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Looking Back ... Through The Eyes of Local Residents: An Oral History of Churchill

THE Churchill and District News' book 'Looking Back... Through The Eyes of Local Residents: An Oral History of Churchill' was successfully launched at Monash University on 26th July.

The book is a collection of stories by some of the first residents of Churchill who shared their precious memories and photographs with us.

The Department of Business and Economics hosted the event which saw many of the, first residents, including the first postmistress Jean Brick, the Milkies, John and Toni Koedijks and Gwen and Graham Ayres, writers and local dignitaries to meet celebrate the launch. Amid the scones and jam many stories were remembered and shared.

"The book grew out of an idea by the former editor, Jacqui Johnson, of the Churchill News in 2002," said Val Prokopiv, Editor. "It has taken a while to reach this stage but it has been worth it - it is a first for Churchill and it has been a privilege for us to record and publish these stories."

"Churchill's history is unique," continued Mrs Prokopiv. "There are many fascinating stories. Some things, howev-

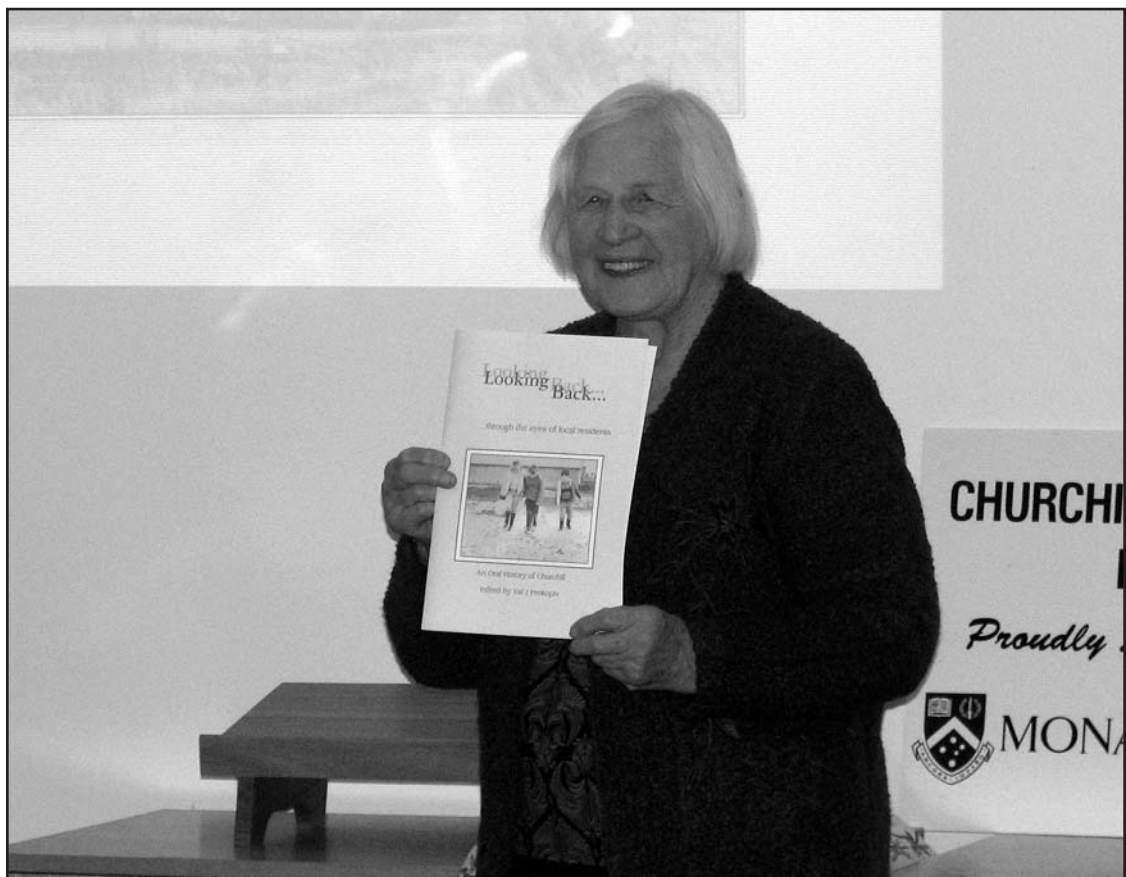
er, are clearly remembered by many people, including the mud and the controversy over the cigar."

The book was made possible with grants from the State Government's Department of Victorian Communities and International Power Hazelwood. We would like to extend our thanks to all those who helped compile the book and to all those who contributed.

We would also like to thank Val Clulow, Head of the Department of Business and Economics at Monash University for hosting the launch and Harry Ballis, Graeme York, CEO International Power Hazelwood, Cr Darrell White, Brendan Jenkins, Neil and Terrill from the Co-operating Church.

"The star of the show, however, was Jean Brick!" said Mrs Prokopiv. "Jean officially launched the book watched on by her son and grandchildren. She is an amazing lady!"

The book is selling fast. It is available at Churchill Newsagents, Churchill Post Office and Monash University Bookshop or by ringing 5122 2589 of 5122 1961. The cost is \$15.00.



Jean Brick officially launches 'Looking Back...' (above right) while guests enjoy afternoon tea (right). Above Brendan Jenkins chats to Stan Schumann whose story features in the book.

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EDITORIAL

Everyone has a story to tell and we want to hear it! We have collected many wonderful stories about the history of Churchill, some now published and more to follow.

There are, however, many more stories, not necessarily about the history of Churchill. They are experiences and events that have helped to shape people's lives. 'Long-Tan Remembered', for example, written by John F Holtman is featured on page 11 of this issue.

We welcome stories such as these. They reflect richness and diversity of our community. If you would like to pass on your story please either contact Ruth Place on 5122 1961 or send it to us to the address below.

This issue definitely has a youth focus with four pages dedicated to local schools and two pages to Youth Yard.

I would like to thank all those who have contributed and it is wonderful to be able to showcase the work of our young people in the district.

A reminder also that our writing competition is about to close so get those entries in. If you have any questions or problems with the writing competition please do not hesitate to contact me on 04110 53546.

I would like to thank the team at the News for all their hard work over the last few weeks. It has been a very busy time for all of us but worthwhile!

Ed

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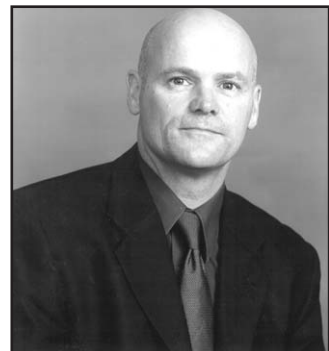
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THE Churchill & District News invites you to enter our Short Story and Poetry Competition. There will be some great prizes, with all entrants under 12 receiving a certificate of participation and a small gift.

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.)
9. A Children's Story

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 Concession or Student

Children, Under 7, Under 12 and U18 Categories - 50c.

Special Category: Local History - no entry fee

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Camp Quality esCARpade - Part 2 Churchill Lions Acquire Vehicle

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity

THE Churchill Lions Club has acquired a new vehicle for their major fundraising effort which culminates at the 2006 Camp Quality esCARpade. The vehicle is a 1983 XE Falcon which is in excellent order and has been given a thorough maintenance inspection by the events' support team led by Lion Reg Stirling of Yinnar Lions.

The car will now be prepared for the event which commences at Shepparton on 13th October and finishes 4,500 kms later at Dubbo on 20th October. The Churchill Lions expect to raise a record amount by

using the vehicle and the event to attract a major "Naming Rights" Sponsor as well as past and future sponsors from the Latrobe Valley.

This year the Lions have elected to involve the city, corporate, small business, tourism and farming in their event theme " Latrobe Valley and Within". Hopefully through this promotion, Lions will attract a lot of interest throughout the community as the momentum gathers pace approaching the official launch of our fundraising campaign.

Every cent that is raised by the Lions for Camp Quality goes directly to the charity. The time and costs

put in by Lions members are borne by those participants.

The money raised allows children with cancer to attend Camp Quality and to see the smiles on those faces at the camp makes all the effort worthwhile.

Sponsorships are now open businesses and the public and any one genuinely interested in supporting 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.



Community Saddened as Bini's Dream Crumbles

By SADIE HECKENBERG

The Binishell is to be demolished following Monash University's safety fears.

Monash University has decided to replace rather than rebuild the Binishell. A total of 5.5 million dollars of Federal government and university funds will go towards the construction, commencing August 2006, of the new building that will be built to overlook the campus lake.

The new building will be able to support a much larger number of people and facilities, as most of the inside walls will be removable, "It [the new building] will be an iconic building that exclaims we have arrived", said Brian Stark, Manager, Facilities and Services at Monash Gippsland.

Meredith Fletcher, head of the Centre for Gippsland Studies, comments about the Binishell saying, "its iconic... the community loves it but it is unsafe".

On a muddy December day in 1979 Churchill's most memorable building was constructed and for the last 27 years the Binishell has been a significant part of Churchill.

This iconic landmark, a concrete dome inflated into place, was a new and cutting edge design, fresh from

Italy and the mind of Dr Dante Bini.

Bini was renowned for showing commitment to his innovative craft by attending each building's construction, and locals remember him well for his "bright yellow gumboots".

"Bini was a showman he wore yellow rubber gumboots as a recall, what the English call Wellington boots. He was a short man, controlling it all himself", said Daryl Nation, academic, Monash University.

The Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education wanted the Binishell because it was cheap and stylish "It is distinctive, a good Churchill landmark; people say "just go up the road past the Binishell" said Ruth Place, resident of Churchill.

The inflation of the Binishell was not only an event for the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education but was also a day of excitement for the Churchill community.

A procession of cement trucks arrived and poured concrete between two large circular membranes. With the outer membrane carefully arranged, the air pumps were started and 300 tonnes of concrete and reinforcing steel were inflated.

"It was a big event... almost as big as the Melbourne cup" said Daryl Nation, Monash University, remembering the importance and excitement of the day.

This 11 metre high Mushroom shaped building has served a number of roles from graduations and school recitals to student exams, but one thing has stayed the same, the community's attitude to this landmark.

"It is an icon. It has something completely different to any building in Churchill it'll be so sad when this iconic landmark disappears", according to Wendy Brown, long time resident of Churchill.

Therefore, the end of the Binishell is more than just the demolition of a building but is the end of an era with the demise of Bini's dream.

It remains to be seen whether the Binishell's replacement will be as iconic and attract as much emotional significance for the community. At least in the new building, hopefully its acoustics won't be "appalling", as all the locals lovingly report about their old Binishell.



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He is presenting the talk on behalf of the Latrobe Valley Anxiety Disorders Support Group. All are welcome to attend.

Date: Monday 4 September 2006

Time: 10am to 12 midday

Location: Latrobe Valley Community

Health Centre, 42-44 Fowler Street, Moe

Cost: Gold coin donation

For further information contact Tel: 5127 9163 or 9420 1414

Church Times

Co-operating Churches of Churchill

Rev. Dr. Bob Brown
Williams Avenue, Churchill.
Tel: 5122 1480
Glenda and Ian Combridge
Tel: 5166 1819
Sunday Service: 9.30am.
Choruses: 9.20am

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

35 Walker Parade, Churchill
Tel: 5122 2226
Father Malcolm Hewitt
Saturday: Mass: 7.30pm
Sunday: Mass: 9.30am
1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays: Yinnar:
Mass: 11.00 am
2nd and 4th Sundays: Boolarra:
Mass: 11.00am

Churchill Christian Fellowship

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

Chaplaincy Contemplations

This is such a time of war and distrust and hatred from groups of people who claim to represent all the people in a particular place, but in fact they represent their own faction and ideologies. It is an appropriate time to remember the words of Jesus from Luke's Gospel, Chapter 6, Verses 27-38,

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and

you will be forgiven; give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

It is extraordinarily difficult to love our enemies yet it is this we are asked to do. A good beginning for love is understanding and empathy. Imagine yourself in the shoes of the person or peoples you "hate" (which really means fear). Try and feel what motivates the ideas and actions of this person or group. While you may not agree with their stance, understanding and empathising can bring about a change in our attitudes so we are able not to judge. It is always helpful to inform ourselves as much as we can about different perspectives as to how things have come to be where they are. This does not mean just watching one news service on television!

In the last edition of the Churchill News there was a quote from Matthew which is given more detail and depth in Luke's Gospel. The message is clear to us. Difficult as it is, try and care and understand and love. This does not mean approving of a behaviour, however it does mean loving the person or people.

Let us pray for the strength to not judge or condemn and to work hard towards understanding and compassion through the Grace of God.

