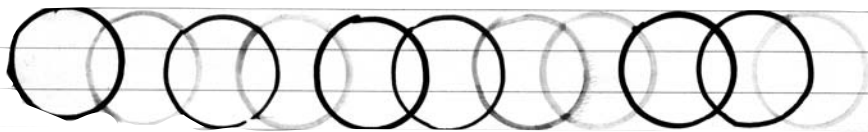
I started playing sport outside of school in 2002 with soccer, and got the leading goal kicker for that year. Then I went to Football. In my three years I have won runner up, and best and fairest. Also I play cricket and have won the Coach's Award, and the Most Disciplined Player for the club.

As well as these sports I also love helping my Dad and the kids with Milo Cricket, as a volunteer helper at Boolarra. One of my highlights included playing Auskick Grid match last year on the Telsta Dome ground with my friends during half time of the Carlton vs Sydney match.

I have been to a couple of AFL games and cricket matches, so I am used to a big crowd and am very responsible around a lot of people. I watched almost all of the Australian Open and watch pretty much anything sport on T.V. I follow anything and have a pretty good understanding of all sports, especially when our country is involved.

Out of everything I have learnt about sport so far is that it is not about winning or losing, it's about experience and having fun.

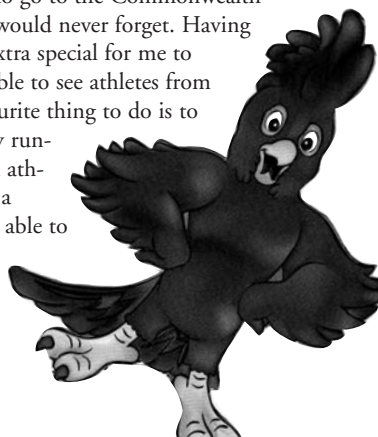
I hope all of this is worthwhile reason for me



Dear Mrs Davis

Hi, My name is Elizabeth Oakley. I am writing to you concerning the tickets for the Commonwealth Games. I am in Grade 6 and as it is my final year of primary school, I would love for it to be one I will always remember forever. Being able to go to the Commonwealth Games would be a big thing for me and it would be one I would never forget. Having the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne would make it extra special for me to attend because it is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be able to see athletes from around the world compete in this country. One of my favourite thing to do is to play sports such as cricket, basketball and footy. I also enjoy running. I really enjoy watching and supporting our Australian athletes on TV and I think that the Commonwealth Games is a great chance for me to show my support to them. By being able to go to the Commonwealth Games it would be a great opportunity for me to see what I can achieve if I set my goals high just like those athletes have done.

Your sincerely,
Elizabeth Oakley





Churchill Primary School Students with representatives of Safeways

to go to the Commonwealth Games, because I would really love to go with you."

So you can see from the caliber of the essays, Sue had a hard choice.

Safeway put on the bus. Churchill went to Melbourne with a group from Baringa school Moe, who won for the Moe Safeway Store. They also provided a Safeway green and gold bag full of goodies. The students sat in the second front row, from the basketball court. They saw two games, Malta vs India, and The Opals vs Nigeria.

They were able to lean out and high 5 the Opals team members as they passed. Favourites were Lauren Jackson and Linda Snell who is from Mirboo North.



Churchill Primary School Students who attend the Commonwealth Games

Bad Hair Day

On 10 March, the Junior School Council ran a Bad Hair day. Students were allowed to come to school in crazy wigs, with coloured hair and bad hairstyles. For the privilege they had to donate a gold coin to Cystic Fibrosis research. A sizeable amount of money was raised for this cause.

Athletics Sports

Held in the last week of term, the day went well with lots of parents coming to watch and help. It rained a little, but that was OK. The students tried hard, behaved well and competed well.

About the day Courtney Semple wrote "This year even the Preps joined in the fun. The events were: novelty, high jump, long jump, shot put, discus, sprints, long distance run and finally House relays.

The winning teams this year were: 1st- Blue, 2nd-Green, 3rd- Yellow, and 4th (but still a respectable team) - Red

No matter how it turned out in the end, everyone enjoyed themselves; so whatever team you're in (Red, Green, Yellow or Blue) see you at the Yinnar and District sports!

Lumen Christi Grade 5/6 - Rich Task

Tim Ruyg, Grade 5/6 teacher, at Lumen Christi in 2005, posed a question to his class last year in the town's 40th year: "How can the town of Churchill be a better place to live?" The students chose a small group of classmates with whom to work, and decided which aspect to choose from the list below:

Education, Tourism/Attractions, Sport, Shopping, Services, Entertainment, Media, The Arts, Local Identities, Transport, Flora and Fauna, Technology, Parks and Gardens, The Environment.

Many of these topics were chosen. The students then set about doing the research required, which included doing interviews, surveys, using the internet, talking to local people, and tapped into local knowledge. Once the information was acquired, the students could then choose from a variety of ways to present their findings.

Sarah and Kate chose to do a Powerpoint presentation using a smart board, in which they showed their research about shopping concerns in Churchill.

Nathan and Thomas designed a web page to add to their school web site, which displayed a helpful outline of the trans-

port options for Churchill, which included the bus timetable.

This can be located by going to www.lumen.Sale.Catholic.edu.au by scrolling to the bottom to click on the bus picture. This will give the transport options. Then use the hyperlink to Churchill. Click on Bus Timetable and it will be there to see.

Molly and Marc did a survey, which they displayed, showing the lack of shopping facilities to appeal to the younger members of our town.

Others made models of the town, or the area of their choice.

The students learnt much about Churchill, its needs, lack of facilities, appreciation of what is available, as well as much valuable technological expertise.



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Hazelwood Rotary Continues With Leadership Projects

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood continues to encourage leadership in the community by sponsoring young people and others facing challenges to participate in various Rotary leadership programs. These include the National Youth Science Forum, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, the Shine On Awards and the Indigenous Health Scholarship scheme.

Successful National Youth Science Forum participant, Hayley Ellis, recently addressed the Club on her experiences and the benefits she received from participating in the course in Canberra. Hayley was then chosen to participate in a Science school in Canada and spend some time in London as an extension of her involvement in the forum.

Hazelwood also recently sponsored Kellie Gavin, a young IT Officer at Latrobe City, to participate in a Rotary Youth Leadership Award Course conducted at Rawson.

Thirty- one young people from throughout the district undertook this weekend course, which was jointly organized by the Rotary Club of Morwell and the Rotary Club of Warragul. Kellie will shortly speak to the club about her experience on the course and the potential to assist in her career.

The Rotary "Shine On" Awards recog-

nize those people with disabilities, both physical and mental, who show outstanding leadership in overcoming their disability and contributing to the community.

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood has nominated Karleen Plunket for this award and she will travel to Maryborough with Rotary Club representatives on 7 May for the announcement and presentation of these awards.

In 2007 Hazelwood Rotary will be the host club for the "Shine On" awards.

The Club was also the instigator of the Indigenous Health Scholarships scheme and, with the assistance of other Rotary Clubs in the District, continues to help support indigenous university students undertaking courses in Health and Allied health qualifications. Upon graduation, these students will work in communities where they can serve their own people.

President Aldo Minchella said that this is a very rewarding part of Rotary activity.

"When we put our funds towards helping young people to grow in their careers, we know that we are investing in the future", he said.

Caught in Cyclone Larry

By PETER CEENEY

THERE are instances during a lifetime where a single event maintains a prominent place within the memory banks. So much so that day to day happenings bring on reminders of the event regularly. I experienced one such instance at the age of fourteen, when I found myself at an intersection in Cockatoo awaiting my brother's return from his house in an attempt to save his treasured possessions.

At the time I was simply afraid for us both as the bushfire raced out of control, not knowing which direction was safe and witnessing panic in all forms. The day became known as Ash Wednesday.

This year I once again found myself facing nature's forces when as a family of three, we landed in Cairns on that once-every-three-year holiday. After spending some time on the Gold Coast, we left Brisbane knowing that there was a cyclone heading in our destinations direction, but were unsure of what that really meant. At this stage it was classed as a category 3, which was not an unusual happening at this time of year. However, Cyclone Larry turned out to be a lot larger than normal.

Thus we arrived at the Cairns airport experiencing the usual heat and humidity that comes with the tropical north. My wife's closest friend picked us up at the airport and we headed to her home in Edmonton to visit for a few days before driving down to Cardwell.

Naturally the discussion soon turned to the cyclone with an explanation that they usually pass through with a lot of wind and noise followed by a deluge of rain which can continue for up to a week. So much for all that sunshine!

The next morning was an early one, being woken at 5am to the news of an upgrade of the cyclone now resting at 5. This was a bit scary when considering that the last cyclone of that magnitude was responsible for so much destruction in New Orleans.

We also now did not have power, and although in a fairly new housing estate, felt strangely alone not knowing what was happening. Our hosts too were perplexed, never before facing something of this size and not really being properly prepared.

The main part of the cyclone hit 40 minutes south of us destroying Innisfail and coastal towns around it. We experienced approximately one and a half hours of consistent strong winds combined with major gusts. We stood in a protected area at the front of the house and witnessed some of its power as trees were uprooted, a shed was blown apart and roller doors were buckled and burst. We watched the commodore on the front lawn lazily move up and down on its springs as the wind pushed into its rear.

At its passing, residents slowly began to appear to inspect the damage. At the back of where we were staying is a green belt comprising of a small stream high-

lighting dense layers of trees, shrubs and grasses along its banks. This entire area was flattened with about half of the large trees down. It is amazing that so many trees can fall within 50 metres, without you knowing it! Normally the falling sound alone will attract your attention.

A quick drive around the immediate vicinity really introduced us to the power of the winds with huge trees completely uprooted, fences blown over, signage pulverised, shade clothes ripped and caravans and display trailers overturned. Most of the houses we saw were okay although some were damaged by falling trees.

With no power and no way of heading to our original destination further south, we decided to hire a car and head inland. The Atherton tablelands held many attractions including the curtain fig tree, the crystal caves and beautiful rainforest tours.

The bits of news we were able to scrounge mainly focused upon the areas further south and we didn't really appreciate the damage inland until we got there. Our aim was to stay at the Tinaroo Lake Resort. However, the clean up was massive with trees down everywhere and power non-existent. We experienced the same fate at Yungaburra, Lake Barrine, and Malanda eventually settling at Atherton in the only motel to have power.

The next day we decided to explore the area and see what was available. Our attempts to be tourists were futile with even a kilometre walk over fallen trees and branches foiled within 100 metres of the curtain fig tree because of smashed boardwalks. Our travels opened our eyes to the dilemmas faced by farmers sighting banana tree plantations with every tree broken at the lowest point of the trunk. We saw a very large shed at least 12 feet high x 60 feet square in a state of disrepair and lacking most of its sheets. We later found out that the newish shed had both its roller doors blown in, resulting in its bulk being picked up by the wind. It was then blown across the road taking power lines and trees with it, smashing into the front of the house. The farmer and family maintained their health, but basically lost everything else.

With motel rooms being in demand for electrical and telecommunication workers and our inability to travel down to our destination, we decided to come home early. The damage we faced, our inability to help, and our feeling of being in the way helped to drive our decision.

Natural disasters such as this are frighteningly powerful, but the aftermath has the ability to ground down the toughest of survivors. News reports show the strength that a community can harness under such difficult times. Togetherness that can rebuild friendships, overcome difficulties and rediscover confidence. Most local communities have it. That's the great part about rural Australia.



