

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Auchterlonie Crescent, Churchill



Goorawin Place, Churchill

Pictures by Matthew Prokopiv

Churchill Lights Up

"It's the kids that make it all worthwhile," said Martin Hrvojevic of Auchterlonie Crescent in Churchill.

Martin and Lisa Hrvojevic have "caught the bug", and now have a huge 39 sets of Christmas lights in their garden. The figures are all hand made by Martin and Lisa. "I lay awake all last

night," said Martin, "thinking about how I could make as star on the roof and spent today putting it together. But the comments from the kids was lovely."

Ron and Joan Anderson of Goorawin Place only moved to Churchill three months ago but managed to put up a stunning dis-

play.

Ron also made all the figures, including a huge sled for Santa.

Kids Love Breakfast!



Starting the day with a good breakfast: Students from Churchill Primary School enjoy breakfast before lessons.

By RUTH PLACE

ONE hundred and eight children accepted the invitation to attend breakfast at Churchill Primary School on Tuesday 2nd December. Judging by the happy smiles and the empty bowls, the children thought it was great fun. As Principal Rob Higgins said, "It is always fun to share a meal with others."

Churchill Primary School, in conjunction with Quantum Support Services and the Co-Operating Churches of Churchill, sponsored the breakfast as a launch for what is proposed to be an ongoing, regular program in 2004.

With volunteers from the school staff, Quantum Support Services and the Co-Operating Churches, the children were served and fed efficiently in forty five minutes, including washing the dishes and clearing up.

The School is thankful for the help and support it received to implement the program, and looks forward to the continued support of the volunteers, without whom a beneficial program such as this, cannot proceed.



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DAVID Quinn, CEO from International Power Hazelwood, lit the candle on the Churchill and District News's first birthday cake at the recent celebration of their first year.

"We are very grateful to International Power Hazelwood for their continuing support," said Ruth Place.

"Each issue is a challenge," said Peter Prokopiv. "We rely on the support of our sponsors and advertisers. It has been a great year, however, and we look forward to next year," he said.

Cutting the Cake: David Quinn, CEO International Power Hazelwood cuts the cake while Ruth Place looks on.

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**Churchill & District News
Art Competition Results 2003**

Children U7 Drawing

1st: Daniel Blakely, The Mask

R/Up: Alex Butler, Out in the Sea

Children U7 Painting

1st: Conor Kelly, Camouflage Butterfly

2nd: Bradley Patrick, Phoenix

Encouragement: Genevere Blakely, Rabbit

Children U12 Drawing

1st: Shannon Hayes, Piece of Fruit

2nd: Vincent Edward, Squashed Hand

R/Up: Amanda Ashwood, Dolphin Sunset

Children U12 Painting

1st: Brittany Edward, Strange Bird

2nd: Zac Mundell, Fire

R/Up: Chantal, World Cup Fireworks

U18 Drawing

1st: Kobie Notting, Jasper

2nd: Elizabeth Vaudyke, Zebra

U18 Painting

1st: Ashleigh Hoogendarn, Untitled

2nd: Adam Peterson, Drew Barrymore

R/Up: Jason Sposito, Untitled.

Adult Drawing

Encouragement Award: Rebecca Diaz, Venus

Adult Painting

1st: Judith Viti, Still Life

2nd: Judith Viti, Motor Hazelwood Pondage

3rd: Alleyne Hall, Forgotten Bay

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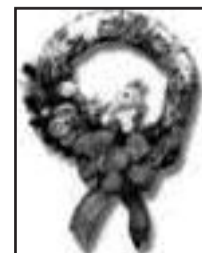
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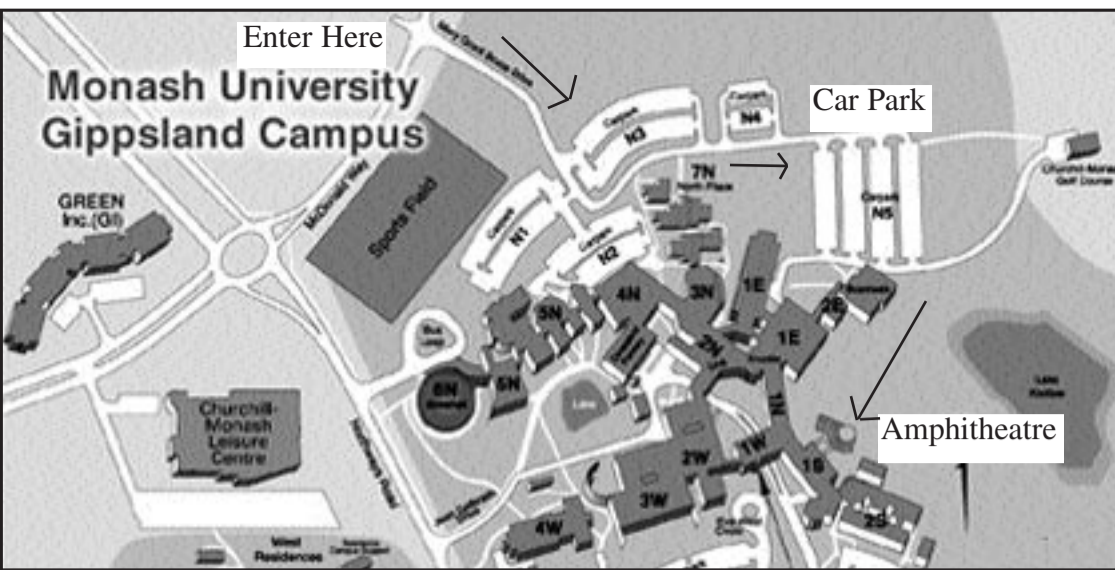
WATER testing at Hazelwood Pondage this week has revealed little change in the Blue Green Algae (BGA) currently affecting the waterway.

All test locations indicate BGA at levels, which still exceed the limits required for public health notification under International Power Hazelwood's Blue Green Algae management plan.

As a result the white and yellow BGA warning signs located around the pondage will remain in place request-

ing the public avoid contact with the pondage water. Persons ignoring the public warnings risk compromising their health and safety.

More information is available by calling International Power Hazelwood's Public Affairs Manager on 5135 5093 or visit the website on www.hazelwoodpower.com.au



Churchill Carols by Candlelight

Sunday December 21

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Everyone Welcome to come along
and Celebrate Christmas



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to Car Park N5 and walk to the Amphitheatre

Bushfire Blitz

JOHN Henshaw from the C.F.A. Headquarters, was the spokesperson for the Bushfire Blitz afternoon at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday 9th November.

He spoke about establishing Community Fireguard Groups in the Jeeralangs area - one of the areas with worst potential for fire destruction.

A Community Fireguard Group consists of 5-6 families who work together as a team to protect their property and themselves. Between them they will work out what resources are available to them so they can do some initial property protection fire fighting while awaiting the arrival of the fire brigade.

THE FIRE BRIGADE COULD TAKE UP TO 20 MINS. TO ARRIVE ON A GOOD DAY. IMAGINE HOW MUCH CAN BURN IN THAT TIME.

DON'T EXPECT TO HAVE THE FIRE BRIGADE COME. THEY MAY BE DEPLOYED ELSEWHERE.

The people living in these bushy areas need to look at their property and assess the risk.

Fire, flames, heat and embers can all cause your assets to burn. If a tree is too close to a building it is a potential hazard to contribute to your loss of property. Cut it down.

Clouds of embers are a great hazard. A house caught fire in East Gippsland fires, 4 hours after the fire front

went through. Stop any hole where embers can enter and keep any holding area e.g. gutters free of leaves twigs and branches. Reduce the potential for fire. Protect your property, house and outbuildings.

Assess your personal ability. If you are older and/or have arthritis, it would be best for you to evacuate in case of fire. The same could apply to a young mum with toddlers. If you are part of a Community Fireguard Group this may have alternative solutions. BE REALISTIC ABOUT THE RISKY SITUATION IN WHICH YOU HAVE PUT YOURSELF.

Dress like a firefighter. Cover up with woolen clothing. It may be hot but will provide you with protection from radiant heat, a great killer in fires.

The Yinnar South Fire brigade will be doing a leaflet drop to all houses that back onto the Morwell National Park with a view to setting up a Community Fireguard Group with interested residents. Together you can make a difference.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT ROB HIGGINS ON HIS MOBILE 0409338317

New Associate Degree for Monash Gippsland

A NEW Associate Degree offered by the Faculty of Business and Economics will open the door to more Gippsland students.

The new two-year Associate Degree in Business and Commerce at the Gippsland Campus will be offered in 2004 and is the only Associate Degree offered by Monash University's Faculty of Business and Economics.

"This course was developed by a consortium of Gippsland business, industry and education leaders to help meet the needs of local students and local business," said Prof. Carol Adams, Head of Business and Economics at Gippsland Campus.

"Local businesses are excited to have more potential students to choose from in two years time and at the same time students are getting an attractive pathway into university."

Students can apply for the course by direct entry in 2004 and can study any of the majors currently offered by the Faculty of Business and Economics. The prerequisites for the Associate Degree are Units 1 and 2 of maths and a study score of 25 in Unit 3 and 4 English.

The ENTER is expected to be lower than the traditional Bachelor of Business and Commerce. "What we are trying to do is to offer as wide a range of options as possible to our students," said Prof. Adams.

Upon completion of the Associate Degree students can enter the workforce, study for one more year full-time to receive the Bachelor of Business and Commerce or combine both work and study by completing the degree off campus.

For more information on the Associate Degree contact the Faculty of Business and Economics at Gippsland Campus on 51226 349.



Moving Forward

CHURCHILL Neighbourhood House held its Annual General Meeting at the Churchill Hotel in November.

Many interested members of the community attended.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr Answorth who gave an interesting presentation on Moving Forward.

Talking about the past year acting President, Henry Parniak, said "it never ceases to amaze me the high turnover of community members that come through the centre, not only to participate in classes, be it Folk Art, Yoga or Ceramics, but also for a chat and a cuppa, the wider community becomes your family community, it's a good feeling to be there for others."

Christine Penpraze, Centre Co-ordinator said in her report, "One of the major activities of my time at CNC to date has been consulting with stake-holders and other interested parties on the issue of a potential relocation for the Centre. This relocation issue has many implications both for the Centre, the Community and

the Education Precinct. As with all community agencies and organisations it is for the benefit of all members of the community that we work. The Churchill and district community needs to 'get on board' these issues so that the best interests of the community are met and served when decisions need to be made."

The room was decorated with samples of the work that has been done at the Neighbourhood House. Classes for 2003 are currently running down but we are looking forward to a productive year in 2004.

The committee for 2004 is: President: Henry Parniak, Vice President: Donna Bruce, Secretary: Tracey Burr, Treasurer: Grace Angel. Committee Members: Louise Sokaluk, Ross Ollquist, Barbara George, Yvonne Marland, Ruth McKeand, Jackie McLure.

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He Was No Ordinary Man...

By IVY GOODWIN, Co-operating Congregations

IT'S nearly Christmas. It's that time of year when life is both wonderfully hectic and irritatingly stressful all at the one time.

Buying presents for family and friends should be fun but it often isn't. I was amused (and amazed) to hear one mother despairing that her four-year-old would not wear clothing that didn't display a certain label on the front. She felt compelled to buy what she probably can't afford and perhaps doesn't really prefer – all because of a certain brand name.

It all seems far removed from the first Christmas, about two thousand years ago, when a young woman gave birth in the poorest of circumstances. There was no designer baby wear; no designer baby carriage – just a tired young woman and an anxious man – grateful for a shelter with clean straw. I wonder what those people, Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus, would make of all this emphasis on brand name?

Of course, the world has always been obsessed with labels but in a different way. We do it all the time: we label people – refugee, dole-bludger, greenie, townie, bushie. It's as though human beings feel compelled to place people in a box, (so to speak) and with a label. Is it because we can then be comfortable knowing that we are not in the same box?

It's all nonsense really. Jesus, whose birthday we celebrate on Christmas Day, was born in a stable in Bethlehem, spent some time as a political refugee in Egypt (to avoid a hostile king) then grew to manhood in a small town called Nazareth.

Nazareth must have been an undesirable address because St. John tells us that

Nathaniel, later to become a disciple of Jesus, had commented 'can anything good come out of Nazareth?' (John 1:46) Yet this same Jesus, despite his address, confronted the leaders of his time: exposed corruption; challenged the interpretation of law; defied the abuse of power and preached peace in a time of political unrest and foreign occupation. He was a fearless champion of those society had cast aside.

Of course this made him unpopular with the rich and powerful and they labeled him 'rabble-rouser' and 'trouble-maker.'