Blessings on you all,

Rev Lyn Porritt, Chaplain, Monash University

Church Snippets

Our service to begin the month, had a multi cultural theme. It also involved a social justice and responsibility aspect.

Since 1996 the UCA has been observing 'One Great Day of Sharing' in July each year. On this day congregations are encouraged to celebrate the cultural diversity of the church either within their current congregation's membership or by joining with congregations from other cultures.

Over the years the congregation of the Co-operating Churches in Churchill has been privileged to have had members from different European countries, including Britain, who come to Gippsland to work for the power stations, coalmining and other industries. Our fellowship has also been enriched by the participation of various overseas students and staff from Monash University.

The theme of the 2006 Uniting Church National Assembly which was held 5-11 July in Brisbane, was 'God's Word in God's World' and this was the theme selected for this year's 'One Great Day of Sharing'.

The theme directs our attention to our place in God's mission in the world. It reminds us that as God sent his Word, Jesus the Christ, into the world so Jesus sends us into the world (John 17:18) so people may be drawn to faith in Jesus Christ. It was most interesting and humbling to hear the experiences of two of our members settling into Australia,

including church life; one from Finland and the other from China. It is amazing the way in which the message of God's salvation in Jesus Christ transcends cultures.

On 9th July our minister Rev Bob celebrated his sixtieth birthday in great style at Boolarra Pub. Both the Churchill and Boolarra Yinnar congregations joined Bob for the occasion. Fifty-seven people enjoyed the delicious a la carte meal.

That same day during the church service, people were encouraged to bring a food item which could be given to St Luke's Foodbank, for distribution locally. The Breakfast Club at Churchill Primary School also benefited from this initiative.

The Ladies Fellowship had a lovely evening on the 11th July, as they listened to Lois and Neil Terrill describe with slides, their wonderful trip down the Danube River to Vienna. The trip was for three weeks and each day they would stop off and see a local sight. Those who were there were enthralled by the talk and some said it made them eager to do such a trip also.

Garry's worship team were responsible for the last Sunday of the month service. We were reminded of our kingly responsibilities to share what we have with those less fortunate, as we compared our material possessions with the greater number in the world who every day struggle to have enough to eat, and a safe place to live. Jesus came to wear the crown of service and He is our

example.

The Saturday Breakfast was brought to us by Ken and Jill who had represented the Uniting Church of Australia at the 9th Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Brazil, South America. They shared their experiences of the Assembly and also their travels to some amazing places in the South American continent.

Next month our Saturday Breakfast will be on the 26th August at 7:30am. The guest speaker will talk about the Water Factory, so that will be informative and interesting.

Coming Events

On Sunday 13th August, the Ladies fellowship will host a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon with the Francis and Latrobe Orchestras. For \$6 you can enjoy the entertainment and have a light afternoon tea to follow. Tickets are available at the door.

On Friday the 25th August the Community Life Panel will host a Variety Concert which will feature the Flinders Christian College Band, Kurnai College Music, and Bob Cooper and Friend. Music will include a great variety of styles from classics to Country and Western. For the small price of \$5 per person or \$20 a family, you can foot tap and bop to enjoy this marvellous selection of music and then replace that lost energy with a light supper.



Saturday Breakfast

By KEITH ENDERS

THE last Breakfast was held on Saturday 29 July with Jill and Ken Tabart the guest speakers (pictured above). Jill spoke about their visit to The World Council of Churches (WCC) 9th Assembly held at Porto Alegre in Brazil from the 14 to 23 February, 2006. 691 delegates from 348 member churches attended and altogether approximately another 3,300 people participated in workshops, Bible studies and other events which were held at the Catholic university. A large tent was erected to hold all the participants for worship services and other events where all the attendees were able to participate.

Australian churches which belong to the WCC, are the Anglican Church of Australia,

Churches of Christ and the Uniting Church in Australia.

Jill was involved in describing the consensus decision making procedures which are used in the Uniting Church. Bishop Desmond Tutu was one of the notable attendees.

The Assembly is held every seven years. Jill's talk was very well illustrated by some excellent photographs of folk

attending the assembly, the facilities and exhibits.

Ken spoke about some of the workshops he attended including one on HIV/Aids which outlined the enormous problems associated with the disease in the countries where it is rife. Another workshop involved people who are attempting to preserve the hymns of indigenous people around the world. Ken found the workshops to be very stimulating and challenging.

As well as attending the Assembly, Jill and Ken went to a number of places including a visit to the Galapagos Islands and Patagonia and in the process lost their luggage for six days and had to cope with cancelled flights. Their photographs also covered their travels and gave a very good insight to the countries and places they visited.

The next Breakfast will be held at the Co-Operating Churches on Saturday 26 August at 7.30 am and the topic will be the Water Factory with some people involved with it as guest speakers. Please let Keith Enders know by Thursday 24 August if you are attending. Phone: 5122 1148; e-mail: kbenders@net-tech.com.au.

A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon

Featuring the Latrobe & Francis Orchestras

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Looking Forward to the Year Ahead

By Margaret Guthrie, President
 CDCA held its AGM last night, at the Churchill Football and Netball Club. Guest speaker was Associate Professor Daryl Pedler, the Director of the Gippsland Regional Clinical School, a position he has held since February 2003. He gave an interesting talk on the opening of the new Gippsland Medical School at Monash University Gippsland Campus and the benefits that it will bring to the Gippsland community.

Professor Pedler is heavily involved in the development of the new Gippsland Medical School, being a member of a number of the teams developing the programme. These duties include Infrastructure Development, Curriculum, Staff Recruitment and the identification of Clinical Training sites. He is also a member of the Project Overview Team for the new School.

On display at our AGM in the Clubrooms at Gaskin Park are the 40th Anniversary panels, depicting the history of our town. These were produced last year, to commemorate our 40-year history since the beginning of Churchill's construction.

If you haven't seen these yet, including the series of artistic panels produced by students at Churchill Primary School, then the panels can be viewed at the Football and

Netball Club for several weeks. A complimentary souvenir booklet is also available.

A number of committee members were also elected at our AGM for a term of two years. Half the positions become vacant each year, thereby ensuring continuity. CDCA would like to thank out-going committee members for their commitment and hard work over the past two years.

At our next meeting, office bearers for the next twelve months will be elected by the committee. There are still some vacant committee positions, for which members may be co-opted if interested, CDCA welcomes new members and interested residents to attend our meetings and become involved in our discussions and activities.

Recent discussions have centered on new developments and proposals for Churchill, including the Community Hub, Safeway's and the Civic Gardens Project. CDCA has been waiting for the land transfer to proceed, in order for this latter project to commence.

The Civic Gardens are to be located on the old nursery site behind the Churchill 'Cigar', flagpoles and Pioneer Memorial Wall. The Gardens will include public toilets, an ANZAC memorial, informa-

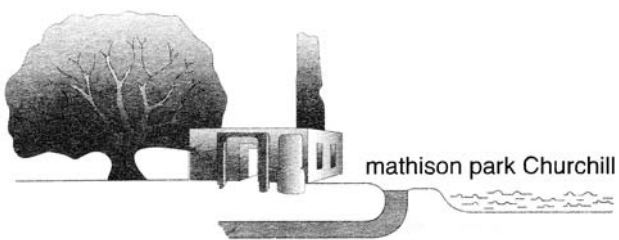
tion board, seating and garden beds. This site should provide a focal point in the centre of town along Monash Way and be a pleasant space for ceremonial occasions, such as Australia Day. We also hope that, once the project is complete, it will be used to mount a prominent display of Christmas lights.

We will again be hosting the Churchill Community Christmas Celebration and Market at West Place this year on Saturday 4 December. Last year, students from Churchill Primary School gave a wonderful performance, singing and demonstrating their prowess on guitars.

This year we hope to see more schools participate. Limited funding is available from CDCA to assist schools with participation, or for the making of festive decorations to be used around Churchill.

Anyone interested in having a stall at the Christmas Market should contact Rob Whelan, on 5122 3603, for further information and bookings.

CDCA meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the 'Outback Room' at the Churchill Noodle Bar. All interested residents are welcome, and tea and coffee is supplied. Next meeting date is September 13.



Funding Boost For Mathison Park



We have been able to obtain the needed funds to start our Eastern side of Lake Hyland project. Expect to see some developments there soon.

Extra funds have become available through Latrobe City Council, as well as an amount from Loy Yang B Power Station. Loy Yang B have also promised help in kind with a selection of trees, shrubs and grasses to be part of the landscaping of the new pathway area to re-

vegetate the place.

This will in turn attract more native birds and animals, adding further interest to the park.

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Topic: 'Working with Communities'

Residents are requested to bring a plate to share for dinner
 Childcare provided

Parents Without Partners

Are you a lone parent? Are you single, divorced, widowed, separated and have children? If so, the Latrobe Valley branch of Parents Without Partners invites you and your family to come and meet with us. We are a non-profit organisation working together for all lone parents in

Victoria. Our activities include ten-pin bowling, movies, group trips, barbecues and many more activities. If you are interested please contact Fran on 5127 5951, Shirl on 5122 1291 or Eddie on 5126 1390.

Around the College

Kurnai College Review/ Closure Days

The College has just completed an extensive review process. The Reviewers interviewed Staff and students at the three campuses. They highlighted the things that were going well, and outlined the areas where there needs to be more work done to achieve a better standard. To address these issues, the school will hold two



Precinct Campus Information Evening

This was a very positive evening with many parents and students attending. The staff, students and parents have given the evening the thumbs up. The participants were given a lots of information and then were able to interact with the staff at The Precinct, discussing subjects and courses, giving families an excellent idea of what is available, and choices that can be made.

Wendy Ruddell- On Site Nurse

Wendy (pictured left) is a trained nurse employed by the whole college. This term she is sharing her skills between Lowanna and Churchill campuses. The idea of her work involves working with teachers and students. Some of her time is spent in the classes delivering parts of the curriculum program which are her concern. She also works with small groups on health related matters.

Wendy has been well accepted by the staff and students. Part of her work has involved delivering via the Newsletter, information which is applicable to the age groups at the school. This information will, it is hoped, alert parents through awareness of means to prevent and /or manage issues, sooner rather than later.

Parents are welcome to make an appointment with Wendy on Thursdays or Fridays, to discuss any relevant matters or issues.

Single Sex Activities

These activities have been planned to help the students meet life skills needs. They will also be an opportunity for the boys and male staff, or the girls and female staff to work together and bond.

One such activity is planned for the last day of term when a group of Year 10 boys and male staff will go to Phillip Island to see the practice day for the motor bike grand prix.

Cheryl Taylor is planning a girls only excursion also.

Elyse Doherty Trust

Elyse was a student at Kurnai. She was tragically killed in a car accident earlier this year.

The idea for this Trust was suggested by the Assemblies of God Church in Morwell. Chaplain Liz Sulley has been the liaison person with the AOG church in setting up this Trust.

Elyse and her family have close connections with that church. A barbecue was recently held at the school to raise funds. It was provided by the Helping Hand program. A gold coin donation was asked. The money raised will go through the church to help Mercy International, an organization which works with children orphaned by AIDS in Thailand.

Closure days (pupil free days) to look at the areas which need further work. These days will include detailed discussions and focus on developing strategies to deal with the needs. These two days are necessary as the strategies must be developed for inclusion in the Strategic Plan to be completed by December this year, and will form the school policy for the next four years.

Transition To Year 7

The college is very pleased to see that the numbers for the Year 7 classes for 2007 have again increased, bringing the numbers to the mid nineties. This reflects the continuing good light in which the community views the college as an education venue for their child.



Hazelwood North Activities

THERE have been many extra curricular activities at Hazelwood North Primary School. These included:

- *A Physics and Laser Show for Year 5 and 6 students.
- *Safety Club training for selected Year 5 and 6 students.
- *A Basketball Clinic in Traralgon for Years 1-4 students
- *A visit to Bunnings for Grades 2W and 340
- *A football and netball round robin at Churchill
- *A visiting performance for the whole school.

*A Sunday morning working bee freshened up the appearance of the school ground.

Although official prep enrolment week is over we are still open for enrolments for 2006.

Friday October 6th and Saturday October 7th are the dates for the school's one hundred and twenty fifth anniversary celebrations. Please contact the school either by telephone (51661267) or email (hazelwood.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) for further details.

Pictured above is the school football team and below the school netball team.



Rob Juratowitch- Gippsland Education Precinct Principal



ROB Juratowitch completed his teaching qualifications at Monash University Gippsland. His first appointment following graduation, was at Kurnai KODE school. He taught there for five years. In the last year at KODE, he was promoted to Leading Teacher, being responsible for Information Technology and Communication across all of the Kurnai College that year.