Devastation Caused by Cyclone Larry (above and above left)



Lioness Club of Churchill & District Wattle Club Wish List

By MARGARET BARKER,
Publicity Officer, Lioness Club of
Churchill & District

ONCE again, members attended the Break-away Weekend held at Lakewood Park near Paynesville. Break-away is where Lioness members meet for a fun weekend along with Lioness information and Club reports discussed. The 5 members that participated had a great time. As part of the programme there were 3 guest speakers, a nurse who worked in the Arctic Circle spoke of her experiences, an Occupational Therapist talked on the ailment of Lymphoedema and a member of the Police Sexual Assault Unit spoke about the type of work the unit is involved in.

During the weekend nine knitted "love wraps" were presented to the District Governor, Glenda Marshman, for distribution to Kids

Under Cover.

Members attended the Churchill Community Fun Day. Although the weather was not the best, lots of children enjoyed our free lucky-dip stall.

During December and January, we had very successful catering days with the Gem and Bottle Show and the Dog Show. These shows are our main source of fundraising. All monies raised go back into the community in many ways. Some of the ways are -

- * Emergency Toiletries Packs for the Latrobe Regional Hospital.

- * Hazelwood House Rose Garden maintenance.

- * The Mental Health Unit at Latrobe Regional Hospital forwarded a wish list that we could help with so funds were made available for this.

Along with the Lions Club, we

are also looking into purchasing another CADD Pump for the Cancer Care Unit.

Financial support was given to Lion Norm Hall who is an entrant in the Ride for Sight project, which in return raises money for sight research.

The Wattle Club had a wish list also that we were able to fulfill. A cheque was presented to Sharon Vaughan, ADASS Coordinator. The ADASS program, known as the Wattle Club in Churchill, provides a social and recreational outlet for the older citizens in the community. With the funds made available, they will purchase a DVD player, a digital camera and some equipment that is needed in their kitchen.

Pictured above: Secretary Merrilyn, Vice President Sue and ADASS Coordinator Sharon.

Lions Club Of Churchill & District - Still Active

By JOHN BARKER

DUE to a "glitch in the system" our column was not printed last month so this is a combined two-month report.

Camp Quality volunteers, Lion John Barker and Lioness Margaret Barker, attended a family Camp on the Murray. Volunteers (10) and children (10) were flown to Mildura and spent 4 days on houseboats. A range of activities was enjoyed including go-carts, mini-golf, swimming, boating and eating. They also attended a Family Camp at Phillip Island where 12 families enjoyed a relaxed weekend.

Working bees were held at Lions Village Licola camp to improve our club sponsored House 3 and the camp in general.

Our members took part in Clean-Up Australia Day by collecting rubbish on the roadside through Churchill. Due to our huge commitment for the Outdoor Expo we had to change our date and the activity was carried out on Wednesday 8th March.

Our members also assisted Moe Lions by catering for a day and evening at the Commonwealth

Games site at Moe.

Many hours were put in at the annual Outdoor Expo held at Kernot Hall. Members are involved in setting up the venue, catering during the show and dismantling at the conclusion of the show. This is a major fundraiser for our club.

We assisted by catering a sausage sizzle at the Churchill Festival. It was a great day for our community.

We received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Associated Angling Club for our participation in the junior fishing competition last year.

The Latrobe Health Lions Ride for Sight project is coming up in April. Two of our Lions are participating - Norm Hall as a rider and John Barker as a support team member. The ride is over four days and will cover approximately 400km.

Catering coming up -
Bunnings 8th April - part of the Worlds biggest Barbecue

Catering performed -
Bunnings 11th February, 12th March

Outdoor Expo 3rd, 4th 5th March
Wights Nissan sausage sizzle
Computer Expo at Traralgon

Commonwealth Games activity at Moe Friday 17th March

Churchill Festival 1st April

The Lions Birthday Club, sponsored and run through the Churchill & District News by our Lions Club, is a great hit. Samantha Blanch, Jordan Curtis, Ashlee Smith and Luke Bertoli were each the happy Birthday Club recipients of a \$15 voucher in January and February, and Joshua McCord and Tristan Turpin were chosen for March. All children in Churchill and surrounding areas under 12 years of age are eligible to join. IS YOUR CHILD A MEMBER? IF NOT, WHY NOT? Make sure your child is registered - just follow the instructions in the Lions Birthday Club list published each month in the Churchill News. WE NEED MORE MEMBERS.

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



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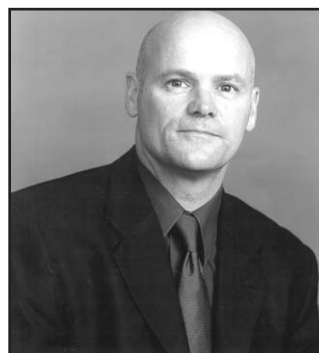
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Donations for the Community Hub

By Margaret Guthrie, President

Fund-raising for the community contribution to the Churchill Intergenerational Hub began last December, with all proceeds from our Christmas Market 'opening the account'.

Latrobe City has asked that the people of Churchill and surrounding district set a target sum of \$50,000 to contribute to the Hub project. This contribution is necessary to assist in equipping the Hub, and to demonstrate the level of community support for this new and much needed facility to Government funding agencies.

Whilst \$50,000 may seem a large sum for a small community to raise, it is, in fact, only \$10 per person. The population of Churchill and district is roughly estimated as between 5 and 6 thousand.

CDCA would like to thank those people who have already responded and donated their \$10 to the fund, and encourage others to do likewise.

Donations can be made by calling into 13 West Place (near the Commonwealth Bank in the lower shopping centre plaza), or by contacting our Secretary, Rob Whelan, on 5122 3602, or by mail to PO Box 191, Churchill 3842.

CDCA had a stall at the recent Churchill Festival, and displayed the plans for the proposed Hub, which is to be built in Phillip Parade between the CFA Station and the Skate Park. The Hub will include a new Community

Neighbourhood Centre and integrated Children's Services (kindergarten, playgroups, childcare, maternal & child health and such-like).

Congratulations to the team at Churchill News, and all their voluntary helpers, for organising the Churchill Festival. Despite the weather, it was a great day out for the many families that attended.

Plans for Churchill's new Civic Gardens Project are currently being discussed. CDCA proposes to conduct a public meeting to further develop plans and receive community input. The land transfer for the old nursery site next to the Shell Service Station should be finalised by the time this edition of Churchill & District News goes out. The Civic Gardens will include an ANZAC memorial, public toilet, seating and garden beds.

For further information, please contact our Secretary, Rob Whelan, on 5122 3602, or feel free to attend our next meeting.

CDCA meets regularly on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm (although this may soon be changed to Wednesday nights to better suit those with sporting commitments) in the Link Room at Monash University. All residents are welcome to attend, share a cuppa and join in our discussions.

Congratulations to Carly Rainbow-Runner Up At The Harvest Of Gippsland Cook Off Competition

CARLY Rainbow started her life here in Churchill and continues to be a resident.

She went to Churchill Primary School and then Kurnai College Churchill, followed by Maryvale Campus to do a VET course. This included one day a week at TAFE doing basic cooking skills like how to use a knife, sharpen it, and every day recipes in the kitchen.

Carly passed Year 12 doing well in Food Technology. Next came a year at TAFE doing Certificate 4- Food and Beveridge Handling.

While at TAFE, Carly met Jodie, who with her husband, owned Century Inn.

Carly was given a job with them as Food and Beveridge Supervisor. She supervised the other staff waitressing and serving drinks at the bar.

Then Carly wanted to increase her hours, so she was offered dishwashing. This requires a lot of co-ordination between a dishwasher and the hand washing of pots and pans. She accepted and washed dishes, but also did cold larder (preparing salads) and desserts. These tasks she enjoyed.

She found she was needed at both the front of house and in the kitchen. Carly was asked to decide which job she would do. She chose the kitchen, and was offered an apprenticeship as a chef. She was thrilled as this is what she had always wanted to do, right from her days at primary school. Gabrielle Gate had visited the school, and she thinks this may have sparked her interest.

Her three-year apprenticeship was completed on 1 April 2005.

Carly describes her first year as boring as it covered a lot of the practical work she had already done in preparing cold larder and desserts. However, the second and third years were great, with cooking of dishes, and more restaurant work.

Carly has no favourite dish she likes to cook, but if given the choice, main courses are preferred over entre's and desserts.

An a la carte menu is followed, and Carly says most meals are cooked each night. She works from 2pm-10pm approximately. Recipes change seasonally, which makes it more interesting for the chefs.

Carly loves working at Century Inn, feeling she and the other chefs and workers are valued, with their special recipes ideas encouraged. It is a team effort, she remarks, which makes work enjoyable.

'How did you become involved with the Harvest of Gippsland Cook Off,' I asked?

Entry forms and information were sent to all the restaurants in Latrobe, Baw Baw and Cardinia Council areas. Jodie asked the chefs to think about entering. Carly accept-

ed the challenge and started experimenting, coming up with her idea. The recipe had to be created using a list of local ingredients.

This was then photographed, the recipe written up, including the local ingredients, and a matching wine chosen.

The judges, Alan Harding-Chef, Jenny Pollack-Wine educator, and Chelsea McLaren-Hum -Murray Food Bowl Coordinator, picked the three best. The three chosen represented each of the three council areas.

Gabrielle Gate was the M.C. for the cook off. Carly

described him as friendly, down to earth and lots of fun. All three chefs were working at once, in front of the audience. They had 50 minutes to complete their recipe, having supplied all their own ingredients and tools of trade. Part of the competition was to see if they could communicate

with each other, co-ordinating the use of the one oven etc. It was a hot day, but Carly took an entertaining line, joking and enjoying the experience.

When all the cooking was complete, the judges sat down, ate drank and were serious about choosing a winner.

They awarded first prize to Karen Yamm from Bastaari Park, Tonimbuk. Runner up with Carly was Brendan Hudson from Outpost Restaurant at Noojee.

Carly says she will definitely give it another go next year. Her prize was a trophy, but best of all was the pride expressed by her Dad and congratulations from her brother.

So what about the future?

Carly would like to go and work in Europe. He goal is to complete chocolate cooking courses! France, Tuscany and Spain are favoured destinations.

Churchill and District News congratulates Carly and wishes her all the best for the future.

Pictured above: Carly with Gabrielle Gate at the Cook-Off. Below: Carly's dish.



Churchill Police Target Illegal Drugs and Stolen Property

It has been a very busy month in the Churchill area with numerous warrants executed in the area for drugs and stolen property. The information that led to police executing these warrants came from the public / community and some great results have been achieved.

Police located and seized 4 cannabis plants at a property in Coora Place, Churchill on 6.3.06. A 27 year old male was arrested and interviewed regarding Cultivating Narcotic Plants, Possession and Use of a Drug of Dependence. He will be summonsed to appear at the Moe Magistrates Court.

At Hawthorn Crescent, Churchill on 7.3.06 Police located 24 mature cannabis plants and a large quantity of dried cannabis. A 36 year old and 40 year old female were arrested and interviewed regarding Cultivating Narcotic Plants, Possession and Use of a Drug of Dependence. They will be summonsed to appear at the Moe Magistrates Court.

A drug warrant was executed in Euroka Crescent, Churchill on 7.3.06. where Police located a large quantity of cannabis along with two long arm firearms. A 47 year old male was arrested and charged with Possession and Use of a Drug of Dependence and Possession of Firearms without a Licence. He was bailed to appear at the Moe Magistrates Court on 3.4.06.

A Stolen goods warrant was executed in Churinga Drive, Churchill on 7.3.06. A 40 year old male was arrested and interviewed regarding Theft from a Motor Vehicle. Stolen car parts were subsequently located at another residence. He was charged with Theft from Motor Vehicle and bailed to appear at the Moe Magistrates Court on 11.4.06.