Yet, ultimately, even his enemies recognised that there was something special about him – that he was no ordinary man. Those who had started out labeling him as 'trouble-maker' ended up calling him 'Son of God.' (Matthew 27:54) His influence and teaching still prevail 2000 years later.

So, as you struggle with the crowds, the shopping, the card list, the wrapping paper and sticky tape, it might help to reflect that Jesus wouldn't have cared if his shoes were from 'Nike' or some chain store. Maybe, in the end, it really doesn't matter all that much. It's how you wear them that counts.

May your Christmas be a joyful celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Christ. And may we all strive to earn the label 'peace-maker' during 2004.

Friendship Is A Gift

THIS moving story will possible make you think about, what you can be for other people, as we draw near to Christmas.

One day, when I was a freshman in high school, I saw a kid from my class walking home from school. His name was Kyle. It looked like he was carrying all of his books. I thought to myself, "Why would anyone bring home all his books on a Friday? He must really be a nerd," I had quite a weekend planned (parties and a football game with my friends tomorrow afternoon) so I shrugged my shoulders and went on. As I walked, I saw a bunch of kids running towards him. They ran at him, knocking all his books out of his arms and tripping him so he landed in the dirt. His glasses went flying, and I saw them land in the grass about ten feet from where he fell. He looked up and I saw this terrible sadness in his eyes.

My heart went out to him. So, I jogged over to him and as he crawled around looking for his glasses, I saw a tear in his eye. As I handed him his glasses, I said, "Those guys are rat bags! They should get a life." He looked at me and said, "thanks!" There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those smiles that showed real gratitude.

I helped him pick up his books, and asked where he lived. As it turned out he lived very near my home. Over that following weekend we just hung out together and had a great time, as the years passed became good friends.

At the end of high school we both went to different universities and study to total different types of subjects. Kyle changed into a strong confident young man and the girls really loved him.

Kyle valedictorian of his girl (top student) and at his graduation, when he got up to speak he looked straight at me, clear his throat and said! "Graduation is a time when you thank all the people you knew for helping you, parents, teachers etc but mostly he said, "I want to thank a friend for the gift of friendship he gave me, because if he had not offered his friendship to me many years ago, on my way home. That night I would have killed! Myself!"

There was a guy who had been offered friendship, publicly identifying the turn point in his life.

As Christmas descend upon all of us, what do you think could be the greatest gift that you could offered people, think about this friendship and love cost us nothing, if you reach out touch someone else life that will cost you nothing, a friend of mine took the time out sent me part of his story.

Lets remember that Christmas is a time to remember family, friends and the birth of Jesus Christ. How about this Christmas you give the gift of friendship to someone you don't know. Whether it be the over work shop assistance serving you or your neighbour or a perfect stranger. Friendship is a gift, don't let it go to waste.

Have a great Christmas and God Bless you from Churchill Christian Fellowship.

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Carols by Candlelight

Sunday December 21
Monash Amphitheatre 8.00pm

Co-Operating Churches Snippets

By RUTH PLACE
ONCE again, the Co-Operating Churches have had an exciting and interesting time.

Magic, Mystery and Munchies.
On Friday 7th November, we had an amazing night of family entertainment.

Magician Peter Cook and Christian Religious Education Trainer Christine Morris gave children and adults alike, a special treat.

Peter Cook is a master of magic, and had us all wondering just how did he do that? From disappearing knots, to rope rejoined, to appearing white doves, card tricks, and the case of the disappearing, then re-appearing \$50 note, to printing his own currency, to mind-reading, and a mind reading duck, he held us spellbound.

Christine is a master of children's games which seem to appeal just as much to adults, and she kept us intrigued and interested during her antics.

A great night, but wait, there's more. The night was titled Magic, Mystery and Munchies. We had had the magic and mystery, where was the munchies part? Well the doors were opened and there was a fantastic array of food to be consumed. And consumed it was!

Christmas Club.

A fantastic group of volunteers welcomed children from the 1/2s and 3/4s at Churchill Primary School to Christmas Club on the 13th, 20th and 27th November. The first two weeks the children learnt about the Christmas story, learnt a song and did craft, and puppet making activities. The third week they participated in the re-telling of the Christmas story using puppets, sound effects, and dressing up as the story characters. The children were

ably supported by the talented speakers and the helpers who pointed them in the right direction at the right time. We think the children had a marvelous time, and we know that we did!

Thank you Ivy for your ideas, support and the part you played. Thanks to Sandra for being the right hand assistant.

A special "Thank You" must be said to Bert Penco who made a wooden crib for each participant. The children were thrilled to receive them. Each one contained a small doll wrapped in a piece of cloth. Other "Thank You's" must be said to Sue Gowland and her Grandma who made manger biscuits for each child. They loved them too.

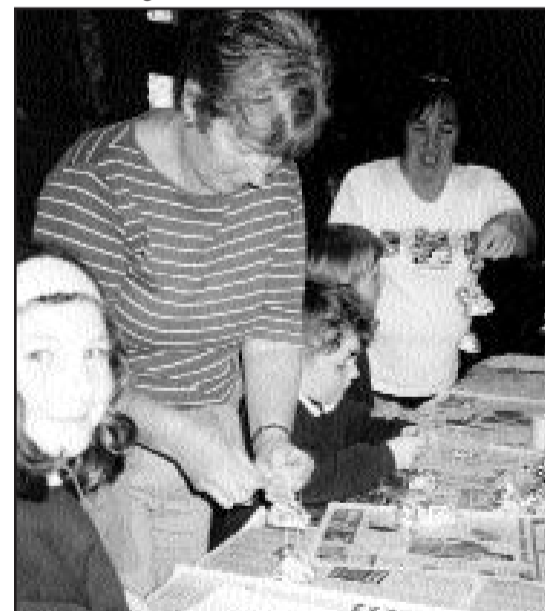
The Parish Council needs a special mention too as they wholeheartedly supported the event, and provided a Christmas Angel from Anglicare for each child. The congregation also wholeheartedly supported the venture with donations of goods and/or time to cut out and make things. It was an amazing effort. Thank you also to Alan Pobjoy for puppet sticks, to Monash Printery for cardboard to use, Warehouse Sales for cardboard boxes for scenery and Bunnings for paint to paint the scenery, and Peter Ross for supplying bales of straw for the manger scene.

Thank you to Churchill P.S. for allowing the children to participate in this activity.

Saturday Breakfast
The final breakfast for 2003 happened on the 29

November. This wonderful program will recommence in 2004.

Pictured: below left: Bert Penco, bottom: left - Cathy Curwood and right - Christine Morris at the Magic Night, below centre: the Christmas Club, below: Peter Cook



Contract Caution For Home Buyers

GIPPSLAND Community Legal Service is issuing a timely warning to would-be homebuyers about rent to buy and vendor terms home ownership schemes.

Some property brokers are using advertisements to attract low-income earners into contracts to purchase homes at inflated prices.

The purchaser would usually be unable to obtain finance from main stream financial institutions.

Co-ordinator, Jane Anderson said the Service had experienced an increase in local clients seeking advice and clarification on rent to buy and vendor terms schemes.

"We don't wish to alarm people but we urge them to read the fine print and if they don't clearly understand what they're getting themselves in for, we're here to offer free advice," she said.

Gippsland Community Legal Service is managed by Anglicare Gippsland, which also has Consumer Tenancy and Financial Counselling Programs, who can assist. Representatives from all 3 areas have joined together to form a working group to tackle the problem in the area.

Ms Anderson encouraged people to do their homework before rushing into a contract for the supposed "bargain of the century".

"Compare local housing prices with different real estate agents, and old editions of the real estate sections of local newspapers.

"And carefully compare the rate of interest offered with other lenders' current rates – how will possible

interest rate rises impact on the family budget not just for this year, but for the next 30?

Ms Anderson said people who are unable to maintain the contractual payments may incur extra debt, lose their home and have to pay back the First Home Owners Grant.

Ms Anderson said many clients did not understand that under rent to buy schemes the client may not be covered by the Residential Tenancies Act and must pay rates and maintenance on the property, as well as increased rent to contribute towards the purchase price.

"Owning a home is part of the Australian dream but it is a major decision – financially and emotionally.

"Despite the current rush to own a home, we want people to really think carefully before signing up for such schemes - it's a lot easier to break a lease on a rental property and move than to sell a home.

A free advice service operates from the Gippsland Community Legal Service in Morwell.

Members of the Gippsland community may telephone the Service on 1800 004 402 or the Consumer Tenancy and Financial Counselling Programs on 5133 9998.

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Ronald McDonald House Churchill & District Lions Serving Our Community

By JOHN BARKER

THE Lions Club of Churchill and District have shown our support for local families of seriously ill children by sponsoring a bedroom at Ronald McDonald House at Monash Medical Centre.

The commitment is \$2500 per year on an ongoing basis for a minimum of three years.

The aim is to have all rooms at the House sponsored by individuals, companies or organisations to assist the special House with the operational and improvement costs of providing a home away from home for families facing hospitalisation of their child.

With almost 80% of families using the house coming from Gippsland (and 80% of those from the Latrobe Valley corridor), the Lions Club of Churchill and District is eager to help.

Executive Officer Jenny Hill said, "It means so much to the families when they see the plaque on the bedroom door signifying the support coming from their own home town.

To be able to offer them comfort in a homely environment means so much when they are faced with long periods away from their homes."

Individuals can become a Friend of Ronald McDonald House –

Monash. Your annual subscription of just \$10 per year enables you to both support the Monash Inspiration Award and receive newsletters. The contact number is 9662 6223.

Pictured below are two of our members, Ross Norman and Bob Christie, displaying the Sponsor Plaque at a presentation recently.

The Lions Club of Churchill and District is proud to belong to the Ronald McDonald House – Room Sponsorship Program at the Monash Medical Centre.



Churchill Neighbourhood House

By ROB WHELAN

THE Latrobe City consulted the CDCA regarding the possible relocation of the Churchill Neighbourhood House.

The Neighbourhood House is currently located at the Churchill Leisure Centre, in their own facilities, that were largely funded by the State Government with significant contributions from the Council and Churchill Neighbourhood House itself.

We were advised that the Churchill Neighbourhood House is considering relocation to make way for the new Precinct Development that involves the Leisure Centre, and to have the opportunity to expand their much needed services.

It is expected that funding for the relocation should come from the disposal of their existing facilities and the relocation seems to be dependent on this issue.

In the event of a relocation going ahead two places have been suggested- a green fields site next to the fire station in Philip Parade, or at a refurbishment and/or expansion of the upstairs level of the Churchill Public Hall in Marina Drive.

The CDCA has moved to recommend the investigation of both sites and to call

for public input into the decision making process.

The CDCA also expressed very strong support for the Churchill Neighbourhood House and the wonderful services it provides.

CHURCHILL WEB PAGE

The CDCA has agreed to set up a Churchill web site in association with Gippsland.com at GreenInc.

The web site is to promote Churchill and will take up the University Town theme that has gained much support throughout the community in recent years.

An important part of the web site is a listing of businesses and organizations that operate in the Churchill district.

Those wishing to take up this opportunity to have a presence on the web should contact CDCA.

Any comments about these articles can be forwarded to our secretary, Rob Whelan on 03 5122 3602 or to PO Box 191 Churchill.

Back To Hernes Oak

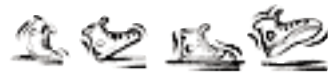
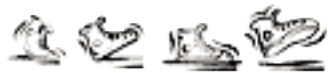
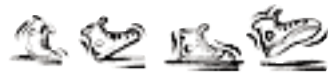
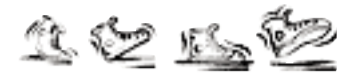
AN invitation is extended to all former residents and friends of Hernes Oak at 11.00am on wards on 29 February 2004 at Apex Park in Moe.

Come along and meet old friends – bring any photographs of interest.

BYO everything – picnic, barbecue, chairs or Palliative Care will be selling sausages for \$1.50 each.

For more information contact: Janice on 03 5127 1215, Marg and Alan Bruerton on 03 5122 1491, Joan Murdoch on 03 5127 3406 or Neil Palmer on 03 5126 1848.

It should be a great day.



Schools

Lumen Christi News

By DENISE MCKENNA (Principal)
Students Visit Hazelwood House Hostel

The Grade 2/3 classes from Lumen Christi had a special day out in November at Hazelwood House. The children performed items from their Eisteddfod and Assembly pieces over the year and then had time to talk to the residents.

Their teachers Mrs Leviston and Mrs Watson saw it as an important outing to be aware of the different groups in their local community. They also visited the Wattle Club members on Tuesday 2 December.