In 2000, Rob was appointed Middle Years Co-Ordinator at Lowanna College. His goal was to address the question, "How do we transform schools from an eighteenth century model to a twenty-first century mode?" This meant addressing students engagement with school, particularly for the Year 7, 8 and 9, lifting the levels of enthusiasm, the will to try hard and the enjoyment of attending school.

Rob believes that the decline in attitude begins in Grade 5 and continues through to Year 10. From there on it picks up.

He has been working on putting into place structures and organization, which will help the students feel more engaged with school.

In 2003, the position at GEP was advertised. Rob saw this an opportunity which attracted his interest. He wanted to be at the cutting edge of this new venture where he could further practise and put into place the initiatives he had previously developed. This appointment extends his teaching experience from Prep to Year 12 and beyond.

Rob has two key ideas which he will continue to work to achieve as Principal.

Firstly he will address attendance. Work already done has achieved a huge lowering of absence figures. Attendance is now at 96%, one of the highest in Gippsland. This is a significant improvement.

Secondly he intends to lift the work ethic. He is insisting on stricter assessment measurement, setting appropriate

assessment tasks, and adherence to a policy of preparatory work and classroom work being seen as important. There will be strict School Assessment Course (SAC) evaluation. These assessments are the basis for VCE.

Rob feels the tone and the assessment improvement are the best in the Latrobe Valley. The foundations have been set. Students know what is required- a focus on learning for achievement.

The next step is to establish Pathways to Tertiary Studies. This has, in the past, been low in this area, compared to the rest of the state. The GEP gives the opportunity for increased levels of education in the workplace in the Latrobe Valley. The unique position of the GEP with TAFE, Gippsland Group Training and Monash, side by side with Kurnai, opens up many more possibilities. The ultimate aim is to see an increase in students engaged in tertiary education.

Schools News



World Cup Winning Team & Umpire

Visit to Gippsland Heritage Park Churchill North Primary School

We went to Old Gippsdown and I went in the old school and we split up into groups and we sat at the desks.

By Dayna

We played Olden Day Games in a shed. We all tried different games like bowling and pick up sticks.

By Ben

Grandparents Day

During term 2 Grades 1/2 D and D have been studying the Olden Days. To follow this up parents and grandparents were invited to school to share with the students some olden day's memorabilia. The students provided afternoon tea for their visitors and were shown some very interesting relics from the past.

World Cup Soccer

Congratulations to the 2 teams who played in our World Cup on Tuesday. With just 30 seconds to go the teams were even at 3 goals each. Then Nathan Lugton's Team got a goal. Congratulation to all who played and for playing fairly. There was some great play from both team. A big thank-you to Mr.Arbutnot for umpiring on the day and to Taryn Browne and Daniel Beyer for running the line.

Winter Sports

Netball

A group of 10 excellent netballers went and competed against 5 different schools at Gaskin Park. We lost 4 games and drew in one. We played very well; the team had lots of fun. We played a few games outside when we got back to school. We would like to thank Mrs Teychenne for coming along to umpire.

By Monica

Football

On Thursday 20th July 18 people went to Gaskin Park in Churchill to play football. We played all 5 matches on the same oval. Even though we got dirty we had fun. I really would really like to see the winter sports continue so that others can have fun too. Our only 2 points kicked in different matches were scored by Ryan Pither. I also acknowledge my team mates especially Joel Porretta and Ryan Pither again for their fantastic ruckwork.

By Ashley

Soccer

In our soccer team there are 16 players. Their names are: Nathan, Ryan O, Daniel, Nick, Tyson, Aidan, Taryn, Ainsley, Katelin, Hayley, Michael, Justin, Kacey, Zac and myself. At the start we faced 2 other

teams, Boolarra and Churchill Primaries. We won against Boolarra 3 - 0 but we lost against Churchill 1 - 0. We lost but Churchill were generous enough to put us back in because they got through to zones in footy.

On the 26th July we faced 4 teams, they were St Mary's, St Gabriele's, St Vincent's and Tyres. We won 3 games and drew one. Daniel scored the winning goal in the last game which meant we were the overall winners. We will be heading to Sale on the 11th August to play in the regionals.

We would really like to thank Mr Lugton who ran the lines for us.

By Jackson

T-Ball

In the T-Ball there were ten players and they were Ashlee, Vanessa, Danielle, Sam, Robert, Ryan P, Breanna, Darcy, Hayden M and Hayden S. The coach was Mr Krutli. In the first match we came a draw but in the second match we lost by 30 runs. Someone got tripped over and hit by the ball. On the way down and back we shared a bus with Churchill Primary and they were loud.

By Vanessa and Ashlee



The Football Team (above) and Soccer Team (below)



The Netball Team (above) and Mrs Tumpiring (below)



WorkSafe K.I.D.S Safety Club

The WorkSafe K.I.D.S Safety club is a school based Education program that guides school communities on issues of child safety and injury prevention. Schools are the second most common injury site for children. The WorkSafe K.I.D.S. Safety Club assists schools, teachers and students to identify and manage hazards in their school environment and make positive changes to the school environment and behaviour patterns. The program is student driven with teacher or parent assistance. Each school elects four to eight student representatives to facilitate the Safety Club and liaise with WorkSafe K.I.D.S.. These students can

become safety role models for the school and are further educated in safe practices through the safety education information received from WorkSafe K.I.D.S.. Six Year 5 Students from Lumen Christi volunteered to be part of the WorkSafe K.I.D.S. club. On Wednesday July 12th the group participated in an Education and Leadership day to train them in the identification of potential hazards. Joining them were students from Churchill Primary School, Boolarra Primary School, Hazelwood North Primary School, Yinnar and Yinnar South Primary Schools.

Boolarra Primary School Impressive Students!



We have been extremely impressed with the manner in which our students have settled down to work this term; the tone throughout all grades has been one of great industry and application. Term 3 is 11 weeks long, with very few interruptions, so our teachers have a great deal of work planned to build on our students' skills and knowledge. If the attitude and endeavour evident throughout the school is any indication - our students are clearly up to the challenge!

Boolarra Primary School Is An Exemplary School!

The Education Department has launched a new website that focuses on creating safe schools and minimising bullying. We are extremely proud to be one of only 6 schools (3 of which are primary schools) from across Victoria that are presented as having exemplary procedures in place to combat bullying. If you wish to visit the site please go to [http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/well-](http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/well-being/safeschools/bullying/index.htm)

[being/safeschools/bullying/index.htm](http://www.safeschools/bullying/index.htm). Our school is also one of the 6 schools featured in the booklet entitled "Safe Schools are Effective Schools". It is very gratifying to see all the hard work that everyone at the school puts in to ensure our students feel as happy and safe as possible receiving state wide recognition.

Bicycle Education

Recently grade 3-6 students completed two weeks of intense training focussing on riding their bikes safely. We are very grateful to many parents who assisted with the Bike Ed program. Students identified by the teachers as having good skills have formed our Bike Ed team that will compete at the Latrobe Valley Championships later in the year. This team will face tough competition as Boolarra Primary School are deemed to be the school to beat, having been the Latrobe Valley Champions a record 7 years out of the 8 that this competition has been running!

Yinnar & District Sport:

Our grade 3-6 students have recently competed in soccer, netball and football competitions against neighbouring schools. Whilst we didn't win many games, our students tried hard, showed excellent sportsmanship and represented our school proudly.

Clubs Program

Grade 2 to 6 students are participating in an enrichment program each Friday this term, which sees them engaged in Lego Technic construction, gardening, knitting, latch hooking, pet care or bicycle education, depending on their personal preferences. The students are very motivated and enthusiastic and are clearly relishing the opportunity to participate in this program.

Forthcoming Events:

- Thursday 3rd August
2:00 pm Visiting Show:
Valanga Khoza (Out of Africa)
Gr 3-6 Show Case Evening
- Kahootz Computer Work
- Friday 4th August
Junior School Council's Jeans
for Genes Day
- Wednesday 9th August
Yinnar & District High Jump
Finals

Pictured top: Victoria and Kea participating in Knitting Club, above: Erin, Emily and Holly participating in Gardening Club and left: Kaidyn and Tyler creating vehicles using Lego Technic.



Yinnar South Primary School

We have had a busy start to term three with school reports going home, our swimming program commencing, bike ed sessions beginning and participation in inter school netball and football matches.

We are starting to prepare for our annual art show. The children have begun sessions with Trish Leddin and they are beginning to make things out of clay.

In May we had 13 students participate in the Yinnar and District Cross Country Event. Congratulations to all participants who tried their hardest Genevieve, Caitlin, Chase, Amber, Jack, Bryce G, Cohen, Shaquille, Jemma, Peter, Pat, Daniel and Scott. Special congratulations to Chase, Jack and Shaquille for making it through to the zone cross country which took place on Tuesday 23rd May at Glengarry.

We recently had a whole school excursion to Walhalla. The children visited the Long Mine and panned for gold in the creek. We also visited the Walhalla Museum which allowed us to appreciate what our ancestors used in their homes. The children's high-

light was visiting the cemetery and scar-ing away the ghosts. We were very fortunate to have our two student teachers accompany us on the excursion.

On Thursday 27th July our Junior School Council held a pikelet morning tea in the hall to raise money for a new sand pit. We made lots of pikelets, cups of Milo and cups of tea.

Last week the grade 3 and 4 children from Boolarra came to our school and demonstrated cup stacking to all the children.



Schools News

Churchill Primary School Best Foot Forward

The Musical

The big news at Churchill Primary School is the Musical- "Best Foot Forward". Daryl Diamond, the scheming developer, and his horrid assistant, Nancy, mean to demolish the great



Callum, Tristan, Emily and Cameron (above) and Cameron and Rhys (below) take part in the Greener Gardens Project



"Starlight Dance Hall", in order to build the tallest building in the city, and become "King of the Town". Caretakers Tom and Donna, plead with him to change his mind. Throughout the show, Tom and Donna reminisce on all the great times in the dance hall over the decades. Dances from some great eras are depicted including the twenties, the big band forties, the rock and roll fifties, the sixties pop era, the disco seventies, the rap style of the nineties. Each item also depicts a small incident reminiscent of that era. Daryl appears to create trouble throughout the show, and to add humour and pace while the next performance group prepares to enter. Local Police Officer Rooney, who knew Daryl in his younger days, and now near retirement, also remembers some exciting times in the dance hall over the years.

Rehearsals are well and truly under way, and there is a buzz around the school as the children practice their items and the main characters practice their lines.

Tickets are on sale at the crazy price of \$5 per seat for everyone. If you do not wish to miss out on this fantastic performance get your ticket before and after school, at the school for the Monday matinee on September 4th, and the evening performances at 7pm on 5th, 6th, and 7th September. Hurry, hurry, hurry!!!!

The Gardening Program

All grades participated in the Greener Gardens Project with John Ruyg of Tremendous Landscapes, through funds supplied by Latrobe City Council. The school would like to thank all the local support groups of this program. The students learnt about planting and care of vegetable gardens. There are some healthy plants, of which the planters are very proud, growing in the garden. The hot house is in production and doing well. The vegies will be harvested in time and used as part of health and nutrition activities.

A Fresh Interior Environment

All the building activities are proceeding well. The smell of fresh paint lingers as the classrooms are being brightened with arrays of all the colours of the rainbow. Local painter, Wayne Vincent and his crew are doing a great job. It is a pleasure to walk into the school and see how fresh and clean it is.

Exciting Innovation

Exciting innovation in three classrooms comes in the form of interactive electronic white boards. These will allow students and teachers to share stories, or quickly scan and display stories for editing purposes. It is also a great tool for allowing students to view the internet as a whole grade, see a globe of the world to locate discussion places, watch DVDs, and do Maths activities. These facilities are being trailed in the three rooms, as a means of looking to the classrooms of the future.

The Fence

Construction work on the school fence is approaching completion. It looks fantastic with the burgundy colour blending into the surrounding native trees and shrubs, providing a barrier, without being an eye sore. No-one is allowed inside the fenced area out of school hours. The community is most welcome to use the basketball court and oval, but the inside of the fence is out of bounds! A big "Thank You" to all the community groups, and individuals who contributed to the financing of this most necessary and worthwhile project. In the last few weeks large donations from Telstra and Grand Ridge Plantations have completed the cost involved. The school would like to say a HUGE "Thank You" to Janine Hayes who has worked tirelessly



Best Foot Forward Cast Members

as Co-Ordinator, and fund raiser for this project. The addition to the fence of the plaques with contributors names, will happen soon.

Sporting Activities

Two teams have made it to the next stage of the Zone Finals for Girl's Soccer and in Football. Both these teams were a credit to the school, representing it very well.