Police located cannabis plants at a

property in Gundaroo Place on 9.3.06 and seized a quantity of dried cannabis. A 27 year old female was arrested and interviewed regarding Cultivating Narcotic Plants, Possession and Use of a Drug of Dependence. She will be summonsed to appear at the Moe Magistrates Court. Also arrested at this address was a 28 year old male from Churchill who was wanted in relation to a serious assault that occurred in Morwell in September 2005.

Police located 3 cannabis plants and a quantity of dried cannabis at a property in Coolabah Drive on 21.3.06. A 43 year old male was arrested and interviewed regarding Cultivating Narcotic Plants, Possession and Use of a Drug of Dependence. He will be summonsed to appear at the Moe Magistrates Court.

In Banksia Street, Churchill on 23.3.06, Police located 10 cannabis plants and a quantity of dried cannabis. A 47 year old male was arrested and interviewed regarding Cultivating Narcotic Plants, Possession and Use of a drug of dependence. He will appear on summons at the Moe Magistrates Court.

In Euroka Crescent, Churchill on 28.3.06 Police located a quantity of dried cannabis. A 47 year old male was charged with Possession and Use of a drug of dependence and a 40 year old female was charged with Possession of a drug of dependence. Both were bailed to appear at the Moe Magistrates Court on 2.5.06.

The police are grateful for the information that the public has and is continuing to pass onto police. All information is treated confidentially. If anyone has any information regarding criminal activity they can contact Crime stoppers on 1800 333 000 or their local police station.

Cancer Education Program

Free education program provides vital information for people dealing with cancer

The Cancer Council Victoria's Living with Cancer Education Program gives people with cancer, their friends and family, the opportunity to learn more about cancer, it's treatment and their emotional reactions to it.

The Council's Doreen Akkerman said, "a cancer diagnosis is often a distressing and unsettling time. This program allows people to ask questions, discuss their concerns and meet others who are dealing with cancer in a comfortable and supportive environment".

"Qualified health professionals, who are trained and resourced by the Cancer Council Victoria, run this program in small groups and ensure that relevant, up

to date information is provided".

The program which runs over eight weeks covers topics such as, what cancer is and how treatment decisions are made, various treatments, symptoms and side effects, diets, exercise and self care, myths about cancer, unproven remedies, relationships, self esteem and body image, coping with loss and grief, working with health professionals and how to access the various services available.

The next program will be held at Latrobe Regional Hospital, on Mondays, 2.30 to 4.30 pm. To attend this free program contact the Community Health Nurse at Latrobe Community Health Service Moe ph 5127 9100 or the Chemotherapy Unit at LRH, ph 5173 8366.

Managing Chronic Health Better

Following on from previous successful courses Latrobe Community Health

Service and Latrobe Regional Hospital are again offering the Better Health Self Management Course for people with chronic conditions. This accredited program is suitable for those with arthritis, diabetes, lung or heart diseases and many other conditions.

The course covers many topics that are common to all those learning to live with ongoing health problems, for example, understanding medications, ways to

solve health related problems, managing fear, anger, frustration, pain and fatigue.

The program runs once a week for six weeks starting on Tuesday 2 May, 1.30 - 4.00pm, at Latrobe Community Health Service 42 Fowler St. Moe.

The course, including the book 'Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions' by Dr Kate Lorig, costs \$45. A deposit must be paid by 24 April. Book by contacting Julie at LCHS on 5127 9139 / 9100 or Jan at LRH on 5173 8569 or 0412742917.



Wattle Club Commonwealth Games

The Wattle Club had a pleasant day trip to the Heyfield Pub for lunch.

Tarra -Bulga National Park was the destination of their next outing. At Balook, they indulged in devonshire teas. Then it was back on the bus to travel down the Tarra Valley road to Yarram, to do some sight seeing. A picnic in the park followed. The weather was beautiful, the trip and good company was enjoyed by all who took part.

A combined group of ADASS clients from Churchill, Morwell and Moe, met at the Morwell R.S.L. to stage their version of the Commonwealth Games.

Events included tunnel ball, discus, bowls, equestrian- horse racing, and tug-

'o- war. There were four heats and finals for each event. A lovely meal at the R.S.L. helped to regain spent energy.

Churchill Lioness Club gave a donation of money to Wattle Club. One of the things which was bought with the money was a digital camera. The photos with the article are taken with it.

Saint Patrick's Day was celebrated in style, with most members coming dressed in green. For lunch they sampled Dublin Coddle- a mixture of sausages, bacon and carrots, done in apple cider with herbs, garlic and onions. Green jelly was served for desert.

On Friday the clients were sent away with homework- to find items in a Treasure Hunt. There was much showing and telling with discussion, debating and a little controversy. However it proved a lot of fun and caused much interest.

Wattle Club is an ADASS group run through Latrobe Community Health Service. It is open to older people who live at home. It provides socialisation and recreation for members and respite for carers. For further information, please contact Shannon Vaughan, Co-Ordinator 51220400.

Pictured above: the Wattle Club picnic in the park at Yarram, left: Commonwealth Games.



Go (Golden Oldies) Club

The Golden Oldies Club have celebrated their first birthday. Ken and Alice Rae came and provided a musical afternoon of entertainment. They are very grateful to the Churchill Football/Netball club, for hosting their club activities. To show their appreciation they have donated 6 trestle tables to the Football Club for use in their clubrooms.

This afternoon 64 people were in attendance. This included the Hillendale Singers

After listening to a most enjoyable presentation by the Hillendale Singers, the GO Club people shared a wonderful afternoon tea, part of which was a celebration of Bep Zomer's 94th birthday. Elizabeth was born in Holland on 1st April. She and her brother grew up in Holland. She married and had six sons. Then the family decided to emigrate to Australia. One week before leaving Holland Bep broke her arm and the family had to take over and do the jobs. It was a good rest for Bep.

Bep loved Australia right from the start. she loved the wide open spaces after the small closeness of Holland. However she still loves things to do with Holland. Many of her friends are

Dutch and she enjoys belonging to the Dutch Card Players group. There she can reminisce about Holland and the old times.

Bep like the many people I talked with, love the friendship and company provided by the GO Club. Happy Birthday Bep, and many more of them.

Come and meet new and old friends and enjoy a cuppa.

GO Club will be back on 20 April from 1- 3:30pm in the Football Clubrooms.



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Lifeline Sleep-Out

Friday March 31st heralded the annual Lifeline Sleep-out at Moe's Heritage Park. Unlike last year which provided a nice clear March night, this year threatened to be much nastier with rain squalls and cold easterly winds.

Prior to the event I was allocated to help with the Churchill festival, but the weather cut that short not allowing us to put much up at all. I arrived home to a beautiful 22 degrees as the heater had kicked in for the first time this year.

This nice cozy warm house seemed even more inviting when contemplating an under-a-thunder-cloud snooze. Last year I had got cold during the night even though the weather was just short of perfect.

The people that we are trying to emulate do not have to make these decisions; rain, hail or sleet, they are outside regardless. Thinking of this, I quickly got over my issues.

Being of a whole year experienced, I came better prepared this year. My wife's old motorcycle gloves, waterproof pants and a nice bottle of red completed my normal warm jacket and the dogs blanket covering.

Heritage Park was hosting the Gem festival over the coming weekend, which did provide more shelter than normal. Protection from the rain was possible, but not so much always from the wind. The general talk on arrival was where to sleep if possible.

Ian from lifeline provided a presentation on what the organisation means to the community and the effort that their volunteers put in. The first example was from a person who called to tell the volunteer that they'd recently won a raffle.

To most this is purely joyous news, and even so when we can tell our friends and family and witness their reaction. For this person, they

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had no-one else to tell. Another caller simply wanted some-body to wish them a happy birthday.

People utilise the service for a wide range of issues including sexual assault, domestic violence, suicide concerns and health and relationship worries. In life, we sometimes get caught up in statistics and figures, only reacting when they reach unusual proportions whether high or low. But when you have the opportunity to listen to examples of individual suffering and loneliness, even in a lucky country such as ours, you can come to appreciate how much you take for granted.

From there on we took a tour of the park in search for the apparent ghost who resides on site. It is amazing how much Heritage Park

has changed in the last year, especially with the train no longer in place. We found many comfortable looking sleeping spots along the way.

However, families of hairy spiders did not seem keen on giving them up, and I backed down through weight of numbers - and legs. By the end of this tour, and a bit of a chat, the time was getting on, and having a big weekend before me, and no wine left, decided to hit the sack, grass, dirt or whatever you'd call it.

Thus I lay down on my chosen area, pulled the dog blanket up, put the beanie on and closed my eyes. It is amazing how loud trucks are this close to the Highway.

Sleep did not really come easily although I believe some minutes disappeared and was eventually coherent at around 6am in time for the opening of the gates and the rush home to a dry, soft, heated environment. At least we have that to look forward to.

As a fan of Lifeline, I will continue to support their events whenever able. You too can support Lifeline via their Morwell office at 5134 8278 or by visiting one of their many shops in Churchill, Moe, Morwell and Traralgon. Your support is vital toward ensuring the future of community services such as this.

VALE- JACKY DOHERTY

Sadly, Jacky Doherty passed from this life in early March. Her brave and hopeful fights with cancer was over. A lovely funeral celebration marked a life of dedicated service to her Lord, her family, people, especially children, in need, all around the world.

Jacky Roger was born in Birmingham England in 1947. She left England, with her family, in 1952, arriving in Melbourne in February 1952. The family-Mum, Dad, Sister Linda and Jacky, travelled on the "SS Ranchi." Two fires on board made that her last voyage.

The Rogers went to Yallourn South to the Migrant Camps, and stayed in Nissan huts. There was bush all around and the thrill of seeing kangaroos, seemingly 20ft tall, was a vivid memory.

A hitch in proceedings had prevented the family from going to South Africa. Australia became the choice. Jacky thought it was a good choice. Her Dad was a motor mechanic, and before long he landed a job at Kelly Bros. in Morwell. Jacky remembered the fun she and Linda had in the office- particularly with the typewriter. Jacky's Dad became great mates with Mr. Kelly.

Because they were migrants they were given a house in Elgin St. Morwell. Jacky rode her bike and had lots of fun. All the local children came to play. From their backyard they could look over the fence at the weddings taking place at the church.

Neighbours called them the "Wash Houses" as they referred to their laundry as a washhouse.

She loved school and her teachers and did all the right things. She was eventually made the milk monitor. High school was a different matter. Morwell High School which was newly built, was a place she hated as she did the teachers, declaring she could see no reason for what they did!

When Jacky was 13 her maternal grandmother died, leaving her mother a sufficient inheritance for her to be able to design and have built, a house in Maryvale Road. They moved in near Crinigan Road Primary School.

Jacky left high school before finishing Year 10. At age 15 she started work at Faulkner's Deli in Morwell. It was a happy productive time for Jacky. She learnt lots about the goods that were bought in bulk (sugar, pickles, flour), where they came from and the weights and measures used. Jacky worked, bagging, cutting and serving. Bread had to be bagged when it arrived from the bakery. Meats were sliced, so were fingers!

Jacky often went to the footy with the lady from the shop, even though she didn't like footy it was a way of filling in time.

Jacky met Robert and they started dating. They married in March 1967 at St. Mary's Anglican Church and had the reception at Kernot Hall, Yallourn. They lived in Madden Street until the August when they moved into their house in Churchill. Jacky was expecting their first baby Alan. Fourteen months later Kylie arrived followed 12 months later by Leah.

The Doherty's had been able to scrape up the \$200 required to put a deposit on their house in Churchill. Jacky had always wanted a 2 storey place! They had no furniture but a mattress, which went on the lounge room floor. Later a cot was bought. With no fridge food had to be bought, as needed. Nappies were washed by hand. They went to Myers and bought the furniture they needed.

Jacky wanted an English pram. It had 18 inch wheels. The body could detach and go on the back seat, the wheels in the boot. It cost \$156 which was a big price, but it has served all the children, grandchildren and a few extras.

