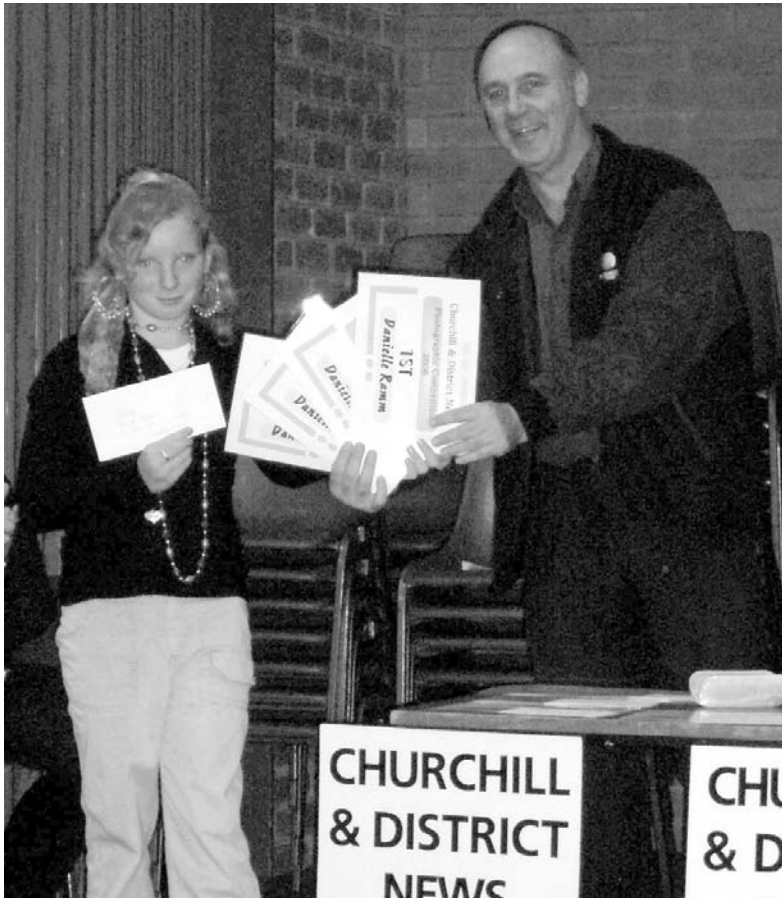


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Danielle Ramm is presented with her prizes by Colin Brick of International Power Hazelwood



Jarrod Lees receives his prizes from Cr. Darrell White

Photographic Competition Winners!

THE Churchill & District News would like to congratulate all the winners in our 2006 Photographic Competition. Jarrod Lees won both first and second prizes in the adult category, with Kevin Alford third. The standard was so high that the judges decided to also award two encouragement awards, one to Lyndon Giles

and the other to Bev Maguire.

In the prep to year 6 age group a very talented Danielle Ramm scooped the pool winning first, second third and the encouragement award.

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CHURCHILL & District News Cancer Care Centre Appeal has exceeded its fundraising target by two and a half times as the new \$21 million life saving centre opens.

The appeal was launched in August 2004. The target was to raise \$4,000 for the Centre. However, the Churchill community has helped us to raise a massive \$10,085. The money was raised through trivia nights, a huge garage sale, raffles, donations and the sale of the Churchill & District News Calendar. Many people were involved in helping to raise the money and we would like to thank them all.

The opening of the Centre ushers in a new era in health care for Gippsland.

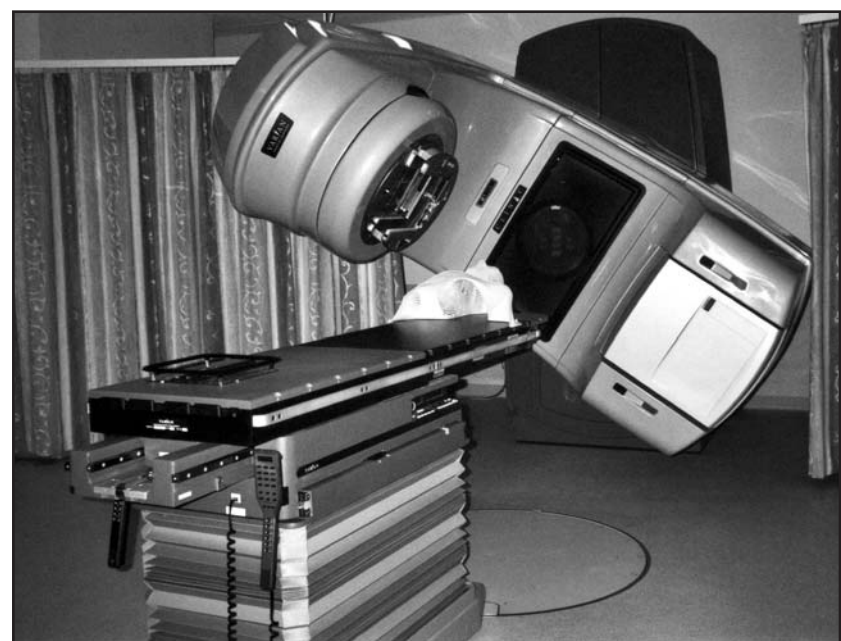
"After almost 31 months following the official announcement, Gippsland now has one of the most integrated cancer treatment facilities in rural Australia," said Professor Barry Dunstan, Chair of the LRH Board of Directors.

"The Gippsland Cancer Care Centre has become a reality following the combined funding of \$21 million from the Victorian and Federal Governments."

"Gippsland is the last regional area in Victoria to receive radiotherapy services. With the prevalence of cancers in our community set to rise over the next ten years, this new service is timely in the planning of health services across Gippsland."

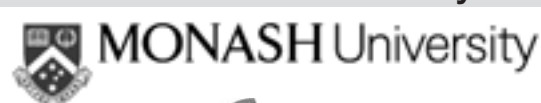
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Cancer Care Centre Opens as Churchill & District News Appeal exceeds its target!



Jo Smiley, Manager of Radiology at the new Cancer Care Centre, shows visitors how the new equipment works. Pictured left: state of the art equipment at the Centre

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EDITORIAL

Congratulations to all the winners in our photographic competition. Many thanks also to the judges and those who helped with the presentation ceremony. We had such a good response we have decided to publish a calendar for 2007 to showcase some of the entries.

The long awaited 'Looking Back' book is now on its way to the printers and is due to be launched in August. The book is a compilation of stories from our Looking Back series. In it are some wonderful stories and photographs which tell of the beginnings of the town. Details of the launch and where copies can be purchased will be in the next edition of the paper.

I would like to welcome a new con-

tribution to the paper, Professor Don Jefferys. Professor Jefferys is a renowned psychologist and he will be writing a series of articles on panic, anxiety and mood disorders which we hope readers will find useful.

As you are aware, the newspaper is a not for profit organisation. Each month we work hard to cover our production costs with advertising. This does not always happen so we have put together some great sponsorship packages that businesses and organisations may be interested in. We can also tailor a package to suit your business. If you are interested please contact us.

Til next time. ED

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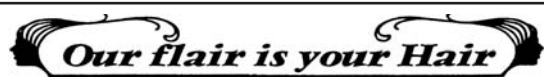
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THE Churchill & District News invites you to enter our Short Story and Poetry Competition. There will be some great prizes, with all entrants under 12 receiving a certificate of participation and a small gift. There are lots of categories to enter and no restrictions on subject matter.

CATEGORIES

1. Children's 7 and Under Short story/poem or picture story
2. Children's (8 - 12 yrs) Short Story (illustrations welcome)
3. Children's (8 - 12yrs) Poetry (illustrations welcome)
4. 13 - 18yrs Short Story
5. 13 - 18yrs Poetry
6. Adult Short Story
7. Adult Poetry.
8. Local History - My Story.

(This category will be judged on content alone and there are no restrictions on length of story, i.e. they can be under 1000 words.)

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

*All stories must have a completed entry form attached to the

manuscript with a paper clip (no pins or staples)

*The author's name must only be on the entry form and not on the manuscript

*Entries must be original, previously unpublished work.

*Each entry must include a title

*Multiple entries will be accepted

*Unless otherwise specified, permission to reproduce entries in the Churchill & District News or for publicity purposes will be assumed. Copyright remains with the author.

*Writers will be credited whenever their writing is reproduced

*Entries must be received by 25th August 2006

*All pages should be numbered

Length of stories are to be:

*Adult: 1000 - 2500 words

*Under 18: 500 - 2000 words

*Children: up to 500 words

Poetry, free or rhyming verse to be:

*Adult: min 8 lines and max. 48

lines.

*Under 18: min 8 lines and max. 48 lines.

*Children: up to 20 lines

*Entries will not be returned and participants should keep a copy of their work.

*The Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into

*Signing of the entry form for this competition constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry

Entries to be mailed to:
Churchill & District News Writing Competition, PO Box 234, Churchill 3842

Closing Date: 25th August 2006

Entry Fees:

\$3.00 Per Short Story/Childrens

Story - \$2.00 Concession or Student

\$3.00 Per Poem - \$2.00

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Children, Under 7, Under 12 and

U18 Categories - 50c.

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SHORT STORY & POETRY COMPETITION 2006 ENTRY FORM

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I have entered: _____ Short Story(s) _____ Poem(s)

Title of Story(s): _____ Category _____

Title of Poem(s): _____

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

Signature _____

Entry Fee to be included with Entry Form. Please make Cheques or Postal Orders Payable to the Churchill & District News. No cash or stamps please: Mail entries to: PO Box 234, Churchill 3842

Coeliac Support Group - Supermarket Tour

SUE Shepherd, coeliac dietician will be conducting a gluten free supermarket tour for those with coeliac disease and/or following a gluten free diet. The day will include an information session, and a shared gluten free lunch (please bring a plate to share). The day will

commence Saturday 27th May 10am in the Community Room, at Latrobe Community Health Service (42-44 Fowler Street Moe). Bookings are essential. For enquiries and bookings please contact Julie Martin Latrobe Community Health Service Moe, ph 5127 9100. Cost \$30.



Cancer Care Centre - continued from page 1

Radiotherapy treatment can take weeks. For people living in the Gippsland region this means time away from home, family and friends as well as time spent traveling.

"With over 400 new patients estimated to receive treatment each year, this means that Gippsland cancer patients and their families will have increased treatment options, easier access to one-on-one information and to be able to remain closer to home during their care," said Mr Dunstan.

As part of a three-stage construction process, the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre has taken over 85,000 hours, 377 concrete trucks, 500 tonnes of steel, 800

sheets of plaster and many dedicated staff members to ensure Gippsland's cancer patients, families and friends receive the most integrated cancer care services in rural Australia.

Chemotherapy and Dialysis is due to begin operation from the new site in early June with the relocation of medical oncology taking place in mid June. Radiotherapy and clinical services will begin on Monday 11 July.

The Centre does ask that people do not postpone treatment waiting for the radiotherapy clinical services to begin.



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Death by Chocolate Breakout

ON Saturday June 10th young people from across Victoria will be coming together for the fourth huge Fusion Breakout (Day-Trip) of the year.

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For over 40 years Fusion, a youth and community work organisation, has been running events for young people and local communities in

Australia and across the world.

The chocolate themed day will have participants from all over Victoria involved in heaps of messy, high energy activities as they work together to ultimately find a treasure chest full of chocolate. Young people will be divided into small groups that they will stay in for the day as they work through the various games and challenges. Friendships often form within these groups that last beyond the Breakout.

Fusion Breakout's help young people of 12 to 18 years of age

broaden their network of friends and contacts, all while having a great day within a supportive environment where positive behavior is role modeled, and encouraged.

The cost of the "Death by Chocolate" Breakout will be \$13 which includes all transport to and from the site, lunch, tea and activities. If you would like to participate, help run the day, or want more information please call Fusion on 5134 6922.



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Churchill Christian Fellowship

Maple Crescent, Churchill.
Sunday: 10.00am
Ladies Meeting: Tuesday 10.00am

Co-operating Church Snippets

Rev. Dr. Bob Brown has been using his skills and knowledge to run a Lay Ministry Study Course in two groups made up of people from our church, and from other places in Gippsland. Those who have chosen to be involved are studying to either be a registered lay reader, or just out of interest. This has been an excellent opportunity, which the participants have found very informative.

A Holy Communion service is conducted on a monthly basis at Hazelwood House. Those who find it difficult to attend regular church worship appreciate this service.

Anglican Synod was held over the weekend of May 19, 20 and 21. The

Synod is the government of the church. Each Anglican diocese has its own Synod. Representatives from each diocese attend the General Synod each couple of years. Then each ten years there is a worldwide Synod, which meets in England.

Our representatives along with Bob Brown attended. Much discussion was received on the future of the Anglican property on Raymond Island called A'Beckett Park. Bishop-in-Council, which is the main work horse for attending to these matters, has much work ahead to try to solve the issue, in accordance with the terms of the bequest.

Other topics were discussed and

debated, like the proposal to remove Bibles from hospitals and hotel/motel rooms. Synod members have been asked to write to their local M.P.s to have this policy overturned. All concerned members of the community could do likewise. Also that the Synod urge the Australian Government to abandon its Pacific solution, asylum seeker policy and institute a policy which recognises Australia's international obligations and treats asylum seekers with respect and compassion.

The Ladies Fellowship hosted a night with wonderful magician Peter Cook. Peter never fails to amaze with his deft sleight-of-hand, tricks of illu-



sion, and fun presentations. A huge supper was spread on the tables, which disappeared almost as quickly as Peter's white dove. An awe struck crowd enjoyed the magic and munchies.

Our Saturday Breakfast guest was Kevin Jones, the Environmental Officer at International Power

Hazelwood. Kevin has been a driving force behind the re-location of west field wetlands, and the development of the wetlands located beside the freeway, leading west from Morwell.

Pictured above left to right: Ian Cambridge, Rev. Bob Brown, Bishop John McIntyre, Anne Lyne and Ruth Place at the Synod.

Saturday Breakfast With Kevin Jones



KEVIN Jones is the Environmental Officer for International Power, Hazelwood. Kevin says this job is a way to give some thing back to the environment, after spending a lot of his working life knocking things down. He describes the job as fulfilling.

The job is a ten-year project, seven of which have lapsed, to create new wetlands to replace the one, which will be lost in the west field extension.

These new wetlands are located in a high profile area, but are not accessible to the public who only see them as they drive quickly by on the freeway, west of Morwell. There is also a small section on the northern side of the highway. The progress is such that each year Latrobe City Council enters the wetlands in the Tidy Towns Competition.

The northern section is approximately 12 hectares, and contains 15,000 trees. It has an inflow from the sewerage works of grey water. As this water wends its way from the wetlands into the Morwell River it receives its final cleaning. The southern section is approximately 47 hectares. It is owned by Gippsland Water and is leased by International Power Hazelwood. 50,000 trees are growing there. The West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority is a partner and helped with the tree planting. These wetlands receive an inflow from the Morwell River. A small weir has been

constructed which helps to control the amount of water lost, maintaining the water level.