HPV-Human Powered Vehicle

Thank you to all those walkers who smile and wave and support the HPV teams as they cycle around town doing their training, on Wednesdays early in the mornings. The teams have been inspired by you, and given a real boost. Please keep it up.

The HPV teams are well into their training regime. At present the school is chasing sponsorship for this event. Can you help? If so please contact the school.



The new fence

Lumen Christi - a Safe School

Lumen Christi Catholic primary school in Churchill have certainly taken on how important it is to be a safe school. They were one of only 35 schools, from all sectors in Victoria to receive a \$1000 grant in National Safe Schools week to

support their initiatives related to the National **Safe Schools Framework**.

One of the highlights of the week was a Mother's day concert and luncheon put on by the staff and students. Each class performed and entertained the mothers and grandmothers with a variety of items such as prayer, poetry, songs, rap and novelty items. This was so well attended and everyone had a great time.

In the evening we also held a session for parents on "Building Positive Relationships with your children", facilitated by local psychologist Danny Blackford.

On the Tuesday they had multi-age rotational groups participating in a variety of activities such as art, dance, drama, yoga, Physical Education, Science and Maths. This was a wonderful day of fun, education and of learning to work together.

The school also launched a Safe Schools poster competition, which was judged by people from the Parish. The children could choose any

aspect of school life for their poster; eg bullying, bus travel, safety around the schools or values education.

Helen Moss and the Year class organised a Mass on the Friday around the theme of togetherness. At the conclusion of Mass the parents joined the students for morning tea.

The Year 5 and 6's completed a bullying survey to see just how often bullying occurred, by whom and where.

Lumen Christi also received funding from Values Education to have 'Bullybusters', Amelia Suckling and Carla Temple (pictured below) run a works



Lumen Christi WorkSafe Kids



Churchill Saloon

Every - Wednesday Night - Uni Night

Every - Thursday Night - Over 28's

Every - Friday Night - Variety Club

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September

2nd - Silverstring Outlaws - Entry \$10 per person

16th - Crackerjack - With Their new

Song -

B & S Balls & Bundy. Entry \$5 per person. Bundy Promo and Giveaways



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Long-Tan Remembered

By JOHN F HOLTMAN

I CAN still live it and feel it as if it were yesterday. The dark overcast evening in August 1966 as I patrolled through the destroyed village of Long-Tan, South Vietnam with my company.

Under the leaden monsoon skies two rifle companies of the Australian Task Force were in patrol locations searching for reported Viet-Cong and mobile forces. The Task Force location had been mortared the night before. Bravo Company 5th RAR and Delta Company 6th RAR were in early warning patrol positions north of the Task Force.

As the rain began to teem down we hear, away to the east, the crescendo of a heavy fire fight. There was the sound of heavy machine guns, rocket propelled grenades and masses of rifle fire. At that point we did not know it, but the Battle of Long-Tan had commenced.

The radio crackled into life and my company was ordered to adopt a 'block' position and to seal off the approach and withdrawal paths of the enemy forces who were determined to wipe out the Australian Task Force.

Delta Company had clashed with the forward elements of a 2,500 strong enemy force consisting of the 274th mobile regiment and the D445 local battalion. Without any cover other than the rubber trees ten platoon dropped into the mud and weeds of the plantation floor and began a battle to survive.

By this time the task force artillery was involved and salvos of 105mm shells screamed through the air like the rush of express trains. The gun crews and their cannons expended 5000 rounds of artillery in the battle. On the ground, ten platoon met attack after attack, their weapons steaming in the tropical downpour. The enemy suffered ghastly losses. The accurate machine gun fire and rifle fire cut them down by the score.

A cry of need went out to the Task Force, Delta Company who were expending ammunition rapidly, if their ammunition was gone, certain death was their fate.

Here an extraordinary act of courage originated. RAAF Iriquios helicopter crews paying no heed to the torrential rain and enemy ground fire flew in insane conditions above the hard pressed Australian infantry below, kicking and throwing boxes of vital ammunition to the battle scene. For five hours the battle raged. Time and time again the Viet-Cong attacked, looking for weakness, but the Aussies held.

In the gloom of late evening A company 6 RAR and 3 Troop APC Squadron launched a devastating attack by floodlight, directly into the enemy rear areas. This was the end of the Viet-Cong attack. Whilst artillery still pounded their escape routes and their wounded strived to survive, the taste of victory was on the lips of the Australians.

My company was in its block position and throughout the battle fleeing groups of Viet-Cong dumped our perimeter and were cut down. There was no sleep that night.

At first light I lead my platoon through the carnage of the battle as we began the pursuit of the fleeing enemy forces. Through the haze and gloom of the morning mist, the smoke of gunfire and exploding shell hung over the scene like a dark blanket of death. Enemy bodies and moaning wounded littered the ground.

It was later to be revealed there were 300 dead there as we moved through the slaughter ground. The faces of my young infantry told it all: disgust, revulsion and salute to the men of Delta Company. Nineteen had died in action.

But the soldier in battle has no rest. To survive you must press on and for the next three days we relentlessly drove the fleeing enemy in to the SAS ambushes pre-laid along their escape routes. Sixty more enemy were to die or become POWs in that follow up.

The Battle of Long-Tan is now history. One hundred and ten young Australians had stopped cold more than 2,000 of the hard core Viet-Cong. The extraordinary courage of the RAAF helicopter crews was vital to the survival of the Australians.

But to those young Aussie infantry on the ground, the real badge of courage is fitting. In the ten years the war endured on, the Australian Task Force was never attacked again and Phuc-Tuy Province was the only true service province in South Vietnam. Delta Company 6 RAR was awarded the US Presidential Unit Citation, the highest award for unit bravery the Americans awarded.

Surely now as we pause and reflect on the past, back across the battlefields, the phantom armies march in our memory and names like Gallipoli, Tobruk, Kokoda, New Guinea and Long-Tan enter our realms of respect and tribute. Surely in the history pages of Australians at war, are depicted here some of our finest hours.

Lest we forget.

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Quilt and Craft Exhibition

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

By JEAN BAUDENDISTER, Publicity Officer

THINGS are getting into top gear in preparation for our inaugural Quilt and Craft Exhibition to celebrate our 25th Anniversary.

One working bee has already been held with another couple being planned. We have a good range of stall holders booked into the market place. They will bring new ideas and a range of saleable stock for purchase.

Churchill Lionesses are catering for the exhibition with Devonshire teas, light snacks and refreshments available for a quiet cuppa and a bite to eat.

To make the exhibition more interesting there will be a range of demonstrations over the two days with machine embroidery, including free standing lace and beading. 'Annie' our quilting machine, will be demonstrated and available for a try out. We will also be demonstrating scrapbooking, folk art, candlewicking, tatting, Brazilian embroidery and creative surface embroidery.

Prizes for each section will be by popular vote (there are 13 sections, junior and senior) and there will be a lucky door prize presented each day.

To make the exhibition a success we need the support of the general public, by coming along and enjoying the wonderful craft that will be on display, or by exhibiting their own craft.

Late entries will be accepted until 18th August, with exhibits to reach us no later than 31st August or 1st September.

For entry forms or more information call in at the Neighbourhood Centre or ring us on 5122 2955 or 5122 22237.

The exhibition will be held on 2nd and 3rd September 2006 at the Churchill Neighbourhood centre (Leisure Centre), Cnr Northways Road and McDonald Way, Churchill from 10am - 5pm Saturday and 10am - 4pm Sunday. The entry fee is \$5, concession \$3 with children free.

MONASH UNIVERSITY GIPPSLAND CAMPUS

iThink Seminars - Theme: - Social Justice

Semester 2, 2006

23rd August: Dr Chris Laming - Lecturer in Social and Community Welfare
"Privileged passion or passionate privilege"

30th August: Associate Professor Colleen Lewis
"What you didn't know about crime and never dared to ask."

6th September: The Right Reverend John McIntyre - Bishop Anglican Diocese of Gippsland
"Black And White Australia: Reconciliation & Hope"

13th September: Assoc. Prof. Lindsay Fitzclarence - Assoc. Dean, Faculty of Education, Gippsland Campus
"Darwin Lives, God Dies - We All Lose" Social Justice, Science & Technology & Education"

20th September: Dr. Ashraf Kazi - Lecturer, Dept Business Law & Taxation
"Existence of Child Labour in The 21st Century & Human Rights: Social Justice -, International Perspectives & Legal Implication."

Time: 1:00pm - The Hexagon - 1S132 - Bring your lunch.



Social Anxiety Disorder

Professor DON JEFFERYS
Deakin University

Social phobia, now known as social anxiety disorder, is our most common anxiety disorder effecting up to 13.9% of the population. This illness begins at an early age; for 45%, the condition has onset prior to the age of ten and for 95%, prior to age twenty.

Unfortunately, for most, it is a chronic illness, waxing and waning throughout their life, compromising life's chances.

Historically, when the condition was recognised in children and adolescents, it was trivialised, parents believing that their offspring will "mature/grow out of it". However, most who experience social anxiety disorder invariably develop other illnesses such as panic disorder and/or a mood disorder either dysthymia or major depression.

Social anxiety disorder is more than just "shyness"; sufferers avoid one or more social situations with the most common being talking in front of others, writing or working whilst being observed, using public toilets, meeting strangers and talking on the telephone.

For many, these situations are totally avoided, however, some do enter the feared situations at which time they may experience intense fear or a panic attack. Prior to entering, they invariably experience anticipatory anxiety that is often intense, the anxiety concerned with, "what if I make a mistake, what if I am

not perfect, what will people think of me?" It is this concern with the possibility of unfavourable evaluation that leads sufferers of social anxiety disorder to avoid the feared situations.

This condition often runs in families; unfortunately, denial of the disorder commonly occurs within families. If you are a sufferer, acknowledge it, if it appears in your children, obtain treatment early.

Many, men and women, often use alcohol as a means of coping with their anxiety/panic, the consequence of which is the development of alcohol related problems. Adolescents, these days, also use illicit drugs to cope with this condition.

Today, social anxiety disorder can be treated, however, most suffer quietly and have never been treated. The most common treatments used are pharmacotherapy and cognitive behavioural therapy, the simultaneous use of both these therapies perhaps providing the best results.

When successfully treated, those with social anxiety disorder can live productive and fulfilling lives; those who don't wish to acknowledge their illness and seek help, often live compromised and unfulfilling lives.

Dr Don Jefferys, PhD, MAP's, Suite 4/140 Church Street, Richmond, Tel: 9420 1414.

Lions Club Of Churchill & District

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity
The "new" vehicle which the club will enter in the Camp Quality esCarpade this year has received a coat of paint and is now waiting for sponsorship logos to adorn it. It is a XE Falcon which is replacing our very weary and much travelled HQ Holden.

Lion John Barker and Lioness Margaret Barker (volunteers) attended a three day weekend Camp Quality family camp on Mt Baw Baw in July. We were lucky enough to have snow (11cm on Wednesday and all gone on Sunday) and the families, especially the children, had a fantastic time. They enjoyed skiing, tobogganing, snow tubing, snow play and a very special snow theme dinner.

Wayne Poole has re-joined the Lions club. Immediate Past President Kevin Rennie performed the induction. Welcome back Wayne.

Lion John Barker represented the Lions club at the presentation to

Latrobe City of the Regional Australia Day Award. The Churchill event formed part of the successful Award submission.

Members have attended local Lions club's changeovers - District, Yallourn North, Moe, Morwell, Traralgon and Yinnar - in the past few weeks.

Catering performed - Bunnings, Amateur Radio Club, Junior Swim Meet.

Catering coming up - Bunnings, Toy Run, LV Express Expo.

The Lions club has registered as a "Friend of Ronald McDonald House" at Monash Medical Centre.

Lion John Barker attended the launch of the book "Oral History of Churchill".

Lion Glenda Marshman the outgoing 201V3 District Governor, presented awards to Churchill Lions. Cabinet members Steve Duggan and John Barker for their support to the District Governor, and a Melvin Jones Award to Peter McShane for his outstanding contribution to

District as Cabinet Secretary.

Lions and Lioness clubs combined for the visitation of the new District Governor Ken Anderson.

The Lions Birthday Club, sponsored and run through the Churchill & District News by our Lions Club, is a great hit. Matthew Bianconi and Sydney Simpson 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.



Glendonald Residents Group Tree Planting

National Tree Planting Day, organized by Planet Ark, was held across Australia on Sunday 30 July. GRG planted an assortment of native trees, shrubs, ground covers and native grasses in Glendonald Park.

A handful of local residents, a few teens and about a dozen young children turned up to help plant out more than sixty plants in garden beds adjacent to the BMX track.