Eight years after Kylie arrived, Travers was born in 1978. Another 7 years gap followed before Jamie arrived in 1985.

1988 was an important year to Jacky. In March Leah and Ray married. In April Elyse was born 3 months premature, Kylie and Mark married, they celebrated Alan's 21st and drove to Expo in Queensland. In 1993 Caitlin was born.

During those years Jacky worked hard for the community, supporting her children at Churchill Primary School for 33 years, working at the canteen, going on camps with the children etc., and on the Mother's Club. She also worked at the Watson Park Kindergarten. There was no Infant Welfare Centre in the early days, so babies were taken to the Kinder to be weighed. Jacky served on the committee to establish an Infant Welfare Centre and Hall,

Alan, Travers and Elyse were a soccer players, so she supported the club by running raffles and other fundraisers. Jacky also helped with the Neighbourhood House in its early days in the Glendonald area. She served on the committee for the Leisure Centre.

Jacky loved square dancing. Once she taught 500 school children to square dance, so they could put on a demonstration on the race track for Race Season.

On top of all this Jacky worked on and off in the cafeteria at the paper mill. The money earned often paid for the overseas trips that were taken.

For 25 years Jacky and the children attended the Assemblies of God Church in Morwell. Jacky participated in Royal Rangers, a Christian based program, for 7 years, attending camps and jamborees overseas, where they had a great time.

Jacky was involved there with the Valley Care Program which supports 50-60 families fortnightly with food parcels, furniture and clothing.

Jacky had a strong faith and belief in what she did.

The strong faith held Jacky in good stead when 3 years ago she was diagnosed with breast cancer and had to have chemo. The cancer returned but Jacky believed she could overcome the difficulties with her faith.

Robert believes Jacky tried hard to address the needs of the world's poor, hungry, and homeless. Jacky's need to help the less fortunate was a

major influence in Elyse's career decisions, encouraging mission trips. This need is also evident in her sponsorship of children through several organisations to help children overseas. But it was not just overseas where her compassion was felt. Many local children benefited from her care.

Robert describes Jacky as a Matriarch of a dynasty, which she created.

Looking back Robert can see that Jacky prepared him for her possible passing, by teaching him to cook. He did not realise it at the time, but now appreciates her subtle ways. They were just short of their 39th wedding anniversary!

Her husband and family were very special to her. They felt loved and touched by her ways.

Elyse and Caitlin wrote in their obituary "Ma, you were a wonderful mother, and your spirit will live on in our hearts forever. Your loving daughters." Kylie and Caitlin remember their

Mother's love of travel.

Kylie wrote, "The one thing that stands out the most about my mum was her love of travel. I remember when I was little we always went on holidays around Australia, starting out camping in tents then moving onto a campervan and finally when I was 11 we stayed in a 4 star motel.

Mum and dad had already moved on to flying by then and been overseas once. As we got older and the family go bigger so did the holidays. Mum finally got to see more of the world with dad and the girls when they went on their world trip. 6 weeks of fun and 8 countries later and that still wasn't enough travelling for mum. She followed that up a few years later by doing Europe with her sister Linda and when that still wasn't enough added a cruise to the Pacific Islands with Linda and Jenny to round off her adventures.

In between all these trips she made time to visit her family regardless of where they lived or which state they lived in. I would get a phone call on a birthday and it would be mum asking what was for dinner and could I pick her up from the airport. Mum loved surprising us like this.

I don't think it mattered whether she was driving or flying somewhere, there was a whole world out there and mum wanted to see it all."

Caitlin write's "Mum and I went on a road trip at the start of 2004, after my birthday. Just me and Mum. We visited Sydney, Swan Hill, Edinhope and Echuca, and everywhere in between. Staying with family and friends, driving round in Mum's big red Tarago. We tried to stay in the car one night, but I was scared. Mum said, "It's OK. I'll protect you." And she drove for the night until I fell asleep. Then she stopped at a truckie stop"

Jacky made a positive impression on all she met. Richard Nugent, a former Pastor describes Jacky as "committed to serving the Lord with determination, and energy. When you needed her she was there...with her sleeves rolled up....If only this world of ours had more women like Jacky, it would surely be a better place."

Jacky was addicted to Red Door perfume. Her family would know when she had been present, by the lingering fragrance.

When Jacky realised she had little time left, she began to script her own funeral.

Everyone received a small rosebud, and a pen on which her name was inscribed.

The funeral was a celebration of a special person who lived, for the sake of others. The sweet fragrance of her life will linger on in all who loved, knew and appreciated Jacky Doherty.



CFA Remembers



Jobs and Training

The brigade has a tradition of having an annual remembrance- a minutes silence and a reading of the Fireman's Prayer, to remember those fallen comrades, fellow fire fighters. For Churchill we have the poignant memory of our own Darren McLean.

This year we held a parade beside the Darren McLean memorial, as well as reading the prayer.

It hits home, when we consider two fellow fire fighters lost their lives just this past fire season, in Victoria.

As a community we have much to be thankful for, knowing we have a well trained group of volunteers who will do their level best to serve all the community's fire fighting needs, generally under most difficult circumstances, with a willing attitude.

THE FIREFIGHTER'S PRAYER

When I am called to duty, God,
Wherever flames may rage,
Grant us the strength to saving lives,
Whatever be their age.

Help us embrace a little child,
Before it is too late,
Or save an older person,
From the horror of that fate.

Enable us to be alert,
And hear the weakest shout.
To quickly and efficiently,
Put the fires out.

We want to fulfil our calling,
And be the best we can,
In guarding our every neighbour,
And protecting their property.

And if it be while on the job,

I should lose my life,
Please bless with your open hand,
All those I've loved in life.
AMEN.

The Churchill Brigade was one of the many participants at the Churchill Festival.

The smokehouse was again, a great success, with many children and some adults getting the feel of what it is like to be in a house full of smoke.

Remember if you do wake to the smoke detector going off, roll out of bed and crawl low in the coolest freshest air, to the nearest exit.

If you are interested in building work there is an opportunity to work in a new project commencing in June. This opportunity has been developed by the Public Tenant Housing Employment Program, which offers public housing tenants work in the public housing area. There are limited places and you must live in an Office of Housing property so if you wish to register please contact Margaret Dawson on 51281206.

Are you mature aged - 45+? Are you serious about getting back into work?

RecruitNet Career Skills is offering IT training under the NAAP Program, a Commonwealth Government initiative. The course will be held at Latrobe Business Centre, Newborough starting mid April 2006. Places are limited.

Contact Margaret Dawson at RecruitNet Career Skills 5128 1206 for further information.

If you are interested in work or training and live in a Neighbourhood Renewal area please contact Margaret on 51281206. If you are not sure if you live in a Neighbourhood Renewal area Margaret will be able to advise you on that too.

GEST at Moe are offering a range of courses in Term 2 ie July - September. These courses are FREE of CHARGE for job seekers and those eligible for the Youth Pathways Program. Call Ian on 5127 4544 for further details. Some of the courses are:

Horticulture (Arboriculture- tree care) Certificate II

Landscaping - Transform your backyard

Basic Food Handling

Food Supervisors Course

Responsible Gambling Services (must be over 18).

Stroke and After

By GEOFF MARSHALL.

What is a stroke? A Stroke is a brain attack, not a heart attack. The most common form is the result of a sudden disruption in the flow of blood to the parts of the brain and when the oxygen supply to those areas is cut off and the brain cells die.

FACT - every 30 minutes in Australia, someone dies of a stroke. Every four minutes someone has a stroke not just the elderly. A child of five can, and has, suffered from a stroke. Stroke is the biggest cause of disability in Australia and Australia's third largest killer after cancer and heart disease.

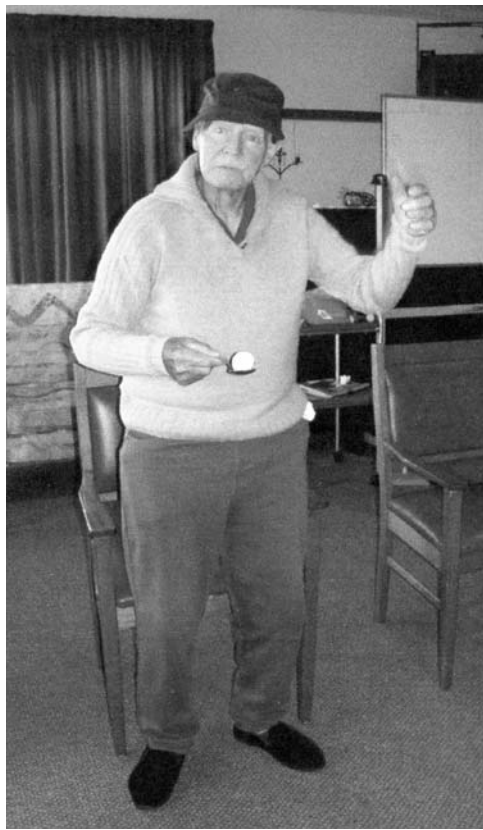
Some risk factors are high blood pressure, high cholesterol level and smoking. Strokes can last anything from a few minutes to 24 hours.

Warning signs

Recognising warning signs and taking action may avert a stroke. Even if you cannot prevent a stroke quick action could reduce its severity. Sudden blurred or decreased vision in one or both eyes, numbness, weakness or paralysis of the face or in either an arm or leg or both, difficulty speaking or understanding, dizziness, loss of balance or an unexplained fall and difficulty swallowing are all warning signs. They may occur singularly or in a combination lasting only a few seconds or up to 24 hours and then disappearing (a mini stroke) - they should NOT be ignored.

A STROKE SUPPORT GROUP meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Latrobe Regional Hospital in the dining room of Erica Ward at 1.30pm. We have discussions on what could be of help. Some meetings are held out of town with a meal and once a year we go away for the weekend with the Stoke Association of Victoria ((03) 9670 1117). If you think we can help, come to one of our meetings. A stroke can happen when least expect it, or want it. It will change you and your family's life and not for the better. As a carer you could get \$46.20 per week for a 168 hours of work. If you have to make modifications to your house (ie ramps, walk in shower etc) you are on your own. My quote was \$2600.

So take care and good health - see that Doctor.



Mervyn Nancarrow starting off in the egg and spoon race

During the month of March residents enjoyed their own mini Commonwealth Games.

They were divided into two teams, Green and Gold. Some of the games they took part in were the egg and spoon race, bean bag throwing, quoits, wheelie walker race and the huff and puff relay.

There were no gold medals but everyone had a great time and lots of fun.



Elaine Wilden, Fay and Peter Martin (back), Jean Lewis and Velta Rozite (front)

Hazelwood House Happenings

Nak Signs P/L have kindly donated a new sign to Hazelwood house which shows progress made with fundraising for their new bus. So far \$3,500 has been raised.

Residents attended an old time dance at the Morwell R.S.L Club. The dance is held on the first Sunday of each month, with music supplied by Ken and Alice Rae. Some residents joined in the dancing while others tapped away to the music and enjoyed a social get-together.

Birthday wishes for March go to Mavis, Elva, Velta Joy, Maureen and Bill.



Old Time Dance at Morwell R.S.L

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

BIRTHDAYITES!