Special Activities

Grade 5 & 6 children are doing some special activities for the last month of school and so far have participated in Boogie and Ten Pin Bowling. Grade 5's are planning a bike ride to Hazelwood pondage to conclude Bike Education and a 5/6 Bush Walk along the Boolarra Rail Trail as the final outing.

Our Prep- Grade 2's had a day of Science activities in November with a guest presenter and heaps of fun and engaging activities kept everyone busy all day! It is important for the children to enjoy school over the last few weeks and Lumen Christi teachers are making special efforts to keep everyone on track!

Grade Six Graduation

We farewell our Grade 6's with a Graduation Mass and Social on December 16 and wish them well as they move on to secondary school. We pay tribute also to the many families of Grade 6 Children who have been a part of Lumen Christi as all their children have gone through the school

Lumen Christi children will commence school for 2004 on Wednesday 28 January. We wish a Happy and Holy Christmas to our Churchill Community.



RACV Energy Breakthrough

THE Hazelwood North Primary School Human Powered Vehicle teams would like to thank their many sponsors and wonderful parent helpers.

The RACV Energy Breakthrough at Maryborough involves many people working

together to achieve a goal. For our students it is a great experience to participate in such a large event.

Pictured above and left - the Human Powered Vehicle Team and their Vehicle



Kurnai Parents and Friends

By MARGARET GUTHRIE

THE Parents and Friends Association held their last meeting for the year on Tuesday 18 November.

Thanks to our Parents and Friends for their support for the campus throughout the year.

Fundraising, done mainly through the College Courier Service and the sale of second hand books and uniforms, enables resources to be purchased for the campus.

At this year's final meeting the Association agreed to purchase 15 atlases for the library, \$1100 worth of ICT site licences, contribute \$100 to the Alpine

School students' project and provide four \$50 Encouragement Awards for a student from each year level for the Awards Night.

The Courier Run between the College campuses on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week will need some help from volunteers next year.

Please contact Julie Reggardo on 5169 1728 if you're interested and able to give some time to be one of our drivers. Remuneration is given for fuel costs.

By MATTHEW BODY

On Tuesday the 7 October a group of 30 Year 8s of Kurnai College Churchill Campus and three teachers embarked on our four-day trip to Tasmania. We, the students, did not have to go to school on the day but the teachers did. One for us, at last! And guess who was last to board the Coal Valley Coach for our departure at 2.30 pm? Yes, it was a teacher. We met our coach driver and travel guide, Jack, who didn't know at that stage what he was in for.

The trip to Melbourne was uneventful but quicker than planned for. We arrived at the Crown Casino complex an hour before the restaurant opened. As Kurnai kids do we successfully filled in the hour with sightseeing, getting lost and watching water fountains inside the complex. The buffet dinner was enjoyed by all, although it seemed that some kids were not eating up to their usual quantity. I suspect this was because of the impending crossing of Bass Strait. Before we were allowed on the Spirit of Tasmania II the head of security outlined the rules and areas we were allowed into. Anyone would think that we were terrors. Mr Key was a real trooper as he stayed up all night looking after those who were feeling the effects of the motion of the sea. But he was so grumpy the next day like most of the kids who also had little sleep.

Arriving at Devonport at 7 am, we were woken up by the teachers at 6 am because as teenagers we were unlikely to get up so early by ourselves. In fact, I am sure some of the students had not seen 6 am before. As one of Miss Taylor's chores in the morning, she put the key in the cabin door, it unlocked and she

waltzed in. She turned on the lights and in her usual chirpy voice said, "Hello pumpkins! Time to get up!" Little to her knowledge, she woke up an old man and his wife. Wrong cabin!!!!

We boarded our coach and headed off for our booked tour of the Cadbury factory. You should have seen us in our hairnets, especially the girls with long hair. The shop was rushed with teenagers and teachers buying up big for themselves and others back home. I am sure that Jack, the coach driver, had to put more air in the tyres because of the weight of the chocolate. Some of our group then explored the Salamanca waterfront while others tried to get up to the top of Mt Wellington in the coach. Unfortunately it started to hail and the bus had to turn back. We all slept well that night in the cabin accommodation.

The next morning we were off to Port Arthur. We took a guided tour of the main site including a haunted house, the commandant's house and the psycho wing. The ferry trip out to the Isle of the Dead was interesting. It was amazing how many convicts were buried on such a small island. From the ferry we also saw Point Puir, which was the children's prison. After another hour of sightseeing the coach left Port Arthur for a six-hour road trip to our next destination, Queenstown. But we never got there. The wind blew up, the snow came down, the coach could go no further, and we sought refuge at Tarraleah, an old Hydro-Electricity town. (A bit like Gilligan's Island really, except for the palm trees and sand.) We had a delicious meal and waited out the storm. Snow fights and building

snowmen helped us pass the time.

In the morning we awoke to a world of white. The snowplough had to clear the road for us to be able to backtrack towards Hobart. There was no way we would have reached Queenstown. This meant that the Gordon River cruise was out of the question. It was decided that we would visit Mount Field National Park and it's many beautiful waterfalls, located near Maydena. Some of us climbed to the top of the Russell Falls. The view was spectacular. We could only just see the colour of the shirts of the people at the bottom. After lunch, we were off on the last leg of our tour of Tasmania - back to Devonport. There was lots of snoozing as we travelled through Baghdad and Perth.

The students really enjoyed the tour and appreciated all the hard work and effort that went into its planning. Coal Valley Coaches are to be thanked for the organisation of the tour, the teachers - Miss Taylor, Mrs Howard and Mr Keys - for their patience and diligence, and our wonderful driver Jack for his humour and consideration. Last of all, the students should be proud of their behaviour which was commented on positively many times throughout the tour.



Swimming Champ At Churchill North

SWIMMING Champion Marcus Robertson recently visited Churchill North Primary. Marcus has won many State, National and International titles. The students in Grades 2 - 6 were very interested to hear of his personal achievements in swimming. He came to the school as part of the Sportsman in Schools program, which aims to encourage aspiring young athletes.

National Excellence in Teaching Awards

Five members of our staff have been nominated for National Excellence in Teaching Awards. The NeITA nominations are put forward by members of the school community in appreciation for the nominees dedication to education. The purpose of the awards is to identify and thank excellent teachers

and to attract quality graduates to the profession.

The nominees are Cathy Curwood, Trish Owen and Sandy Dunne who teach in the Junior department, Nicole Burdekin, a Leading Teacher in the Grade 5/6 area and Ann Howard the school library coordinator, reading recovery teacher and librarian.

throughout Australia, to improve teacher public perception





Launch Of The Walking School Bus

Friday 14th November 8.00am

By RUTH PLACE

GLENDONALD Park was the location for the launch. 8:00 a.m. saw many dignitaries gather for this auspicious occasion. Included was Don Paproth, and Kay Dennis from the Education Department, Mayor Graeme Middlemiss, Darrel White, Paul Buckley, Henk Harbutts, Wendy Hrynyszyn and Elizabeth Tomlins, the Walking School Bus Co-Ordinator, from the Latrobe City Council, Jeff Watsford of the Churchill Police, Jane Embregts of the School Nursing Service, Julie Hocking of Department of Human Services, Andy Milburn from Roadsaf, and Brenton Wight of Blue Earth. Also present were many Staff and interest-

ed community members.

A 3TR representative walked too and did live crosses from the studio to the Walking School Bus as it progressed.

The reason for this gathering was the beginning of a program in the Latrobe City Council area to walk children to school.

The children who are part of this Walking School Bus are John Kerrison, Damon, Rebecca and Alana Buckley, Roger. Tayarra and Dakin Morris, and David and Elise Nugent.

Pictured:

1. We gathered in the BBQ Shelter and put on our safety collars provided by Vic Roads.
2. We got ready and had a photo taken with

some of the important people.

3. We were ready to go.
4. We started on our way down Phillip Parade.
5. We re-grouped at the School Crossing in McDonald Way. It is a divided road and we have to be very careful.
6. We made it to school. Hooray!. The adults were glad!
7. At assembly we were given a certificate and a showbag with beautiful things from Federation Health and Edison Mission.

Latrobe City Council and Gippsland Water gave us a drink bottle each. Williams the Shoeman at MidValley gave 4x \$25 shoe vouchers, one for each family. Councillor Middlemiss

and Mr. Harbutts did the presentations.

We sang "We're on the Bus, a song Mr. Turner composed just for the occasion.

8. After a great day of Move-a thon activities, we set off for home.

9. We were tired but happy. It was exciting to be taking home our showbags.

Principal Rob Higgins was thrilled with the event launch and declared it a wonderful community day with so many parents and community members together.

Busy Year For Glendonald Kinder



By LIBBY ROBERTSON, Director

We are now at the end of a busy kinder year. Our little group of 16 have had lots of fun times together. They have been able to have plenty of time to play using the great equipment we have here.

Having sessions that run for five hours has helped the children establish routines and find time to enjoy some favourite activities as well as to develop some happy friendships.

One aspect that the children enjoyed this year was to help decorate their kinder room with many wonderful pieces of artwork.

Much of this artwork was inspired by the weather and seasonal changes seen in our very own playground. We are so fortunate to have an array of flowering trees each season. This also helps bring the birds in.

The children were thrilled to have a boat set up in their playground by one of our Dad's and enjoy this very much. Outdoor play is always popular because of the space for ball games, bikes, cubby play and picnics.

Even though we only operate twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, we have been able to plan many varied experiences for the children. We have been on a bus excursion to show the children around the hospital and then the airport.

It was a great day and we had lots to talk about. The children thoroughly enjoyed a performance of "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" by The Flying Bookworm Company. We have had special days at kinder such as A Breakfast and a Teddy Bear Day recently.

The CFA visited us and Ruth Place helped us learn how to be safe. One very special visitor showed us how to be safe when we are near dogs.

Our families have helped out on our special occasions and outings, which was a great way to share our program with them.

Earlier in the year a number of the children's grandparents came in to visit us, just as some dads did in August. It was a nice sharing time for families.

Our Committee of Management have had a challenge this year in order to finance our day to day running expenses, handle costs for maintenance and replacement

of materials that the children use within our programmed activities.

Our preschool is a half time centre and we have a small group of 16. It makes fundraising a very difficult issue with such a small base to work with.

Our families have done what they can to support fundraising and we have appreciated the efforts made by them. However, funds coming in from fundraising were minimal.

A pleasing turn of events recently have been the phone calls of support and offers of help to give our children a wonderful Christmas at kinder.

We are planning a party for the Children and a visit from 'a special person'.

We have also appreciated the offers of help to get some maintenance tasks done at the kinder. Many thanks to all those people.

The children themselves are busily decorating their room, which they do so well, making some 'surprises' for families and singing their Christmas songs.

We will be sad to say goodbye to our children but wish them every success in their continuing education. We look forward to meeting our new students for 2004.

These children will start their preschool sessions on Thursday 5 February 2004.

To enrol your child or to get more information contact Libby Robertson on 5122 3315.



Psychedelic Cafe

GOOD Vibes rang out from the Kurnai Year 9/10 drama production 'Psychedelic Cafe'.

The students took a trip back to the 1970's.

Fab costumes, groovy music, and a lively cast, saw an entertaining evening!

Thanks go to Ms Howard for her

direction and great efforts towards the production, Mr Key and Ms Drury for their set design and production, Ms Dickinson and Ms Taylor for their costume assistance, and last but not least, the cast for all of their hard work which paid off!

Expressions of Interest

Glendonald Park (Churchill) Advisory Committee

Glendonald Park Advisory Committee is an advisory committee to Latrobe City Council. Its role is to:

- *Advise Council on the management and strategic development of Glendonald Park.
- *Co-ordinate community involvement and participation in developing and maintaining the Park.
- *Establish and co-ordinate a 'Friends' group of active volunteers to be active in working bees and community events in the Park.

We are looking for five community members to become involved in the Committee. The seven person Committee shall consist of the five community members, a Latrobe City Council representative and a nominee of the Glendonald Residents Group Incorporated.

Frequency of meetings will be determined by the Advisory Committee.

Expressions of interest should be in writing and addressed to Heather Farley, Manager Community Development Strategy. Expressions of interest close on Friday 16 January 2004.

A Glendonald Park Advisory Committee role, composition, duties and functions document is available from Council's Citizen Service Centres. If you require further information please contact Teresa Pugliese on telephone 1300367700.

Richard Hancock
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ruth Place from the CFA teaching children at Glendonald Kinder fire safety



Lions Merry Christmas To All

By JOHN BARKER, Publicity
HAPPY BIRTHDAY Churchill & District News – thank you for your generosity over the past year in giving space for our club to submit articles and start the Birthday Club.

Two of our members, Ross Norman and Bob Christie attended the Monash Medical Centre Ronald McDonald House Sponsor Recognition Day and were presented with the plaque of appreciation.