Plants used were all native to Victoria, and mostly indigenous to this area. A number of shrubs, such as Callistemon (Bottlebrush), will attract native birds when in flower.

Gardening tools, watering cans, etc were all supplied, to ensure the task was made easy for volunteers. Interested youngsters were aided by patient adults to do much of the planting. Tree guards were also put in situ, to give the young plants some protection until established. Sunny weather made this a very pleasant activity, which was finished off with a free lunch and cans of lemonade for the workers.

Many thanks to the willing volunteers who lent a hand. Latrobe City Council funded the purchase of plants for this activity and has supported GRG with project funds for the purchase of equipment to be used for community plantings like this one.

The Council has recently installed bollards along the northern boundary of Glendonald Park (Phillip Parade and

Amaroo Drive). A gate will also be put across the driveway leading to the BBQ shelter, to prevent cars from driving through the Park.

Residents are reminded that cars are not allowed to drive onto Latrobe City parks, unless permission is obtained from City By-Laws. Offenders may be fined.

Glendonald Park Advisory Committee has been designing a new 'entrance' for the Park. This will be placed at the paths opposite Hazelwood House. The first stage of this construction will be installed in the next few weeks.

GRG aims to promote, foster and advance the Glendonald Estate through participation in community affairs, advocacy, and the development of projects and partnerships, leading to social inclusion through mutual co-operation and support. We encourage all residents of Glendonald to become involved in our activities.

Next month's GRG meeting, on Tuesday 29 August, is our AGM and elections. Starting at 6pm, the evening will include guest speaker, Grant McNeill from Quantum Support Services, speaking on the topic of 'Working with Communities'. Residents are requested to bring a plate to share for dinner. Childcare will be provided. All residents of Glendonald are welcome to attend. For further information, contact Barbara James on 5122 1407



Wattle Club now PAG!

By RUTH PLACE
WATTLE Club is now to be known as a Planned Activity Group (PAG). It is no longer ADASS. These groups throughout the Latrobe valley area have a new Co-Ordinator, Betty Beacham. Betty can be contacted on 5136 5436 or mobile 0400 067 632.

Name change aside the happy band of Wattle Clubbers continue along with their varied and interesting program.

As I arrived to see what they had be up to, mouth watering smells greeted me. The members were enjoying a multi-cultural day. The smells were of dishes from various countries, which they would be sampling for their lunch. The word "multicultural" was written across the top of the whiteboard, and they were trying to find as many words as possible from the letters, the rules saying that letters could only be used as many times as they appeared in the word "multicultural". Quite a list had already been assembled. On a table, a collection of objects showed the various backgrounds of the members

represented. It was an interesting collection.

Previous activities included a circus day. The 'in for a penny, in for a pound' leaders and a couple of the volunteers had dressed up as clowns, or painted their faces in line with the theme. It was a fun day. Popcorn was a favourite snack.

The Mystery Outing day saw the clients bussed off to Sale to the Art Centre Gallery to see the much enjoyed Annameike Mein exhibition. This exhibition was deemed to be very special, and much appreciated, by those who went. Kentucky Fried Chicken was the lunchtime menu.

The members and volunteers have been working on a huge jig-saw for quite some time. It was a time of great celebration when it was finally finished. Such an achievement was too much to ignore. A photo was taken to prove it did happen!

Kerri is one of the happy go lucky leaders of the group. She loves purple. So to honour her and for a lot of fun, the clients took part in a purple day.

Stephen Parker The Liberal Candidate For Morwell

Stephen Parker has been endorsed as the Liberal Party's candidate for Morwell in the upcoming state election in November.

He is married with three children and currently lives on a farm located south of Morwell.

Stephen moved to the Latrobe Valley in 1987 to take up the position of financial consultant for the La Trobe Country Credit Union. With qualifications in accounting and marketing, Stephen is now a Chief Executive Officer.

Stephen has been involved in many local community activities through the Rotary Club of Morwell

and has actively supported local business through his membership of the Morwell Chamber of Commerce (now Advance Morwell), Australian Institute of Management, and CPA Australia.

The need to develop and grow sustainable industries in the Latrobe Valley is an issue of particular concern to Stephen who sees this as the key to providing employment opportunities for youth in the community.

As a family man, Stephen recognises the need to address the shortage of adequate childcare facilities and improve the standard of health

care available for the Latrobe Valley residents. He would also like to see more resources devoted to improving the standard and affordability of local education facilities.

"I am passionate about the Latrobe Valley and proud to be a part of the local community," Mr Parker said.

"I believe there is great potential for future growth and development in the Latrobe Valley region, which continues to be an important economic centre in country Victoria and a great place for people to live."

Glendonald Park Preschool

Is now taking enrolments for 2007.

A minimum of 12 children are needed for Glendonald to remain open next year. Forms can be picked up from Latrobe City Council or Glendonald Park Preschool.

Enroll NOW 5122 3315

Old Time Family Dance

The next Jeeralang North monthly old time family dance will be held in the Jeeralang North Hall on Friday 25 August

Dancing from 8.00 pm to 11.30 pm
Music: Harmony Plus
Admission: \$5.00

Door Prize & Novelties
Please bring a plate



For more details please ring Zelma Mildenhall on 5166 1264

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

BIRTHDAYITES!



Sydney Simpson
4 years on 12th July
2006

The July "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 July list. This could have been

Matthew Bianconi,
9 years on 3rd July
2006



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

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, _____E, and whether BOY or GIRL (all information strictly confidential).

The lucky "Birthdayites" last month were
MATTHEW BIANCONI and SYDNEY SIMPSON.

BIRTHDAYITES FOR AUGUST

Ethan BERTOLLI	4 years
Gypsie GRIFFITHS	4 years
Katelyn LUGTON	10 years
Zachary McLURE	10 years
Kerry MISSINGHAM	3 years
Noah MUDGE	2 years
Shyanne POST	4 years
Jayden WILKINS	11 years
Jazmyn WILKINS	8 years

The randomly chosen "BIRTHDAYITES" this month are
GYPSIE GRIFFITHS and NOAH MUDGE.

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

John Barker Publicity

Gippsland Burning Operations - Your Input Needed

NOW is the time to find out what fire prevention works, asset protection and ecological burns are planned for public land (parks and forests) in your neighbourhood. The Department of Sustainability and Environment's three-year Fire Operations Plans are available for public comment at DSE offices across the region until Friday August 25.

Regional Fire Manager, David Tainsh said that over the coming weeks, DSE will be seeking input from the community on the Fire Operations Plans to ensure that everyone affected has a chance to comment on and contribute to proposed fuel reduction and ecological burns across the region.

"The Fire Operations Plan is an important organisational plan and tool for sustainable land management that requires the involvement of all stakeholders and the community," Mr Tainsh said.

"Everyone is encouraged to participate in the burns planning process and to raise any concerns or comments with DSE's local Fire Management Officers now, before the Plan is finalised in late September."

Fire is part of the Australian landscape and Victoria's location, its vegetation and climate combine to produce one of the most

fire-prone areas in the world. "Burning is not only about asset protection, it's about protecting our natural environment and the flora and fauna that inhabit that environment," Mr Tainsh said.

"Many of our native plants and animals need fire for their ongoing survival: to open seed pods and release seed, or to provide the right conditions for their food sources to grow."

Department staff will meet with the community, public land managers, local councils, indigenous communities, CFA and flora and fauna specialists to achieve the best outcomes for community safety and the environment.

Please contact the Fire Management Officer at your nearest DSE office for further information and to view the Fire Operations Plan for your fire district. If you are unsure of who to talk to, please call Natalie Plant or Janet Drummond on 51 722111.

CHURCHILL FIRE BRIGADE WORD SEARCH



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How did you go finding the safety messages last month?
Here are two more to find.
The words go forward, backward, up and down and diagonally.
The messages are:
Working smoke alarms saves lives
Cool a burn
There are very important messages to remember. Happy searching.

Umberto Penco

Part 2

A visit to the Harbour Trust Officer in William Street confirmed that there would be no work for Bert. He was injured so he was out. He would have to find another job.

He found a job at Fisherman's Bend, working at a tyre factory. It was a long way from his flat, he was working shift work, and there was no transport to take him home. All night he worked, all day he looked for another job. His tyre pressing job required him to put his serial number tag on each tyre before closing the molding press. One night shift, he kept putting his tag on the same tyre over and over again, he was so tired and sleepy. The Supervisor went crook at him and fired him. Three days later Bert came back

Happy to leave Melbourne, he stepped off the train at 10:00 am, at Moe station in early February 1952

to collect his pay, to be told he had not worked a full week so was not entitled to any pay. Another job in the Olympic Tyre Factory in Footscray was next.

Life in Melbourne was very hard on Bert. He went to the Employment Office again. Men were wanted for the construction work at Yallourn Power Station, and the large Snowy Mountains Hydro project. Bert was told he could get to Yallourn by train, and was even supplied with a ticket. He boarded the train early next day with all his possessions. Happy to leave Melbourne, he stepped off the train at 10:00 am, at Moe station in early February 1952, along with 20 or more other passengers. At 3:00 p.m., the men still waited, hungry and uncertain. The grey bus arrived to take them to the West Camp. Their names were recorded before they set off again to Yallourn North where they were housed in large Nissen Huts, which had been divided into small 3m x 2-1/2m cubicles containing a bunk. They unpacked and settled in. Next morning a bus arrived to take them all down to where the Central Workshops and C Station were under construction.

The large township of Yallourn was the main centre. A fire station, police, transport, medical clinic, a nice hospital, variety of shops in the shopping centre, hotel, a large theatre, lots different sport activities, entertainment, kindergarten, schools, churches and all other facilities necessary for the active local community were there.

The towns of Yallourn North, Moe, Morwell and Newborough, were all in the process of being expanded by Commission Housing, to cater for the influx of workers to come. In the meantime for some of the early families, the married quarters, a small estate alongside the Latrobe River, was the only choice. Where W. Power Station is at present, was the West Camp. There was Thomson General Store, and the post office. Bert and about one hundred other people of different nationalities, resided for the next four years.

Bert was assigned a job to locate and mark from a list, the right steel pieces for the day's work, before the men arrived at 7:30 am at the C station work site. This ensured that the day proceeded smoothly. Bert decided to change jobs after a series of accidents, resulting in death and injury. He began as a bricklayer's labourer, mixing mortar, and ensuring a steady supply of bricks for the bricklayers at the Yallourn central work shop. Next followed a stint with the plumbers, installing pipes in the work shop, for the supply of compressed air, up among the girders. Then he received a call from the Mechanical Construction Supervisor. Fearing the worst, Bert was dubious about responding. However, the mechanical Supervisor, Fred Longly, wanted Bert to work as a rigger for his team. He had seen Bert up on the girders and thought he would be the right man for rigging jobs to assemble and erect all the overhead cranes at the central work shop under leading hand Don McTaggard, the same being manufactured by Malcolm More. Bert had no rigging ticket. That came later when regulations required it, brought about by the many serious accidents which occurred. In the construction industry, Bert worked for this group for a few years. During that time he was required to obtain licenses to operate winches and cranes, to assist on the installation of machinery which came from England, Scotland, Italy, and Germany. It

arrived by train, some in large boxes which had to be opened unpacked, assembled and cleaned before being put into position. Civil construction contractors built the concrete bases for the machines.

Bert also spent some time working at the Latrobe river pump house and reservoir for the supply of water to the Yallourn township and the surrounding work areas. The reservoir was located on top of the hill above the township. Next followed a job at the Briquette Factory as a rigger. This job entailed changing the system from helical or screws conveyors to a series of individual chain conveyors, so that if anything happened to one conveyor, the whole line did not have to shut down. There was a large coal dust explosion incident, which claimed one life and burnt one fellow badly. This same fellow was burnt again on another occasion.

In the construction team Bert's work entailed installing a new larger press from Germany at the Yallourn Briquette Factory. This effectively doubled the output. (The same presses later were installed at the Morwell Briquette Factory). Bert also worked replacing the elements inside the precipitators, and the internal cement lining of the two new chimneys. A subsequent accident saw Bert burnt. These accidents prompted the introduction of safety measures.

Other jobs were working for many years with Mechanical Maintenance at Yallourn Open Cut, maintaining water pumps for fire prevention, conveyors and dredges. The maintenance personnel were also responsible for relocating conveyors, and dredges.