This project began in 1999, and is broken up into six phases.

Phase 1 was the drawing of the conceptual design. This was approved.

Phase 2 started later that year with the civil construction earthworks, which created the

ponds and the islands for bird habitats. A little later Phase 3 began with the planting program, of upper storey (trees), native grasses, and aquatic species. Then they had to wait 18 months for sufficient rains to fill the ponds so that Phase 4 could proceed. The DNRE supervised the bio diversity translocation of melaleuca root balls, and ephemeral mud. From the existing wetlands, the melaleuca roots were dug up and transplanted. Rocks, stumps, and logs with hollows were also located in the new wetlands. Two excavators, and a special closed tip truck were used to dig up, transport and relocate the mud from both the shoreline and underwater. This was a very interesting task, one that had not been undertaken previously. As one load was dumped into the truck the people observed a lot of wriggling. The mud was teeming with life! When the mud was deposited in to the right place in the new wetlands, it was not long before the spoonbills found the load and decided it would make an easy lunch. They did not have much luck as the load was quickly spread out in the water.

This phase was very successful despite the spoonbills. The melaleucas have thrived.

Phase 5 began in 2002 and concentrates on weed control. This also involves an annual maintenance program, loss replacement, and maintenance of the access track. From 2004-

07 there has been and will be continued planting of under storey plants- grasses and reeds etc., all wetlands tolerant. It has been necessary to use canoes to access the islands for plantings of native grasses.

Phase 6 continues all the above-maintenance, continued weed control and planting.

The success rate for transferred species has been 85%. Kevin describes the wetlands as a snake heaven. Nesting boxes were installed early in the 2000s. The wooden ones have been successfully used three- four times by ducks. The plastic ones have been ignored. Swans are also breeding there. Wrens and other small birds also breed in the area. As the upper storey develops, it is expected that larger birds will find breeding spots. A grill platform of logs has provided a place for the herons to roost and form which to fish.

Local farmer's dams were drained in search of long necked tortoises. These were located in the mud by noting the bubbles. Successful transfers were made.

Early on, school children were invited to help with tree planting. This was a laborious task. Over 70,000 trees have been planted mechanically. Now school groups come to do Water Watch studies.

Fish surveys have been undertaken. Three native species survive in the waters. After a flood, an infestation of carp, resulted in the need to drag net the ponds. 800kgs of carp were netted. Some were up to 10 kgs in weight. Carp are a pest as they muddy the water, and compete with the native fish for food. They become a major problem when they reach the large sizes, as even the pelicans cannot eat them.

The Field Naturalists undertake regular bird surveys, and have noted 40 or more species.

This has been a project undertaken with the help of DSE, the Catchment Authority and Field Naturalists. Kevin is thrilled with the outcome and what is still to come from this development. For him it has been a very satisfying and successful exercise.

Pictured above: Kevin Jones

Chaplaincy Contemplations

IN the life of the University, here in Gippsland there are always comings and goings. Students come from many places and are challenged, not only to learn in terms of the courses they are undertaking but also to become more fluent and confident in the English language and to learn something of the culture of this country.

Having achieved much, suddenly it is time to return to their own countries, taking useful qualifications with them and much more, learned as a result of accepting the challenge to come here and study. We are all richer for this experience.

The past week has been a time of goodbyes as we farewell a group of people returning to their own countries; India, Pakistan, Malaysia, China, Singapore, Indonesia and Cambodia. Our thoughts and prayers go with these students as they venture forth into the next challenges of life, contributing to the betterment of their countries of origin.

It is such an enriching experience for all when we share of ourselves and come to understand each others cultures.

I am reminded of how open Jesus was to new experiences and how willing he was to interact with others outside the culture to which he was seen to belong.

The conversation with the Samaritan women (John 4:7-41) is a good example and as a result she is changed as are many other Samaritans.

You can never tell where open conversations with others will lead. It is very hard to hate others when you know them and conversation leads to sharing; sharing leads to understanding and understanding leads to non-judgement, compassion and trust.

In meeting the new commandment which Jesus gave us, to love

one another expressed by the writer of John's Gospel (John 13: 34-35) it is surely helpful to meet each other from across the world with respect and openness.

Unfortunately we are not doing this so well as a nation with our own indigenous people or with refugees wishing to make Australia their home.

There is something self seeking and self satisfied in the priorities of our political leaders and in the lack of concern of the people, at least at a public level about both these groups of people in need.

It is very hard sometimes to know what to do and a sense of helplessness and inertia can overcome us. It is good to pray for hope and determination.

At this time of year in the Christian Church when we celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray for true reconciliation with our indigenous brothers and sisters.

Let us also pray that we as a nation might be infused with such love that we demand social justice as a basic tenant of this country's principles not just in words but in action because currently we are a long way from being a truly socially just society.

Beginning on Wednesday 23rd August at 1pm in the Hexagon at Monash University, Gippsland Campus there will be a series of talks on Social Justice. Further details will be given in July.

God's blessing on you all through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



Precinct is opened by Federal and State Ministers

Wednesday 17th May, saw the arrival in Churchill of the Education and Training Minister Lynne Kosky and the Federal Vocational and Technical Education Minister Gary Hardgrave to open the Gippsland Education Precinct.

The Precinct has been operational since the start of the school year in late January, but this occasion was a formal recognition of the many different parties that have combined together to create this unique educational facility.

A formal ceremony included speeches from the visiting Ministers, along with the college Principal Margaret Corcoran and Harry Ballis, CEO of the Precinct

Both Ministers praised the efforts of all who had contributed to

getting the Precinct up and running and the dedication that creating such an establishment required.

The aim of the Precinct is to foster further learning and to provide different pathways for the youth of the community.

"The pathways deliver them to a destination with the skills that are relevant for the way the business community wants them to be relevant," Mr Hardgrave commented.

Representatives from all of the respective partners attended the opening. These include Monash University, Latrobe City, GippsTAFE, Gippsland Group Training and Kurnai College.

"What has been unique about this project has been all of the different partnerships". Ms Kosky stated.

There has been a total of \$21.5 million invested in this venture with the State Government contributing \$19.6 million. This is a huge investment in this community and the youth of our area.

"This facility opens up an incredible amount of pathways for young people, an incredible amount of choices for them and also the opportunity that if they make a mistake or fail along the way, they will actually get picked up and won't get lost in the system," Ms Kosky continued.

There were numerous students on hand to conduct tours of the facility for all of the guests in attendance. Lunch was provided in the courtyard of the school.



Monash University Pro-vice Chancellor, Brian Mackenzie unveils the plaque and above students with Lynne Kosky and Gary Hardgrave

Lions Club Of Churchill & District

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity
The club Camp Quality esCarpade vehicle is getting weary - looking for a replacement vehicle, preferably a Holden "blood line" and a station wagon. Any donation offers would be welcome.

Elected incoming officers attended a training day at Monash University on 4th June.

There is a working bee to be held at Licola over the weekend of 10th - 12th June. Six members will attend.

Catering undertaken -
Bunnings 10th May - a free snag and drink to employees to say "thank you".

Access Education seminar at Monash Uni May 28th

Red Shield Appeal May 28th

Members attended the Community Awards Launch.

Lion Peter McShane nominated as District Governor District 201V3 in 2008.

Lions and Lioness Clubs have joined forces again to purchase another CADD Pump for the Cancer Care Unit.

Donations were made to -
Churchill Soccer Club to assist with completion of their club-rooms
Lakes Entrance Life Guard project (through local Lions club)

Mark Stolk (interstate competitions)

The Lions Birthday Club, sponsored and run through the Churchill & District News by our Lions Club, is a great hit. Kayla McLure and

Guy Griffiths were each the happy Birthday Club recipients of a \$15 voucher last month. 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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* Sunday The 18th June, Old Time Dance Time Times: From 2pm to 4pm

* The Australian Robbie Williams Show will be held in the Anzac Room. The Cost of the Show will be \$24 each. Show starts at 8pm, 13th June.

Bookings at Reception

Churchill Lions Launch

2006

Camp Quality esCARpade

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity

The Churchill Lions Club have nominated for the 2006 Camp Quality esCARpade which begins in Shepparton on Friday 13th October and finishes in Dubbo on 20th October covering more than 3,000 kms.

The theme for this year is "Latrobe Valley and within" promoting the Power, Business, Tourism and Farming industries. Cartoon characters "Sparky, The Boss, Tessie and Milky" will occupy the vehicle and promote our area through the Camp Quality esCARpade.

The Churchill Lions have been responsible for raising \$130,000 over the past 12 years for Camp Quality which is a non-profit organization committed to bringing hope and happiness to every child living with cancer, their families

and communities

through ongoing quality recreational and financial support programs.

Over 5,000 families nationally each year are supported by Camp Quality, and they participate in camps and recreational activities. There will be over 180 camps and activities held in Australia in 2006.

Sponsorships are now open to businesses and the public and anyone genuinely interested in supporting the Churchill Lions in this effort may contact Ross Norman on 51221994 or Tom Quinn on 51661448 for further details and put a smile on a face of these children.



Churchill Primary School

Building Improvements.

Through the announcements of two grants last week, Churchill Primary School will be looking forward to a great facelift, over the next months.

Brendan Jenkins has delivered a grant of \$70,000 for painting the inside of the school, and repairing the toilets.

Peter McGauran presented a grant of \$150,000. This will be spent on repairing the roof and providing new shade/shelter areas, as well as some technology improvements.

The school community is very excited about these grants and thanks the respective donors very much.

Visit to Healesville Sanctuary.

Grade 2P writes,

"On Friday 19 May, all the Prep/1/2 grades traveled

frogmouth a mouse. It is not an owl or raptor, but it is nocturnal.

We got to touch snakes, possums and lizards. Some of us got to touch frogs too.

One of our favourite animals was the Tasmanian Devil.

It was sleeping and then it got up and ran around! There were platypuses swimming in the water.

They were very little. There was even a fresh water crocodile swimming with a turtle. It must have been hungry.

We went to a place where they fix hurt animals, and there was a baby kangaroo in a cot.

His mother had been run over and he was getting looked after.

It was very interesting and it would be great to go back again.

Greener Gardens Project.

This project which is a partnership between Glendonald Residents Group (GRG) and Latrobe City Council (LCC), was launched earlier this term as reported previously.

All the students have been involved in learning about plant propagation, including vegetable growing as well as native plants.

John Ruyg from Tremendous Landscapes, has been taking sessions with the students.

The seeds are being propagated in the refurbished greenhouse.

Plans for use of the plants are to beautify the school grounds and stocking of the Indigenous Garden proposed for Glendonald Estate.

The School would like to thank Latrobe City Council and GRG for the Community Grant which enabled this project to proceed.

GRG, would like to thank Gary at the Gardening Section of Bunnings for his help and advice, the Faragos for supplying hay for mulch, John Ruyg for his agreement to be involved with this project, adding his skills of seed collection expertise to qualifications. GRG has supplied wheelbarrows and shovels from their tool shed for the project.

More photos from Churchill Primary School on page 13.



by bus to Healesville Sanctuary.

The trip was very long, and some people felt sick. When we got there, we went to see the birds of prey display.

We saw owls, buzzards and an eagle. They flew close over our heads.

We had a class with Debbie, where we fed a tawny



Trip to Werribee

Churchill Primary School along with 5 other local primary schools are involved in a federal government project aimed at improving Literacy, Numeracy, Science and Technology skills across Australia. As part of their involvement in the project Churchill Primary School is using Environmental Science and Environmental Journalism as an avenue to improve students' skills.

The school's science group travelled to the Amphibian Research Centre in Werribee recently. This research centre is the only one of its type in the world. The dedicated staff at the centre are researching what is killing off some of our Australian frog species. The students explored different species of frogs and viewed

frogs in the dark and artificial light. We also met a 6-legged frog.

Three of the senior grades visited the Melbourne Zoo to record animal behaviour. The students have been researching animals in groups as part of the schools SEAL (Studies in Environmental Applied Learning) Program. The students have been researching animals via both the Internet and reference books. Students have been writing scripts and storyboarding their work to produce a DVD about the animal they have been studying. We look forward to the final productions and their presentation

Hazelwood North Round Up

*A large number of students participated in the Yinnar and District Cross Country held at Churchill.

*Five students went on to compete in the Zone Cross Country at Glengarry.

*Many parents, grandparents and friends took the opportunity to visit the

ing a training day early next term. The aim is to make the school a safer place.

*Parent teacher interviews will be held the last two days of term.

*The painting of the school will begin during the next holidays and should be completed by the end of the year.



Open Morning Education Week

school during Open Morning held during Education Week.

*Students in Years 1 to 5 visited the Gippsland Educational Precinct to learn how to use computer programs.

They were taught by the V team, a group of senior Kurnai students.

*Years Five and Six Students attended a Kurnai Awareness Day at the Churchill Campus.

This is one of a number of transition activities planned for the year.

*The Prep, One and Two students visited the Melbourne Aquarium as part of their sea theme.

Years Three to Six Students visited the Gippsland Heritage Museum.

*Nine students from Years Five and Six have been chosen to form the school's first Safety Club and they will be attend-

*The Book Fair was once again well supported by the community.

*Parents' Club held a very successful Mothers' Day Stall - the students had some wonderful presents for their mums.

*The Tree Drive organised by the Social and Fundraising Committee was also a great success.

*Students in 45A and 45D are enjoying a clubs program.

Electives include knitting, beading, cooking, mosaics, science and organising a mini Olympics.

We appreciate the parent and community helpers who are sharing their skills with the students.

*The school has received an Investing in Schools Grant from the Commonwealth Government to upgrade the power supply to three phase.

Kurnai College Churchill Campus

Work Experience.

A very valuable part of preparing students for awareness of future employment opportunities, and the student's suitability to a particular type of employment, is the provision of work experience placements with a wide range of businesses, schools, and organisations.

At present, the forty Year 10 students are engaged in this activity all over the Valley.

Awareness Day.

This is the second of these days and is particularly for feeder primary schools of Hazelwood North, Yinnar, Yinnar South, and Boolarra. Parents are encouraged to attend this day with their child(ren) to get a feel for Kurnai College.

First Step in Year 10 Transition Program.

From starting pre-school, through to tertiary education, there are steps of transition to take.

This program is another important

step, this time for the Year 10 students who will be going on to education opportunities at the Gippsland Education Precinct (GEP).

The first visit to the GEP occurred on 5th June.

Year 7 camp at Coolamatong.

The Year 7s have been enjoyed a week's camping at Coolamatong on the Gippsland Lakes in the week beginning May29th.

This camp is a great way for the students to get to know each and to engage with some delightful environment in that area.

ALPS- Accelerated Learning Program.

Testing of possible 2007 participants in this program has been completed.

There was an excellent response from all of the feeder schools, with increased numbers compared to previous years.

This mirrors the experience of Morwell Campus as well.

Thoughts on the subject of: What should be the age of criminal responsibility?

By KATIE DUNCAN 8/S 8/A, Kurnai College

You may wonder what the age of criminal responsibility is, or maybe take a step back and wonder what criminal responsibility is.