Our pledge is \$2500 per year for 3 years to sponsor a room at the house that caters for the needs of families attending the Medical Centre for a period of time.

The club took part in the Royal Children's Hospital Tin Rattle at the Churchill Hotel on Melbourne Cup Day, raising over \$315.00. Thanks to all who donated.

Santa will be available again this year for visits – complete with a new set of whiskers (the cat stole the last lot!). Any group wishing to have Santa visit should contact member John Lee on 5122 2633, or Trent Kooyman 5134 2572.

Lion's Christmas Cakes are now available at various outlets in Churchill. A quick sell-out would be greatly appreciated.

Our club catered for Anti-Cancer Council Relay For Life recently over two days. The event was a huge success.

Other catering performed over the past month included – Associated Angling Club Junior Fishing Competition where the club donated free barbecue sausages and drinks to the participants and also donated \$200 prizes, Hazelwood House Fair, the Computer Expo and Bunnings (Camp Quality).

Our club is again running the "Letters To Santa" project this year – very successful through the efforts of Hazelwood North Primary School last year.

Post boxes will be available from mid

November at Primary Schools in Churchill and Hazelwood North. Some schools are using it as a class project.

All letters submitted will be answered provided there is a name and address on the letter. A donation of a gold coin would greatly assist Santa. Another Lions Club activity for the children in our community.

Daniel Beyer was the happy Birthday Club recipient of the two \$10 vouchers last month.

All children under 12 are eligible to join and each month a lucky "birthdayite" will be chosen at random from the monthly list.

Make sure your child is registered – just follow the instructions in the Birthday List.

Catering in the pipeline includes: December - Christmas barbecue for Glendonald Residents Group, May 2004 - Churchill Festival

By now you will have noticed that Christmas Trees are on sale by our club – raising funds to inject back into the community.

We have endeavoured to keep the price down so as many families as possible can have a tree to enhance their Christmas.

To all the families in our community of Churchill and surrounding district, we thank you for your support.

Need to contact us? Our address is: The Secretary, PO Box 110, CHURCHILL 3842.

We hope you all have a very safe and happy Christmas and New Year.



Lions Club Proud to Sponsor Donna Christie

DONNA Christie, 15 years old, of Churchill recently competed in the state trials for National All Styles Martial Arts and came a very credible fourth in the state.

This entitles her to compete in the National Championships to be held in Sydney early in December, representing Churchill and Victoria.

The Lions Club of Churchill and District is proud to be a sponsor for this very special event by assisting Donna with her financial outlay.

If Donna is successful in Sydney, she will be entitled to compete internationally.

Lioness Club

By MARGARET BARKER - Publicity

The Lioness Club was formed in Churchill on 25th October 1991 under the umbrella of the Lions Club, although both clubs work together.

The original Lions Ladies Auxiliary decided to become a Lioness club enabling the opportunity for ladies without partners in Lions to become part of this organisation.

Now this could be you. Recently the Lioness club had a membership drive as part of the Hazelwood House Fete.

In doing this, it was pointed out that many Churchillians didn't realise we existed.

Our aim is to serve the community. Our funds are raised mainly from two major functions – the Lapidary and Collectibles show in November and the dog Show in January. There are also many smaller catering jobs picked up during the year.

We are also very instrumental in assisting the Lions club as required at their major functions.

At this time we have 8 members and 1 prospective member. The cost of joining is kept to a minimum.

And it's not all work – we have many social activities as well. Our organisation offers Friendship, Fellowship and Service to others.

Our club meets on the evening of the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

If you are community minded and would like to be part of a great club, contact our President Vicki Burgess on 5122 1614 or Secretary: Merrilyn Grisotto on 5122 2543



LATROBE COORDINATED COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

We are seeking feedback from young people between 13 and 17 years of age on a new pilot program aimed at providing transport options on Saturday or Sunday afternoons for about four hours.

This pilot is aimed at providing a 12 seater bus to help young people of Churchill to get into Morwell on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon when bus services are finished.

Volunteers will be needed to drive the bus, so if you are willing, or know someone who would be interested, please contact Amanda on 5128 5677. (All volunteer drivers must be over the age of 25 and would be required to undergo a police check).

This initiative is supported by:
Churchill & District News
Churchill & District Community Association
Glendonald Residents Group Inc
Latrobe Valley Ministerial Taskforce



Please Circle Your Answer

Would you use the bus?	YES	NO
What time?	_____	
Where would you like to go?	Movies	Mid Valley
	Kernot Hall	Go Kart
	Ten Pin Bowling	
Other places (please state)	_____	
Special events	YES	NO
If you answered YES what event?	_____	
Which day?	Saturday	Sunday

Please Return this form to:
Churchill & District News Drop Off Box at
Foodworks Supermarket, Churchill
or
Kurnai College Library, Churchill

----- Youth Yard -----

Final Fantasy: The Return of Sephiroth

By StoryMan & JazzMan
PROLOGUE:

In the past years the Earth has been attacked by many creatures and monsters, and has also received aeons (Great Spirits of Spira).

For many years many brave crusaders and rebels have fought and died for the galaxy's freedom.....

But they did not expect.....Sephiroth to survive.....

For he had survived the defeat against Cloud Strife and escaped just in time. He wants to get back at Cloud for what he has done to him and he plans to do it very soon.....

11 years have passed and Sephiroth has brought back all the Heartless and Fiends to destroy Cloud for eternity. Sephiroth has now named himself the Dark Ruler and has created a new Jenova!

Do you remember Jenova, his mother?

Now the story begins....

CHAPTER ONE: AN UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL

The story begins in a nearby park.

"Hey James!" yelled Jarrod to James. "Yep?" replied James.

"Do you think Crystal will be here, I mean; she's taking ages!!!"

"Mua?" replied James. "Mua? Mua?! Is that all you can say!!!" screamed Jarrod in anger. "Hi guys," said Crystal.

"What?!" said Jarrod and James in shock.

Just then a huge white orb came hurtling through the air. "What the heck is that?!" wondered James, glaring at the orb.

All of a sudden a bunch of strange dogs approached the three and started chasing the orb.

"Come on, we've got to save that orb!" yelled Crystal and ran as fast as she could. "?????????" thought Jarrod and James and bolted after her.

A short while later they finally caught up to the orb, when suddenly they were attacked by a wolf. "I'll handle him!" said James and charged at the wolf.

Then he suddenly received a glowing sword. "What the?" said James, but continued to charge. He leaped into the air and dived down at the hideous beast. He managed to bonk it on the head, and it paused for a moment. "What? It's.... glowing weird..." said James in wonder. But as soon as he finished the monster disappeared.

SCREECH!!! "What was that?!" asked Jarrod and suddenly saw a strange bird. Just as suddenly he received a glowing ball. "Cool!" thought Jarrod and threw the ball at the strange bird. SMACK!!! With perfect accuracy, Jarrod had defeated the creature.

They all turned and looked at the orb again. But this time it was hatching! A strange blue reptile emerged from the egg. "Raar..." said the little reptile.

"Ohw...it's so cute" said Crystal in complete amazement. "Yeah, but it's a dragon!" said James. "A dragon? Are you serious?!" asked Jarrod turning to James.

"Aren't I always?" "Hmmm....." to be continued.....



END OF YEAR PARTY

By RUTH PLACE

NEARLY every Friday lunchtime this year, a small but enthusiastic group of students at Kurnai Campus Churchill, have been meeting to prepare articles for the Churchill and District News Youth Yard page. The group has been run by Mrs. Margaret Guthrie, with great support from teacher Kim McDuffie.

In appreciation of the efforts of these students and Mr. McDuffie's involvement, the Churchill and District News provided them with a pizza and soft drink lunch for their final meeting.

A lot of the students have been consistent in their attendance. When asked for their comments about the lunchtime activity, the students gave these responses.

Thomas: Thanks for the opportunity to put our stuff in the paper.

Leigh: It was fun doing the comics for the paper.

Owen: Thanks for giving us the chance to have things in the paper.

Jack: It was great doing it and I'll enjoy doing it again.

Morgan: Thanks for having us and it was fun writ-

ing all the articles.

Matthew: It's been good fun. It's been a pleasure.

Luke: It's been great putting things in the paper.

Donna: I just want to keep doing it.

James: It was fun and exciting to put things into the newspaper.

Vivien: I've enjoyed working with the paper.

The group wished to express their thanks to Mrs. Guthrie for all her time and encouragement. They also thought it was very nice of Mr. McDuffie to offer them his lunchtime.

Certificates prepared by the Editor were distributed and presented by Mrs. Guthrie. These included one for Mr. McDuffie in recognition of his excellent help and support of this activity.

Pictured above: The Youth Yard Team with Kim McDuffie and Mrs Guthrie.

Game Cheats "Total Annihilation"

By the COMPUTER RULER

Press ENTER to get the message line. Then press + and enter one of the following codes. After entering the code, press ENTER to activate the code. To deactivate a code, just enter it again.

ATM: Increase Metal and Energy by 1000

Radar: Acts like 100% radar coverage

DoubleShot: 2X damage of all weapon fire across board

nowisee: Exposes map and turns line-of-sight off

NOSHAK: Stops screen explosion shakes

METEOR: Random Meteor showers on map

clock: Show game clock

Skirmish mode Cheats

Cheats for Total Annihilation work on skirmish only. Press ENTER to get the line then press +

cdstart cd music starts

iwin you win

ilose you lose

noenergy drops energy to 0

nometal drops metal to 0

Martial Arts State Championships

By DONNA CHRISTIE

ON Sunday the 9 of November Emily, Donna, Jacque and Brendan went to Croydan Leisure Centre for the Martial Arts State Finals.

Emily qualified for Point Sparring and Jacque qualified

for Point Sparring and Pattens.

Emily, who achieved her Black Belt in August, will be going to the National

Championships on December 6 and 7 this year.

We would like to wish her all the best in Sydney.



Friends

By HAYLEY ANDERSON

A friend is someone who laughs at your jokes.

A friend is someone who answers your letters.

A friend is someone who asks to see your vacation pictures.

A friend is someone who walks home from school with you.

A friend is someone who'll do anything to cheer you up.

A friend is someone who likes the same TV programs as you.

A friend is someone who offers to bring the dessert to your dinner party.

A friend is someone who'll go jogging with you at 6 in the morning.

A friend is someone who makes you feel warm all the time.

A friend is someone who helps you to your feet.

The King Who Saved His Kingdom

By JACK ALEXANDER

Once upon a time there was a fierce dragon that had been threatening the kingdom. At first it was just killing and eating the livestock. Soon it moved to the village and destroyed the market square and all the goods were destroyed. The dragon was the king of all the dragons so it was named the King Black Dragon. The villagers had to move into the castle's dungeons for safety. The King had decided that he would attempt to slay the dragon so he assembled his finest troops and ordered the finest and strongest armour to be ready for the dragon's next rampage.

The dragon's next rampage was an act of hunger because there was no food left for it to eat. The King noticed that. He decided he would take it out of the village and to the mines at the top of the mountains. At the top of the mountains he will throw a dead sheep carcass into the cave and with all his men they will push a boulder in front of the opening.

Hoping that his plan will work the men and the King pushed and levered with all their

might. They managed to move the boulder almost all the way. The dragon realized it was a trap and hurtled itself at the boulder and managed to smash through the gap. And with one fiery breath it scorched all his warriors and he was left alone. With his legendary shield and his razor sharp sword the King attacked the beast. He thrust his sword right into the dragon's head. The dragon faulted and dropped to the ground. He stayed on the mountain for one week. He trudged down to the town and went into the dungeons and told the villagers that he had slain the dragon. At a terrible price, all the warriors were torched.

The villagers went up the mountain to bury the dead. They were buried in the royal chamber where all the dead kings and soldiers were place. A memorial day was arranged for them. At last the village was at peace again.