Bert purchased a house in Yallourn North. In 1956, he married Gina, and had two sons Chris and Robert. They lived there for several years. Bert had decided to put in for jobs at Loy Lang or Morwell, and so wanted housing closer to his work. Bert applied for a house in Churchill. Bert and family looked around and settled on a house

in Coolibah Drive, moving in 1982. Bert missed out on the jobs for which he had applied, but continued to work at Yallourn finishing up as a Planning Officer, a responsible job, which entailed organising and scheduling a job from start to finish, and for the procurement of the necessary machinery, manpower and equipment's. Bert retired 40 years later from the S.E.C. in 1992.

Bert confesses it was some months before he discovered the shopping centre in town, as going north to work each day meant he did not have to see the rest of Churchill.

In 1984-85, Bert decided to join the Churchill Fire Brigade, after investigating what was required.

The station, an old tin shed, was located on the corner of Wattle Crescent adjacent to Switchback Road. Bert turned out to fires and was also a handy man around the station. When he joined there were only about twelve or so active members at the old fire station. Bert retired in 1996 when he turned 66 from the then, new modern fire station, in Phillip Parade.

Bert is also a talented woodworker and the items he has produced have been appreciated by many.

When asked what he thinks of living in Churchill Bert replies that it is a nice place. From those early days when everything was bare

There were a few people early on, who were resentful of people not born in Australia

and there were no gardens, he maintains that the place had a fresh feel to it. The town was a friendly place on the whole. There were a few people early on, who were resentful of people not born in Australia, but that doesn't happen now, he said.

Bert emphasises that learning the language, and the way of life is imperative, and helps you integrate. Not integrating means you miss this way of life and the friendliness it brings if you are part of the scene. Bert warns that we should not judge people from the outside, but look below the surface. There is goodness in everyone.

Bert says Churchill people are generous and helpful and he is glad to call it his home.



Hazelwood North Primary School 125th Celebrations

Are you a former student, staff member or parent of students at Hazelwood North Primary School?

The school is planning some activities to celebrate the 125th Anniversary on October 6th and 7th 2006.

We are looking for old school photos to scan and some of our senior students will be researching aspects of the school's history.

Do you wish to be interviewed or to provide written comments? Can you help us with the contact details of former staff members or students?

If you can help us, please contact the school via email at: hazelwood.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or tel: 5166 1267 as soon as possible.

Proposed Program Friday, 6th October

*Open Day - see the school as it operates today

- *Tours of school by senior students
- *Displays
- *Visitors Book
- *Invite past students to talk to students.
- *Ongoing computer presentation of current students interviewing past staff and students.
- *Possible opening of new facilities.

Saturday 7th October

- *Visitors Book
 - *Roll Call
 - *BBQ Lunch
 - *Opening of time capsule
 - *Unveiling of student murals.
- We invite you to join the activities.



Churchill North Primary School to recognise its 30th birthday.

However, one photo is required to complete it. It is the 1976 Preps (Group 4) with John Henshaw the teacher.

The following children were in the photo:-

Kim Christie Belinda Corti,

Churchill North Primary School History Photo Wanted

Justin Morgan	Paul Gozzo,
Jason Henry,	Karen Bradbury,
Darren Young	Stephen Walsh,
Kim Campbell	Jodie Barnes,
Jamie Gordon	Stephen Meall,
Rachel Andruschak	
Chris Anders	Kathy Wilson

If anyone has this photo could they please contact Roz on 51696445 or email: rcarstairs@eftel.com or send the photo to:

P.O.Box 84, Boolarra 3870
(It will be returned).

The Co-Operating Churches in Churchill Community Life Panel

Variety Concert

7:30pm Friday 25th August 2006

At the Church Centre, Williams Ave, Churchill

Featuring

**Kurnai College Band
Flinders Christian Community
College Latrobe Campus
Senior Band**

Bob Cooper &

friend

Country & Western.

Supper served following the concert!

Tickets: \$5.00 each

\$ 20.00 family (2 adults & 3 Children)

Contact: Glenda 5166 1819

Robyn 5166 1306



Hazelwood House Happenings



Joy Darragh celebrated her birthday with residents and staff. Joy cuts the cake while everyone sings happy birthday!

DO YOU LOVE SHOPPING? DO YOU LOVE A BARGAIN?

raising shopping tour!

Date: 14th October 2006

Time: Meet outside the Yinnar Post Office at 6.15am and we return approx 8.30pm.

Cost: The tour will be \$30 per person required by 29th August 2006. We still have some seats left so hurry before they all disappear.

The tour is a B.Y.O. Lunch. We will be stopping at a fast food outlet for people wishing to purchase their own food on the day.

Complimentary lollies will be given to all passengers. Chocolates, bottles of water and raffle tickets will be available on the day for purchasing.

So please come along and enjoy a day with friends, shop till you drop and support the local community while you have a day of fun.

For any more information please contact Samantha McGown on 5163 1312.

We look forward to seeing you on the day!



If you do please join our Playgroup, Possoms of Yinnar, and go on a warehouse shopping tour of Melbourne!

The playgroup is in need of new equipment for our growing number of children so we are having a fund

Ohh La La!

Once a month Hazelwood House residents have a cultural day. For the month of July the residents chose France.

French music was played throughout the day and residents enjoyed a meal of French cuisine.

Pictured is Lorna Pollock stylishly dressed up in her French outfit.



Fresh Enthusiasm for Mine Re-opening

The Wonthaggi StateMine2009 Working Group welcomes five new members to this volunteer community group following its recent recruitment drive. The group now comprises of 15 passionate and hardworking people who are busy investigating sources of external funding and community support to work towards the reopening of underground tours at the State Coal Mine in Wonthaggi.

Sheila Ormerod brings to the Working Group her sound financial knowledge having been treasurer of several community groups as well as her great organisational skills. Sheila instigated and organized the Italian Festa in Wonthaggi and was also heavily involved in the planning and building of the Scout Hall.

Harry Kiekebosch has a wealth of management and training experience over his working life and a great sense of community having managed

a local rehabilitation group at "The Garage" for a number of years. He is keen to see the town really identify itself with its mining past, be proud of it and value it.

Stephanie Symes is the Economic Development Manager at Bass Coast Shire Council. Stephanie has also managed tourism and heritage attractions, run an environmental education centre, worked in sales and marketing in multinational corporations and operated a yacht charter business.

Garry Wilson, along with other members of his family, has had a strong connection to the mine for a number of years with volunteering and many of his relatives also worked at the State Coal Mine during its coal producing years. The whole family is passionate that the underground tours must re-open to the public.

Garry Dennis is the Principal of the Wonthaggi Secondary College

and sees the existence of the mine as an important educative tool. Garry has been involved in a variety of community/Govt. partnership projects. Garry also has a personal interest and connection to the State Coal Mine as his grandfather worked there for over 30 years.

President of the Friends of the State Coal Mine, Mike Wellings said, "We welcome the valuable contribution that these new members can make and look forward to the challenges ahead as we strive to achieve our goal of re-opening tours in time for the mine's centenary in 2009."

StateMine2009 intends to have the State Coal Mine operating as an exciting and successful visitor attraction in time for this milestone and secure its future well beyond that date. (StateMine2009 is a partnership between Parks Victoria, Friends of the State Coal Mine and the community.)

If you have any suggestions or comments or if you would like to contact any members of the group, please call Liz Beale at the State Coal Mine on 5672 3053.

Pictured left: Clockwise from front left - Stephanie Symes, Gerry Lonergan, Mike Wellings, Garry Wilson, Harry Kiekebosch, Garry Dennis, Lou Storti, Liz Beale (standing), Sheila Ormerod, Sam Gatto and John Duscher



The Latrobe Valley Ballroom Dancers visited the Hostel and treated the residents to a wonderful display of old time dancing

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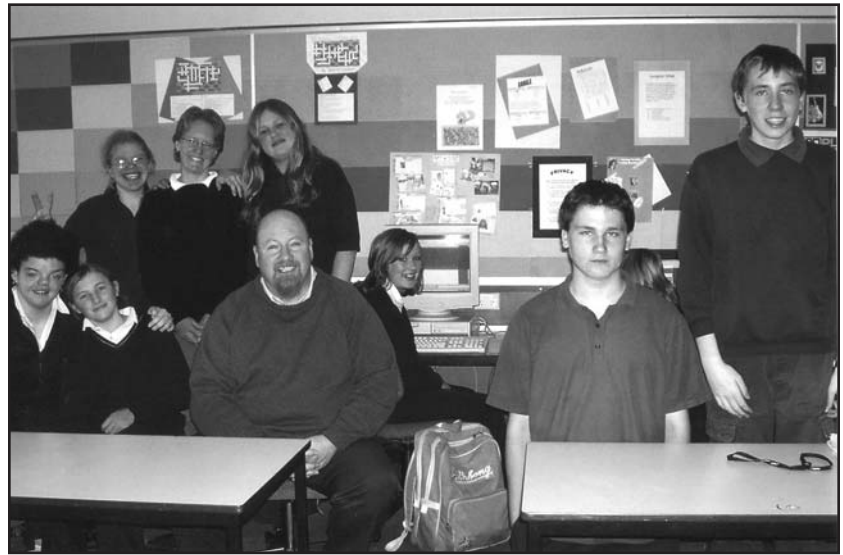
YOUTH YARD KURNAI COLLEGE, CHURCHILL

FRIDAY LUNCHTIMES

ROOM CR2

WRITE OR DRAW ITEMS TO SUBMIT TO
CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

SEE MR. MCDUFFIE FOR MORE INFO
OR JUST TURN UP NEXT FRIDAY!



Impact

By Lonely Heart

You left an impact on my life both good and bad
So I can't exactly just forget everything we had
I used to sadly reminisce on what we left behind
Knowing nothing will compare to all of our first times
Nothing will replace or change how much I care
And even if I go on knowing that we are no longer a pair
I now look back on what we had with a smile on my face
Because even if I can't be with you, those memories can't be replaced.
I hope to be a part of you as much as you are a part of me.
But what you are now is not the one I love, but a distant memory

I'm Here

I am powerless in your arms,
Unable to think,
Unable to move
Not wanting to breath
For fear that you will notice by presence
Or suddenly become annoyed by it.

So I watch my footing carefully
When I step near you,
So as not to disturb you
And your quiet thoughts.

When I cry
I make sure I do it quietly,
So I won't wake you
From your well deserved sleep.

When I have a problem

I hold it in and listen,
Because I know that you need
Someone to listen to yours

When you need me
I am always by your side,
To care for you
And dress your wounds.

I have offered you all of me
And yet I sit idly by,
Waiting for you to give something back,
To do anything that will show
that you love me in return.

Some say
the greatest pain in life is to be ignored.
Now I know
That the greatest pain in life
Is to love

The New Gym

BY JACQUE CHRISTIE

There is a new gym in Morwell called Beach House Fitness Centre.

The gym is a great place to be and the staff there always makes you feel welcome and comfortable.

The manager of the gym is Dean and he is such a lovely and wonderful guy to be around with his bubbly and caring ways. When you first meet him you'll think he is extremely crazy but when you get to know him you'll realize how nice he is.

Tania, who is the worlds greatest personal trainer, is

also a lovely and awesome person. I would like to thank Tania as she is helping my mum loose weight.

Gemma and Tracey are the receptionist and they both do such a great job.

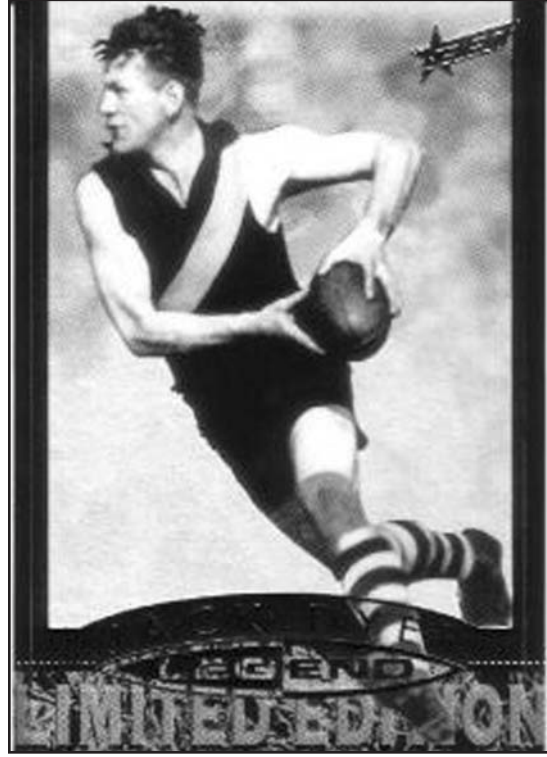
But out off all the staff at the gym my two favourites are Tania and Dean and if either of them left, the gym would be a very dull place because they both light the place up.

I'd like to thank Tania and Dean for everything they have done for my family and for everyone else.