Criminal responsibility is if you commit a criminal offence, you are able to understand that what you have done is wrong and be punishable (and not just being sent to your room as a punishment). For example if a five year old stole a valuable object from a store, they would not realise that what they are doing is wrong.

The child would simply think 'I want that' and take it.

But if a fifteen year old stole something they would know that what they were doing is against the law and is punishable by the government.

So what is the age of criminal responsibility?

In Australia you are considered mentally mature enough to know that you have committed a crime at the age of ten.

But what if the offender is 9 years and 364 days old (one day away from being ten), or what if the offender is ten years and one day.

In two days you cannot become mature enough to understand the difference between right and wrong.

There should be no age of criminal responsibility, what the punishment is

should be decided on whether the criminal is mentally mature enough to understand, at the time the crime took place, that what they were doing was against the law.

If the suspect has a learning disability or if they had some sort of mental illness which stops them understanding what they are doing is wrong.

Another topic on the same principle is whether you are eligible for a juvenile detention centre or jail.

For example if a crime was committed by a fifteen year old and was to last ten years.

They would start their sentence in a juvenile detention centre and finish in a proper jail.

At what age would they be moved from juvenile detention to prison? By law it is as soon as you turn eighteen, but what if the convicted is not mature enough to survive with murderers, thieves, con artists, drug dealers and rapists.

All of these people could be in jail for a very long time, and could bully the young ones into getting them money, drugs, cigarettes and anything else they wish for.

Once again when they move into a proper jail should be determined on how mentally aware and mature they are, not on their age.

Tassie Trip

On the 24 of April 41 students and 4 teachers boarded the Spirit of Tasmania and headed for a four day adventure to Tasmania.

The Spirit of Tasmania was really exciting especially as so many of us had never been on a boat let alone this four story high floating hotel, with all of the modern conveniences. We were really lucky that there was no swell so the ship was very steady... Only one of us was sick - and he had been feeling off colour since eating too much for tea.

"I absolutely loved it on the boat. Wandering the

night tour. It was so exciting and interesting even though the stories were a bit far fetched!"

Off to Hobart the next day and lunch on the top of Mount Wellington (Mr Egan had fresh oysters - Yuk).

That night at the Hobart Transit Centre we watched movies, ate a home cooked roast dinner and played pool until bedtime. It was awesome fun!!

The final day, we drove north again - visited a Wildlife Park, and ancient glow worm cave and had a BBQ dinner (and speech) with David Foster. The World Champion Axeman had a warehouse covered with his



decks was fun and so were the cabins. They also had the best showers !"

Once there and off the boat (we seemed to travel for a long time) we headed to Port Arthur - a four and a half hour journey south. We had a tour of the Isle of the Dead, Point Puer (the children's prison) and a ghost town before spending the night at White Beach Caravan Park.

"My main highlight was definitely the Port Arthur

trophies and ribbons - over 1600 of them!!!

He said, "If you believe in yourself and really want to achieve something, then even a boy from a country farm in Tasmania can become the best in the world if he chases his dream.

Back on the ship and our trip home seemed too fast. What a fun time - many laughs and we learnt a lot too!!!

Thanks to the teachers for taking us, it was great!!!

Outdoor Education Trip to Phillip Island

By ANDREW FROST Outdoor Ed teacher, Kurnai College

In April, the year 10 outdoor education class ventured to Smith's Beach, Phillip Island.

The day could not have started any better with everyone there on time and in high spirits, despite it being freezing cold.

The weather did not get better on the bus, as it seemed to rain harder the closer we got to the island.

Adding to this was the fact that the surf was anywhere between 6-10ft.

However, all of this added to what ended up being a great day.

Once at Smith's Beach, we were met by a fantastic crew from Island Surf.

Friendly and very knowledgeable, they took the students through everything.

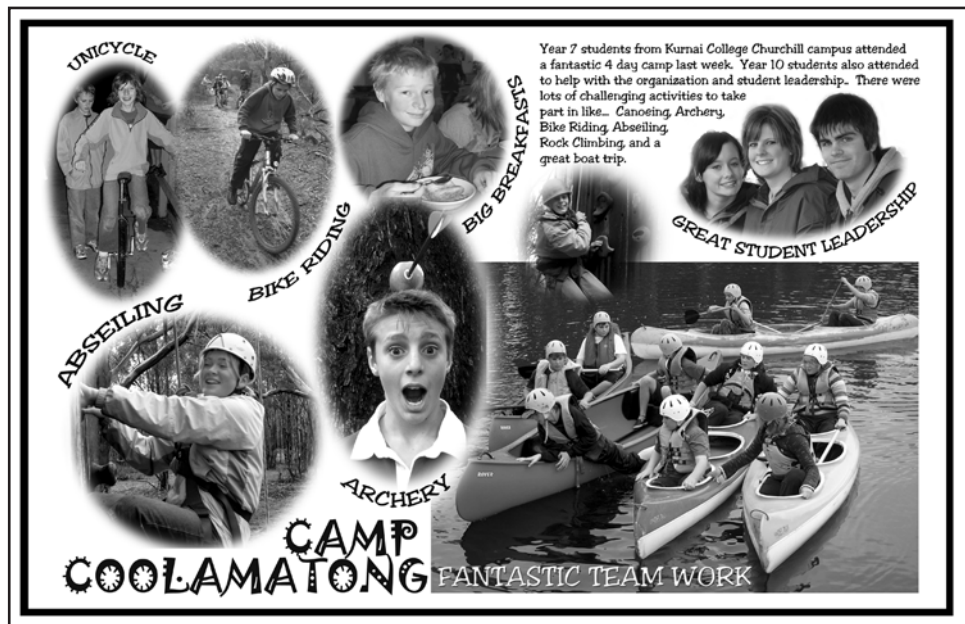
From how to put on a wetsuit to water safety, the students were equipped with all the tools to tackle the big surf and everyone did so with a big smile on their face.

Some of the highlights were; Tara catching the longest wave, Alex trying to catch the biggest and Clayton helping others to catch waves.

Unfortunately the day had to come to an end, but not before everyone caught at least one wave and the majority learning how to stand up.

The student's behaviour was sensational throughout the entire day, gaining praise from both the bus driver and surf school.

Also I would like to thank Matt Jobling and especially Jo Drury who volunteered to come along on her day off.



Boolarra Primary School

Community Service In Education Award

As part of the recent Education Week celebrations "Outstanding Parent Awards" were presented to parents by the Education Department to acknowledge the invaluable contribution made by them to their school community.

Everyone at Boolarra Primary School was delighted when Mal Payne, a stalwart parent supporter of the school, received a Community Service Award. Mal has been associated with the school since his eldest daughter Crystal commenced as a prep student 13 years ago. Throughout this time Mal has worked tirelessly to support and assist Boolarra Primary School in numerous ways.



Rosie Twomey qualified to compete in state cross country finals in Melbourne



Mal Payne, (from left to right) daughter Bry, classmates, Gareth, Kadia & Kate, near the picnic tables Mal made

Principal, Ms Leanne Emond sums up the feelings at Boolarra Primary School with: "It is wonderful that someone who quietly puts in so much time and effort to support our school receives recognition for his significant contribution. Mal has helped us out many times and single-handedly averted disasters on occasions such as when the roofing was peeling off our bike shed in gale-force winds, endangering everyone in the playground. I am sure that every school has a Mal equivalent, we certainly have some other fabulous parent supporters at our school too. The assistance and support these people provide really enriches the education of our



Georgina Brickgrade

children".

Boolarra Idol

During Education Week the Junior School Council conducted a talent quest and unearthed some very impressive musicians, dancers and comedians. The eventual winner was decided with assistance from a large audience of parents and other community members at the Grand Final and was grade 2 student, Georgina Brick who

sang "Lightly Row" in an angelic voice. Georgina received a trophy and a \$20 voucher.

Community Computer Lessons

The school Wellbeing Teacher, Ms Karen Tingay is providing free computer lessons for community members in the school computer laboratory on Monday afternoons from 2:00 pm. We have been really impressed with the enthusiasm and interest shown by the participants, especially star pupil Betty who at 84 years of age is demonstrating that you are never too old to learn! If you are interested in finding out more about these lessons please contact the school on 51696471.

Cross Country Running

During recent weeks grade 3-6 students competed in our own school cross-country along the picturesque Boolarra rail trail. This identified the 17 students who went on to compete at the Yinnar and District Cross Country in Churchill. Five of our students: Rosie Twomey, Josh Anderson, Gareth Hall, Kadia Lardner and Kate Fox then qualified to compete in the zone run at Glengarry, which was a fabulous effort. Rosie Twomey placed 5th at this level and has now qualified to compete in the state cross-country in Melbourne.

Forthcoming Events:

Friday 16th June: Last Day of Term 2

Monday 3rd July: Term 3 Commences

Ed Week 4298 is of Mal Payne with (from left to right) his daughter Bry and some of her classmates, Gareth, Kadia & Kate, near the picnic tables Mal made for our school

Disco Day 4290 is of Betty, 84 year old participant in our Community Computer lessons.

Zone Cross Country 4552 is of Rosie Twomey who has qualified to compete in the state cross country finals in Melbourne.

idol & cross country & show 4439 is of Georgina Brick, the grade 2 students who was declared "Boolarra Idol" for 2006.



84 year old participant in Community Computer lessons

Yinnar South Primary School

Raymond Island Camp: Recently our grades 4/5/6 went to Raymond Island Camp with students from Yinnar Primary School. Mrs Higgins from Yinnar did a great job organising the camp.

well behaved. Genevieve, Caitlin, Chase, Amber, Jack, Bryce G, Cohen, Shaquille, Jemma, Peter, Pat Mc, Daniel and Scott. Special congratulations to Chase, Jack and Shaquille for making it through to the zone

cross country.



All of our students had a fantastic time at camp.

They learnt many new skills and returned home tired but very, very happy.

Many of our students did particularly well at the Yinnar and District Sports and were awarded certificates for first, second and third place.

Congratulations to:

- Chase (3rd Long Distance Run)
- Chase (2nd 12/13 Sprint)
- Chase (12/13 Discuss)
- Chase (Long Jump)
- Cohen (10 yrs Shot Put)
- Cameron (8yrs old Discuss)
- Cameron (1st 8yrs old Sprint)
- India (1st 7 yrs old Sprint)
- India (7yr old Long Jump)
- Prep/1/2 News

Our prep/1/2 children recently enjoyed a pyjama party. The children were fantastic cooks and all ate very well. Soon we will be starting a Humanities unit about the past compared to the present.

The children will have research homework through out the coming weeks.

Our very Own Netball Team:

With all nine of the Prep/1/2 girls playing Netta, we have enough girls to form our own Yinnar South Team playing Saturdays and training on Tuesdays. Well done girls.

Cross Country: Recently we had 13 students participate in the Yinnar and District Cross Country Event. Congratulations to all participants who tried their hardest and were

Student Morning-Tea: Recently we had a student morning tea as a reward for excellent behaviour in the yard.

Congratulations to: Pat Mc, Bryce G, Matt L, Shaun L, Alden D-J, Jack Mc, Genevieve B, Shaquille P, Elizabeth S and Cody T.



Letter to the Editor

More Questions than Answers

In the first public showing of plans for a \$4 million "Intergenerational Community Hub", the project was presented as a fete accompli.

Residents seemed privileged to be invited to arrange the deck chairs and colours before deciding whether the expenditure is necessary or even desirable.

Who is putting forward these ideas? What numbers of people are involved? Can the community at large please be informed who is driving the project? Sure the Neighbourhood Learning group desperately need improved accommodation, but for \$4m?

The North Melbourne firm of architects, (no locals please), and the Latrobe city had not even checked local planning requirements! No guarantee was given that local builders would be used. Nor could they provide rental costs for prospective community users. We were told that there had been absolutely no study of cash flows.

There is no off street car parking. No consultation has been undertaken with local kindergartens despite an assurance of wide consultation. After eloquent Howardesque promotional language, the small audience was eventually told that the existing kindergartens would be closed in favour of one single facility. No neighbourhood service thanks. It's more economically efficient to consolidate services. The whole idea of kindergartens being on housing estates is that they are easily accessible to parents with children.

Mums will have to traipse up to 2.3km with a pram and a few kids 16 times a week (37km), in whatever weather, to deliver and collect their four year olds, four days a week to a single kindergarten. Somehow I suspect car less Mums will need to find a partner with two cars or no kinder. The obvious effect will be that an even lower proportion of kids will benefit from kinder.

Eel Hole Creek also borders the building, endangering any kinder escapees

The following questions do need to be answered for THE COMMUNITY TO DECIDE whether they WANT a \$4m building crammed into a small, less than ideal block.

"The main focus of the Hub is to bring together the individuals and community groups into a shared location with shared facilities." (Quote promo information)

Who are these groups and individuals? Where are their activities housed now? Are those facilities satisfactory? What rent are they paying? What will new rentals be? What will become of vacated premises?

Will such an amenity encourage greater community participation? How and why? Will groups have adequate storage and be able to safely leave heavy equipment? Has any survey been conducted into utilisation of existing meeting places? In light of the under utilisation of many/most existing amenities, is the expenditure warranted? Could the money better benefit our community? What will be the economic outcome if groups shift? Will existing public buildings be maintained, allowed to deteriorate or be bulldozed?

"Discussion of the existing roadways"

What does this mean? What are alternative proposals? Will more roadways need alteration when Safeway proceeds, altering the centre of CBD activity? What of pedestrian access to Monash? What studies have been conducted into the need for "possible development of music and drama groups"?

Local bands don't use the upstairs space of the hall. How many bands and how often will they want to gig? If there was a need for under age discos and someone to run them, they would be held in Churchill. They haven't!

Would the establishment of a Cooperative hotel be a better project when the present hotel is bulldozed leaving a commercial vacuum?

Such an enterprise could fund many future ventures directly or with matching funding. The \$50,000 currently sought for this project would be chicken feed for any future projects.

A library is included in the plan. Has the current "intergenerational" partnership between Kurnai and the public failed? Will the Library include books, or just the IT side? If it is to be only the IT side, the limits of the existing library facility will not be addressed.

Let's get the horse in front of the cart and do some very basic homework before this farce continues.

Ross Ollquist

Hazelwood South

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Red Cross Regional Conference

The Red Cross Regional Conference was held recently in Morwell. It is the conference of Region 9 delegates, which extends from Warragul, through Erica, Rawson, Boolarra, Morwell to Traralgon.

Mrs Anne Macarthur was the chairperson for the meeting, which had about 30 representatives present. She is a roving ambassador for Red Cross in Melbourne. Anne also gave a talk on her trip to South America.

The business of the meeting was to hear reports from each of the different units, on their activities for the year.

Emergency Services.

Members had attended fires, some who had served in the Command Centre. Other were engaged in Moe registering people who were evacuated from fire areas of Rawson and Erica. This involved recording from where they had been evacuated and where they were being accommodated, so that any family or friends ringing up would know where to locate their relatives or friends, or know they were safe.