By Emily McKernan



POWERFUL

By Kym Samson



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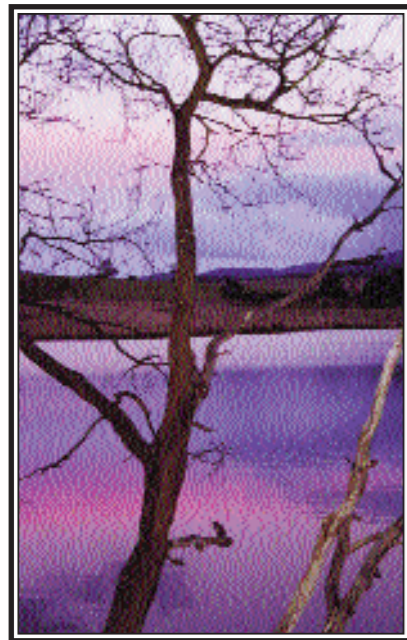
By Bryan Stow

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By Kym Samson



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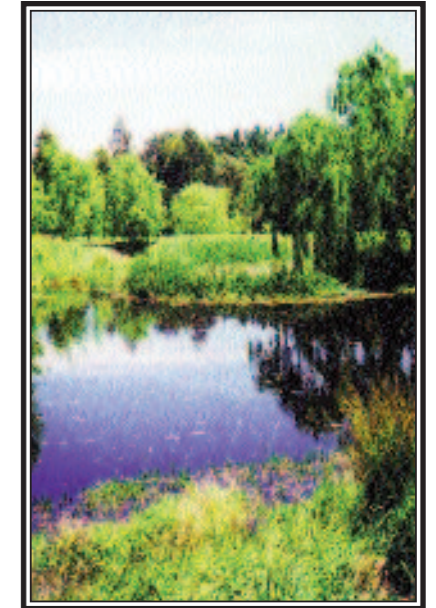
By Kym Samson

January 2004

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23	24 <i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	25 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	26	27	28	29



TRANQUIL DAM

By Cathie Halliwell

March 2004

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8 <i>Labor Day</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
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May 2004

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June 2004

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September 2004

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October 2004

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SUMMER SUNSET

By Cathie Halliwell



THE LAKE

By Kym Samson



November 2004

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THE LAND AND ITS ENERGY

By Bryan Stow



FIRE IN THE SKY

By Kym Samson



CHURCHILL FIRE BRIGADE

By Ruth Place



HAZELWOOD POWER STATION

By Janice Redmond



Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



It's Not a Normal Town

The Koekijk's - The Milkies



By RUTH PLACE

IN March 2004, John and Toni Koedijk will have lived in Australia for fifty years. They were born in Holland, married there, had their first of seven children, before emigrating to Australia. Their son, Gus, was just nine months old when they arrived.

In the first twelve months of residency, they moved several times from Daylesford, to Heyfield, to Sunshine, and then Traralgon. Toni was homesick and found it difficult to settle. John found work at the A.P.M. in the accounting branch.

In the 1960s, the Minister of Housing, Lindsay Thompson of the Bolte Government, announced that Yallourn would go for coal mining, and the government would replace it with a new town - Hazelwood.

John and Toni had had no previous experience with the milk delivery business, except when John had taken a part time job with the milkman in Traralgon. By that time he had more mouths to feed! But John put in an application to the government to get the license for the dairy for the new township.

The Milk Board, part of the Department of Agriculture, took a long time to answer the application. It was eighteen months before the license was awarded on the promise that John would look after the town, and on the condition that they had premises. As with pubs, the license is given to premises not a person's name.

The Housing Commission had no premises in



Hazelwood for that purpose. So John and Toni

decided to come to Hazelwood to look around. They couldn't find Hazelwood. There still was no township.

They arrived near Frazers Road (off Switchback Road, near the Pondage) and saw a farmhouse. They stopped the car to make enquiries. Out came a farmer who was "absolutely covered with cow dung" said John.

They asked him where Churchill was. He pointed up the hill, towards the east and said, "That is where it will be. It is my area," he said. "I'm Keith White the councillor."

John recalls that Keith White did a lot of work in the initial stages of this township. He died about ten years ago and Darrel took over where his father left off. He has also done a lot of work for Churchill. It was Keith White that initiated the first Churchill Citizens Association, to ensure the town had a representative voice on the Morwell Shire Council.

The Medew's farm had been acquired for the township. An old cow shed at the southern end of Firmin Road intersection with McDonald Way (in the middle of the road), was selected as the premises. It was a mess, but it meant that John could achieve his license status.

Then the Housing Commission constructed McDonald Way, and John's shed had to go and John's license was in jeopardy. Another cow shed was located at the corner of Goodings Road and Frazers Road, on Jack Goodings farm. The license was duly transferred among lots of paper work and a lot of government red tape.

Neither of these cow sheds was ever used, as John delivered direct from Traralgon to Churchill.

From delivering milk from the boot of his car, John progressed to the boot and a trailer. Then there was the panel van, to which a trailer was added. Later still came the milk vehicles.

The petrol driven house delivery vehicle, with the Cortina motor, had a braking system attached to the accelerator. If you took your foot off the accelerator, the vehicle stopped. It was very handy for deliveries. The vehicle was designed by Repco.

The second vehicle was a truck for wholesale deliveries to the G.I.A.E. (Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education), schools, kinders, and shops etc. But that was well after the Shopping Centre was completed.

When the Ayers family was the only family in town, John would leave his job at the A.P.M., collect 4 bottles of milk, deliver them to the Ayers, collect their 4 empty bottles, and return them to the Murray-Goulburn Butter Factory in Traralgon. This happened 7 days a week. The number of bottles increased as the number of families grew.

The contract for the first 100 houses was let for building houses in Howard Ave., McInnes Ave., and some of Heesom Crescent, to the Traralgon company of

Marley Pty Ltd. Graeme Ayers was their Building Supervisor, and also the first resident of Churchill, at 7 Switchback Road, opposite the Police Station.

The house at number 1 Howard Ave. was used as a storage facility, for such things as kitchen cupboards, sinks etc. which couldn't be left out in the weather.

It was six months later when the second house, 20 McInnes Crescent, was occupied by the Rev. Peter Arch his wife Margaret, and family.

The Anglican, Uniting and Churches of Christ, John recalls, had already agreed before the town was started, to work in co-operation.

Peter Arch was an Anglican priest. John is a Roman Catholic. Peter and Margaret did a lot of work for the community. Peter started the first Churchill news - a single copied sheet. Peter was the first postmaster. John and Peter were in close contact and would work out if new residents were of Peter's flock, or John's flock!

After a while Peter became so busy with parish work that he had to give up the Post Office and handed it over to the Koedijks, who remained in the job until the Shopping Centre was completed.

The Post Office was located in their house. People would come to collect their mail at all hours of the day and night. For the princely sum of ten shillings a week, the Koedijks carried out all the Post Office activities.

Later it passed to Jean Brick who had it in her house for some time before it went to the Shopping Centre.

The first true residents were the Teasdale Family, who moved into 3 Howard Ave. The Koedijks were the 25th family to move in, and lived at 15 Switchback Road.

The only person in Churchill to have a phone in the early days was Peter Arch, as he had the Post Office.

The Koedijks delivered milk to the road makers and construction workers, as well as the residents. Toni remembers when the trailer was added to the car, going over the railway crossing on Tramway Road was a problem, as the vibrations often broke some bottles. They discovered that going fast over the rails was safer for the bottles than going slow!

John remembers that on Thursdays and Fridays the women liked to go out. He describes the town as a morgue. The lack of close family and the lack of variety in the shopping was the draw card for the women to go and see their relatives and go shopping with them.

Lack of selection is still one of the features of our present day shopping facilities. Churchill also lacks business and other facilities available in towns of comparable size. John believes that Churchill only grew with the establishment of the G.I.A.E., later to become Monash, Gippsland.

The Koedijk Family had increased in number, and there was a need to find a larger house. So

they moved to their present residence about twenty years ago.

When the Shopping Centre was complete, the Koedijks rented from the Housing Commission, the Milkbar - their premises - to use at last. Later they moved to the dairy and shop on Switchback Road. Even though this has been for sale for many years, sadly there have been no buyers!

John delivered milk in Churchill until twelve years ago, when he sold the business to John McCafferty, who sold it to Kevin Rennie. House deliveries ceased many years ago.

Toni and John have nineteen grandchildren. They are extremely proud of all their children and the success they have made of their lives.

When asked if he would live elsewhere than Churchill, even though it doesn't have the facilities a normal town might have, John answered quickly. "No! I love it here. We love Australia. I've never been back to Holland, although Toni



has returned three times. Australia has a beautiful climate and weather, no panic or rush, freedom, room to move and it's friendly."

Pictured: Above right: Toni and John Koedijk, right: 15 Switchback Road in 1968, above: the first milk delivery van.

Christmas Wishes from Christian Zahra Federal Member for McMillan

It's been a busy year in the McMillan electorate as your local Federal MP. I've spent much of this year visiting some of the small rural districts in our region. We're fortunate to have so many great small communities in our region who are all working hard to improve the quality of life for the people who live in our towns and districts.

The regular visits I make to small towns, schools and workplaces really keeps my feet on the ground and I enjoy the opportunity I get to talk to people directly in their community and help with the problems people raise with me.

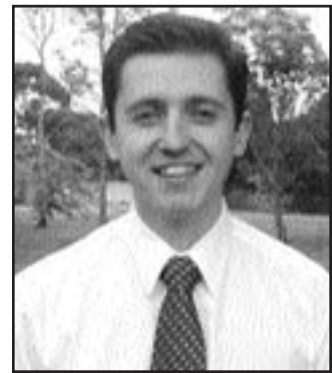
I'll be continuing my Town Visit Program next year so look out for my ad in the local paper and come along

if you've got something you'd like to talk to me about.

Thanks for all your support this year and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Christian Zahra
MP

Federal Member
for McMillan



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Building Churchill

By Graham Ayres

Part 2



GWEN and I were at the Yinnar Pub one Saturday having lunch. There was a carpenter subbie and another fellow at a table nearby. He evidently had not recognised me dressed up as he was talking about me and the job. Among other things he said I was very hard man, he added as an afterthought "but fair". Whereas I thought of myself as firm and fair.

We never had to advertise for subbies. I employed mostly anyone that came looking for a job if there was room for them.

A carpenter from Melbourne called in: "Got any fixing mate." He had his son with him, both looked decent fellows.

"Yes I can give you a start." For the next two or three days after they started on the fix I called in to see how they were going. The job looked OK.

I was busy for the next couple of days and did not have time to call in. When I did call in, the job was nearly finished. I was shocked. It was the worst job of fixing I had seen. The son was just finishing a trim around a door. It was obvious Dad had let his inexperienced son do jobs he was not capable of.

I pointed out the many defects in workmanship that were unacceptable and told the subbie I would make a list of things to be rectified. He had the choice of making the things on the list good or I would get the work done by someone else and deduct it against his claim. I pointed out that the cost of rectification would just about be as much as his claim. He said he would fix the job up.

I made out the list and walked around with him pointing out how I wanted things done.

They completed the fix in five days, it took four to fix up. He chose not to do another job.

This was about the hardest thing I had to do at Churchill. I pointed out to this chap the parts of the job his son could have done well and gradually given him experience.

Gwen cleaned some of the houses to be ready for handover. Carl (the Clerk of Works) was a lot harder on her than the other cleaners. We had social contact with Carl and his wife Mary. I suppose Carl did not want to be accused of favouritism.

My son John was still going to high school. He worked as a labourer cleaning out yards and spreading soil prior to handover. Saturdays only, of course.

I decided to put to Joe that the yards be done on a contract rate. We arrived at 5pounds per yard. Joe thought the price was too low.

Our Saturday labourers agreed to try this price.

As the jobs were near our house, John came home for smoko when he was on an hourly wage. On the Saturday John was starting on 5 pounds per yard, he was getting a drink and eats to take to work.

"You are not coming home for smoko, John?"

"No Dad, I won't have time."

John earned nearly twice the money on contract compared to wages. Into the bargain these lads did a better job and took less of my time overseeing them.

In one area of the job we had to dig very deep on some footings to get a solid base. On some sites the footings were up to ten feet deep. The terms of the contract required that any footings over two feet deep, extra was paid for the additional brickwork needed. In these deep footings it was just impossible for bricklayers to work in deep narrow tranches.

Carl said he had struck this on another job. The Housing Commission had agreed to the trench being filled with concrete to the normal level and they paid as if bricks had been used. Carl said that the contractor on the job said it cost him less to put in concrete than the amount he received if bricks were used.

I worked out the cost and sure enough this was so. So in with the concrete in truck loads. When Joe came down next he was aghast. He said he was sure concrete would cost more than bricks. Down to the office he went to look at the cost of each way of doing the work. He found my figures right, and he congratulated me on my decision.

It was wintertime when we were doing these footings. There had been a lot of rain, the ground was soft and wet and the site had quite a slope.

The concrete drivers would not drive onto the site, for fear of getting bogged. They were owner-drivers.

So our footings contractor had to barrow concrete from the trucks parked on the road. Of

course, they were asking for extra money for the job.

The concrete was supplied by Ready Mix whose plant was just down the road from us. I went off down to see the manager. When I went in the truck drivers were having their smoko so they heard my conversation with the manager.

I said I wanted the trucks to drive on the site, directed where by me. If a truck got bogged we would hire a tow truck to get them out.

Loud objections from the truck drivers, saying who did I think I was. Did I think I knew more about delivering concrete to the site than they did?