Jack Dyer

By JELINDA PENNY, Kurnai College

John Raymond Dyer, also known as Jack Dyer, is one of the best footballers of all time. He was born on the 19 November 1913 in Oakleigh. He grew up at Yarra Junction. He then moved back to the city in 1927 where he played amateur football before being invited to try out for the Richmond Tigers in 1931. He was captain from 1941-1949 and coach from 1941-1952. He played 312 games and he was voted best and fairest in 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, and 1946. He played in



seven Grand Finals, two Premierships and kicked 443 goals in his career. He played ruckman and although he was only the height of 185cm, he was quick and rough. Dyer married Sybil and had two children, Jackie and Jill.

His nickname is Captain Blood, which he received from cartoonist John Ludlow in The Age in 1935, after

a character in an Errol Flynn Film. Tiger supporters worshiped him, the opposition despised him, either way Jack Dyer was a master of the game. Despite his reputation, he was only reported five times and only suspended once. He was one of the roughest members on the field and he made great use of the crunching hip and shoulder; he broke 5 guys' collar bones in just one season of football. His quote- "anything goes as long as you can get away with it." The fact that Jack Dyer was only suspended once during his 20 seasons suggests that he was eminently capable of 'getting away with it'.

Jack Dyer may seem rough and tough but under all that anger he was a very kind man. He was also voted the most decorative footballer of all time. He owned a florist and a lolly shop and across the road he coached a football team for war veterans at the Richmond R.S.L and with a coach like that they played as good as Richmond's recent team.

After retiring from coaching, Dyer turned to the media, where he became a respected commentator and football media personality. He happily contributed to two tongue-in-cheek sports/comedy offerings on Melbourne television, World of Sport, a Sunday morning panel show, and later League Teams. He was also was a radio broadcaster - for many years he and Ian Major called football matches for a radio station as The Captain and the Major. Retiring from the media in the early 1990s, when KZ-FM stopped broadcasting football, Dyer had one last impact on the game, successfully leading a fight to save his club from a merger with St. Kilda.

Jack Dyer's death was a very hard thing to cope with, not just to some people, to everyone. He died on the 23rd of August 2003, aged 89 caused by pneumonia. His funeral was held at St Ignatius Church (Church Street, Richmond) on the 27th of August at 10am. His funeral was amazing. His coffin had a real tiger skin lying over the top, the Richmond football team made a banner that said "Heaven's football team can now take the field because your captain has just arrived." John Raymond Dyer will remain a legend and inspire many.

The Brick

A young and successful executive was traveling down a neighbor street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As the car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door! He slammed on the brakes and backed the Jag back to the sport where the brick had been thrown.

The angry driver then jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting, "What was that all about and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing? That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?"

The young boy was apologetic. "Please, mister... please, I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do," he pleaded. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop..." With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the youth point to a spot just around a parked car. "It's my brother," he said "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up."

Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, "Would you please

help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me."

Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He hurriedly lifted the handicapped boy into the wheelchair, then took a linen handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts. A quick look told him everything was going to be ok. "Thank you and may God Bless you," the grateful child told the stranger. Too shook up for words, the man simply watched the boy push his wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk toward their home.

It was a long, slow walk back to the Jaguar. The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message: "Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!" God whispers in our souls and speaks to our hearts. Sometimes when we don't listen, he has to throw a brick at us. It's our choice to listen or not.

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South Suburbia
by Jazzman

Written by Lonely Heart

I wanted to love you,
But I was just too scared.
Haunted by the past,
That always seemed to reappear.

I tried my best to run and hide,
But I just couldn't get you off my mind.
Should I give love a second chance?
Or am I just wasting my time.

You promised you were different,
But so did the rest.
Then you looked into my eyes,
And I knew you had passed the test.

So I took a chance,
And fell deeply in love.
Maybe this is what I've been looking for,
That special kind of love from above.

God, how can this be true?
Everything is happening so fast.
But something keeps telling me,
I've found true love at last.

I'll Be All Right

By Lonely Heart

These last few days
Have been the hardest
You ask if I'm hurt
I say I'm all right

On the inside I'm hurt
I want to cry
On the outside I'm strong
And hold back the tears

I don't want you to feel bad
I don't want you to be so hard on yourself
It's going to take me a while
But don't worry, I'll be all right

We have become just friends
Which is perfectly fine with me
But no matter what
You still have a place in my heart

So don't be so hard on yourself
And don't worry
Because I'll be all right



My Thought's on Juvenile Crime and Punishment

By Robyn Moore
Juvenile Punishment

From the five points we were given to write our opinion about, I chose "Punishment of Innocent People", "Age of Criminal Responsibility" and "Juvenile Crime and Punishment." These three points go together because they have to do with the age young people should be punished at, what crimes are really serious and how being accused for something you didn't do can (in reality) really effect you.

As years, decades, centuries and millenniums go by, people have and are bound to get more free willed, defensive and destructive as the human race moves further into the future. To keep up with all these changes in the way we are and the way we act, laws need to change and be re-made to improve society.

Thousands of years ago, when we were thought to take the shape of apes, we were always busy combating for survival. Then, when we discovered fire (and along with that, many other things), we had free time; free time to envisage and ascertain. However, soon enough the human race just began inventing things to do

in their spare time. To prevent us from getting bored we invented games and sports such as soccer, football and monopoly. If sports weren't in somebody's interests, they would invent something else or just improve it to get something they enjoyed. However, eventually some people got fatigued with what may be to them "low stimulating." To get a bit of a kick, these people did something defiant or daft in return for the feeling of exhilaration, a way to get their blood pumping rapidly through their veins. Humans have always been harshly competitive and always out to do what's best for them, only now it's not for survival it's simply for our own satisfaction. Being violent and even disparaging has always been in people's genes. It's just finding ways to express it that these people have trouble with. They need help to find safe ways to express their anger. The catch with this theory is 'helping these people before they cause trouble.'

Juvenile crimes are not as serious as murder or manslaughter. They are frequently things like car theft, shop lifting, vandalism, arson, hub capping, buying DVD piracy, fireworks, fighting (primarily at parties) and alcohol related activi-

ties.

The punishments for these crimes aren't generally that severe. You would get an interview, then possibly charged. You might even get a good behaviour bond, a fine or set community service.

As a nation and a race we need to learn how to distinguish the ones that are truly rebellious and the ones who are just being childish and immature or just do things because they happen to be in the wrong place at the wrong time or get caught up in something they can't get out of.

It's really hard to set a certain age to determine when kids are old and mature enough to take responsibility for their own actions. Children mature at different paces and at different ages, so, while one kid whose eleven may have no differentiation between right and wrong another kid whose six may know that they've done something invalid but take advantage of being under the age of criminal responsibility.

The fact is, we have no idea what other people's feelings and thoughts are and unless we have ever met the child on charge before and know what they're like, there's no way of telling

what they understand and what they are capable of. Only a parent has any idea of that and the parents are more likely to stand up for their child.

What a child believes in and how they should act has got so much to do with the parents. A young child is influenced so much by their mother, father and other adult role models, that if the parents are irresponsible and lacking morals, the offspring are going to most likely turn out much the same.

Punishment of innocent people is a very significant issue, especially with young children. Punishing young kids when they have done nothing wrong can send them negative vibes, it can convince them that they are bad people. Some kids, may be down to earth enough not to take it to heart, but others can be already unstable and when accused for something that they didn't do it can totally tear them to shreds. This can lead to them to believe they are undeserving and ultimately they turn depraved.

The world is always going to have these problems, so the best way for us to deal with them is take one step at a time. Deal with every case as it comes and eventually find the answers.

Health and Wellbeing

Australian children are growing fatter at a rapid rate. The number of overweight children has doubled in recent years. The development of fatness in children is disturbing because it causes ill-health and is very difficult to reverse. Overweight children are very likely to be overweight adults.

Overweight and obesity

Overweight and obesity in children are among the most important risks to children's long and short-term health. As with adults, the body will store fat when the energy (kilojoules) consumed from food and drink is greater than the energy used up in activities and when at rest. Small imbalances over long periods of time can result in a child becoming overweight or obese.

A worldwide problem

Levels of childhood obesity are increasing at alarming rates in many countries, including the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia. In Australia, one in five children and adolescents are either overweight or obese.

From 1985 to 1995 the number of overweight 7-15 year olds almost doubled. The numbers of obese children has more than tripled. Over the same period, there has been a huge increase in children's consumption of energy-dense foods, such as:

Cakes and biscuits (46 per cent increase), soft drinks (30-50 per cent increase), confectionary (40-56 per cent increase) and sugar products and dishes (60-136 per cent increase).

At the current rate, it is predicted that 65 per cent of young Australians will be overweight or obese by 2020.

Changing society has also contributed to obesity

As overweight and obesity have become more common, there have been some major changes in how we live. For example:

- *The overall cost of food has gone down.
- *More food is prepared away from home.
- *Energy-dense foods and drinks are more readily available.
- *Portion sizes of energy-dense foods have increased.
- *Marketing of energy-dense foods and drinks has increased.
- *The use of private transport has increased.
- *The number of two-income families has increased.
- *The time spent in paid employment has increased.
- *The role of physical education in the school curriculum has reduced.

Body mass index can determine if a child is obese

Growth charts, such as weight-for-age and weight-for-height, are used to monitor the physical progress of children. However, there are now also BMI guidelines in relation to childhood obesity.

A child or adolescent's body mass index (BMI) is determined by dividing their weight (kilograms) by their height (m²).

BMI and obesity

Children above these cut-off points are considered obese:

- 2 year old children - 19.81 for girls and 20.09 for boys
- 5 year old children - 19.17 for girls and 19.3 for boys
- 10 year old children - 24.11 for girls and 24 for boys
- 15 year old children - 29.11 for girls and 28.30 for boys
- 18 years and over - 30 for both males and females.

BMI and overweight

Children above these cut-off points are considered overweight:

- 2 year old children - 18.02 for girls and 18.41 for boys
- 5 year old children - 17.15 for girls and 17.42 for boys
- 10 year old children - 19.86 for girls and 19.84 for boys
- 15 year old children - 23.94 for girls and 23.29 for boys
- 18 years and over - 25 for both males and females.

Obesity in childhood leads to obesity in adulthood

Overweight or obese children are more likely to remain obese

Obesity in children

as adolescents and become overweight or obese adults. Adolescence appears to be a sensitive period for the development of obesity - about 80 per cent of obese adolescents will become obese adults.

Studies suggest that being obese as a child or adolescent increases the risk of a range of diseases and disorders in adulthood, regardless of whether the adult is obese or not. It's important to identify and start to reverse the condition before children become adults. Ideally, overweight and obesity should be prevented.

Health problems associated with obesity

Potential health problems for obese children include:

- *Type 2 diabetes
- *Cardiomyopathy
- *Pancreatitis
- *Liver problems
- *Orthopaedic disorders (problems with foot structure)
- *Respiratory disorders such as upper airway obstruction and chest wall restriction, resulting in sleep apnoea
- *Reflux, gallstones and other stomach conditions
- *Eating disorders such as bulimia.

Social problems for obese children and adolescents

Obesity also has a major impact on how a child feels about themselves and how they interact with others. Obese adolescents are more likely to have low self-esteem, which may impact on other aspects of their lives, such as the development of friendships and competency at school.

Causes of obesity

Obesity in children may be caused by:

- *Genetics or an abnormal endocrine gland - it is thought that genes may play a role in between 25 to 40 per cent of all cases of obesity.
- *Eating more kilojoules than are used - children, like adults, will store fat if they eat more energy (kilojoules) than they use.
- *Lack of physical activity - Australian children are less active than they were in the past.
- *Spending a lot of time on sedentary pursuits - Australian children watch, on average, around 2 ½ hours of television a day as well as spending time using computers and other electronic games. It seems that sedentary pastimes are replacing active ones.

Preventing obesity

Healthy eating and regular physical activity will help to prevent obesity. Try to:

- *Eat a healthy diet - foods vary greatly in their kilojoule content. Foods high in fat or sugar, or both, usually contain more kilojoules. Low kilojoule foods include fruits and vegetables and lower fat, lower sugar items. Water and reduced fat milks are the best drinks for children over two years of age.
- *Encourage activity - suggest walking to school and participation in active out-of-school activities, and encourage outside playing if possible. Try to limit television watching and playing on computers.

Be a good role model - children learn from their parents. Try to eat healthy foods and be active regularly with your children.