Others still were engaged in catering for the fire-fighters involved at Hazelwood Open Cut fire.

Transport.

This service is based in Traralgon. It relies on volunteers to drive people to medical appointments in Melbourne. There is always a desperate shortage of drivers. More volunteers are needed.

Red Cross Shops.

These are located in Traralgon and Warragul. They provide a wonderful service with the provision of mostly used goods, but also some new articles.

First Aid Posts.

The members of this team attend sporting and other events to supply First Aid coverage. Some members attended and served at the Commonwealth Games.

Blood Bank.

Red Cross members attend Blood bank at Latrobe Regional Hospital, and supply and serve the suppers. More blood donors are

always needed to keep blood supplies at the ready.

Meals on Wheels.

Some Red Cross members perform this service with a regular devotion, bringing hot meals to people in Morwell, Traralgon and Churchill.

Breakfast at Woollem Bellum Koori School.

This program is sponsored by Red Cross and Sanitarium, who sponsor over 20 breakfast clubs in Victoria.

The principal of the school is reported as saying that the breakfast club had been a great incentive for the children to get to school on time, eat a good breakfast, which in turn sets them up well for a good day of concentrated learning. The school has also been involved in a sporting activity program.

The Retiring Chairman was Shirley Grove of Warragul. The new Chairman elected is Isobel Ough.

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Lively Discussion at Wattle Club

By RUTH PLACE

When I arrived at Wattle Club, a lively discussion about the proposed Hub, was taking place. Many questions were being asked about the future of the Wattle Club's occupancy of the lower portion of the Town Hall, where they have been settled for the last 21 years. The group was reassured that their needs were known and that they would not be without a future home.

By all accounts the trip to Fish Creek was a happy day out. The fish and chips meal at the Orange Roughy restaurant was very good.

A second outing for the month was to the Daisy Patch on the Leongatha Rd out of Warragul,

where they partook of a delicious meal. The group enjoyed morning tea at the Town Hall, before their pleasant drive to the Patch!

B Day was a great success for all, including the Morwell group who joined Churchill for the day. All comers were asked to wear blue or black. Balloons were strung around the room. A BBQ was eaten for lunch, and biscuits for morning tea.

As it was leading up to Mother's Day, the ladies received a spray of maroon chrysanthemums, much to their delight!

We all like to pampered at some time, so the Leaders of Wattle Club organised a Pampering Day. Manicures were offered, hand cream

was spread, necks and shoulders were massaged, and many tried the massage seat. They all went home feeling relaxed and pampered! Ken and Alice Rae's delightful garden was the setting for afternoon tea, one sunny, but cool afternoon last week.

Wattle Club is an ADASS group run by the Latrobe Community Health Service for older persons living at home. It provides socialisation and recreation for members, run by qualified leaders. It also provides respite for carers. For further information, please contact Shannon Vaughan - Co-Ordinator on 51220400 or 0400 067 632.



Lunch at Orange Roughy



Meetings, Meetings, Meetings

By Margaret Guthrie, President

COMMITTEE members of CDCA had a busy week last month with three public meetings to attend occurring on successive nights.

First was the Public Meeting for the proposed Churchill Intergenerational Community Hub (or multipurpose building) on Monday 22 May. Plans for the new building, to be sited in Phillip Parade between the Skate Park and the CFA, and the Town Hall upgrade were on display and lots of questions asked of the architects, Latrobe City and the Working Group.

Any resident unable to attend last month's meeting is invited to contact CDCA for further information. CDCA welcomes your inquiries and concerns - it is important that plans for such a new facility are widely discussed within the community and that your feedback, whether positive or negative, is relayed to Council officers and the Working Group.

The following night the Morwell River NEIP group met to further consider plans for the local creeks that form part of the catchment area of Morwell River. Local creek health, vegetation and surrounding land use play an important role in the health of our river systems.

As International Power Hazelwood continues its Westfield expansion, Morwell River itself will be diverted and 'dug up' from existing pipes (the result of an earlier river diversion) and returned to an above ground watercourse.

On Wednesday 23 May, representatives from CDCA attended a public meeting in Churchill for a review of the Latrobe Bicycle Strategy. A Melbourne based company, Traffix Group, have been awarded the contract to review the City's bicycle paths and make recommendations to increase safe use of bicycles for both transport and recreation.

The same company developed the original Bicycle Strategy in the late 1990s, which has only been partially implemented. Public consultation regarding the needs of cyclists, preferred routes, infrastructure and facilities and road and off-road bicycle tracks is occurring in the four major towns (with smaller town representatives and bicycle user groups invited to attend). A report will then be

prepared and presented to Council, along with further opportunity for public comment. Interested residents should contact Ray Bright at Latrobe City Council on 5128 5478.

No doubt many residents will have read the articles in the Latrobe Valley Express regarding the plans for a new Safeway supermarket proposed for the site of the Churchill Hotel Motel. The pub is to be demolished and a supermarket, covered walkway to several specialty shops and a car park constructed. Some landscaping will also be done.

Members of the public who will be affected by the proposed development have been invited to make submissions or lodge objections with the Council. Whilst it is too late now to do so (closing date was 6 June), residents are encouraged to contact ward councillor, Darrell White, to air their views, whether for or against this planning application. Now is the time to voice your opinion in regard to this proposal.

Some residents appear to be in favour of the development, whilst others have expressed their concerns or opposition - certainly there is much discussion. If written submissions or objections have been lodged with Council there is a requirement for Council to convene a meeting between the developer and objectors in order to attempt to resolve any issues raised.

As reported in last month's News, CDCA is trying a new date, time and venue for its monthly meetings, at the request of members with sporting and other commitments.

Our new venue is the 'Outback Room' at the rear of the Churchill Noodle Bar. CDCA will happily purchase cups of coffee or tea for those attending. Our meetings commence at 7pm and will be held on the second Wednesday of each month (until further notice). The date of our next meeting is 12 July.

All residents of Churchill and district are welcome to join our Association, attend our monthly meetings and join in our discussions. We can be contacted by writing to PO Box 191, Churchill 3842, emailing wc-bs@net-tech.com.au or by phoning our Secretary, Rob Whelan, on 5122 3602

Opportunity for all local businesses.....

Monash University Gippsland Student Union (MUGSU) is offering an opportunity for all local businesses, to participate in a new initiative that will have a positive impact on the local economy.

The initiative involves the creation of a local business directory and then marketing these businesses to the student market. There is no monetary cost involved for any business to participate and all marketing and awareness will be organised and implemented by the Student Union.

The Student Union will work with each business to develop an attractive deal or offer, such as a discount on a product or service or a reward program that MUGSU will then actively promote and target to students and staff, a market of approximately 7000 people.

MUGSU believes that this is a fantastic opportunity for your local business to

increase your revenue streams through the access to an expanding market, as well as building stronger relationships with members of our local community.

To date, over a dozen businesses have expressed interest in participating in the business directory and we are looking for as many as possible.

To get involved in this initiative please contact Roger Henry our Business and Marketing Coordinator on 5122 6248 or by email on roger.henry@general.monash.edu.au by 14 July 2006.

Promotion will commence in August 2006 with implementation effective in the new year.





EIGHT HOUR DAY

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It's About Time! 8 Hour Day Exhibition comes to Gippsland

Gippsland students, community and workers welcome the 'It's about time!' travelling exhibition to Monash University Gippsland Campus.

The Eight Hour Day is one of the labour movement's finest achievements, a world first achieved here in Victoria. 150 years on, the issues of balancing work, rest and play are just as relevant.

The Eight Hour Day, gained by stonemasons, is recognised internationally and 150 years later eight hours is still considered to be the ideal standard working day. It became a symbol of the rights of workers to organise to achieve their rights not only as workers, but also as citizens in a democratic society.

"The anniversary of the eight hour day is a significant event for all Australians," said John Parker, Secretary of the Gippsland Trades and Labour Council. "Australia was the first nation to win the eight hour working day. It set the standard throughout the world and I would encourage everyone to come to the exhibition. It is a tribute to ordinary working men and women."

The travelling exhibition 'It's About Time! 8 Hour Day 1856 - 2006', will tour nine regional centres in 2006. It highlights the historical achievement and tells contemporary stories of work.

"We learn from the past as we go forward into the future," continued Mr Parker. "It is from the past that we estab-

lish what the future should look like."

A digital display features footage from a 1918 Eight Hour Day procession and short films made by workers of today.

Some of the stories told include:

Gia Underwood, who has reduced her hours of work to spend more time with her daughter;

John Croker, his casual work dried up when his boss discovered he'd joined a union;

David Turnbull, who spends time away from his high-pressure academic career building mud brick structures in the country.

"I hope that the exhibition will attract not just local visitors but people from a wide area who will come and meet with the local community," said Mr Parker

The exhibition includes a Worker's Storybook and visitors are encouraged to add their own stories of working time, as the exhibition travels.

The Worker's Storybook will be added to Museum Victoria's collection at the conclusion of the tour, in order for it to be retained for Victorians in perpetuity.

The exhibition is supported by a website, which has resources for Victorian primary and secondary teachers and students, and details of the full Celebrate 888 program of events. The website address is



www.8hourday.org.au

The exhibition, which is travelling Victoria, will be in Churchill at the Switchback Gallery from the 4 to the 15 of July from 9am to 5pm. Entry is free.

The opening of the exhibition, at 11am on 4 July, will be followed by a Solidarity Fundraising Lunch at the Student Union Lounge. "The Latrobe Valley has had a long association with trade unions, and MUGSU welcomes the opportunity to celebrate and remember the history of unionism through the exhibition," said Sean McLoughlin, MUGSU president. All are invited to attend the opening and the lunch. For more information ring Val on 5133 7684 or mobile 04110 53546.

Pictured above: The Australian Bank Employees Union takes to the streets during the 'It's 9 for Mine' campaign in pursuit of a nine day fortnight, 1982.

Travelling Exhibition Celebrating the
150th Anniversary of the
Eight Hour Day

IT'S ABOUT TIME!
8 Hour Day 1856-2006
Official Opening

Tuesday July 4th 11.00am
Switchback Gallery
Monash University Gippsland, Churchill

RSVP for catering: Julie Adams
Tel: 03 5122 6261 By 28 June 2006

**Monash University Gippsland Student Union
Solidarity Lunch**

To follow Exhibition Opening Approx: 12.30pm
Student Union Lounge
Cost: \$35.00 waged \$25.00 unwaged

RSVP:
email gtlc@tpg.com.au or Tel: 05 5133 7684
By 28 June 2006*

*Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements or would like a vegetarian meal.

Amnesty International - Invitation to a discussion on the new International Criminal Court

Amnesty International (Gippsland Branch) is inviting Gippslanders and anyone interested in the work of Amnesty International to join them for a supper and an informed discussion on the new International Criminal Court

The speaker will be Jonathan O'Donohue who is Assistant Legal Adviser for Amnesty International's International Justice Project.

The new International Criminal Court has the potential to end impunity for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

At the end of World War II, the international community committed to ensuring that the horrific crimes committed in that war would never happen again.

Yet, almost 60 years later, millions of people from all regions of the world have been victims of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

A major reason has been that perpetrators have been allowed to plan and commit crimes knowing that they would not be held accountable for their actions. In the last decade, a new system of international justice has been established to end this impunity, to establish an effective deterrent and to bring justice and reparations to victims.

Jonathan O'Donohue will talk about the importance of the International

Criminal Court and its current investigations in the Democratic Republic of

Congo, Darfur, Sudan and northern Uganda.

Jonathan O'Donohue works for Amnesty International's International Secretariat. He has worked for the establishment of a just, fair and effective International Criminal Court (ICC) since 1999.

He coordinates Amnesty International's worldwide campaign for all states to sign up to the ICC and represents Amnesty International at the Court in The Hague on a range of issues, in particular, ensuring that effective systems are in place to guarantee the rights of victims.

Jonathan is married to Jo Carr who was brought up and attended school in Gippsland. The family lived for many years in Latrobe Valley and her parents Alistair and Diana now live in Warragul. They are all members of Amnesty International!

The evening will be held at the Traralgon Uniting Church Hall, Park Lane, Traralgon,

On Thursday 15 June 2006 at 7.30 pm. Supper will be provided. Entry is by gold coin donation.

Contact Kirsten Enders on 51 760098 or Jane Gallatly on 51 411171 for further information.

Health and Wellbeing

"PANIC"

By Professor DON JEFFERYS,
School of Psychology, Deakin
University

We have all felt "panicky" at sometime, perhaps when rushing to an appointment or to someone ill, or when fleeing a threatening event. Panicking at these times is "normal" and helpful; our bodies become energised to meet the demands of the time.

For some, not only do they panic but they also suffer from "panic attacks" that are frightening events remembered by most. Panic attacks are an acute period of intense fear or discomfort accompanied by symptoms such as palpitations, trembling, shortness of breath, nausea, sweating, chest pain and feeling fearful of losing control, going crazy or of dying.

The attack peaks in a few minutes and lasts for up to 30 minutes. Nobody has died from a panic attack but the fearfulness generated by the attack often leaves the sufferer to seek emergency medical treatment.

Up to 7% of the population regularly experiences panic attacks. The first attack is a signal that you are vulnerable to further attacks.

Some never experience another

attack, however, for others, the panic attacks become common. Up to one third of panic attack sufferers, will go on to develop agoraphobia, which today is defined as the avoidance of public places where opportunity for escape is restricted and assistance unavailable in case of a panic attack.

Those who develop panic attacks invariably develop another psychiatric illness, the most common being major depression.

Symptoms of depression include feeling moody and sad, suffering from fatigue, disturbed sleeping patterns, concentration and appetite impairment. Some also withdraw socially, become irritable, a significant number think of suicide and up to 20% who experience panic attacks will attempt it.

Who develops panic attacks and why?

Today, we know that panic attacks may occur in any age group including children and they occur more commonly in women.

Unfortunately, for those who develop recurrent panic attacks, the illness is often chronic with only 20% ever obtaining remission. The question of "why do panic attacks occur?" is now more evident.

It can clearly be said that panic attacks are neurobiological, that is, they stem from faulty brain wiring and chemistry. Invariably, those who suffer have family members who also experience panic attacks, thus genes are involved.

Can we treat panic attacks?

The answer is yes. The sooner one seeks treatment, the less compromised and restricted life becomes.

Today, treatments advocated are cognitive behavioural therapy or pharmacotherapy, perhaps the most efficacious approach being the combination of both therapies. Those who are successfully treated can lead a life without panic attacks allowing them freedom to live a life without fear.

To find out more about panic attacks go to:

www.pamguide.com.au or contact:
Dr. Don Jeffreys PhD MAPs,
Suite 4/140 Church St,
Richmond, Vic. 31221
Ph. 9420 1414. Mobile 0418 364 038.



Churchill Senior Citizens

A warm welcome guaranteed!

Churchill Senior Citizens meet each Wednesday of the month at the Churchill Town Hall, between 1pm and 4pm.