"Ok I will get another supplier."

The manager talked them into giving it a go.

So I would direct a truck to leave the road at high side of the site so the truck was going down hill and drive along one side of the job spewing concrete into the trench. Then when the truck was empty, without turning he continued downhill and back onto the lower road. We did not bog one truck.

I guided a truck into the job in this manner. The truck stopped. Out sprang the driver with a revolver pointed at my head. He said something like "Now you get yours mate."

A loud bang, a puff of smoke, the driver burst out laughing. The murderous weapon was a starting pistol.

Twelve months after we started the job we were building four houses a week, so I had covered Joe's request at the start of the job that he wanted three houses a week by twelve months. Now Joe asked me if I could turn out six of seven each week.

"I will give it a try, Joe."

Our plumbing contractor was flat strap keeping up, so I had a talk to his foreman. He said "No one else in the valley has ever turned the amount of work being done here, even you could not do any more." There was a note of sarcasm in his voice.

"We will employ another plumbing contractor on site to do what jobs you can't."

The boss plumber was on the job to see me the

next day. He said labour was his problem, and there was just no more plumbers available. I suggested he put his workers on contract. He said he would not know what price to pay them.

"Offer them two thirds of your present cost."

"At the present each one calls in with their can at my shed each morning to get material for the day. If they were on contract I would have to come to the job each day to find what material is wanted and go and get it."

"They will be quite willing to come to the shed each morning as at present, you will probably have to be on deck earlier, though."

"What about the problem we have now and again with leaks behind plaster walls?"

"Tell the plumbers they have to fix any leaks or defects o the jobs they do."

The final part of Graham's story will be in our next edition in February 2004.

Pictured Below: Manning Drive in 1967 - note the house that is like an English semi-detached.



What's on at arc Yinnar

ARC'S Summer Show, a multi media group exhibition will be on view in our Gallery from Saturday 13 December.

Currently exhibiting in the Foyer are ceramics from Margaret Harman, a collection of stunning plates and ginger jars with sandblasted and gold lustre decoration.

Jillaine Hurrell has a collection of courtyard pieces with a Mediterranean colour palette, Kyoshi Ino's traditional Japanese ceramics and some hand woven mohair shawls from Gwen Young.

We will be conducting Holiday Ceramics Programs in January. Contact arc for details.

What is arc Yinnar?

arc is an arts resource centre that has been operating and providing a creative workspace for 21 years.

It is a self funded, not for profit organisation run by artists. arc offers studio space for the artist practitioners and open access studio spaces for community use.

We have a photographic darkroom, a well equipped ceramic studio with kilns, a sound stage, a superb Gallery, metal work studio's and a printmaking studio.

We hold classes during the year under the ACE umbrella, creative family days, exhibitions and open stage music and performance evenings.

For more information about what's on at arc, news about forthcoming exhibitions, invitations to exhibit and

opening nights and classes, visit our web site: www.arcyinnar.org.au or contact us during office hours.

Normal office hours are 12 - 4pm, Monday - Friday and 11 - 3pm Saturday. Our phone number is: 5163 1310.

Arc is located in the old Yinnar Butter Factory (with the painted cows out the front), opposite the Yinnar Pub. arc will be closed from 22 December until the 4 January 2004.



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Sunday 28th - 1.00am - 1.00pm

Monday 29th - 9.00am - 4.00pm

Tuesday 30th - 9.00am - 4.00pm

Wednesday 31st - 9.00am - 4.00pm

Thursday 1st January 2004 - Closed

Friday 2nd January - normal hours

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Building Rural Futures Through Co-operative Study Group

By RUTH PLACE

FOR ten weeks from September to mid November, a study group met at the Neighbourhood Centre to look at various strategies for groups to work together to achieve an outcome.

The group wishes to thank the Neighbourhood Centre for allowing us to meet free of charge.

Margaret was our facilitator, and our group consisted of David, Peter, Wendy, Rod, Chris and Ruth.

On our final day we were asked for our comments about the study group, and these follow.

To begin with we didn't know what we would get out of this study group.

David came to support his wife Margaret. David guessed that numbers would drop because they always do in these situations.

David was a bit apprehensive because he had heard about all the reading and writing, and facilitating of the group, and he knew that would have been difficult for him.

In the future, David would like to see something done with the course that allows people to participate without that pressure.

There is a fine line between accepting an invitation and being asked to do something straight away, when you are not sure or comfortable within a new situation.

Peter and Ruth wanted to support Margaret in her studies so we agreed to commit to the ten weeks.

People's expectations were different. Action to achieve something was important to some members, so the theory was boring or seemingly irrelevant.

Peter had an open mind and therefore no expectations other than support for Margaret. But Peter can see that an information board is needed and would be most useful.

Discussions showed that working as a team takes a common sense approach. Treat people as you expect to be treated. Going through the sessions Peter has been able to pick up some useful tips and re-prioritize things, e.g. print on paper.

Some things we knew, but had temporarily forgotten. It is always good to be reminded of good practices .e.g. how to welcome people especially as there is a transient population through Churchill.

We learnt a lot about inclusive communication, e.g. using proper fonts and colours in printing.

We also discussed about why people are not involved in groups. There are many groups in Churchill but few people to keep them going.

Rod felt comfortable, listened to and trusted. He felt he could share things in the group because of that trust.

The session with Gwyn was very useful.

As a project, the group is exploring options to place a noticeboard in the shopping centre with information leaflets about organization in Churchill. Other options will be explored if necessary.

The Seven Sisters

By JEFF SING

SUMMER has approached. Due to daylight savings, longer days and shorter nights the amateur astronomer worth his/her salt would be found out very late after dark!

In December and January the end of astronomical twilight occurs around 10.00pm - 10.30pm Eastern Australian Daylight Savings time.

The end of astronomical twilight is calculated when the centre of the Sun is 18 degrees below the horizon. This means that the sky is then deemed truly dark enough for serious astronomical observing.

Low in the northern part of the night sky one can spot a misty, hazy patch of light about four moon (angular) diameters wide, edge to edge, called the Seven Sisters - a naked eye open star cluster.

The Seven Sisters in Greek mythology is known as the Pleiades, representing seven maidens. The astronomical catalogue number of the Pleiades is M45. M45 is more favourably placed for observers in the northern hemisphere where those with keen eyesight can make out at least seven stars and there have been instances of people distinguishing up to fourteen stars with the naked eye alone.

The best observers this far south would be lucky to resolve more than six members with the unaided eye alone.

An open star cluster is typically a collection of a few stars up to a few hundred star numbers that are bound together by a common centre of gravity.

They are usually hot, young stars within the spiral arms of the Milky Way galaxy.

The Pleiades is barely 20 million years old - an infant on the galactic scale.

If you place your thumb level with the 'flat' horizon at arms length and stretch your hand vertically about 1 1/2 hand spans, that is, to extend your hand from your thumb to your littlest finger, you will reach the altitude of about thirty degrees above the horizon, the angular height that the Pleiades culminates (i.e. when it is on the sky's north-south line, or its maximum elevation above the horizon).

M45 and all other deep sky objects and stars do not culminate at the same time every night. The time it culminates varies from night to night throughout each year due to the effect of the rotation of the earth on its axis

every 24 sidereal (star) hours and the Earth's orbital motion around the sun.

M45 is one of the true showpieces in the sky that can be viewed with any instrument besides the unaided eye. Binoculars and small telescopes reveal over 30 stars, including over a dozen very bright ones.

The Seven Sisters is also known as the brightest star cluster in the entire sky.

Readers of this article may get the opportunity to view this object, if unable to locate the Seven Sisters themselves, through contacting Jeff Sing on 51747 556 or ring the LVAS (Latrobe Valley Astronomical Society), Coach Road Hill, Yallourn Observatory Manager, Dennis Scambler on 5633 1941.

Observing sessions are organised on an ad hoc basis around the time when the moon doesn't interfere with viewing these remote objects

The next moonless period is from December 15 - 28. Observing nights are chosen on the understanding that both parties involved are mutually available.

Readers can visit the LVAS web site at <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~lvas>. Enquires about the LVAS can be directed to Gavan Dinsdale on 5174 6453



The Seven Sisters

GLENDONALD RESIDENTS GROUP Inc.

Christmas Celebration



Come join your neighbours in celebrating the festive season.

WHERE: Glendonald Park (northern end)

WHEN: From 5.30pm, Tuesday 16th December

WHAT'S HAPPENING: BBQ and drinks provided free.



SANTA will be visiting with lollies for the kids.

The Glendonald Residents Group Tool Library is open for business.

Local residents can join the library for just \$10 per year and be entitled to borrow from a range of garden tools, including wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, forks hoes and hand tools.

Members can loan the tools for two-week periods. It's expected that the tools will also be put to good use in continuing working bees in Glendonald Park next year.

If you're interested in joining the tool library, contact:

Margaret and David on 5122 2997 from 9 -10am

And 5 6pm

Or Barbara on 5122 1407 between 3.30 & 6.30pm

Or write to the Residents Group at PO Box 245 Churchill 3842

The Residents Group will next meet at 6.30pm on January 27th 2004 at the Churinga Drive kindergarten.

Merry Christmas to all and thanks to the Churchill & District News for your ongoing support.

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Seasons Greetings from Herman Ge



MY benefactor took me on a great outing a few weeks back.

Transported in a miniature Coolgardie carry-all packed with moist leaf litter I was able to pick up the vibes through the many ventilation holes

Destination - "Nim's Place". Wow, Nim does everything on a grand scale, including catering lunch for the hungry hordes from the Churchill Gardening Club. The tasty Asian cuisine included many vegies from her own amazing garden. I was very tempted to slip into the scrap bucket.

Now Nim has built a couple of vast enclosures using

treated pine timber covered with netting, which make them both bird and vermin proof. She is growing berries, vegies, espalier fruit trees and more.

But the piece de resistance is (and here's a girl after my own heart) she has a "NO DIG" policy.

Mulch to the right of us, mulch to the left of us --- I am in heaven!

She's often been seen in the dead of night squashing snails and spreading mulch by torch light. Now that's what I call dedication.

Nim also has an amazing variety of cacti and vast numbers of cymbidium orchids.

Speaking of orchids, since she banned her bountiful pet pig from one corner of the property there has been a re-emergence of native orchids, which my benefactor and her friends had fun hunting for.

Fascinating Fact of Fictitious Fibbery in the Herb Patch, from Culpeper's Complete Herbal & English Physician.

To Keep Teeth White.

Dip a little piece of white cloth in vinegar of quinces, and rub your gums with it, for it has a gallant binding quality, and not only makes the teeth white, but also strengthens the gums, fastens the teeth, and also causeth a sweet breath.

If you are into dirt and have got something to share, write to Herman Ge Worm, PO Box 240, Churchill, 3842.

Neighbourhood Watch Summer Checklist

By PETER MCSHANE
Crime Statistics

It has been a reasonably quiet month and we hope the trend continues. Only six reported instances for the month made up of: One Theft from a Motor Vehicle, Three Property Damage and Two Thefts (other) from houses.

We are still looking for a volunteer. Please don't be shy - our local NHW committee is losing our Treasurer Fran Pawluck who is heading off soon on an extended caravanning trip - end destination unknown but be assured that she will be retiring to a warmer climate.

So if you are keen to take on a position which is not labour intensive, not many nights out and a minimal number of financial transactions to document and control, please give us a call.

The holiday season is approaching quickly. Have you lost your holiday checklist? Don't have it readily to hand? Then I'll reprint it to assist you.

Have your mail redirected or

picked up,

Have your morning paper delivery cancelled,

Have a neighbour regularly clear out the junk mail deliveries and pick up the LV Express Monday and Thursday deliveries,

Arrange to have your lawns kept tidy during your absence,

Secure all doors and windows with quality locks,

Use sensor lights around the exterior of your house,

Use timers on lights to give the appearance of somebody being home,

Trim trees and shrubs so that burglars cannot hide behind them,

Turn down the ringing volume of your phone,

Don't leave tools and ladders outside for burglars to use,

Have a neighbour park a car in your drive during your absence.

And finally - fill in an Absence from Residence Form and drop it into the Police Station before you depart.

p.s. Enjoy your holiday!

Next Meeting

No December meeting but we would love you to join us on Thursday 15 January for a brief meeting to discuss any concerns that you may care to raise. Come and join us at 7:30pm at the Neighbourhood House Room at the Churchill Leisure Centre.

We wish you a happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. Please travel safely and come and join us occasionally in the New Year.

For more information contact: Area Manager Peter McShane 51221745 or e-mail: petergmcshane@yahoo.com.au

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Christmas Holidays:
Dec 19 to Jan 5 2004



Get Caught Reading!!