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

The lucky "Birthdayites" for March were
Joshua McCord and Tristan Turpin

BIRTHDAYITES FOR APRIL

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| Liam ANTONELLI | 7 years |
| Hannah BERTOLI | 9 years |
| Michael CUSICK | 10 years |
| Talia FLAKE | 10 years |
| Keene GRIFFITHS | 7 years |
| Katherine GUNN | 12 years |
| Olivia MORGAN | 9 years |
| Shuhrat RAFIA | 5 years |
| Hayden ROW | 6 years |
| Alanah SHANKLAND | 3 years |
| Teresa SIMPSON | 6 years |
| Amy SMART | 10 years |

The randomly chosen "BIRTHDAYITES" for April are
LIAM ANTONELLI and TALIA FLAKE

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

John Barker

Publicity

Joshua McCord,
8 years on 10th March



Tristan Turpin,
8 years on 27th March



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

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

Days Not Forgotten

By Mick Bren

Mick Bren moved into Churchill in 1976 and soon became involved with the CFA which was to become a big part of his life. He started work at Hazelwood Power Station in 1969, leaving in 1992 when 'restructuring began, (and) the bean counters moved in'.

When I first moved to the Latrobe Valley in 1965, having put my name down for a commission house, I was allocated a house in Morwell, but as an alternative I was offered a place in the yet to be built township of Churchill. I declined the offer as I was working in Morwell at the time.

Several years passed, and due to personal circumstances, I moved to Maple Crescent in Churchill in 1976. The day I arrived a neighbour put his head over the side fence and asked if I would like a beer. Having replied in

During the construction of the new housing estate taking in Banksia, Willow, Sheoke, Coolabah, Mimosa, Grevillea, and Acacia Way housing, builders had a large shed for storage. Once the estate was complete, the shed was 'donated' for a small fee to the Fire Brigade.

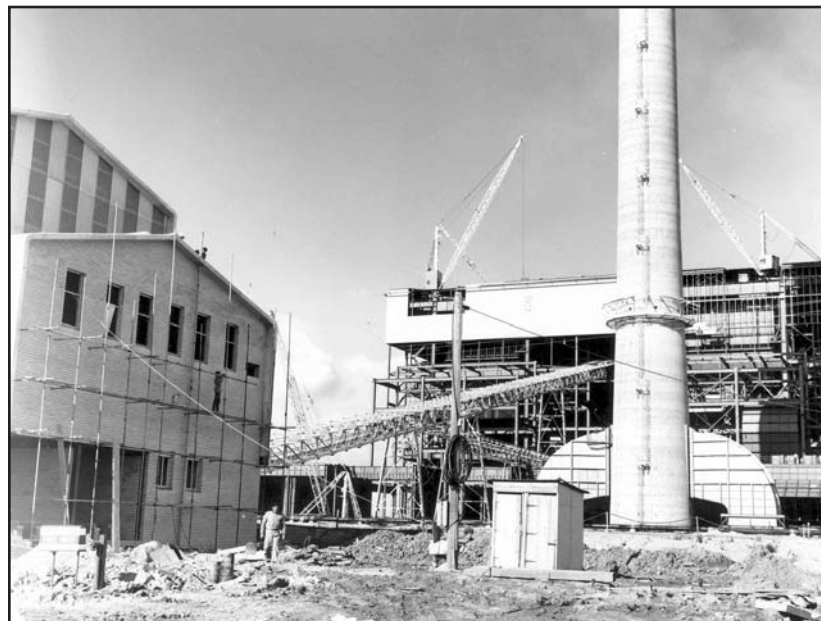
The trick was to get it from the reserve in Coolabah Drive up to the Fire Brigade site in one piece. After many suggestions, the least likely one to work, (according to several learned people) was adapted. Jack up the shed from its foundations, put a 6x4 trailer on each rear corner, attach, and brace another one in the middle at the front, coupled to a 4WD.

With a temporary closure of Coolabah Drive, the procession moved, and kept moving and actually made it up to the site, the only iffy bit, turning into Switchback Road.

Once set up on site, it was eventu-

There just were not enough secondary industries in the town to support the requirements of a higher league, as most businesses were supporting so many other organisations. Today the Club is much more competitive in the North Gippsland League.

When I first was offered a place at Churchill, the Government of the day was boasting that the town would grow to 40,000 by the turn of the century. I'm still not sure which century. However Churchill holds many fond memories for me - there have been good times and bad, but I have a loving wife, wonderful children and grandchildren, and they are great medicine for a happy life in middle to old age.



was an excellent money-spinner for the social club, which maximised the benefits to members with minimum outlay. There were largely four groups at the station, Management, Administration, Maintenance, and Operations.

Operations, of which I was a part, was responsible for running the boilers, turbines, generators and associated auxiliary plant. We all operated on a shift basis, that being 6 afternoons, 6 days and 6 nights all of 8 hours duration. Every 12-15 months each of us went onto a relief roster for 3 months, filling in for those on leave or sick.

Overall, each shift became a little family, working together as a team, and where many outside activities, such as golf, cricket, soccer and footy, added to the comradery. 1978 became the blackest era at Hazelwood after an explosion in Unit 3's generator claimed the lives of 3 personnel. Blame laying and finger pointing did not help the situation, and did not help the families of those involved. Stricter permit procedures followed and made the station just that much safer.

I could go on about many of the personal things that went on in the station, mostly humorous, some more serious, but I think some things are best left just where they happened. In

1979 I did another nine month course to become an Assistant Unit Controller, and in 1983, made the rank of Unit Controller.

In the late 1980's, 12 hour shifts were trialed, i.e.2 days and 2 nights and a 5 day break. Oddly, it did not suit everybody, but the majority adjusted to it and I personally felt it gave us a better quality of life.

Still in the late 1980's, restructuring began, the bean counters moved in and decided to cull a few workers and then a few more, and then still more, with Voluntary Departure Packages (each one the last, mind you). More and more personnel decided to take up the offer.

As the plant was being run into a poor state and we were trying to maintain generation, sometimes against very trying conditions, some of us more seasoned staff decided to take up the package offer, and in 1992, I decided it was time. I loved the place and workmates, and to this day still miss it, but at the time, enough was enough.

Pictures of the construction of Hazelwood supplied by International Power, Hazelwood.



the affirmative, we did not get back for a second load that day, but what came out of it was a close friendship with said neighbour and four other families in a group of six houses together.

Everyone had moved in within weeks of each other, and it was great that everyone got on so well. Many a barbecue or just a get-together was had in the following years.

When we first moved to Churchill, there was just a basic shopping centre and virtually no secondary industries. Most of the residents worked at either the Hazelwood and Morwell power stations or the paper mill.

As I had been involved with the Morwell Fire Brigade in Morwell, I soon joined the Churchill/Jeeralang Rural Fire Brigade. This was to become a big part of my life in Churchill.

The Brigade was in the process of setting up at the corner of Switchback Road and the Highway, with an old tin shed for housing the old Austin, all the equipment, and members. We soon got an old shed, which we set up for equipment and the collection of papers, cans and glass, making more room in the main shed.

ally lined and became our meeting hall and function room. The brigade went through a bad period in the 1980's when several fires occurred. Our worst one was a deliberately lit fire at Middle Creek in which the life of one of our young member's was tragically lost. A day I will never forget. Another major fire was the 1983 Ash Wednesday tragedy at Cockatoo/Gembrook to which we were called... a mind numbing experience.

In the early 1980's the Churchill Social Golf Club was formed (May 6, 1983 to be exact), with its 'headquarters' at the Churchill Pub. Our home course was Mirboo North. With up to 50 social members at times, the Club enjoyed various jaunts to local and distant Golf Courses. From that humble beginning Churchill can boast a top class course now, thanks to the many hours of voluntary work by members.

The Churchill Football Club was running high on success in the Mid Gippsland League until the move to the Latrobe Valley League in 1984, which saw it become the perennial cellar-dweller.

to take shape. We graduated in June 1970, and were placed in various Stages (1-4) to continue on job training and gain experience with seasoned operators. At that stage, Unit 8 was just being commissioned, although I did not see much of that as I was stationed in Stage 1.

March 11 1971 saw the official opening of the \$230 million Hazelwood Station. From that time Hazelwood was generating up to 60% of the State's power, and was the largest power station in Australia. In those earlier days, Hazelwood supported some 1200 employees, and had a very good safety record. Maintenance of plant was undertaken with a rigid permit procedure, and as such accidents were kept to an absolute minimum. The Station had an excellent social club, with several functions throughout the year, and culminating with the Christmas picnic for members' children with most presents costing more than the annual membership!).

The canteen at the station



The Strzelecki Trail

By RUTH PLACE & LINDA BROCK

Have you noticed the new brown signs around the area saying 'Route 94 Strzelecki Trail' and wondered what they meant? A talk with Linda Brock, Tourism coordinator at Latrobe City Council has provided an answer.

Latrobe City Council applied for and received a Regional Development Grant to develop a tourist trail. You may already be aware of the Route 98- The Power Trail, Route 91-The Walhalla and Mountain Rivers Trail, and Route 93, the Grand Ridge Trail.

Route 94 marks the scenic drive through Latrobe Valley into the Strzelecki Ranges. This new Trail incorporates the smaller towns and attractions and was designed to encourage visitors to get off the main roads, see the countryside and to experience its unique hospitality.

With two distinct loops, each has a logo to make traveling easier.

The east loop with the suspension bridge logo, will take you past majestic

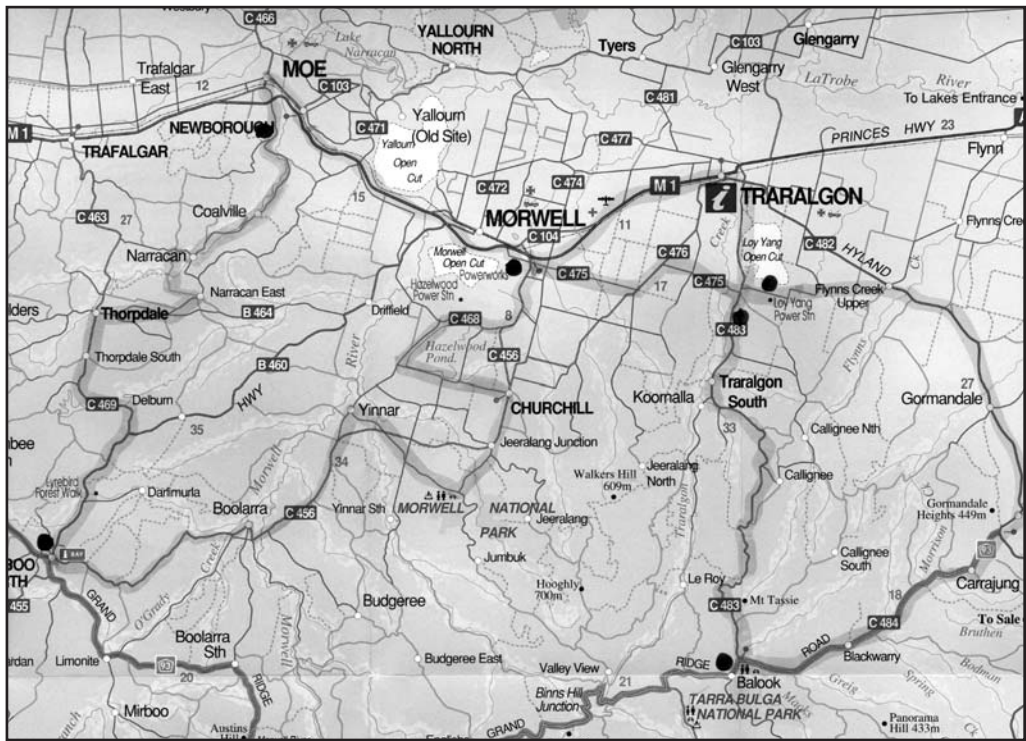
Loy Yang Power station, through Gormandale, then Grand Ridge Road to the township of

Balook and the splendour of Tarra-Bulga National Park. The park is famous for its fern covered mountain gullies, suspension bridge, Cyathea Falls, wildlife and walking tracks. Balook is a great starting point to explore pretty Tarra Valley. The route then travels from Balook to Traralgon. This will take you past Mt Tassie, the highest point in the Strzeleckis, a lookout with breathtaking 360° views to the coast and valley, then through the township of Traralgon South.