On the second Tuesday of the month they start their enjoyable time together with a hot meal at Café le Mac.

Between 14-15 members meet and have a happy time playing cards- Crib and 500 are favourites- or the interesting and popular game of Rummykin.

The group is hoping a few more people will join them as they have the facilities for playing carpet bowls, but not enough bowlers!

The hall is heated in winter, and cooled by fans in summer. Afternoon tea is served between games.

The Seniors also receive invitations to attend other group's outings and events, which adds interest to the year's calendar of activities.

If you are a Senior member of our community, and looking for some fun and good companionship and company, please come along to our regular meetings.

For more information please phone Eric on 51221422, or Bonnie on 51221575.

You will be warmly welcomed.

Pictured left: Members of Churchill Senior Citizens at lunch at Cafe Le Macs



Winter Safeguards

There is a chill in the air and winter has come upon us very quickly this year. People have activated their heating systems early.

There are some very important safe guards to remember about your heating means.

1. Check your chimneys, and make sure they are soot free. This will reduce the incidents of chimney fires.

2. Ducted heating systems need cleaning annually. Dust and build up of organic matter can become fuel for a fire.

3. Gas heating units need to be serviced regularly to remove dust, soot and carbon deposits which can fuel a fire. Cleaning also makes you heater function more efficiently!

4. Clothes airers should not be put over ducts or close to heaters. Some materials are easily ignited.

5. When purchasing nightwear for your children, check the label to see if it is made of fire safe material.

6. Heaters in bathrooms should be installed high on the walls to be out of reach of children, water splashes and falling clothing and towels.

7. Beds with electric blankets

should not be loaded with objects. Blankets should be turned off before you go to sleep.

8. Clothes dryers should be regularly cleaned to remove lint from the filters.

9. Make sure your smoke detectors are working properly.

10. Open fires should always have a fire guard in front of them.

These hints, if followed will be the means of keeping your house and those that live in it, safe. Nothing can replace lost loved ones or possessions which means a lot to you.

T.O.F.S.S. The Over Forty Social Singles

Are you single and over forty?

Would you like to go out, but are a bit shy to go solo?

Then we could be the social friendship group for you!

Give us a call and let us give your social life a boost.

Enjoy weekly dinners out, and fun get togethers, with like minded people of the same age that want to make friends.

Events to look forward to in the coming month are:

Dinners each week at local restaurants, a casserole night and a montly meeting.

For further details of our organisation and events please contact:

Janet on 5133 9854, Di on 5134 5960, Jenny on 5174 2717 or Barb on 5134 2126

The Churchill Intergenerational Community Hub - A Quantum Leap

By Valerie Prokopiv

The new multi purpose, state of the art, community centre for Churchill has been on the drawing board for some time.

It became clear that with the development of the Gippsland Education Precinct the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre needed a new home, be it in an existing or new building. However, the quantum leap from a traditional neighbourhood house to a Community Hub that incorporates, the neighbourhood centre, a library, childcare centre and re-development of the public hall that is now proposed is huge.

The proposed Hub is an innovative development and has the potential to be a huge benefit to all groups and residents in Churchill and the surrounding district.

The hub will offer a central location for the delivery of a range of services. The Hub will offer meeting rooms, community workshops, a neighbourhood learning centre, a youth centre, a

volunteer resource centre, pre school and maternal child health, a childcare centre, a senior citizens centre, a public library, a community kitchen and more.

This is a long list of services and resources happening in one place. So, how will it work? Space will be shared between the various groups.

For most of us the concept of shared space involves a new way of working and thinking.

For some groups, for example those who meet at the neighbourhood centre or in the town hall they need to ensure that their needs are known and met as they will invariably be relocated.

For many other groups that meet in other places and use other facilities the choice is theirs, but it is to be hoped that the facilities on offer will attract many groups.

It is clear from the recent community workshop there are still many issues to be resolved, in the design of the centre, the operation of the cen-

tre and the impact on organizations and existing facilities as it. Many questions were raised.

The centralization of childcare/pre-school education was a major concern. Watson Park and Glendonald Kindergartens will close. For mums/carers accessing the centre could be a problem if they do not have use of a car. Churchill is growing, new houses are being built and we must be sure that what is planned is going to offer enough pre-school places for the future.

The problem of adequate parking and drop off points was another issue raised as the safety of our children as well as users of the centre must be paramount. The centre is located beside the fire station and raises the question of safety as fire trucks exit in an emergency.

The question of the cost for the use of the centre by various groups was also raised.

Pooh Corner

Child Care Centre



- servicing the community for over 27 years
- located within the grounds of Monash University
- open to all families
- care available for 0 – 5 year olds
- accommodates up to 45 children
- care provided on either a full time, part time or casual basis
- safe and secure environment
- fully qualified professional staff
- three separate play areas 0 - 2, 2 - 3, 3 - 5
- indoor and outdoor areas
- educational programs that encourage and develop learning skills
- meals are fully catered for and can allow for special needs
- childcare benefits and rebates available for eligible families
- open 7.30am – 6.15pm Monday to Friday
- inspections welcomed

**For more information call
Jodie or Bronya on 5122 6227**





The steering committee, however, are more than happy to meet with community groups to discuss their concerns and note their needs. Contact Kay Jellis at Latrobe City Council if you would like more information.

The main aim of the steering committee must be to ensure that the hub meets community needs, both in its design and in its operation. The finalization of the design, however, should now be a priority if the project is to move forward.

There is to be another community workshop on 30th of June.*

Community input is vital - so get informed and be involved before it is too late!

At the time of going to print we had not received official notification of the workshop so keep an eye on the Latrobe Valley Express for details.

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

Hazelwood House Happenings

Derek from the Eastern Riders Club kindly brought his Harley Davison to the Hostel. The weather was unsuitable for joy rides so our residents were content to just sit on the bike and imagine what it would be like on the open roads.

the Mounted Police. Some of the residents braved the cold weather to pat the horses and ask questions about their roles within the police force.

The residents enjoy playing a fortnightly competition of Ten Pin Bowls with other Hostels from the valley.

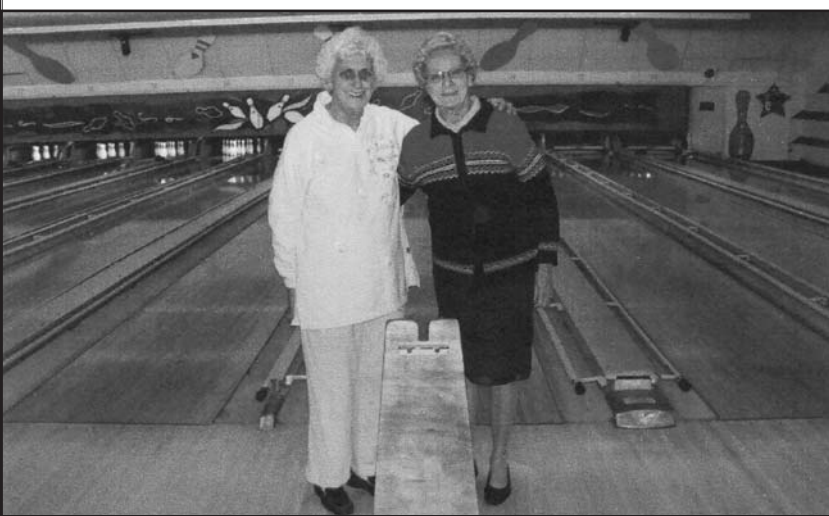
Hazelwood House had a visit from



Jean Lewis on a Harley!



Wally Prater and Jean Ditterich with the Mounted Police Officers



Barbara Walker and Jean Moy enjoying Ten Pin Bowls

LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB

*Proudly sponsored by the
Lions Club of Churchill & District Inc.*

Hi Kids,

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

LIONS BIRTHDAY CLUB
PO BOX 110
CHURCHILL 3842

with your NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, BIRTHDATE, and whether BOY or GIRL (all information strictly confidential).

The lucky "Birthdayites" last month were
Kayla McLure and Guy Griffiths.

BIRTHDAYITES FOR JUNE

Sarah COOK	12 years
Rachael CUSICK	6 years
Rielay FLANAGAN	8 years
Nathan LUGTON	12 years
Teegan MARRIOTT	10 years
Ryan MARRIOTT	10 years
Kieran MARRIOTT	10 years
Tenielle MAY	8 years
Rebecca McCORD	6 years
Christopher NICOL	12 years
Jay WAIN	10 years

The randomly chosen "BIRTHDAYITES" this month are
TEEGAN, KIERAN and RYAN MARROITT.

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

John Barker Publicity

BIRTHDAYITES!



**Kayla McLure,
12 years on
23rd May**



**Guy Griffiths,
5 years on
26th May**

The May "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 May list. This could have been you - make sure you

join so you also have the chance to be a lucky "Birthdayite".
IN THE EVENT OF NOT BEING ABLE TO CONTACT YOUR CHILD, ANOTHER WILL BE SELECTED IN THEIR PLACE.

Churchill Primary School

Below: Greener Gardens Project



Visit to Healesville Sanctuary



Students on visit to Healesville Sanctuary



From Holland to Hazelwood Fruit Supply The van Rhine's Story

By Ruth Place

Con Van Den Oudenryn travelled 12,000 miles to marry a girl from the Van Kuyk family whose parents had lived next door to his family when he was a young child!

Con was born in Holland in 1930, one of twelve children, having six brothers and four sisters.

After the war, the future in Holland did not look bright for Con and he was ready for an adventure. His brother was in Australia, and had sent back good reports. Con's parents were against the idea. Their perception of Australia was of a very backward place, with kangaroos hopping down the main street of towns, and subject to bad bushfires. All this added to the attractiveness of the place for Con. His parents sent him off to France for three months thinking that would rid him of the idea of going to Australia, but it did not work.

Con's older brother agreed to be Con's sponsor. He had to guarantee Con had someone to go to and a job when he arrived. At age 22, Con left Holland with just one trunk. This trunk is still in use in today. Among the contents of the trunk was a small metal box which contained the means for Con to do mending, and darn his socks. This precious gift was given to Con by his Mother and is still treasured.

Con's family had a small 40 acre farm on which they milked, by hand, about 30 Fresian cows. When Con arrived, the job secured by his brother was on a sheep and wheat farm in north-western New South Wales. This type of farm work was very foreign to Con. The property was very isolated, being 35 miles from the nearest town. With no form of transport he had to rely on others. Con only made it to town about every 6-8 weeks, during which time he had to pay the bills, and if time allowed, and I think it was made to allow, a few beers were consumed at the local! Con did not like the isolation, and after 12 months he decided to leave.

The next town provided an opportunity for employment, as a silo was being built. There was lots of work around, and employers were desperate to find good workers who would stay. From this job, Con moved to Queensland where he worked for two years doing seasonal work-peanut picking at Sir Joh's, cotton picking, ring barking and seasonal fruit picking.

He moved frequently even though the bosses asked him to stay. His next job was sugar cane harvesting, all by hand, and hard work. He would start the season near the Queensland border and work north as the season progressed. These jobs were well paid, and Con explained that insecurity drove him to work for good wages and spend little, (accommodation was supplied), so he could have something to fall back on. Con recalls he watched the locals, to find the best ways of doing the job. Queensland's climate was very different to what he had known, but he learnt about surviving the humidity, and why the houses were built in that funny way, on stilts!

Con had teamed up with someone from Tasmania. About this time, his Mum was very ill, and he decided to return to Tassie to see her. Con went too, and enjoyed his time there. Later he went to New South Wales to work on the power station construction sites of Wangi Wangi, near Lake McQuarie, and Vales Point.

From there he decided to visit his brother Michael, who had managed to save enough money to buy a dairy farm, in a sheep and wheat area. This farm supplied milk to the local town.

Michael had not found a local girl to marry, so he had returned to Holland, but again was unsuccessful. While talking to the relations of both families, Michael became aware that friends Bill and Rita had migrated to Australia.

As he was returning, he decided he would call in to and see them in Foster. Bill's older brother, knowing Michael's intention, advised that Rita and Bill had only young children, not of marrying age. Michael's was surprised when he arrived at the Van Kuyk residence from Holland after four to find the young children had grown into beautiful teenagers, and so Michael found the girl of his dreams! He had a photo of her, with her sister, Ann, beside her. Michael proud-

separated from husband and Father on arrival, the family finally ended up in Toora, in a small home which Bill made home by fashioning furniture from the packing cases which had housed their possessions on the way to Australia, and Rita's home making skills. Twelve months later, Ann's youngest sister was born with Downs Syndrome. The family became involved with the Port Franklin, Toora and Foster communities, attending church at Foster.

Bill worked on the railways, and milked cows by hand for a couple of years until he earned enough to purchase his own herd, then becoming a share farmer. He did this for two years. However, a deep-seated love of pigs was always there. Bill was able to gain a farm lease from a gentleman who was a fantastic landlord. An abiding respect grew between these two men. Bill was allowed to build a piggery, as well as

tary of the Rhine river which flowed in Holland. The new name retained the van (of the) and they used the Anglicised version of Rhine.

With their first child on the way, they decided to put their names down with the Office of Housing. They wanted to rent, not buy, with the uncertainty of ongoing contract employment. When their name came to the top of the list, they found they were ineligible to rent, due to their income status, but they could buy a house in Churchill for a \$200 deposit. On consideration of the prospects they realised it was a good deal and accepted a house at 7 McInnes Crescent. They were the 20th family to move into town. Ann recalls there was nothing there. Con remembers it was dust in summer and mud in winter, with plenty of heavy traffic used in the construction process.

The Rev. Peter Arch was their first visitor to come and say "Hello". There was a country feel and an openness that made them feel at home. Their love affair with Churchill was established when they met all the other young families. There were many things that they all had in common. Ann and Con became involved with the early groups, which grew up, some out of necessity. One example was the Baby Sitting Club. It was a major asset for the young families isolated from their relations, who wanted a night out. The van Rhine's also recall their involvement with the Community Church, held at the Arch's place, then later the Roman Catholic Church which originally held services above the shopping centre taken by a priest from Morwell Parish.