THE Latrobe City Library Service will once again host a FREE summer Reading club for all primary school children under 13.

The theme for this year is "Get Caught Reading". To catch the reading bug, each child will need to register at their local library branch.

Upon registering, each child will receive a reading record and fun activity sheets. One ten books have been read, each child is eligible to enter the prize draw.

Each child will need return the completed entry form back to their local

library to qualify for a chance to win great prizes.

There are fantastic prizes. First prize is a \$50 gift voucher. There are three \$20 gift vouchers for the runners up (one per branch).

The Summer Reading Club encourages all children to maintain their reading skills during the holidays and see it as fun at the same time!!

Competition Starts 1 December 2003, and ends 31 January 2004.

You could be a winner this Summer!!!



LATROBE CITY LIBRARIES OPENING HOURS

Wednesday 24 December
Morwell, Moe and Traralgon Branches
10am - 12 noon

Monday 29, and Tuesday 30 December
All branches open usual hours.

Wednesday 31 December
Morwell, Moe and Traralgon Branches
10am - 12 noon

Monday 5 January
Morwell and Moe Branches
Open usual Hours

Tuesday 6 January
Morwell, Moe and Traralgon Branches
regular hours resume

Churchill Community Library will be Closed Thursday 18 December.
Regular Library hours will begin on 29 January 2004



Lions November Birthdayite!



The November "Birthdayite", Daniel Beyer, was all smiles as he was presented with two \$10 vouchers by John Barker from the Lions Club of Churchill & District - one for Churchill Newsagency and the other for Churchill Future Flicks. He was chosen at random from the November list.

This could have been you - make sure you join so you also have the chance to be a lucky "Birthdayite".



Seasons Greetings





Christmas Trading Hours

Closed as of
Tuesday 23/12/03

Re-open Monday
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Helen's interests included playing tennis and netball. She was an avid Collingwood supporter. She loved playing cards.

Having family get together, helping at Wattle Club and being a member of the C.W.A. all held a special place in her routine.

Helen's main focus was her family. She delighted in her increasing family of added sons- and daughters-in-law, and her 21 beautiful grandchildren.

She was proud of the way each of the children gained their independence, which she encouraged, while instilling in them the benefits of remaining part of a loving family unit, with importance of family bonds and family values.

There was great love and respect shared between Bryan, Helen and their children. A beautiful closeness existed between them.

Helen taught her children to respect the person in authority, be it policeman or coach. She instilled love justice and gentleness as qualities to be valued.

She was a firm disciplinarian, but understood the power of a smile.

Helen's children describe her as always fair, sincere, honest, not afraid to face difficult circumstances, a super manager, a friend, unselfish, and an encourager of all the special qualities of each.

She saw the best in each child and always expressed her pride in their achievements.

Over the years Helen made many friendships with friends, neighbours and workmates which she sustained and nurtured.

Together with her family all these folks will grieve her passing. But Helen will live on in her family and friends as her valuable influence is lived out in them.

The family would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Betty Wyatt and the Wattle Club for their special help, the community, Palliative Care, The Co-Operating Churches, Ivy Goodwin, all who provided the luncheon after the service, the many folks who called, phoned, sent cards or other tributes, or in any way gave support to the family. Please accept this as their personal response.

Rest in peace thou good and faithful servant.

HELEN MCCRACKEN was born at Casterton in Victoria. She was the youngest daughter of seven children from the marriage of Charles and Mollie McCracken.

Charles McCracken was a Postmaster, so the family moved around a good bit. Helen went to school at Tongala and Echuca.

It was when she was grown up, and the family was living at Kyabram that Helen met Bryan Holcombe, a postal worker, who was to become her future husband.

After their marriage, Bryan and Helen moved house and job several times, adding to their family as they went.

In Dandenong, Robert and Wendy were born. At Trafalgar South, Alan and Derek appeared. At Echuca, Annie joined the family.

Then it was back to Gippsland to Milford near Mirboo and Susie came along.

There was a dairy farm to manage, a pastoral company to oversee.

At Walkerville there was a deer farm to manage followed by a sojourn in Leongatha.

The couple had a Road House at Tarwin Lower to run, before a final move to settle in Churchill.

Helen worked in a variety of employment opportunities, as a secretary/ Stenographer for a Stock Agency, as a Telephone Exchange Operator at Mirboo, a hospital domestic at Mirboo North, and as a weather station reader at Morwell River Prison Farm and at their own property at Milford.

She showed discipline, an eye to detail, and always carried out her duties with a cheerful outlook.

The family budget was watched over carefully by Helen, who could add up efficiently. Calculators were

Drooping She-Oak

By RUTH PLACE

TO see an example of a Drooping She-Oak visit the Arboretum at Mathison Park. The tree is No 2 on the southern side of the Kurnai concrete pathway. It is surrounded by some Pale Grass plants.

According to "The Concise Australian Flora" book by Leonard Cronin, the Drooping She-Oak can grow to a spreading tree of eleven meters. The crown is formed of drooping, rather coarse branchlets.

The flowers are brown or red, very small and born on separate male and female trees. The females form globular and hairy spikes to once centimetre across, while the males form cylindrical spikes five to twelve centimetres long, on the ends of branchlets.

Fruits are oval in shape, grey to brown, woody cones about two to five centimetres long, producing small brown winged seeds about eight millimetres long. The trees flower in Winter and Spring.

Their common sites include: along coastal cliffs, dunes and rocky outcrops in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania.

According to "Plants of Significance

to the Ganai Community" , the Aboriginal name for this tree is Barn. The Ganai people used the timber for spear throwers, boomerangs and other implements. The very young shoots and cones were eaten.



Christmas Greetings from Churchill and Hazelwood Guides

By ZELMA MILDENHALL
The N4 Project

Knitting is going well.

Thanks to those who have donated wool and / or needles, and special thanks to our knitters.

Hazelwood Junior Guides

Our indoor camp at Burnet Park, Glengarry West, with the Yallourn North and Moe guides was a great success. All girls worked together and enjoyed a wide variety of activities. The theme for the camp was Christmas so we had a special dinner on Saturday and crafts that reflected the theme. We had a campfire and sang some action songs and Carols.

On Tuesday 18 November two of our guides were presented with their Junior BP Awards and Certificates. Families and friends attended and our Region leader, Mrs Gwen Williams, made the presentations to Monique Hustler and Elizabeth Richards. Monique gave Mrs Williams a Christmas box with an angel inside, the same as those made at camp.

The Hazelwood Guide District break up, on Wednesday 26 November, was held at Lake Hyland. A barbecue was enjoyed, and we made some small rafts to float in the lake.

We visit Hazelwood House in December to give out gifts we have made.

Again this year we will participate in wrapping Christmas gifts at Mid Valley with the Rotary Club of Hazelwood.

Our final unit meeting for 2003 is on Tuesday 9 December, and our first unit meeting for 2004 is on Tuesday 3 February.

Christmas Greetings to all.

Our unit meets on Tuesdays from 4.00pm to 5.30pm in the Hazelwood South Hall, Tramway Road. For further information contact Zelma Mildenhall on 5166 1264 or Faye Foley on 5122 1249.

Merry Christmas

FUTURE FLICKS:
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 New Years Day: 12-9pm

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 Monday 29 Dec: 7.30am - 5.30pm
 Tuesday 30 Dec: 7.30am - 5.30pm
 Wednesday 31 Dec: 7.30am - 5.00pm
 New Years Day: Closed

FEDERATION PHARMACY:
 Closed: 25 Dec
 Closed: 26 Dec
 Closed: 1 Jan

KATZ HAIR DESIGN:
 Closed Thursday 25 Dec
 Closed Friday 26 Dec
 Closed Saturday 27 Dec
 Closed Thursday 1 Jan



PDP COMPUTERS:
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 Saturday 27 Dec: Closed
 Sunday 28 Dec: Closed
 Monday 29 Dec: 8.00am - 5.30pm
 Tuesday 30 Dec: 8.00am - 5.30pm
 Wednesday 31 Dec: 8.00am - 4.00pm
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with your NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, BIRTHDATE, and whether BOY or GIRL.

The lucky "Birthdayite" for November was Daniel Meyer.

BIRTHDAYITES FOR DECEMBER 2003

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|---------------|----------|
| Megan KEARNS | 7 years |
| Joshua KEMP | 10 years |
| Dylan LAMONT | 11 years |
| Dylan ROWLEY | 8 years |
| Jessie ROWLEY | 11 years |
| Jake SMITH | 12 years |
| Oliver THAIN | 8 years |

The selected "BIRTHDAYITE" for December is JAKE SMITH

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Fire Restrictions Now In Force

By RUTH PLACE

ON Sunday 30th November, the Brigade enjoyed a barbecue at the station as our end of year function.

The book in which the Santa Runs are recorded is filling up. The Brigade does a wonderful service this time of the year, on top of all their other duties.

This is the time of year that the Brigade goes on full alert. The Fire Season is shaping up to be as bad if not worse than last year.

The spring rain followed by the prolific growth of grass is making fuel for fires. If you need help to plan your fire strategy, please ring the station on 51222121, Sunday morning or Monday night.

PLEASE CLEAN UP AROUND YOUR PLACE TO REDUCE THE FUEL.

REMEMBER FIRE RESTRICTIONS ARE NOW IN FORCE.

NO BURNING OFF WITHOUT A PERMIT

To the end of November, the Brigade has responded to 147 fire call outs, and this summer season is just beginning!

Fire Plugs

These are found by a blue indicator in the road near their location.

Please adopt a fire plug and keep it free of weeds and report any damage to it to the fire brigade.

Maintenance of fire plugs is vital, as it is to these that the fire brigade connect their hoses in case of fire.

Looking after the fire plug near you may be the difference between saving your house or having it destroyed, should you have a fire at your house.

Christmas Eve Lolly Run

This fantastic service is provided FREE by YOUR fire brigade. However if you would care to make a donation of money or wrapped lollies, the Brigade would be thrilled.

CHURCHILL FIRE BRIGADE WISHES ALL THE COMMUNITY A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER SEASON.

Fire at Hazelwood

By DAVID EVES, A/Safety Manager

At about 3.00pm on Saturday 15 November a significant fire was detected in the main coalbunker (Hazelwood Slot Bunker) at International Power Hazelwood.

The temperature at the time was 36 degrees and the wind speed 60kph, making the fire fighting conditions very difficult.

The IPRH emergency response plan was activated and fire-fighting units from the Country Fire Authority, the Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Diamond Protection and the Mine mobilised to fight the fire.

The fire was able to be controlled and coal supplies to the bunker (which had stopped at 4.30pm) started again at approximately 8.30 pm.

One person required first aid treatment for dust/ash in his eyes.

Electrical control and power cables to conveyors were damaged by the fire.

Translucent panels on the roof of the bunker were also damaged.

Repairs to the damaged cables have commenced and permanent repairs will take some weeks.

The cause of the fire is at this point unknown and a panel of inquiry has been set up.

All personnel involved in fighting the fire are to be commended for their excellent performance.

The extreme weather conditions made the task difficult but considering the potential, damage is relatively minor and more importantly there were no serious injuries.



Seasick Sailor Opts For Life Beneath The Waves

IT wasn't a good omen when Churchill sailor Leigh Piper realised he got seasick after joining the navy.

"I found out I got seasick when I went on a fishing charter boat," Leigh said.

"I thought what am I going to do and I spoke to a few submariners and they assured me it was smooth sailing under the waves and it's turned out that way."

Leigh is a Leading Seaman electronics technician on the HMAS Dechaineux, one of Australia's six Collins Class submarines based at the HMAS Stirling navy base south of Perth, WA.

Leigh joined the navy on Anzac Day 1999 from Churchill, where his parents and a close group of friends, who he visits about twice a year, still live.

"They are all interested in my navy career and like to find out about the places I've been and hear the stories I tell," he said.

Leigh's main job on HMAS Dechaineux is to maintain all the electronics equipment including sonar systems, navigational aids and periscopes.

But he does much than making sure the captain can keep an eye on the ships on the surface.

Like all submariners, he has to know how all the systems onboard the vessel operates so that in the event of an emergency he can respond to any situation.

While on HMAS Dechaineux this year Leigh has taken part in a three-month deployment which included visits to Singapore and Darwin and took part in war games with navy ships off the WA coast.

Before joining the navy Lee went to university studying applied science, but decided he wanted a



Churchill sailor Leigh Piper became a submariner after realising he became seasick after joining the navy in 1999. Leigh is an electronics technician on the HMAS Dechaineux, one of Australia's six Collins Class submarines based at the HMAS Stirling navy base, south of Perth, WA.

more exciting career.

"I found that it probably wasn't for me, it was a bit boring I suppose," he said.