The west loop, the lyrebird logo, wanders past the warm waters of Hazelwood Pondage, great for all year round water

sports, through the townships of Churchill, Yinnar and Boolarra to the "mural town" of Mirboo North. This scenic drive opens up galleries, walks in Morwell National Park, renowned for native orchids, wildlife and bushwalks, and Mirboo North decorated with murals of days gone by. The route continues through patchwork farmlands, Thorpdale, Narracan and Coalville to Moe



Take the time to visit Narracan Falls, nearby wineries or stroll through Edward Hunter Bush Reserve.

To enhance the visitor experience, information bays have been installed in six sites. These are located at PowerWorks near the dredger, Mirboo North park, Moe Edward Hunter Bush Reserve, Hyland Highway at Loy Yang Power Station, Balook opposite the guest house and Traralgon South road near the traffic lights. Apart from the trail, the signs also provide information on the smaller towns, walking tracks, historical sites and attractions.

A number of logo signs will be installed shortly. A map and information leaflet is currently being developed. These will be available at the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre in the old church building near the railway station at Traralgon. The visitor centre has an abundance of local information as well as providing brochures for statewide and interstate travel. The centre is open 7 days a week 9.00am - 5pm, only closing on Christmas Day and Good Friday. Feel free to call in, phone 1800 621 409, or email visitorcentre@latrobe.vic.gov.au for more information.



Loy Yang Power station, through Gormandale, then Grand Ridge Road to the township of

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Churchill Push-a-Pram

Push-a-Pram is a Latrobe Community Health Services program aimed at promoting physical activity and a healthy lifestyle through social interaction.

The Push-a-Pram program encourages parents with babies and young children to participate in regular weekly pram walks within their local area.

It is an opportunity for residents to participate in a cost-free physical activity within a social and supportive environment.

All members of the community are invited to come along for the walk. You don't have to have a baby or young child.

The first Churchill Push-a-Pram event was held on the 27th February in Churchill. The event was very well attended with 54 adults and children participating.

Of the 54 participants there were 12 children from both Churchill Primary and Churchill North Primary schools.

The walk began at the Churchill Maternal and Child Health centre in Churinga Drive and ended at the Glendonald Park in Amaroo Drive where they were met with refreshments and activities for the children and included Balloon Art and Face Painting.

The day turned out to be a great success with the kind help and support from the Glendonald Residents Group, both the Churchill Primary Schools, as well as donations received from both the Churchill Leisure Centre and Churchill Amcal Pharmacy.

Push-a-Pram will be held every Monday at 9.30am. The walk will start at the Churchill Maternal and Child Health Centre in Churinga Drive and will finish at the Glendonald Park.

For further information, please contact Bev on 51220400.



A man who in his heart, held a very special place for his dear wife, Bev, son David, brother John and family and sister Dene, his nephews and nieces, and his long standing friends, passed away on 12 March, 2006 at 1:00pm, after a courageous and difficult fight with leukemia.

He was surrounded lovingly by his special people, until half an hour before his peaceful passing, when he lapsed into unconsciousness. Dick's strong faith gave comfort to his family and friends as he assured them he would be waiting for them in Heaven, preparing a welcome for them.

Lambertus Dirk Lagerway known as Dick to most, was born on the 12 April 1938, in the city of Deventer, Holland, to Jenny and Dick Lagerway.

It was just before World War II broke out and a difficult and uncertain time to raise a family. However brother John arrived in 1940, and then after the war, sister Dene completed the family. His father, Dick owned and operated a painting and glazing business.

In the early 1950s, his parents made the big decision to leave Holland and thus applied to emigrate to Australia. The application was successful and in December 1951, the Lagerways sailed on the S.S. Skouwbrin, to make their new home in the Great South Land. Their journey took them via the Suez Canal, to dock at Station Pier Port Melbourne. The Els-Hout family of Morwell, who had previously arrived from Holland, met them and provided them with tem-

porary accommodation.

Dick's formal schooling was limited. At age fourteen he began work on a dairy farm owned by Ernest Sagars, of Sagars Road, Hazelwood North. Here, in his naivety, he purchased the horse he thought was too young to have teeth, but which turned out to be nineteen years old! The princely sum of 17 pounds (\$34) was exchanged. His next job was with Jessie and Bill Lewis. This was followed with working for Arthur Bond, on his farm.

A career change took Dick to the A.P.M.'s Maryvale Mill where he began as a Junior Operator, working his way up the scale, until 1964, when he resigned and shortly after commenced work at Morwell S.E.C. power station.

Dick met Bev, his future wife, at Lakes Entrance around Easter 1959, while on a youth camp. Bev was holidaying with some friends. Two years later they were married at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Morwell. It had been newly built. They were the second couple to be married there!

Their first home was in Traralgon, where much building, painting and renovations turned the house into home.

In January 1969, David was born. Eight months later they moved to Driffield while their house at Jeeralang Junction was built. Much effort was put in by Dick to clear and fence the site and see to the building of the house, which was to be home for 33 years.

Through these years, Dick was a member of the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill Parish Council and Community Life Panel. He was dedicated to this work, attending many working bees, and being Treasurer for the Community Life Panel, until his passing.

During that time, many young people enjoyed a happy time. The bungalow, originally built to live in while the house was being built, was later used by Monash Students.

Dick retired from the S.E.C. in 1998 after 32 years, becoming a regulating turbine driver, a very responsible job.

Retirement saw Dick become computer literate. One of his favourite computer past times

VALE- DICK LAGERWAY

was bidding for items on Ebay. It also saw the start of his picture framing venture.

Many long trips around Australia, provided happy times and memories for Dick and Bev. Many separate trips were made to Mt. Gambier where Bev was born, and where many family members still lived. Dick was always well loved and respected by Bev's family, and these trips brought much joy.

Dick's passionate involvement with Lake Tyers Uniting Church Camp was well known. This began before he joined the committee in 1989 and put in an incredible 17 years of service. Dick was always there to lend a hand. His old brown ute was a trusty transporter to the camp site, of all sorts of goods. His sweat and toil was used to build many of the present structures on site. Even up till a few weeks before Christmas, he was enthusiastically engaging in camp meetings, and putting his hand up for jobs.

Dick spent time in jail. No not as a prisoner, but as a companion, and helper, with Rev Tony Peters, in his time of ministering to the inmates, at Fulham Prison near Sale.

Dick was greatly respected by all that he met at Fulham, both prisoners and Corrections Officers. His skill of being a good listener, meant that the prisoners needs and concerns were the centre of the conversations.

During this period, Dick and Tony attended the lectures given at the Traralgon Uniting Church by Stan Banner. These lectures on grief, death and dying, gave Dick great peace of mind, and would have prepared him for his difficult journey over the past twelve months.

In 2002, the Jeeralang Junction property was sold, and the move to Haverbrack Estate undertaken. There he built a brand new home, developing the grounds, and fitted out his magnificent shed. At the same time, he and Bev spent many happy hours helping at Lake Tyers Camp.

This ended in 2005 when Dick was diagnosed with leukemia. Then followed four months of intensive treatment. Through all this trauma, Dick stayed positive and hopeful. There were times when he was able to encourage other patients there. Both Dick and Bev spoke

highly of the staff and doctors there who gave them such wonderful support.

Dick came home on the 2 August, to build up his strength. He soon was spending some time at Lake Tyers helping out again.

However, after Christmas, a check up revealed a further problem with Dick's blood. Tests at the Alfred Hospital confirmed that nothing more could be done.

So Dick returned home on Friday 10 March, ever cheerful and brave. His condition deteriorated rapidly and on the 12 March, just three days later, he lost his fight.

Dick loved a funny story, also a beer and a yack. He was a good listener, but always said what he thought. He had bright penetrating eyes that sparkled. Always friendly, always considering others, are two of Dick's greatest attributes.

Bev remembers Dick as her leading man. He would suggest plans and together they would carry them out. They were a team. David always knew his Dad was there for him, no matter what the need.

Bev, David, John, Lyne and the family, would especially like to thank their special friends who gave so much love and care over Dick's last few days. One of those friends was Heather Enders who tenderly and compassionately, gave her love and devotion to support the family, in those last hours.

Other special friends who had been a tower of strength, are publicly acknowledged and thanked also.

Bev would like to express her sincere gratitude to the church family, especially the Ladies Fellowship, and others, who provided and served the lovely afternoon tea which was gratefully received. Thanks are also extended to all who assisted in so many ways, and to the Rev. Dr. Bob Brown, and Rev. Tony Peters for their pastoral care and for officiating at the service.

Dick will be sadly missed by those who knew, and loved him. No longer will we see his cheeky smile, but we will know in our hearts that he is safe with his Saviour.

VALE FLOSSIE TAPP

Flossie Webber was born and raised in the village of Teign, in Devon, England in 1933. She was the second youngest of seven children. She could always find someone to play with.

Schooling held little interest for Flossie unless it had to do with sport. This great interest stayed with her all her life. Flossie left school at fifteen, to undertake the craft of hand painting pottery, later working at the local clock factory.

Three weeks before her seventeenth birthday, Flossie and husband Alan met. They were married on the cold and wintry New Year's Day of 1955, in the parish of Hannock. On January 1 2005 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Alan declares that there is nothing in this whole wide world which could replace her.

Alan worked many hours driving transports, for eleven years, but there was not enough money to make ends meet. Flossie often went without for the sake of the children, Karen, Sandra and Michael. The huge decision was made to emigrate to Australia. The application being accepted, they sailed to Australia. After quickly securing a job at the S.E.C., Alan was able to scrape together the \$200 deposit required to be eligible to buy a house in Churchill. They set up home in White Parade, fifteen days after they arrived. Alan was able to work all sorts of second jobs, with shift work allowing that. He picked potatoes at Thorpdale, anything to help them get established. He feels that they had wonderful luck. John Koedyke the milkman helped Alan find Eddie Gilchrist Snr. to take him to and from work each day.

Establishing the garden and lawn took many hours of toil, by the whole family, but eventually a vegie garden was growing, fruit trees were producing, and the flowers were adding a touch of colour. An outdoor area was added so that BBQs could be enjoyed. For two years they never had to see a doctor. After a while they were able to purchase a little car, and Churchill did not seem so isolated from the rest of the Valley.

Flossie felt homesick at first. One sister and her Mother died and she was unable to return to England for their funerals. However, she was one for her family, and made the effort to settle down to life here, ending up loving it.

Life was pretty tough in those early days, with money to put the deposit on the house and no more. There was lino on the floor, and no furniture in the lounge for eleven months. When furniture could be afforded, it was cheap. One thing Flossie did insist on was that she had curtains at the windows, not sheets.

Flossie had a passion for children- her own or other people's. Pushing babies in prams was a favourite pastime. Alan says they would never forget the kindness of their neighbours and those around town.

To illustrate this, Alan recalls their next door neighbour Jan put in a good word and Flossie secured a cleaning job at the Arch's place three days a week. Later another neighbour spoke to Stan Glossop who had a cleaning contract at the S.E.C. at night. She also worked with Mrs. Van Dyke at Monash- G.I.A.E. as it was then. For seventeen years Flossie worked evenings.

Five times the family went back to England.

The first time Michael went. The second time Sandra went and the fourth time Karen went. Flossie loved those trips back to see family and friends, but was always ready to come "home".

Flossie was devoted to her family- Alan, her children, and their partners, grandchildren, and great granddaughter Brianna. She was a loving, supplying and supporting person, who treated each one the same. For special events like first immunisation, first day at school, engagements and weddings, she was always there. Whatever the children's activities (eg. Guides, soccer, and other sporting activities) she would be there to help, and cheer on. Her love of sport was infectious and was passed on to her younger relatives. The facts and figures of sports and sporting personnel was mind boggling.