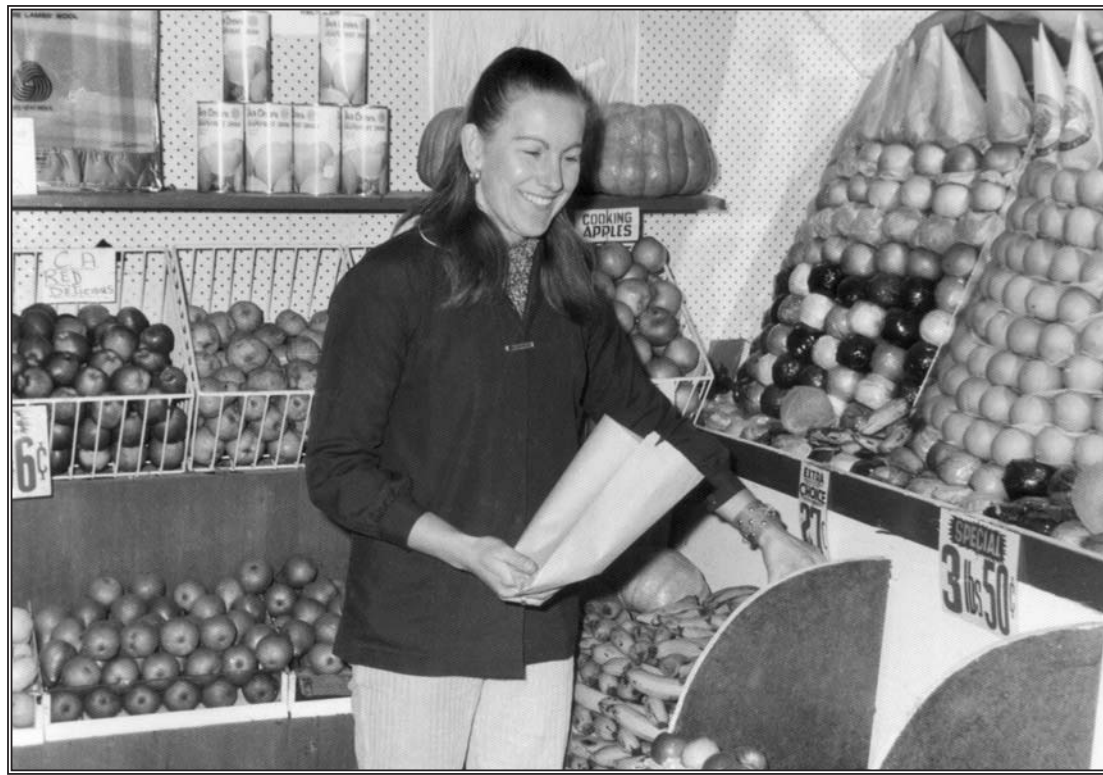
They stayed for 10 years. Their children John and Diana had been born while in Morwell. Philip was born in Churchill. When he was 21/2 - 3 yrs. Ann felt the need to go back to work. Con was experiencing a flat spot in his work. His company had given the job Con thought would be his, to another person.

He decided to leave the company, and between them, they decided to work for themselves. At that time, Mr. Joostra, fruit and vegetable supply man's wife was suffering ill health and he wanted to sell his business. He had built up the business by selling produce from a truck throughout the town, and then establishing the Hazelwood Fruit Supply in Shop 14, at the southwestern end of the old shopping centre. Ann and Con thought this would be a good investment, so they bought the business.

Con bought a truck, and left home at 2 am twice a week, for the Victoria Market, to arrive in time to start buying at 5 am, and be back in Churchill by 11 am. This he did for six months. Ann ran the business while Con was away. It soon became apparent that working in a shop was not for Con! That was good, because at that time his old company offered him the job that they had previously given to the other man. Con jumped at the chance, leaving Ann to run the business.

Up until 1976 Churchill shops were restricted to selling their own lines. For example, Ann could not sell groceries, and the supermarket could not sell fruit and vegetables. Then free trading was brought in, and as the supermarket began to sell fruit and meat, Ann decided to introduce lines such as cigarettes, lollies, drinks and ice-creams. It became a mixed business for the last 18 months to two years.

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Ann at Hazelwood Fruit Supply in 1973

ly pointed to the photo and told Con this was the girl he was to marry. Con was to be best man and Ann bridesmaid.

Con was enchanted with Ann's photo and stated that she was the girl for him! Con met Ann at the wedding, and thought he would like to get to know her better. Foster, in South Gippsland, however, was a long way from New South Wales where Con was working on the power station construction sites. He devised many excuses for time away. Finally, he told his boss the truth and he organised a transfer to Hazelwood Power Station construction site. There were only two of the eight boilers built at that time. Con spent 16 years working at Hazelwood and Yallourn W with successive contracts with the Olympic General Company, doing insulation work. Con progressed to the position of Area Manager.

Ann van Kuyk arrived in Australia in 1955, with her Mum Rita and Dad Bill who was 46, along with 10 of her brothers and sisters. They had ten pounds land fee in their pockets. Her parents migrated because, as with Con's family, there was no future in Holland for a large family. Ann's Father was a pig farmer and market gardener. He wanted his children to live off the land as he had always done. In 1955 after contemplating all the options, the family set sail for Australia. After seasickness and having to be

have his herd of cows. The children all had their jobs to do - egg collecting, milking, hay carting, cleaning out the sty's. The girls also had to do the washing, cooking, ironing etc. At certain ages, certain jobs were expected to be done. Ann describes the life as times of great joy. Bill was a popular man and well liked. He tried hard to learn English, but found it difficult at his age.

Ann attended Toora primary school, followed by High School at Foster. She became a nurse at Leongatha Hospital and it was while she was nursing that she met Con who had transferred to Hazelwood. Con says his new VW small window car, beat a well worn path over the hills to South Gippsland to wherever Ann was at the time.

In 1963, the couple married in Toora. They set up home in Buckley Street in Morwell. Ann continued nursing, and then did casual nursing.

Their surname was a cause of some consternation. There were years of having to spell it, and people were unable to pronounce it. On top of this, the postman decided to deliver to their letterbox, any letter with a long or difficult name on it.

They became annoyed with returning to the post office letters which were not theirs. They decided to change their surname by deed poll in 1969. Van den Oudenryn meant "of the old Rhine", as his grandfather had lived near a tribu-

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



In 1977, they sold the business. After 7 years, both Con and Ann had developed itchy feet, with a growing desire to return to the land. Mr. Jack Courtaney, a market gardener, had supplied the business with produce. His health was failing, and he wanted to sell the farm. Con and Ann had admired the farm on their visits. Jack had said if he ever sold it, he would give them first offer, which he did when he learnt that they wanted to move from Churchill.

The deal was done and the van Rhine's moved to the farm on the western side of the Yinnar Road, opposite the Pondage.

This was a real change of life style. The hobby farm was a great place for the children to

grow up. They had a few cows, pigs, and sheep, becoming almost self-sufficient.

Con was still at the contractors. However, soon after their move, he was offered a job in Gladstone in Queensland. They decided to stay put, all things, including the children's education, considered.

Con then decided to go freelancing, establishing the Van Rhine Building Service. Completing a Roof Plumbing ticket at TAFE, a six-month course, enabled Con to start work. This job continued for 16 years in which time he did roofing and guttering jobs all over the Valley, including working for the Housing Commission.

Ann fell pregnant, and soon Sarah was added to the family. Sarah was diagnosed with an intellectual disability and autism. This prompted Ann to do some retraining from nursing to welfare, securing a degree from Monash University. While Con worked in roofing, Ann worked in the welfare area, and continues to do so today.

Through all this time the family kept their involvement with community activities-kindness, schools and church.

In 1995, Con was experiencing some health issues, so after much discussion, the family decided to move from the farm, back into Churchill. However, it couldn't be in a small suburban

house block, not after the space and freedom of the farm.

A house on an acre block, in Acacia Way became available. They moved into the compact and manageable cottage in 1996. It has since had several additions. A unit has also been built for Sarah so she can have some independence. It took them, Con especially, some time to adjust to the smaller land holding. It has a rural feel and both say they love it, being the best move they could make. Churchill is home for them! They are very grateful for the support and care from the community, Sarah and the family has had over the years.

Eel Hole Creek, runs at the foot of their backyard. It is strange how things go round. When they moved in, the children confessed merrily, that in the early days when they were just youngsters, they had ridden their bikes down to the creek to go tadpolling, unbeknown to their Mother. In hindsight, Ann says she is glad she only knows in retrospect, as she would have been worried if she had known, and the children would have suffered the consequences!

Hidden behind an ordinary front fence, lies a wonderful backyard paradise. Its layout is the masterpiece of Ann's creativity, which she says she inherited from her Mother, and both Ann's and Con's hard work.

Last year, before Rita's death, the family had a super re-union down at Waratah Bay area. It was to celebrate fifty years in Australia. One hundred and thirty-four were in attendance,

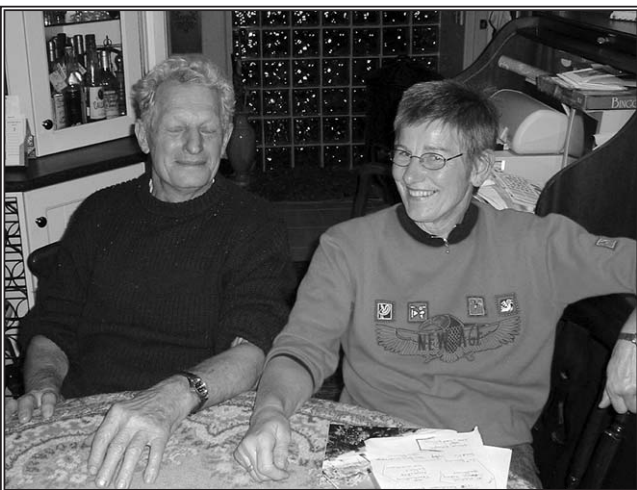
which included 12 children, 35 grand children, and 55 great grand children. Con remarked that it was a fantastic time of catching up and sharing. Con and Ann's family have done well, and have helped to create those awesome numbers.

Son John has married Kelly and they have a son Lawson. John is also stepfather to Brenton. Their home is in Newel Beach in Queensland.

Diana has two children, Isaac and Eli, and they live close by in Yinnar.

Philip is married to Erica and they have children Jesse, Eve and Abel. Kilmore in Victoria is their home.

Ann, Con and Sarah are still happily part of our great community.



Con and Ann van Rhine



7 McInnes Crescent

Health and Wellbeing Pain management



THE main causes of pain include medical conditions (such as cancer, arthritis and back problems), injuries and surgery. Sometimes, the cause of the pain can't be found or there are no available treatments for it.

In other cases, the cause may be remedied, but the associated pain lingers on. Chronic pain is defined as pain that persists for longer than three months.

At any given time, around one third of Australians are in pain. Management strategies include pain-killing medications, and complementary therapies (such as acupuncture and massage).

Studies suggest that a person's outlook and the way they emotionally cope with chronic pain influence their quality of life. It has been shown that people who learn self-management skills lower their levels of felt pain.

It is important to learn these skills, and to deal with the associated stress and depression in constructive ways.

The epidemiology of pain

A Brisbane study in 1986 found that certain groups are more likely to suffer chronic pain than others. The findings of this study were similar to research findings from other countries. Selected statistics include:

*The incidence of pain rises with advancing age.

*Women are more likely to be in

pain than men.

*The most commonly reported pain is back pain.

*The most severe pains include those of the back, head, neck and leg.

*The pain is constant for around one fifth of people.

*The cause is unknown in around one third of cases.

*One fifth of cases were caused by work-related accidents.

*Most people surveyed had suffered chronic pain for longer than three years.

*Seven out of 10 people sought professional help.

*The most common source of professional help was the family doctor (80 per cent).

Pain-killing medications

The type of medication you are prescribed depends on your pain. The issues you need to discuss with your health care professional include: the location, intensity and type of pain; which activities ease or exacerbate it; the impact your pain has on lifestyle factors, such as appetite and quality of sleep. Medications for chronic pain are best taken regularly. If your pain is well managed, you are less likely to take large doses of painkillers, and the risk of side effects is reduced.

The medications available for the management of chronic pain include:

*Aspirin and aspirin-like drugs

*Paracetamol

*Opioid drugs, such as codeine and morphine

*Local anaesthetics.

Long term use of some medications can have side effects which affect a person's quality of life. They may also lose their ability to reduce pain. Some studies have shown that medication can undermine the value of developing self-management skills. This occurs because the person believes they are coping better with pain due to the medication, not because they may have learnt effective coping skills.

Complementary therapies

Numerous studies have found that certain complementary therapies are effective in pain management. Some of these therapies include:

Acupuncture - a component of traditional Chinese medicine. Acupuncture involves the insertion of slender needles into specific points on the skin.

Massage - better suited to soft tissue injuries and should be avoided if the pain originates in the joints.

Relaxation techniques - including meditation and yoga.

Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) therapy - a minute electrical current is passed through the skin via electrodes, prompting a pain-killing response from the body.

Cognitive-behavioural therapy - this is a process of learning to change how you think and, in turn, how you feel and behave about pain. It is part of a process of self-management of chronic pain.

Coming to terms with chronic pain Sometimes, chronic pain cannot be relieved. Suggestions on how to emotionally handle this difficult and distressing situation include the following:

If all medical avenues have been exhausted, don't raise false hopes by searching fruitlessly for a cure.

Accept that your pain may not go away and that flare-ups may occur. Talk yourself through these times.

Find out as much as you can about your condition so that you don't fret or worry unnecessarily about the pain. Fear makes cowards of us all!

Take steps to prevent or ease depression by any means that work for you, including talking to friends or professionals.

If painkillers can't ease the pain, don't increase the dose - take fewer or none at all, in consultation with your doctor.

Improve your physical fitness, eat healthy foods and ensure you get all the rest you need.

Don't allow the pain to curtail your life more than necessary - if you miss activities you used to do before the

pain, try reintroducing those activities in a gently paced way. You may need to cut back on these activities if pain flare-ups occur, but it will be possible to increase slowly again as you did before.

Concentrate your efforts on finding fun and rewarding activities that don't exacerbate your pain.

Seek advice on new coping strategies and skills from an occupational therapist.

Where to get help

Your doctor

Occupational therapist.

Things to remember

At any given time, around one third of Australians are in pain.

Management strategies for chronic pain include pain-killing medications, and complementary therapies (such as acupuncture and massage).

Studies suggest that a person's quality of life is influenced by their outlook, and by the way they emotionally cope with chronic pain.

Seek advice on new coping strategies and skills from an occupational therapist.

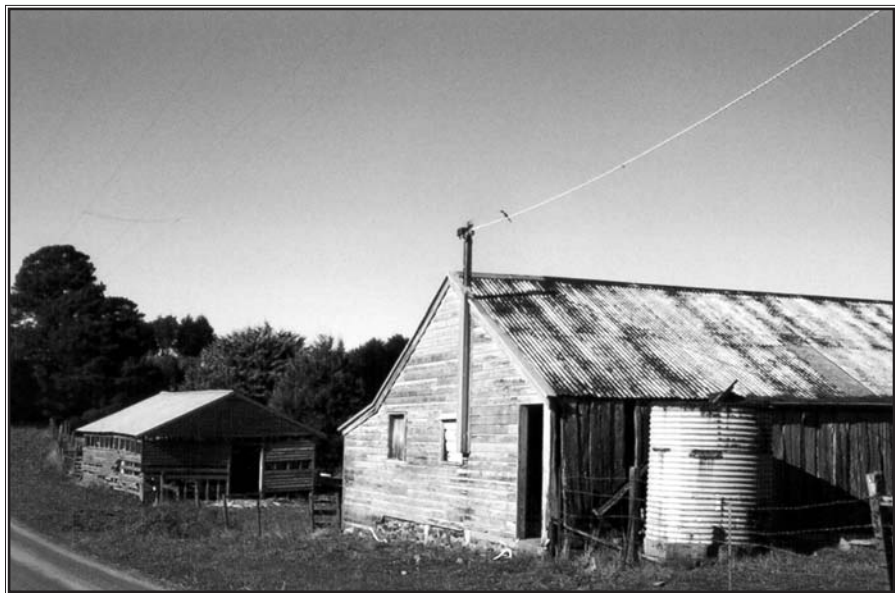
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Through the Tyre of the Future by Danielle Ramm



A Stranger in a Strange Land by Kevin Alford



The Rusty Shed by Danielle Ramm



Sunset Over Dam by Jarrod Lees - Winner of the First Prize

Churchill & District News Photographic Competition 2006

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In the year 7 to 12 age group Emily Miles took first, second and the encouragement award with Erin Bennett taking third prize.