How to manage childhood obesity

Children who are overweight or obese will find it easier to achieve a healthy weight if the whole family makes healthy lifestyle changes. For example:

- *Get good nutrition advice - nutrition advice may help to change the whole family's eating habits. Avoid weight loss programs or diets.
- *Provide healthy snacks - snacking is an important part of many children's eating habits and shouldn't be discouraged; just

make sure the snacks are mostly low in kilojoules. Fruits and vegetables make excellent snacks.

*Increase activity - children should be encouraged to choose more physical activities. Go for walks together. Vigorous activity that makes you puff should also be encouraged to improve fitness and hasten fat loss. Health professionals advise that everyone should exercise for at least 30 minutes each day.

*Reduce passive pastimes - reduce television viewing and computer games to a total of less than two hours per day (combined).

*Find out as much as you can - seminars and educational activities run by teachers and community groups can help parents and children learn more about obesity and how to prevent it.

Food and activity choices are important

*Try to make healthy choices:

*Don't buy soft drink or cordial and limit fruit juice to one glass a day.

*Encourage children to drink water and switch to low fat milk.

*Give children a choice of nutritious snacks, such as fruit, yoghurt and sandwiches.

*Ensure children have a nutritious breakfast and switch to a low fat, low sugar, whole wheat or oat breakfast cereal.

*Reduce the number of takeaway meals - try cooking a dish the night before so that the meal is ready when you come home from work or cook large quantities and freeze meals for use later.

*Avoid using high fat or high sugar foods (for example lollies) as rewards for good behaviour.

*Be wary of foods marketed as 'low fat' as these are usually high in sugar and still high in kilojoules.

*Encourage carers and grandparents not to feed children with energy-dense, nutrient-poor foods.

*Find ways to incorporate physical activities into your family's routines.

Parents can help children manage their weight

Parents play an important part in preventing childhood obesity. They provide the food and they are the role models. Try to set goals which can be reached. For example:

Reduce TV viewing and electronic games to a total of two hours per day (combined).

Offer fruit as a snack after school.

Spend time together as a family doing things like taking the dog for a walk, kicking a ball at the park or going swimming.

Be supportive and offer praise to the child.

Prepare healthy meals together.

Don't set weight targets

Don't set specific weight targets as this may lead to eating disorders. It's best to focus on healthy eating habits and increased exercise.

Where to get help:

*An accredited practising dietitian (APD) www.daa.asn.au or nutritionist

*Your doctor

*Go for your life Infoline service Tel. 1300 739 899

Things to remember

Childhood obesity, and especially adolescent obesity, can lead to adult obesity.

Obesity can result in serious health problems in later life.

Children who are obese do less well at school and can become socially isolated.

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



Professor Mendelsohn, Deborah Knowles, Bequest manager, Howard Florey Institute and Annette Thomas from LCHS

Maintaining a Healthy Brain

"Maintain Your Brain" was the theme of a public information session organised by Latrobe Community Health Service and recently held at the Uniting Church Hall, Traralgon.

Professor Frederick Mendelsohn, Director of the Howard Florey Institute, Australia's internationally renowned brain research centre, delivered an engaging presentation on how the brain functions and how different conditions such as Parkinson's Disease, Motor Neurone disease, Multiple Sclerosis and Alzheimer's Disease affect how our brain works. He also discussed current research directions including identifying genetic causes for these conditions and stem cell research into treating Parkinson's disease.

A question and answer session followed with the audience, in excess of one hundred, taking the opportunity to learn more. "I was impressed with the level of questioning. It's obvious that many people attending had considerable awareness of these conditions" Professor Mendelsohn commented.

Some of the advice offered for maintaining your brain included keeping your blood pressure under control and physical exercise, factors usually associated with heart health. When it comes to diet, research conducted by the Howard Florey Institute found antioxidants in foods and drinks such as red wine, green tea, prunes and blueberries could be useful in helping you to Maintain Your Brain.

Human contact and social and sup-

port networks were also vital as was "mind exercise", activities that stimulated and challenged our thinking. A spiritual element to a healthy mind was also discussed. "Having a feeling of where you belong, an awareness of a sense of place can help maintain a healthy mind" were some of the Professor's closing comments.

This presentation was organised by LCHS as part of their ongoing commitment to improving the mental health and well being of the local community.

For more information including how you can contribute to the ongoing research into brain disorders, visit the Howard Florey Institute online at www.hfi.unimelb.edu.au



Churchill Football/ Netball Club "the Cougars"

The season to date: -

With only three home games to go before the start of the finals series there is still a bit of enthusiasm in some areas and in others it's a done deal that there is always next year. Just a reminder, the last game, of the home and away series, is on the 19th of August and it also our last home game. So, if you want to experience country football/ netball at Churchill this year that's the last chance. It will be a real fun day. The overall seasons results to date are as follows.

Football Seniors: - they are in fifth place on the ladder, having won nine games and lost six. So far so good, with the loss in the round fourteen match against Glengarry, still a subject of much discussion and chagrin, ('how did we manage that' they say). Still a good chance to play in the finals all going well.

The match on the 29th of July against Traralgon Tyers United, Round 15, saw the Cougars topsy turvey form of the last three rounds continue as we won all three matches against TTU. This follows three losses against the magpies in round 14 and three wins against Boisdale-Briagolong in round 13. The game commenced in cold conditions against the Bombers with good ground conditions on Gaskin Park and very little rain during the game.

Our seniors started well kicking four goals in the first term while holding the visitors to one behind to establish a 26 point lead at the first break. In the second quarter scoring was limited as Churchill notched two goals to the Bombers one and a half time lead of 31 points. The third stanza saw the Cougars lift their work rate to score five goals to Tralgon/Tyers's two and we turned for home with a lead of 52 points. In an even last term the Cougars outscored the Bombers by four goals to three to finish 59 points in front. Best players were considered to be Dean Jenkins, Bob McCartney, Greg Williams, Nathan Richer, Joe Whykes and Scott Kelly.

Football Reserves: - In 8th place on the ladder with 5 wins, 9 losses and 1 draw. They have had problems fielding a team throughout the season, which has not been helpful. Any young fellows that would like to have a go at footy and contribute to supporting your home team should contact Rob Jenkins at the Club on a Tuesday or Thursday evening and Saturday when home games are on. The round 15 match against Traralgon/ Tyers United on the 29th of July proved to be a surprise in that 10th placed Churchill showed their best form for the season particularly in a five goal second term to outplay 2nd placed Bombers and go on to win by five goals. The Cougars were best served by Adrian Waller , Chris McNamara , Rob Radd , Josh Cahill , Jim Sanders and Warren Whykes.

Football under 18: - They are in 9th place on the ladder with 3 wins and 12 losses. We have a very young team and they must have been pumped with the win against Stratford in round 13. Once again anyone interested in playing, see Rob as above. The 15th round match on 29th July produced a surprising result as there were a number of Traralgon/Tyers United players ordered off in the third term and early in the last term. The Churchill coach requested a count of the players. This revealed that the Bombers had one more player on the field than they should have had and the umpires consequently cancelled their score. The score then became Churchill 3 -2 -20 to TTU nil. In the final term TTU kicked five goals but a late goal by Churchill enabled the Cougars to win by two points. This has caused the same "how did that happen?" effect as the Glengarry Seniors

game but in reverse. Better players for Churchill were deemed to be Luke Stempel , John Keighran , Shaun Johnson , Dale Newing , Matt Burney and Paul Metlikovec

Netball A grade: - they are in 4th position on the ladder having won 9, lost 5 and drawn 1. The coach, Rachel Paterson, says the girls are aware that it's the whole team working together, putting defensive pressure on the opposition and their ability to back each other that will get them the points. They have changed some positioning within the team recently and this has seemed to give them some more options but they have some tough games coming up and feel they are running out of time to get it together. Rachel says all the players are aware they need to improve if they want to hang on to a top 4 finish and play finals. They now have a full side to work with, as Abbey McKenna who has been absent for the last 5 weeks due to university commitments is returning. Having a full side gives more options and ensures everyone is on their toes. It's all about teamwork and not losing focus of our team goals. This mob would have to be a contender for glory in the finals at this point.

B grade Netball: - In 8th position with 4 wins and 11 losses. Very close in three games with one loss by 4 points, one by 2 points and one by one point.

Coach Roxy Shields on the Traralgon/Tyers United game: -

Taking on the team on top of the ladder was our task last week. Coming away with the win is the highlight of the season but it came with a price. Having only seven players we had C grade player Lesley White sitting on the sidelines in case of injury. At half time the girls were ahead by five goals when Rachel Esler had to come off with strained calves. The girls then furthered their lead at three quarter time to seven knowing that TTU could easily catch up but the girls kept at it and brought the lead out to eight with three minutes to go. The girls ended up winning the game by five in the end but unfortunately Lesley took a huge knock and as a result has fractured her wrist. The girls played a great game and it was a huge team effort that was very positive with the talk across the court and backing each other up. I'm sure the girls would be very proud of the way they played and deserved the win on the day. Best on court were Stacey Darby, Kylie Richards, and Kate Kerslake.

Netball C grade: - In 10th position on the ladder with 2 wins and 13 losses. Once again two of the last 5 games were lost by only 3 and 4 points respectively. There is always next year they say.

C Grade coach Sam Webb on where they are:

This year we have a new pretty new C grade other than two players, which has contributed to our slow start to the season. With a lot of effort from the players we are working very well together and getting so close to winning it's frustrating. Next year I'm predicting a finals appearance. With a team of 9 players it is amazing how many weeks we have had to get fill ins so that we can take to the court. Thanks to Kat, Alana and Melissa for filling in so far. A few injury worries have also kept us from having a full team, with Chandra hurting her ankle and being out for five weeks and Mandy hurting her knee and being out for a couple of weeks. Also Lesley with a sore shoulder was out for a week. With university holidays we've been missing a shooter for about three weeks. I do have to say the commitment of the girls to training and playing is very high, only missing out if they are injured. As mentioned before if we keep working this hard there will definitely be a finals appearance next year. Our

aim for the rest of the season is to get out there have fun and win a few more games.

Netball

D grade:

- They are 5th on the ladder with 8 wins, 1 draw and 6 losses, one of which was by only 3 points. They also would have to be regarded as looking good for the final series, especially if they can regain their form of the first four games, which resulted in four straight wins.

So there you have it, the season up to now in a nutshell.

Lawn Bowls Public Meeting to be held on 22nd of August

The public meeting for the club to decide to sponsor to ascertain the level of public support for the establishment of a lawn bowling facility in Churchill will be held on the 22nd of August at the Cougars club rooms at Gaskin Park, Manning Drive Churchill, starting at 7.30 pm. If attendance at the meeting indicates sufficient support, it is assumed a steering committee would be formed from those present with a view to pursuing the project. The club would be prepared to assist within the limits of its expertise. Tony Martin has been nominated to facilitate this and anyone interested can contact him on 51223435 or email to wiltone@vic.australis.com.au

Cougars Website:

- cfnc.vcfl.com.au
To access the site go to cfnc.vcfl.com.au. To get news items and articles, on the home page click on "news central". For those chasing up to date results and ladder positions for the footy, on the home page go to "competitions" on the left hand menu. Select which grade you wish to look at, and select either "draws/ results" or "ladder". Clicking on "ladder" will give you the results of the last game, the details of the next game and the ladder positions for that game. Clicking on "draws/results" will give you the results of all previous games and details of all future games. For those chasing up Netball results, on the competitions page select any of the footy grade results or ladder. When that page is displayed, select "competitions" on the right hand "other competitions" menu and then select the required grade's draw/ results or ladder depending on your priority.

Social Calendar '06

Coming up: - Seafood Luncheon on Sunday the 13th of August, starts 11.30-12.00, free beer and wine 12.00-2.30. Lunch - all you can eat, several varieties of fish, prawns, crayfish, scallops, oysters, calamari, chicken 12.30-2.00 with entertainment by Trevor Pickering 12.00-3.00. The cost is \$35.00 per person.

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At the Bar

Every Thursday evening between the hours of 5.00pm and 7.00pm there is a gathering of elderly gentlemen at the member's bar at the club-rooms and basically drink some beer and tell lots of tall stories. They will tell you otherwise. They will explain it is a time when people with very great life experience and vast knowledge gather to solve the problems of the world and discuss other serious matters such as how much beer should cost at the old guys club compared to what they actually do pay. Lenny MacNamara is mine host and mans the bar. He is also the keeper of the peace/bouncer and to all accounts does a wonderful job of both. If any one has seen "Cheers" it's kind of like that but it's transferred to an old men's home, if that's politically correct. Anyone who is 60 or thereabouts and can drink a little and lie a lot is more than welcome to join in. Please Note : People using the club licensed facilities on a regular basis are required by law to be members of the club.

Bingo every Wednesday!

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