A tradition was started when Flossie made a special chocolate cake for birthdays, with the cake and pudding for Christmas.

Christmas she considered a time to focus less on spending and more on the meaning of the season, with emphasis on the family being together.

While watching sports on television., Flossie would knit and crochet. Family both here and overseas benefited, as did friends and Palliative Care.

Flossie loved bingo on Fridays. During Senior's Week, they took advantage of the free train travel and visited Melbourne. Flossie and Alan also loved those coach trips they took to parts of Australia. During them, Flossie made



many friends.

Shopping, especially for a bargain, was Flossie's passion. Buying Red Door perfume was high on the list.

Throughout her life Flossie set a great example for her family. They say she was a person who kept her dignity and values through to the end. She has been an inspiration to them and this is summed up in their estimation of her as a devoted wife and mother, queen of the grannies, best mother-in-law, generous giver, provider of Tim Tams, and a role model.

Alan and the family would like to thank all those who gave such wonderful assistance over the past two years since Flossie was diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer. Thanks also to those who called, phoned sent tributes, or donated to the wonderful Palliative Care service.

Flossie will be sadly missed by her family and friends, but will live on their hearts forever.

Motions Of The Moon



By JEFF SING

ABOUT one hour before sunset tonight a very bright, 95% illuminated, 13 day-old Moon will rise and loom large above the eastern horizon.

One would wonder why our nearest neighbour appears so large when close to the horizon and seems so much smaller when high up in the sky. And does its angular size change at all?

The deceptive apparent change in the Moon's dimensions is simply an optical illusion as the Moon retains the same angular 'size' no matter where the Moon is positioned in the sky. This illusion has been well studied as a psychological phenomenon by people in several scientific fields.

The mind tends to make a subconscious attempt to reconcile the apparent size of the Moon in relation to distant skyline features such as trees and buildings. This means that when we compare the size of the Moon close to the horizon to those objects near us, the Moon appears quite large.

When the Moon is situated higher, it appears smaller than the vast surrounds of the starry night sky.

One can test the above findings yourself by attempting the following experiment:

Early tonight, while the moon is rising, try covering the Moon with the tip of your little finger held at arms length; and use this method again a few hours later when the Moon is higher up.

Did your finger tip completely cover the Moon's disk by exactly the same amount each time when you compared the angular size of the Moon at different altitudes in the night sky during this experiment?

Then you would have noticed no change at all.

The Moon will reach its Full Moon phase at 2.40 a.m. tomorrow morning. The Moon will then be 100% illuminated; and later set in the west around 4.00 a.m.

Three naked eye planets are visible tonight. Mars can be found low in the north-west: setting around 9.30 p.m. Jupiter, the King of the Planets, will rise at 7 p.m., making another spectacular early evening reappearance for the year before setting at 9.00 a.m. tomorrow morning. Magnificent Saturn (best appreciated through a

telescope) can be found in the northern sky, setting around midnight.

The position of the Moon among the stars, the times of its rising and setting, and its changing appearance are closely linked.

Like the Sun, the Moon moves steadily among the stars, passing through all the zodiacal constellations (see below) centred on the ecliptic within a month. The ecliptic is the plane of the Earth's orbit around the Sun, which is tilted at $23\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ to the plane of the Earth's equator. Unlike the motions of the Sun along the ecliptic, this motion is real, since the Moon does actually go around the Earth.

However, the Moon doesn't in fact revolve around the Earth. It just seems that way from our viewpoint standing on Earth and not having an outside view. Both the Earth and Moon revolve around each other in a gravitational tug of war around a central point called the barycentre, some 1,068 kilometres below the Earth's surface.

The Moon is about a quarter the size of the Earth, but only 1/80th the mass of the Earth; and 1/6th the Earth's gravity. This explains why the barycentre is located inside the Earth rather than between the Earth and the Moon. If both the Earth and Moon were the same mass the barycentre would be located at mid-point between their orbits - about 200,000 km from the centre of the Earth.

Although the same side of the Moon always faces the Earth, the Moon does rotate. In fact, it has synchronous rotation: It rotates on its axis at the same rate that it orbits the Earth. To see why the Moon must be rotating, hold your arm out with your palm facing you. Your palm represents the side of the Moon facing the Earth. Standing still, swing your arm horizontally always keeping your palm facing you. The only way you can do this is if your hand turns (rotates) at the same rate it swings (revolves).

The Moon's orbit, like those of the planets, is not circular. The difference between the Moon's closest approach to the Earth (perigee) and the Moon's farthest distance from the Earth (apogee) is about 42,000 km. The average distance between the Moon and Earth is about 384,400 km. The Moon's orbital speed varies, moving faster when closer to the Earth, and slower when moving further away. Its average speed is about 1 km per second. The strong gravitational pull of

both the Earth and Sun has a pronounced effect on the Moon's motion.

The orbit of the Moon is not precisely aligned with that of the Earth around the Sun, the angle between the two orbits being about 5 degrees. For this reason, the Moon can be found up to 5 degrees either side of the ecliptic. This 5 degree tilt of the Moon's orbit to the ecliptic is the reason why a solar eclipse does not occur at every New Moon, that is, when the Moon is between the Earth and Sun.

The Moon easily outpaces the Sun as it travels along the zodiac. [The zodiac was derived from a system devised by Babylonian and Greek astronomers who divided the ecliptic path into twelve equal segments of 30° each (completing 360° around the celestial sphere) which was mainly designed for astrological purposes around the 3rd century AD. The name 'zodiac' comes from a Greek word meaning 'circle of animals', although one of the constellation signs, Libra, the Scales, is not an animal.]

The Moon passes through each sign in about $2\frac{1}{2}$ days rather than the Sun's more leisurely one sign per month. Each night it is positioned about $12\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ (a little more than a fist width) further east, whereas the Sun gains about 1° per day.

The Moon takes 27.32 days, on average, to orbit the Earth - as it seems from our viewpoint on Earth - in relation to the stars. This is called the sidereal (star) month. The word 'month' comes from the word for Moon.

The sidereal year (which means 'star year') on the other hand, is the time taken for the Sun to complete one circuit of the ecliptic relative to the background stars. (This is a consequence of the Earth revolving around the Sun). The mean sidereal year amounts to 365.2567 days.

The popular notion of the year relates to the cycle of seasons. Astronomers talk of the tropical year, which is the time between successive passages of the vernal equinox or, in other words, the time taken between the start of one northern spring to the next. It is equal to 365.2422 days. This is what most people mean by the word year. The calendar is based on the tropical year. However, one day is added every four years to keep the calendar in step with the seasons.

The tropical year is therefore 21 minutes shorter than the sidereal year because of precession of the equinoxes -due to the changing direc-

tion of the earth's axis caused by the pull of the Moon on the bulge of the Earth's equator, producing a slow wobble on its axis: completing one cycle ever 25,800 years.

Due to the non-uniform motion of the Earth around the Sun the tropical and sidereal years often get out of sync requiring periodic reforms to the calendar. This means that an extra leap second needs to be inserted every six months or so to align it with the Earth's precession rate of 50 arc-seconds per year along the ecliptic.

The history of the reforms to the calendar will be discussed in another forthcoming article.

The synodic month, or the interval between successive Full Moons or New Moons - its cycle of phases - is 29.53 days long. This is also called a lunation. [A detailed description of the Moon's phases will appear in a future issue.]

Due to the variations in speed of the Moon in its orbit, the time between Full Moons varies between $29\frac{1}{4}$ and $29\frac{3}{4}$ days. Since there are usually more than 29 days in a calendar month sometimes there are two Full Moons within the same month.

For reasons that are not clear, the second Full Moon is traditionally called a blue moon, hence the expression 'once in a blue moon' meaning 'very rarely'. This event is not so rare, occurring on average, once every 2.72 years.

Due to the variable motions of the Moon in its orbit around the Earth, combined with the irregular orbital motion of the Earth around the Sun, the Moon's eastward movement among the background stars may vary between $11\frac{1}{2}$ to $15\frac{1}{2}$ degrees per day.

This means that the risings and settings of the Moon occur between 20 minutes to 80 minutes later each day: with an average interval of 50 minutes later each day. So a day on Earth according to the Moon lasts an average of 24 hours and 50 minutes of solar time. Therefore, the risings and settings of the Moon each night of the year can vary by as much as 60 minutes.

The Latrobe Valley Astronomical Society will hold a members-only night at a private observatory on Tuesday, 9 May starting at 7.30 p.m. For details of meetings contact Gavan Dinsdale on 51746453 or visit the society's website at <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~lvas>.

Traffic in Glendonald

LAST month Latrobe City conducted traffic counts at numerous locations around the Glendonald neighbourhood. This data is to be collated by Council and the results will be made available to GRG.

We have been informally advised that Council will hold a public meeting for Glendonald residents to discuss traffic issues in the neighbourhood and possible traffic calming solutions. GRG has written to Latrobe City Council for confirmation that such a public meeting will take place.

GRG has begun a community survey to determine what issues are of concern to local residents. Approx 40 questionnaires were completed at the recent Churchill Festival in Glendonald Park. Those completing the survey were entered into a draw for an Easter basket - congratulations to Nicole, our lucky winner!

Many of the completed questionnaires highlighted the problem of speeding traffic and dangerous driving in our residential streets. Other issues raised included poor maintenance of footpaths in our streets and park, and the need for bus shelters at all bus stops.

Some residents suggested a variety of community social activities, such as dances and BBQs, could be organised by GRG for local residents. We will be considering the planning of

further activities during the year.

Many also mentioned the need to continue, or



even increase, our program of children's after school and holiday activities. This we will do!

During the last school holidays we held a BBQ lunch for local children, with some fun

games and activities, including "balloonology".

Many thanks to our skilled volunteer, Lidya, who

parents and kids alike!

Many of our volunteers involved in our children's activities recently attended training by the Australian Sports Commission's Active After School Communities Program. This full day of training (conducted on both a week day & a Saturday to suit everyone's diary) provided us with lots of ideas for future activities. Congratulations to all who attended and passed the accredited 'Community Coach' Training.

Our regular Monday after school activities in Glendonald Park will continue throughout Term 2.

Finally, a big 'Thankyou' to Latrobe Community Health Services, who have donated \$500 worth of groceries to GRG, to be used in our children's activities.

If you'd like to know more about our Group and its activities, we can be contacted at PO Box 245, Churchill or by phoning the Secretary, Barbara James, on 5122 1407.

GRG Inc meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm (6.30 in Winter) in the Glendonald Pre-school in Churinga Drive. Childcare and supper is provided. All residents of Glendonald are welcome to attend and have a say. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 April.

instructed the kids in balloon creations.

We will be holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt in Glendonald Park on the afternoon of Easter Monday (17 April). This is always fun for



Cougar Conversation

By Mark Answerth

WELL pre-season is nearly over and the real stuff is about to start. The past few months certainly haven't been the ideal start with numbers on the track being below par but the boys that have been there have worked hard and will be extremely fit.

Of late the numbers have improved and no doubt there will be good numbers on the track prior to round one. Speaking about round one, it is a home game against Rosedale so we are expecting a big crowd at Gaskin Park as these matches are always close ones.

The senior leadership group has been finalised and will be lead again by club captain Chris Burke. Other players in this group will be Dale Paterson, David Williams, Gary Welsh, Greig Williams, Dean Jenkins and Travis Brighton.

Some disappointing news is that we don't look like we will field an Under 16's side this season in the T&DJFL as we haven't had more than 8 boys attend training since it began 2 months ago. This is terribly disappointing especially considering how much effort was put into re-establishing this team last season.