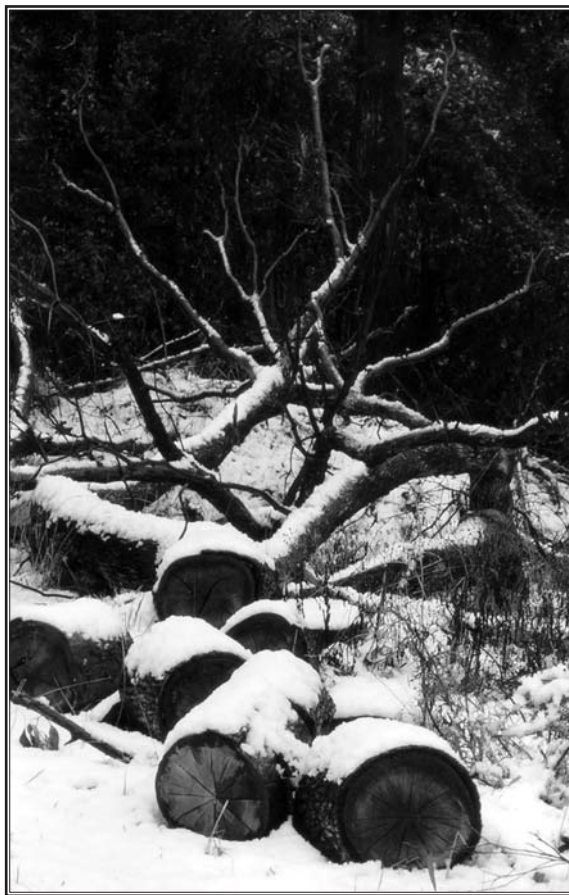
The number and standard of the entries was outstanding. Because of this the Newspaper Committee has decided to produce a calendar for 2007 to

showcase many of the entries. The calendar will be in full colour and will be on sale shortly.

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to enter the competition and also our judges who had the hardest job of all, the Coal Creek Camera Club.



Rainbow by Emily Miles



Jeeralang Bush Winter by Lyndon Giles



Out of the Ashes by Erin Bennett

Churchill and District News Photographic Competition 2006 Results

Cat 1 - Prep to Year 6

1st Danielle Ramm: 'Sunset'
2nd Danielle Ramm: 'Rainbow'
3rd Danielle Ramm: 'The Rusty Shed'
Encouragement Award Danielle Ramm: 'Through the Tyre of the Future'

Cat 2 - Year 7 -Year 12

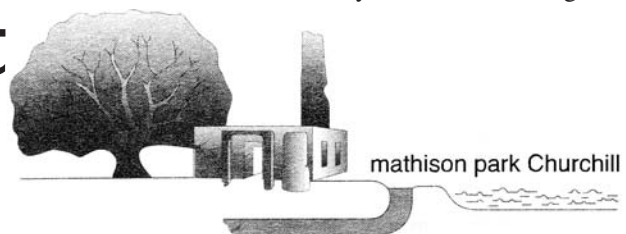
1st Emily Miles: 'Rainbow'
2nd Emily Miles: 'Rescue Dinghy'
3rd Erin Bennett: 'Out of the Ashes'
Encouragement Award: Emily Miles: 'Sunset'

Cat 4 Adult

1st Jarrod Lees: 'Sunset Over Dam'
2nd Jarrod Lees: 'Mums Garden'
3rd Kevin Alford: 'A Stranger in a Strange Land'
Encouragement Award: Lyndon Giles: 'Jeeralang Bush Winter'
Encouragement Award: Bev Maguire: 'Sea Fog - Port Albert'.



Bat Roost Boxes



The next working bee will be on June 17th from 9:30 am- 1pm. The last working bee achieved more cleaning up of the deciduous area, so mowing can commence. This is now enabling people to have access to this area, and enjoy the views as they walk a different way down to the lake.

One of the projects instigated over the past few years has been the installation of bat roost boxes in the park.

Insectivorous bats are very numerous, and can be viewed as one of the most efficient means of insect control. Bats eat up to half their body weight in insects in one night, which is quite amazing. Researchers want to employ them as a natural biological control for insect pests.

Bats require remnant vegetation to provide them with a critical variety of habitat required for

roosting, breeding, and foraging. During the day, bats can be found in hollows in old trees, or under loose bark. Bats can use re-vegetation areas, as they compensate for lost areas of remnant vegetation, however it does not provide the hollows for breeding, only a limited amount of foraging area.

Bats use a sonar system for navigating, bouncing sound waves off nearby solid objects, which, when they return to the bat, gives the bat's brain a three dimensional image, helping it to avoid collisions.

We in the Mathison Park committee hope that the bats which fly through the park will find not only a small amount of remnant growth, but an expanding amount of re-vegetation which will provide them with a suitable habitat.

The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre Welcomes Funding for The Heart Of Our Community

The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, along with Neighbourhood Houses across the state, has welcomed the announcement of the extra \$27.8 million over 4 years for the Neighbourhood Houses across Victoria as part of the State Government's budget.

The Minister for Local Government, Ms Candy Broad, made the announcement to a gathering of over two hundred Neighbourhood House workers and volunteers at their annual conference in Warrnambool on Wednesday last week.

Henry Parniak said, 'The announcement represented a substantial investment. We don't yet have all the detail, but we do know that there will be a 25% increase for our Churchill Neighbourhood Centre.'

Ms Colleen Saunderson, President of the Association of Neighbourhood Houses

and Learning Centres said 'Neighbourhood Houses are the heart of our community and this new funding will help to address the urgent need to make them financially viable and sustainable in the future. The funding is a good first step towards enabling Neighbourhood Houses to involve more people in their activities, and become more active in their local community'.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre has been part of the Churchill community for 25 years supporting and building community strength, offering adult education, childcare, health promotion, recreation by working within the community for the wider community.

'These programs build people's skills

and capacity to gain employment, participate in community life and contribute to the health of their local communities', Henry Parniak said.

Ms Saunderson said, 'Neighbourhood Houses can play a vital role in implementing the State Government's Fairer Victoria policy, by providing opportunities for people to overcome disadvantage and take greater control over their own lives and futures'.

'Victoria's 360 Neighbourhood Houses perform a unique role in local communities - they provide sustainable community building infrastructure, because they are community owned and managed. We look forward to working with the state government to invest fully in this vital infrastructure'.

Quilt and Craft Exhibition Expressions of Interest

We are seeking exhibitors and stall holders interested in exhibiting their quilts, embroidery, folk-art, and other hand crafts in our inaugural Quilt and Craft Exhibition to be held on the 2nd and 3rd of September 2006 in the Leisure Centre, Corner Northways and McDonald Way Churchill.

This Exhibition is in conjunction with Adult learners Week. Junior exhibitors are most welcome and encouraged to participate.

Prizes will be awarded to popular choice in the various categories.

Market place stalls avail-

able for commercial and charitable organizations.

A short description and size of the exhibit is required.

Exhibitors and stall holders will be printed on program.

Entries Close 3 August 2006.

For more information and entry form contact Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, PO Box 21, Churchill 3842.

Phone: 5122 2955, Fax: 5122 2596 or Email: Churchill@lance.aunz.org.

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TERM 3 (SEMESTER 2)

JULY 3 - SEPTEMBER 15 (11 WEEKS)

	Monday 10.00am - 12 noon	Tuesday 10.00am - 12 noon	Wednesday 9.30am - 12 noon	Thursday 10.00 am - 12 noon	ON LINE LEARNING Friday 9.30am - 12 noon use basic computer skills to discover a new way of learning literacy and numeracy YOGA two classes every Thursday evening 5pm - 6.15pm or 6.30pm - 7.45pm.
room 1	CANDLEWICK EMBROIDERY learn to do colonial knots & more on calico (cream on cream)	CREATIVE WRITING learn to write short stories & poetry may be used in publications			
room 2	BASIC COMPUTERS learn to make the computer your friend, & do what you want to do.	ON-LINE LEARNING use basic computer skills to discover a new way of learning literacy & numeracy	MICROSOFT OFFICE learn programs such as Word & Excel	Machine Embroidery Techniques Bag workshop - machine embellished bag using various machine embroidery techniques 3rd & 10th August	
room 3	PATCHWORK (advanced) learn quilting, material choice, techniques and design new beginners welcome	LEADLIGHT CLASSES make your own colourful authentic projects.	PATCHWORK - adults class designed for the beginner & novice patch worker		Leadlight & Quilting Classes Monday night classes can be arranged minimum of 6 required to go ahead Learn to use "Annie" the Quilting Machine, night classes can be arranged if required. On-Line Learning literacy & numeracy night classes can be arranged. Are you interested in:- Food Handling Classes Drawing Classes Please notify office of your interest in these and other classes.
	Monday 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Tuesday 12.30pm - 3.00pm	Wednesday 12.30pm - 3.00pm	Thursday 1.00pm - 3.00pm	
room 1		DISCUSSION GROUP join this group for positive conversations and discussion on various topics	FOLK ART learn different brush techniques (round & flat) to achieve decorative paintings	EMBROIDERY learn a variety of embroidery techniques including ribbon embroidery	
room 2	MICROSOFT ACCESS advance your skill level by learning to create data-bases for use at home/office		ADULT LITERACY on line increase your reading, writing and spelling skills	BEADING learn to make beautiful jewellery, necklaces, bracelets, earrings etc.	
room 3	PATCHWORK (advanced) learn quilting, material choice, techniques and design	PATCHWORK-homeschoolers for our regular group of Homeschoolers includes patchwork projects	CRAFT ACTIVITIES for our regular group of Homeschoolers Includes patchwork projects	Machine Embroidery Techniques learn new techniques to create and embellish embroidery using your domestic and/or embroidery machine	



Glendonald Residents Group Inc. Community Dinner - Fun and Laughter for Housing Week



Last month GRG held a Community Dinner for Glendonald residents and representatives of partner organisations. The event was part of Housing Week 2006 celebrations and was held in the Churchill Town Hall. Some sixty people attended on the night.

Guests were asked to dress in their best "op shop finery" and many laughs were shared over the variety of costumes, hats and wigs that people wore. Several fashion parades were held during the night and prizes given to those receiving the most applause.

Morwell MP, Brendan Jenkins, wore a wig and made quite an entrance when he and partner Susan arrived late. Brendan was put to work straight away, by assisting the team of public servants to serve diners their soup. A second shift was 'rostered' to serve the main course and clear plates. Many thanks to the folk who entered into the spirit of the night and cheerfully served residents at their tables.

MC for the night, Henry Parniak, appeared on stage in a kilt, and kept a

semblance of order during the evening. This was made difficult by the requirement to "all change" seats after each course, however this ensured that everyone mixed and had an opportunity to chat with strangers and friends alike.

Gippsland FM announcer and local resident, David Ellis, wearing a lovely permed wig, looked after sound and music. Assorted decorations and displays added to the party atmosphere on the night.

A highlight of the evening was the screening of our new DVD, featuring our program of children's activities in Glendonald Park. Viewers received this with great enthusiasm, and copies are now available for parents, volunteers and partner organisations. Many thanks to Steve Tong, who works for Latrobe City, for providing the screening equipment and a bit of know-how.

Nicole Harriss, who works with the Active After-schools Communities Program, presented volunteers who completed the Australian Sports Commission training earlier in the

month with their Community Coaching Certificates. She also presented GRG with a kit of suggested games and ideas for our children's after school and holiday activities.

The food was plentiful and enjoyed by all. With six vegies and roast meat, after a choice of delicious soups, and followed by cheese and fruit, there was something to everyone's taste. Yvonne and staff from Café Le Mac's did a great job of catering for the occasion, under very difficult circumstances, as the food needed to be cooked off the premises and then kept warm in bain-maries.

Cups and glasses were in short supply and we would like to thank the Wattle Club of Churchill for coming to our aid. Thanks also to Latrobe Community Health Services who donated funds to purchase fruit juice, soft drinks, tea and coffee, etc for the evening.

Guests on the night included Cr Darrell White, Peggy Stevenson, Steve Tong and Peter Steller from Latrobe City, Julie Hocking (and partner Geoff) and Kathy West from Dept of Human Services, representatives from Churchill Primary and Churchill North Primary School, Kurnai College chaplain Liz Sulley and Selina Powell from Fusion, Alan Scarlett from Monash University, Nicole Harriss (and partner Warren) from the Aust Sports Commission, representatives from Churchill CFA

and Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Morwell East Residents Group, the Vice-President of the Vic Public Tenants Association, and Bev Knowles and Norma Hicks from Latrobe Community Health Services.

More than thirty residents from Glendonald attended, from teens (black suits were popular with the young males), to over 60s in bowling whites or other attire. Childcare was provided in Glendonald pre-school for the littlies. Many thanks to the workers, who dined on fish and chips with the kids.

The evening was a great success due to the efforts of all the volunteers who helped out, the caterers and the number of residents and organisational representatives who attended on the night. We've received lots of positive feedback and requests to organise another dinner in the future.

Housing Week events are funded

by the Dept of Human Services to celebrate the significant contribution public housing tenants make to their community.

GRG is a not-for-profit incorporated group, open to all residents of Glendonald, regardless of housing type. Our aim is to provide services, activities and advocacy for the benefit of our community.

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 6.30pm in the Glendonald Pre-school in Churinga Drive. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th June. Childcare and supper is provided. All residents of Glendonald are welcome to attend and have a say.



Sports News

Churchill Monash Golf Club Inc Results

Saturday Men's Comp: Stroke Medal 25.3.06 CCR70

Scratch: L Stein 80. A Grade: L Stein (12) 68 plus medal. B Grade: K Garlick (23) 68. C Grade: J Jeffery (25) 69. DTL: W Peter 68, J White 69, D Jenkins 710, J Ambrosini 71, D Taylor 71, D Williams 72. NTP: 3rd D Jenkins, 12th D Williams. Birdies: 3rd D Jenkins, 12th F Debono. Putts: P Kearns 24.

Sunday Men's Comp: Stableford 26.3.06 CCR68

Winner: B Murphy (28) 42. DTL: B Barnes (27) 35. NTP: 5th M Brereton.