"I had a friend who was an electronics technician in the navy and he recommended the career to me.

"I went into recruiting, had a look and basically joined up a week or two later."

And Leigh would recommend the career to other young, single people looking for a good lifestyle, good pay and a great opportunity to see the world.

HMAS Dechaineux Fact File

Displacement: 3350 tonnes (submerged), 3050 tonnes (surfaced).
 Length: 77.8 metres. Diameter: 7.8 metres.
 Draught: 6.8 metres.
 Armament: Six bow tubes capable of launching torpedoes or missiles (MK 48 wire-guided torpedoes and Sub Harpoon missiles).
 Main Machinery: One Jeumont Schneider 5.4 megawatt main motor, three Hedemora 18 cylinder four stroke turbo charged



diesels and three Jeumont (submerged). In excess of 10
 Schneider generators knots (Surfaced or snorting).
 Diving Depth: In excess of 180 Ships Company: 42 (6 officers
 metres. and 36 sailors) plus 5 trainees
 Range: In excess of 9000 nautical miles
 Speed: In excess of 20 knots

Community Grants for Paper

THE Churchill and District News have been awarded two community grants from Latrobe City Council. The first grant of \$2,000 is for the Churchill Festival in May 2004.

"It's really exciting," said Festival Organiser Tracey Burr. "The idea behind the Festival is a 'Fun, Free, inFormation' day. Parents can bring along their children and rest assured that they won't be out of pocket. All the activities and entertainment will be free. It's a day out without any financial pressure for families. The grant will help enormously towards

making it a memorable day for everyone in Churchill," she continued.

The second grant of \$1,000 is to help with the ongoing running costs associated with the Paper. "We have had tremendous community support for the paper," said Editor Val Prokopiv. "We are really pleased to be awarded the grant which will help to secure the future of the paper. Or thanks go to the Latrobe City Council," she said.

Morwell Rose Garden

What's happening in 2004

NEW beds are planned between the Entrance and the path on the south west side This will complement the existing beds and structures in the Rose Garden.

Quotes have been received for two picnic tables and seats with wheelchair access which will match the existing seats in the garden.

An application has been made to Council for a Community Grant to assist with the purchase and installation. New trees of appropriate species will be planted to provide shade near the picnic tables.

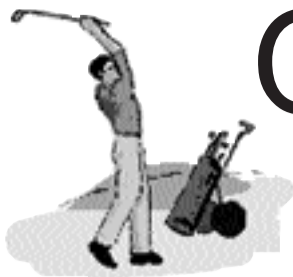
Bed edging proposals are being explored to improve the appearance of the beds and also to cut

down on maintenance costs. Edging will probably done in three stages due to funding constraints.

It is proposed to have a suitable building to provide shelter, storage and a place for a cuppa sited beside the railway line.

The Management Committee is currently working on this issue. Andy ideas on how this could be achieved would be most welcome.

New brochures are being developed to promote the garden.



Golf Results

SATURDAY'S Mens Comp:
Par 11/10/2003

Winners: F Sedjak/V Monument +9 c/b, Runner Up: N Hutchinson/b. Debono +9

DTL: R Welsh/ P Ludlow +8, C Thomas/S Kerrigan +8, G Down/J Sterrick +8, D Williams/s McCafferty +7 c/b. NTP: G Beyer 3rd, N Hutchison 5th, R Welsh 12th, E Fashagbon 14th, P Ludlow 12th, P Welsh 12th, G Beter 3rd.

Sunday Mens Comp: Stableford 12/10/2003

A Grade (0-21) M Brereton 39 PTS. B Grade (22-36) J Dickson 38 pts. DTL: J Armstrong 37, S Andrews 36, J Ambrosini 35. NTP: 3rd S Andrews, 5th J Armstrong, 12th G Down. Birdies: I Wilson 12th. Eagle: L Stein 13th

Sunday Ladies Comp. Stableford 12/10/2003 CCR 70

B Grade: Winner J Busch 33 pts. DTL: H Croft 26 c/b. NTP: 3rd J Busch, 5th H Croft, 14th J Busch.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Stableford 14/10/2003 CCR 70

Winner: E D'Aterio 38 c/b. DTL:L Jessop 38, D Thomas 36, M McConville 33. NTP: 3/12 33-45 P Hrynyszyn, 5/14 0-32 D Thomas, 33-45 V Verheyen. Longest Drive 0-32 D Thomas, 33-45 V Verheyen.

Saturday Mens Comp: 4BBB Aggregate 18/10/2003 CCR 69

Handicap: J Ambrosini/K Garlick 75 c/b. DTL: S Andrews/G Morrisson 75, M Brereton/J Armstrong 72, I Wilson/P Coad 70. NTP 3rd F Sedjak, 12th M Brereton, 14th G Morrison. Birdies: G Morrison 5th/14th. Eagle: D Taylor 13th.

Tuesday Ladies Comp: Par 21/10/2003 CCR 70

Winner: M McConville 72. DTL: D Thomas -9. NTP: 5th 33-45 V Rowley, 14th 0-32 E D'Alteroe.

Saturday Mens Comp: Monthly Medal Stroke 25/10/2003 CCR 70

Scratch: G Morrison 77. A Grade: (0-15) G Morrison 65 (12) Medal. B Grade (16-21) P Coad 68 (17). C Grade (22-32) B Debono 67 (23). DTL: G Blizzard 69, I Dickson 70, R Sheahy 70, M Smith 71, G Fraser 71, L Stein 72. NTP: 5th B Debono, 12th P Coad. Birdies: 12th L Stein. Putts: G Morrison 25

Tuesdays Ladies Comp: 4BBB Stroke 28/10/2003 CCR 70

Winners: M McConville/J Blizzard 65. DTL:E D'Alterio/V Rowley 71, Y Wotton/L Jessop 72. NTP: 3/12 33-45 J Blizzard, 5/14 0-32 L Jessop, 33-45 J Blizzard.

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Merry Christmas From Yinnar Bowls

By GEOFF MARSHALL

A good evening was had at the Twilight bowls and great to see a few new faces enjoying themselves rolling bowls.

Good tucker and a drink with time to make new friends that's good value for \$5.00. The next Twilight bowls is on the 7th January and 28th January 2004 ring to book in 5163 1606.

The men's Pennant is now under way with our first team in 6th place and our second team having had a win

taking them off the bottom and into 7th, its not the winning but having a try and a good time!

The Ladies "A" are still at the top of G.D.L.B.A. Division 2 unbeaten with the B team still playing well in Division 4 with two wins to their name.

It's that time of year again so from the Yinnar Bowls we wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a safe New Year. Good Bowling.

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Boolarra Teenager makes 2003

Junior All Star Team



BOOLARRA teenager Kate Gilchrist made the Goldpin "Junior All Star Team" along with former state representative Brett Lacey.

Both bowlers, who are in their last year as juniors, travelled to Werribee recently to compete against 15 other regional and metropolitan centres with Morwell Tenpins junior teams.

The tournament was held over two days with eight matches bowled on day 1 and 6 matches on the second day. A total of ninety-six bowlers, with each team comprising of six bowlers and four bowlers, competed each match.

Teams come from all over Victoria as far as Warnambool, Shepparton and our local teams from Morwell.

The competition boasted some of the best junior tenpin bowlers in Victoria with several having been past and present members of the Victorian State teams. Morwell boasted three Victorian Members as well as State Coach and Manager Joe Tomasinski.

Morwell Tenpins Boys team found the competition very competitive and struggled on the first day with several matches lost in the last couple of frames.

To the boys credit they fought back with on the second day some very good teamwork.

Captain Brett Lacey led the way with some very high scores including back to back 266 and 268 to help his team mates secure fourth spot, only a couple of points from the medals.

Morwell fielded four newcomers in the side, and the experience gained will put them in the running for next years title to be held in Mildura.

Winners were Werribee Boys from Mooroolbark and Bendigo.

It was interesting to note that all six players for Werribee Boys and four Werribee Girls were coached by Joe Tomasinski a couple of years ago. Brett Lacey set out to make his last year in juniors a big one.

Collecting three high game awards for the tournament as well as making the "Goldpin Junior All Star team" to make the team Brett had to bowl the highest average in his bowling career a massive 214 which put Brett into 3rd place in the overall averages for the tournament.

Brett was presented with a certificate to highlight his achievement in making the 2003 All Star Team.

Morwell tenpins girls' team travelled to Werribee as one of the outsiders in the tournament.

Even though Morwell fielded two state representatives and one member of the winning Junior Country Cup team earlier in 2003 the other three bowlers were complete novices who made the team.

As each team member must bowl a minimum of seven games during the tournament.

This makes it hard for teams to play their best player every game, thereby making the competition really exciting. Amy-Lee Walker, Deanne Lacey and Jessica Arnold had never made a representative team before and as expected were a bundle of nerves before the start of the tournament.

However Joe set his team players to advantage and nearly stole the competition from the favourites.

Morwell started off well in the first game against Sale Supabowl but had to play the

favourites Werribee in the next game, which resulted in a substantial loss to Morwell.

This loss seem to make the girls more determined as they started to win most games until the second last for the day against Shepparton which dropped the girls to 5th place.

The second day saw a much more determined Morwell side with Kate Gilchrist bowling a 237 followed with a 223, her team mate Katie Arnold bowled 247 and also followed up with another high game to move the girls into 3rd position.

Playing Melton the girls lost this match by 1 pin, the lowest losing margin possible, which resulted in 2 valuable points being lost and dropping back to 4th place.

With TWO matches to go Morwell girls had to play Geelong, last years winners and one of the favourites, Shepparton, the other main contenders for the medals.

Both matches went down to the last couple of frames with Kate Gilchrist and Katie Arnold bowling some great games to win in the second last game of the tournament and Deanne Lacey also winning her game in the very last game to give Morwell 3rd place only 2 points from Werribee and Geelong who tied for 1st place after 14 matches.

The excitement on the lanes was fantastic and the Morwell girls absolutely delighted with their medal effort.

Had they not lost to Melton, 1 pin would have given them a three way playoff and maybe the chance to win back the title, which Morwell Tenpins Girls won 2 years ago.

Kate Gilchrist also collected 3 high game awards during the tournament and bowled her

highest average of 189 to make her way into the Victorian Goldpin Junior All Star team. Morwell Tenpins have produced 6 bowlers who have made the All Star Team this year. These are:

Nicky Buntman / Female "All Star Team"; for 2003 Country Cup

Nicole Bree / Female "All Star Team" Victorian Goldpin Emerson Shield 2003.

Wayne Mills / Male "All Star Team" Victorian Goldpin Emerson Shield 2003.

Kate Gilchrist / Girl "All Star Team" Victorian Goldpin Junior Shield 2003.

Brett Lacey / Male "All Star Team" Victorian Goldpin Junior Shield Team 2003.

Joe Tomasinski / Male "All Star Team" Victorian Goldpin Emerson Shield 2003.

The next tournament both Kate and Brett will be bowling in will be the Morwell Tenpins Annual Lane Records on Sunday 7 December followed up with the Bowler of the Event on Sunday 14 December.

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Thai Fish Curry - caps, snow peas, onion, cauliflower, broccoli, carrots	9.95		
Szechuan Chilli Chicken - onions, caps, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, bok choy	9.95		
Combination Fried Rice - pork, bacon, onion, carrot, egg, shoots	8.95		
World Famous Pasta's			
Gnocchi, Fettucini, Tortellini, Penne, Spagetti, Risotto			
Bolognese - home made rich tomato bolognese sauce	8.20		
Thai Chicken - coriander and coconut milk, onion, caps, bok choy	8.40		
Carbonara - bacon, onion, garlic, pepper, parmesan cheese, egg	8.75		
Vegeto - basil, chickpea, zucchini, onions, caps, sundried tomato	7.50		
Cajun - chicken, onions, capsicum, tomato wedges, spring onions	8.75		
Con Pullo - chicken, onion, bacon, mushroom, parmesan, egg	8.90		
Sweet Soy Beef - marinated beef, caps, onion, mushrooms	8.95		
Traditional Lasagne - with Noodle Bar fine salad and crispy chips	9.60		
Our Famous Schnitzel's			
Beef or Chicken			
- All served with Noodle Bar salad and chips - Small Large			
Parmic - onions, caps, herbs, tom, concasse, melted cheese	8.95 10.95		
Satay Cheese - spicy satay sauce and melted cheese	8.95 10.95		
Bolognese - topped with bolognese and melted cheese	8.95 10.95		
Hawaiian - topped with pineapple, bacon and cheese	8.95 10.95		
Oz! Outback - bacon, onion, egg and melted cheese	9.45 11.45		
Home made Dessert's available 4.00			