We certainly had high hopes for our Under 16's this season with 21 players on our list and the majority of last years team still eligible to play. It appears that other interests and work have resulted in the demise of this team.

It is important to remember that the Senior club didn't necessarily want to get involved in facilitating the Under 16's but really had no choice when the Junior club hadn't been able to do so for over three years and our numbers -naturally - were diminishing at Under 18 level. As well, the club realised that a pathway from juniors to seniors was necessary and this link was the Under 16's.

Unfortunately, the CFNC (Under 16's) were not supported by enough parents nor by the community. Running the senior club and having an Under 16 team playing at the same time at a different location was a logistic nightmare and certainly created additional problems for the senior body.

Now not having an Under 16's side in a town the size of Churchill should ring alarms bells for our junior and senior clubs, the VCFL and the community, as organised sport such as football helps develop our youth, helps their general fitness

and keeps them off the street.

It appears until Churchillians as a whole start to support local sporting clubs within the town and respect the contribution they make to the town then we will continue to have these problems. All young aspiring footballers in Churchill should want to play football for Churchill and be proud to do so.

Churchill Football Netball Club believes it is a good corporate citizen who contributes to the well-being of the community. All we ask for is that the community supports us back, we both need each other.

Membership

Club memberships are now available. Get behind the club and buy a membership.

Cougar Gold for \$120 membership includes:

Cougar General benefits plus admission to all home games, Cougar Polo Shirt and entry into \$500 cash draw

Cougar General for \$40 includes:

Discount drinks, automatic entry into regular cash draws, voting rights and entry to Social Rooms

Cougar Social for \$25 includes:

Discount drinks and entry to Social Rooms

Social Functions

The season opening match is played at Churchill and is Cougars v Rosedale. We should go well and lots of support will give us the boost to get a win and a great start for 2006. There will be evening meals by Cougars Catering available from 6.00 pm (assuming this is so) and at 8.00 pm local band "Off Limits" will entertain until late. There is no cover charge and drinks will be available from the bar. It will be a great night, see you there.

Any queries please call Sharon Stait 0411310197.

2006 Season Opener

Saturday 8th April 2006

8.00pm

Churchill Football/Netball Club
Social Rooms

Entry: FREE!!!!!!!!!!

Health and Wellbeing

Fishing - preventing injury

PEOPLE of all ages and fitness levels can enjoy fishing. It's an activity which has the highest participation rate of any recreational or sporting activity in Australia. Most fishing injuries are due to cutting or piercing objects, falls or overuse injuries. Most injuries occur at a river, creek or lake (37 per cent), or at or by the sea (31 per cent).

Compared with other recreational activities, the risk of injury is low and most injuries are not serious. However, each year an average of 20 people drown while fishing in Australia. Rock and ledge fishing is particularly dangerous. In New South Wales, 74 people died in rock fishing accidents between 1992 and 2000.

Stay safe while fishing

Some general safety suggestions to keep in mind while fishing include:

* Never go fishing alone. Always fish with someone else and, ideally, with two other people. If one person is injured, a second person can stay with them while the third person seeks help. This is especially important when rock fishing.

* Let somebody know the location of your fishing trip, who you are going with and an approximate time you will be back.

* Carry a charged mobile phone with you at all times.

* Wear non-slip shoes and take care to avoid slipping or cutting yourself on sharp, rocky edges.

* Lightweight garments worn in layers are highly recommended. Bulky woollen jumpers become extremely heavy and difficult to remove if you fall in the water.

* Carry a first aid kit with you.

* Wear a sun hat, 30+ sunscreen and sunglasses.

* Take adequate drinking water.

Alcohol and fishing

Avoid drinking alcohol while fishing.

Alcohol can impair your judgment. It also seriously affects your chances of survival if you fall in the water.

Life jackets

A life jacket can save your life if you fall into the water, whether you are on a boat or near the water. It is extremely difficult to put on a life jacket when an emergency occurs or when you are in the water. It is safer to wear a life jacket at all times, before any emergency occurs. In Victoria, life jackets or personal flotation devices are compulsory on:

* Powerboats up to 4.8 metres long

* Off-the-beach sailing yachts

* Personal watercraft

* Canoes, kayaks and rowing boats

* Pedal boats and fun boats

* Kiteboards and sailboards

* Recreational tenders.

* Children under the age of 10 must wear a specified personal flotation device at all times on any vessel.

Other recommendations include:

* Wear a life jacket when fishing off rocks, ledges, a riverbank or a boat.

* Make sure a life jacket is available for each person, including children, and that they are worn at all times while in or near the water.

Use fishing equipment safely

Fishing hooks and rods can be dangerous if not handled with care. Some suggestions include:

* Make sure the hook is secure and hold the rod parallel to the ground when you carry your fishing rod.

* Fish at least 10 metres away from the person next to you.

* Check there isn't anyone behind you when

you cast.

* Instruct beginners and children on safe rod and hook procedures.

Weather

Staying aware of weather conditions is an important part of fishing safety. Make sure you have the most up-to-date local weather information available and be prepared for sudden changes. For coastal locations, take particular note of unexpected tide and swell conditions.

Rock fishing

Rock fishing is a dangerous activity. Many fishing fatalities occur while people are rock fishing. Some safety suggestions include:

* Make sure you have a thorough understanding of the area where you are fishing: the tidal behaviour, accessibility to the area and an escape plan. If the swell threatens where you are standing, leave immediately.

* Fish in a group of at least three people and always stay in sight of each other.

* Never fish by yourself. If one person is washed into the sea, another person can stay and assist while the third person gets help.

* Learn to swim if you can't swim. Classes are available for adults as well as children.

* Wear a life jacket or buoyancy vest.

* Do not wear waders when rock fishing. These can quickly become heavy if you fall in the water.

* Look for secure footholds and stay away from sloping, slippery edges.

* Obey all danger signs.

* Do not turn your back on the sea.

Surf fishing

* Do not enter rips to fish.

* Learn how to read the surf before you begin surf fishing, and how to identify and avoid rips.

* Go to gentle sloping beaches with a non-

Keep fit - play tennis

By ELAINE ANDRIJCZAK,
Secretary, Churchill Tennis Club

CHURCHILL Tennis Club recently held a very successful Veterans Tennis Day on Sunday, 19th March. Participants came from Traralgon, Morwell, Hazelwood North, Boolarra and Churchill and enjoyed 3 sets of tennis and a great social atmosphere. It is planned to hold these events regularly and the next date will be held soon.

Social Tennis on Mondays

Social tennis is held on Mondays at 1pm - beginners are welcome. Contact Carol Scott on

5122 1464 for details. This is a great opportunity for those who would like to get back into tennis, or who would like to learn (racquets are available) in a friendly social setting.

Wednesday Night Social Tennis

The Club is again having social tennis on a Wednesday night at 6.30pm. Call down and join in a friendly game of tennis.

Tennis Coaching

Glen and Sally Kirstine can be contacted on 5174 9661 for enquiries re tennis coaching and racquets.

Netball - Level 1 Umpiring Course

CHURCHILL Indoor Junior Netball Association are holding a Level 1 Umpiring Course on Sunday, the 23rd of April 2006 at the Churchill and Monash Leisure Centre. The course will run from

10.00 am to 2.00 pm. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Please contact Kathy Quinn on 51661448 for more information.



threatening wave pattern - these are ideal for safe surf fishing.

Boat fishing

* Plan carefully before going out on the water. Ensure all your safety equipment, including a radio, is in good working order before you go out in the water. Also check fuel levels before you leave.

* Have your motor and boat serviced regularly.

* Update your boating knowledge and practise your skills.

If you fall in the water or an injury occurs

* Do not feel for the bottom with your feet. Underwater rocks, tree trunks and debris are less likely to snare your trailing hands; try to steer towards a clear bank feeling for the bottom with your hands.

* Stop fishing immediately if an injury occurs and seek prompt medical treatment.

* Always carry a charged mobile phone with you in case of emergency.

Where to get help

Smartplay Tel. (03) 9654 7733

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Your local swimming pool for lessons.

Things to remember

Never go fishing alone - always fish with someone else and, ideally, with two other people.

Let somebody know the location of your fishing trip, who you are going with and an approximate time you will be back. Carry a charged mobile phone on you at all times.

Stop fishing immediately if an injury occurs and seek prompt medical treatment.

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



Churchill Hockey Club Training for 2006 Season

TRAINING for the 2006 season has commenced, with a good turn out. Remember that training is on Wednesday nights. Juniors start at 4.00pm - 5.00pm and Intermediates and Seniors from 4.30pm - 5.30pm at the hockey field in front of the Gaskin Park Stadium in Manning Drive. Everyone is welcome! All players at training need to wear a mouth guard, shin guards and bring a drink along.

This year we entered one team in the Lightning Premiership competition, which was held on Saturday 8 April. All of those who played had a fun day.

Our 'Home and Away' season will commence on Saturday 22 April with the Juniors and Intermediates in the morning and our senior team in the afternoon. The morning competition is held in Morwell, while the seniors will play at a multi-venue in Traralgon. This year we are only entering a B Grade team in the women's senior competition due to a lot of our senior players having

commitments in Melbourne and others deciding to have babies!

The Junior Association are hoping to start an all-boys competition of secondary school age. Any boys interested in playing just show up to training. Hockey sticks and balls are available for purchase from the club at very reasonable prices.

On Wednesday 3 May a 'Skills and Theory' night will be held, followed by a pie night. This will follow our regular training night, 5.30 - 7.00pm. All players are welcome. It will be held in our new clubrooms in the old Teen Centre at the Gaskin Park Stadium.

Our next hockey meeting will be held on Monday 24 April at 7.30pm in our new clubrooms at the Gaskin Park Stadium. We encourage all parents and players to attend. If you are interested in playing hockey please turn up to training on Wednesday nights or phone our Club President, Linda Cheater on 5122 2905.



Churchill Blues 2005 (above) and Churchill Blacks 2005 (top)

Churchill Junior Football Club News

WELL, the football season is now back. The Churchill 'Cougars' Junior football club is looking for new players for the under 10's, 12's and 14's to come along and be a part of this new, exciting and developing club. With a new club President - Cheryl Mason, committee and coaches, the clubs focus for this season is 'Great Sportsmanship'.

Our aim is to implement an 'AFL Initiative Kids First' program that promotes appropriate behaviour at your child's sporting venue by everyone (spectators, parents, coaches etc). The club is promoting a family atmosphere where the whole family can come down, meet new people, get involved and enjoy the experience of watching your child have fun and play football.

The clubs training venue is next to the seniors ground, off Manning Drive, Churchill. Training days are every Tuesday and Thursday with the Under 10's and 12's from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm and the Under 14's from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

New members are most welcomed, so don't wait, come on down and be a part of this new and exciting era of the club. Most games this year will be played on Saturday mornings with our first home game being Saturday the 8th of April.

For more details please contact club President Cheryl Mason on 5166 1797.

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FUNNY FACT!
 Did you know that...it's impossible to lick your elbow?

QUOTE OF THE MONTH
 Luck is when preparation meets opportunity!

JOB OF THE MONTH



Pictured above are renovations that have recently taken place at the Toora Pub. GUY'S GLASS is responsible for the new aluminium shop front windows and aluminium sliding doors. They have replaced the older wooden style windows and doors. Manor red was the colour chosen by the owners which truly compliments the building and looks terrific!

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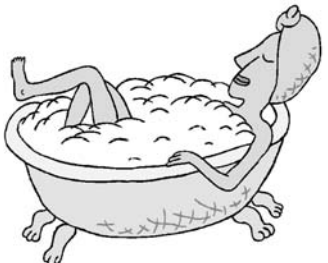


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DEB'S NATURAL CLEANING TIP

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