Ladies Comp: Stableford 28.3.06 CCR73

A Grade: J Leslie (22) 38pts. B Grade: H Croft (35) 35pts. DTL: K Moroney 35, B Beebe 35, M McDonald 35, P Hrynyszyn 35. NTP: 3rd S Jeffery, 5th E D'Alterio, 12th E D'Alterio, 14th T O'Brien. Birdies: D'Alterio 12th.

Sunday Ladies Comp: 26.3.06 CCR70

Winner: K Moroney (24) 41pts. DTL: H Croft (35) 39pts. NTP: E D'Alterio. Lost Handicap: K Moroney 24-23.

Saturday Men's Comp: 4BBB Par 3.4.06

Winners: V Monument (27) / F Sedjak (21) + 10. Runners Up: E Winter (28) / A Vandenharn (28) + 9. DTL: G Blizzard/S Wooten +8, D Cluderay/R Hodgson +7, J Trembath/J

White + 6 C/B. NTP: 3rd: P Ludlow, 5th W Peter, 12th L Stein, 14th J Armstrong. Birdies: 3rd P Ludlow.

Sunday Men's Comp: Stableford 2.4.06 CCR38

Scratch: J Ambrosini (19) 38. DTL: B Barnes 35. NTP: 5th L Maher.

Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford 2.4.06 CCR70

A Grade: M McConville (21) 38. DTL: J Maher 32. NTP: P Hrynyszyn.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stroke Medal 4.4.06 CCR73

Scratch: M McConville (21) 95. A Grade and Medal: D Thomas (23) 73. B Grade: V Rowley (36) 74. DTL: C Gardam 74, M McConville 74, J Beck 75, B Beebe 75. NTP: 12th K Moroney, 5/14 A Hibbert. Putts: M McConville 28. Longest Drive: 0-35 J Blizzard. 36-45 V Rowley.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Young Australian Trophy Qualifier 11.4.06 CCR73.

A Grade: S Jeffery (30) 34. B Grade: S Cooke (39) 38. DTL: E D'Alterio 34, M McConville 33, J Blizzard 31, V Anderson 31. NTP: 5/14 K Moroney, 5/14 L Peake. Lost Handicap: 39-35 S Cooke, 30-38 S Jeffery.

Saturday Men's Comp: Stroke 15.4.06 CCR70

A Grade: P Williams (15) 71. B Grade: J McCafferty (19) 73. C Grade: I Wilden (24) 71. DTL: P Ludlow 71, R Sheahey 72, G Bey 74.

NTP: 3rd I Wilden, 5th P Ludlow, 12th P Junker, 14th W Peter. Birdies: 14th I Wilden - R Welsh.

Sunday Men's Comp: Stableford: 16.4.06 CC68

L Maher (18) 39pts. DTL: J Dickson (20) 37pts.

Sunday Ladies Comp 16.4.06 CCR70

M McConville (21) 40. NTP: Y Wotton (24) 32

Tuesday Ladies Comp:

Capt/Presidents Day 18.4.06 CCR72
Pres Winner: M McConville (21) 38. CP Winner: Y Wotton (24) 34. DTL: Pres: Liz Ollquist 36, B Beebe 36, Cap: S Jeffery 33 C Gardam 39. NTP: 12th J Leslie, 5/14th K Moroney, P Hrynyszyn.

Saturday Men's Comp: Stableford 22.4.06 CCR68

A Grade: R Sheahey (17) 39. B Grade: J Ambrosini (19) 38. C Grade: D Cluderay (25) 40. DTL: A Casey 38, G Blizzard 38, P Fitzmaurice 38. NTP: 3rd R Sheahey, 5th P Junker, 12th L Stein, 14th S Wotton. Hole in One: P Junker 5th.

Sunday Men's Comp: Stableford 23.4.06 CCR68

Winner G Blizzard (25) 37.

Sunday Ladies Comp: Stableford 23.4.06 CCR70

Winner: K Moroney (24) 35. DTL: C Barnes (33) 30. NTP: 5th K Moroney.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Anzac Medley Stableford 25.4.06

Lady: K Moroney (24) 38. Men: B Murphy (27) 40. Ladies: DTL: B Beebe 32, M McConville 28, J Leslie. Men: C Flannigan 39, D Cluderay 37, G Down 37, P Ludlow 35. NTP: 3rd L Casey, 3rd G Down, 5th H Croft, 12th C Flannigan, 14th G Down. Birdies: M Brereton 3rd, K Ellis 3rd.

Saturday Men's Comp: Medal Stroke 29.4.06 CCR68

Scratch: P Ludlow. A Grade: D Jenkins (17) 67. B Grade: J McCafferty (19) 66. C Grade: P Fitzmaurice (29) 66. DTL: P Ludlow 68, S Wotton 37, D Williams 68, C Flannigan 70, J Ambrosini, G Blizzard 71. NTP: 3rd J McCafferty, 5th G Harvey, 12th C Barnes, 14th D Williams. Birdies: G Harvey 12th. Putts: J McCafferty 26.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Medal 1st Round Championship. 2.5.06 CCR73

Scratch: K Moroney 94. A Grade and Medal: K Moroney (24) 70. B Grade: B Beebe (34) 77. DTL: C Gardam 74, S Jeffery 75, D Thomas 76, Y Wotton 78. NTP: 5/14 33-45 L Casey. Putts: L Welsh 28. Longest Drive: 0-35 K Moroney, 36-45 J Hayes. Silverspoon: K Moroney. Lost Handicap: K Moroney 24-22.

Saturday Men's Comp: 1st Round Championship 6.5.06 CCR70

Scratch: G Beyer 79. A Grade: G Beyer 912) 67. B Grade: G Hornsby (20) 70. C Grade: P Fitzmaurice (28) 74. DTL: G Frazer 71, R Scurlock 71, I Wilson 71, C Thomas G Britton 73,

R McIvor 74 C/B. NTP: 3rd I Wilson, 5th K Hills, 12th R McIvor, D Williams. Birdies: 3rd A Casey.

Saturday Men's Comp: Club Championship Round 2 13.5.06 CCR70

Scratch: K Hills 79. A Grade: D Jenkins (17) 68. B Grade: F Sedjak (21) 69. C Grade: J Sterrick (27) 72. DTL: A Casey 70, T Spark 71, C Thomas 71, J Dickson 72, D Cluderay 72, J Jeffery 72. NTP: 3rd F Sedjak, 12th D Cluderay, 14th K Hills.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: 2nd Round Championships 9.5.06 CCR73

A Grade: C Ellis (29) 74 C/B. B Grade: L Casey (39) 81. DTL: D Thomas 74, E D

Alterio 78, J Leslie 81, S Jeffery 83. NTP: 3rd D Thomas, 5th D Scurlock, L Welsh, 12th M McConville. Championships: Scratch: E D'Alterio 97. A Grade: D Thomas (24) 74. B Grade: L Casey (39) 31.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: 3rd Round Championships 16.5.06 CCR73

A Grade: E D'Alterio (20) 76. B Grade: B Beebe (35) 76. DTL: K Moroney 80, M McConville 81, Y Wotton 82. NTP: 3rd K Moroney, 12th V Verheyen.

2006 Champions: Scratch: E D'Alterio 294. A Grade: D Thomas (24) 233. B Grade: B Beebe (35) 241.

Sports News



Churchill Football/ Netball Club "the Cougars"

Some good news, some not so good, is how it stands as of round seven. The seniors football team have started to click and are getting the results due their efforts. To date they have played seven games, lost the first two and have won the last five. Standing in fifth place on the ladder on percentage; Gormandale are in 3rd place on 152.88%, Heyfield in 4th on 136.07% and the Cougars in 5th on 117.52, they are well placed at this stage of the season and the next round results should be very interesting. Coach Dale Foster said at the start of the season it would take a while for the boys to come together and start to succeed and he must be pleased with the results to date.

The reserves have played seven games, winning three, drawing one and losing three. They are currently fifth placed on the ladder. Coach Eric Duve was happy with the last two wins and feels the team can only get better as long as they continue with their application and endeavour.

The under 18s' are having a bad run having played seven games and lost seven. They are currently tenth on the ladder. Coach Rob Jellis says the team is very young, five players under sixteen, and will take some time to develop into a competitive unit, and as long as they are prepared to participate and learn they will become successful. So stick with it fellas and enjoy the challenge.

With netball, "A" grade are going great after seven games, having won five and lost two and are currently in fourth place on the ladder. With Sale City and the Cougars both on five wins and two losses, Sale City are just 12 percentage points ahead which should make next week's results interesting.

"B" grade are two wins and five losses out of seven games and sit at eighth place on the ladder. They are just behind Cowwarr, also on two wins, five losses, and Cowwarr lead by 16 percentage points.

"C" grade have played seven games, have won one and lost six and are in ninth place.

"D" grade are also going very well and have five wins on the board, two losses and are in fifth position. There are four teams on five wins, two losses and separated by percentage points, Heyfield on 139.29, Cowwarr on 138.92, Glengarry on 118.41 and Cougars on 102.83. Once again, the

next round results should be very interesting in this grade.

Coming up :- Round 9, 17/6/06 Heyfield at Heyfield. Round 10, 24/6/06 Rosedale at Rosedale. Round 11, 1/7/06 Sale City at home. Round 12, 8/7/06 Boisdale/ Briagalong away
Social Calendar:-

For all enquiries re details and bookings for Social Club Functions, contact Sharon Stait on 0411310197, John (Woody) Woodbridge on 0412512801 or Bobby McCartney on 0409554355

Saturday 24th June, Annual Ball.

It's time to start rounding up your super special, go out and knock everyone's eyes out, saved for special occasions, gear. This should be a great night, further details from the above.

Saturday 15th July 2006: Comedy/Cocktail Night. Further details will be on the Club's website at cfnc.vcfl.com.au when available.

The Editor's bit

You know you're starting to bump into your used by date when someone points out you've been plugging the Cougar's Catering Friday Night Bistro for a month after it suspended operations due to lack of support. They tell me that if demand came back and they can talk some unsuspecting people into driving it, it will start up again.

If you enjoy football, a very pleasant way to spend a Saturday afternoon is to wander down to Gaskin Park when the Cougars are playing at home. You will be impressed with the standard of country league football and netball. They play an interesting and exciting game. The friendly crowd atmosphere generated by the supporters of both teams makes for an enjoyable time for all members of the family. After the game, why not drop in to the club rooms and enjoy a bit of camaraderie. The bar is open, food is available, there are meat tray raffles and the members draw which jackpots if not taken off. All in all a very pleasant way to finish off a day at the footy. Kids are welcome. See you there.

Profile; Nolene McDougall, netballer and latest "200 Games" club member

On Saturday the 13th of May, Nolene (Nolesy) McDougall (nee Woods) became only the second ever netballer in the CFNC to play 200 "A" Grade games; her good friend and long term teammate Megan Marks being the first.

The 200 Club was instigated in 2003 and the basic concept is to acknowledge the elite players in our club, those players who have been able

to play 200 senior games of footy or 200 "A" Grade games of netball. There were fourteen players inducted into the 200 Club in the inaugural year & since then five new members have been inducted, Nolene will be the newest member and the second netballer to join this group. Her induction will take place at a formal function later in the season. She will also be made a life member of the club as a result of her achievement.

Nolene began her career with CFNC in 1994 whilst Churchill was a part of the LVFL netball competition. In 1995 she crossed over with the Cougars to the NGFNL. She has played in a remarkable ten consecutive "A" grade final campaigns, winning premierships in 1996, 1998 & 2004 & being runner up on five occasions. She took last year off to have a baby and has returned to the A Grade team this year.

Nolene has represented the NGNFL as well as playing at Latrobe Valley Regional level in 1995. She won the NGNFL A Grade Netball Best & Fairest and has won our clubs best & fairest on two occasions. She was also a part of the Regional Team that won the 2004 State Championships.

She is a very versatile player & can play anywhere on the court, her favorite position being goal attack or goal shooter. She always gives 100% and is a great team player always encouraging & willing to pass on her experience to others. Congratulations from everyone Nolesy.

Profile ; Joshua Cahill, Reserves/seniors footy player.

Nineteen year old Joshua Cahill or Yoshi as he is known was born in Traralgon and lives in Churchill with his family. He works as a second year apprentice boilermaker and his hobby is football. At the moment he doesn't have a girlfriend but anticipates this will change as his notoriety spreads.

He has been playing football for three years, one with Yinnar and two with the Cougars. He currently plays in the forward line and enjoys it, but would also like to have a go on the wing.

He enjoys his participation with the club, primarily through feeling he is a part of a great club. His best memory is of running out for his first senior game and kicking a goal with his first kick. His biggest moment was kicking the winning goal in a game against Boisdale/Briagalong whilst playing for the thirds.

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Profile; David Hutchinson, Thirds Football player.

Eighteen year old David Hutchinson, Hutchy, was born at Morwell and has lived in the Churchill area since . Currently at Hazelwood North he lives at home with mum, dad and sisters Emily and Katrina. (Where do I know that name from?) His hobby is football which he plays with the thirds and has done for three years. He plays on the wing or on the ball but would like to play ruck rover because he reckons he would do it well. He works as an apprentice electrician and is employed by his family's electrical firm. He likes his job as he knows when he is finished his training and is qualified he has the opportunity to be self-employed doing what he likes doing and being independent. He currently is attached to Charlee and has been for six months. She enjoys his participation in the club through the social aspect where they meet great people.

In football his current ambition is to play seniors football next year. He says the mateship he enjoys is what benefits him most through his association with the club. His best moment in the game was making the inter league side in 2005. His worst was doing his knee in the first practice match this year and his funniest was Dale Ewing cleaning somebody up who was twice Dale's size. (You get the impression Dale was more surprised than anyone else was.) Asked his pet hate in the game he said he didn't have one, he loves it all. Asked to suggest an improvement for the club his reply was simply, a win.

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Profile; Rachel Paterson, B grade netball player/club vice president.

Twenty seven year old Rachael Paterson, alias Rach plays for B grade netball in wing attack, defence attack and goal keeper positions. She is also the vice president of the Cougars club, Netball co-ordinator, netball umpire and A grade coach. She is married to seniors footy player Dale and has a daughter named Halee. She works as a customer service advisor and for some reason has no time for a hobby. Rach has been playing netball for ten years at Churchill and her ambition is to continue to play competitive netball and win games along the way. She says social interaction and fitness are what she primarily gets out of her association with the Cougars club. A highlight of her career was playing in the 1999 A-grade premiership side. Her best memories relate to having had many awesome (her words) trips away, too many to mention in detail. Currently somewhere in her life there is a horse and a greyhound, just in case she starts to get bored, but we'll have to ask Dale about that.

The Kids are Winners Again

By JOHN BARKER

The Churchill United Soccer Club is in the process of building new facilities at the Hazelwood South Reserve on Tramway Road in Churchill. They requested assistance with plumbing needs which they are unable to source within their membership.

The Soccer Club supports a range of Junior Teams catering for some 150 children (boys and girls) and 40 adult players in our community. The Lions Club donated \$1500 and the Lioness club donated \$500 to ensure the children are able to access the new clubrooms this season.

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