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Men's Shed helps out



The enthusiastic men from the Men's Shed (part of the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre) have restored and mended the wooden play equipment at the Churchill pre School in the Intergenerational Hub. The staff and children are thrilled with their work and the generous use of their time to complete this task. They want to say a big THANK YOU to the men.
So thank you to Steve Theo, Bert, Charlie and Leo (absent for the photo)

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Churchill Gardening Group

Some leafy green salad vegetables, such as lettuce, mizuna, cresses and radish to colour and pep up the green, can continue to be planted every few weeks, as needed for your household.

You can also plant broad beans (until about October), cabbages, leeks, dwarf peas, rhubarb crowns, capsicums and brown onions.

It is a good idea to start capsicum seeds under glass. If you set your seed tray with fresh manure at the bottom of the tray, then seed raising mix, then sow your seeds, this ensures you have heat at the bottom for your seedlings and gives you an early start to the next fruiting season. Try it and astound your next door neighbours!

Maybe you could give some thought to some early potatoes. Sow in June, July, in early frost areas. Obtain good seed potatoes, that is small sound potatoes, preferably certified free of disease. In the meantime be preparing your potato patch. Work it over for a few weeks and then at the end of June or so, in go the seeds and out comes delicious new potatoes ready to cook and eat, just oozing with butter and finely chopped parsley or chives, or both.

Rose and tree pruning time coming up

There are three main rules to pruning and all other rules should complement the main three.

Rule 1: A tree of any type should be pruned to its natural habit of growth.

Rule 2: Hard pruning stunts growth and light pruning invigorates growth.

Rule 3: The terminal bud is the most vigorous bud on any lateral. A lateral is an annual growth of new wood bearing wood and fruit buds.



Time to prune your roses.

Fruit buds are generally well developed, well rounded buds and wood buds are usually thinner, more pointed, less rounded looking buds.

So principally, the object of pruning is to influence the growth and shape of the tree to improve the quantity and quality of fruit and flowers. Expressed more simply:

- To improve size, colour and quality
- To promote heavy and regular bearing
- To maintain tree to a healthy condition
- To be able to maintain the tree easily and safely.

A kit of three tools is all that is needed to successfully prune most trees.

1. A pair of conventional secateurs
2. A pair of long or short handled loppers
3. A good pruning saw.

A good garden job to do at this time of the year is to examine and see if you find and deal with any gall wasps on all citrus trees.

Gall wasps are an Australian native wasp which damages citrus trees by depositing its eggs in parts of the new growth. The resulting grub, tunnels its way within the branch causing galling or swelling, restricting sap flow. Some of these galls can grow quite large.

There is no chemical control that I know of. The only effective method of control is to cut the affected branch off a few centimetres below the gall and burn all the affected branches. Make sure all the affected galls are removed by mid August or so.

Remember to rake or sweep up all the beautiful autumnal leaves and recycle them into compost to return to your garden.

Happy raking until next month.



Plant winter vegetables.

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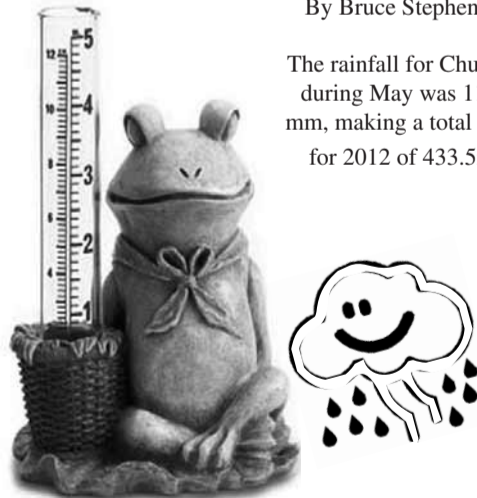


Churchill & District News reaches readers in Churchill, Yinnar, Yinnar South, Boolarra, Hazelwood North/South and Mirboo North.

Churchill Rainfall

By Bruce Stephenson

The rainfall for Churchill during May was 113.5 mm, making a total so far for 2012 of 433.5ml.



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Hazelwood House



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Northe's Natter

May has certainly been a very busy month, with a number of events happening in and around Churchill and District.

I had the opportunity to visit a number of Churchill schools and I must say I was most impressed with the student leadership and local school initiatives.

I had the chance to present Kurnai College Churchill Student Representative Council (SRC) Members with their leadership badges, and I congratulate them for putting their hands up for such an esteemed position within the school. Thank you to the students, teachers and staff for the hospitality, and I look forward to visiting again.

I was pleased to receive a visit from Lumen Christi Primary School students at Parliament House during their Melbourne school camp. I'm sure the students had an interesting time learning about our State Government system and touring the historic building.

Churchill Primary School also had the launch of their School Wide

Positive Behaviour Support Program, which was a great event. School Wide Positive Behaviour Support for Engagement and Learning (SWPBSEL) provides educational leaders with a school improvement framework for ensuring that the learning environment of the school is focused on creating and maintaining a culture based on positive regard and engagement.

I commend staff and students for implementing this new program and I'm certain that such an initiative will be well received in the wide community.

I also had the opportunity to attend the Monash University Gippsland's School of Business and Economics annual student awards for excellence evening. This was a great event, and I congratulate all the successful students on receiving awards in their respective categories. I encourage all students to keep up the good work, and continue to strive for excellence in their education.

Minister for Higher Education and Skills Peter Hall made an



Russil Northe MLC

announcement this month regarding the formation of the Gippsland Tertiary Education Council (GTEC), a team of 11 high-profile individuals from the Gippsland region who will champion better co-ordination between tertiary education provision and the future needs of industry in the Gippsland region.

The Council's members, drawn from Gippsland's community and education sectors and local industry

representatives, will focus on ensuring tertiary education and training is accessible, co-ordinated and informed by the priority needs of the region's industries and businesses.

The Victorian Coalition Government will also create a network of Technology Enabled Learning Centres, another key recommendation of GTEP. The goal for these centres is to combine face-to-face and online learning in a range of locations, helping local university and VET students' access training without having to travel far from home.

I also wanted to congratulate the Churchill Hotel for being named a finalist in the Club/Hotel Category in the Latrobe City Business Tourism Association (LCBTA)'s People's Choice Awards which were held recently. The awards are a fantastic opportunity for our local businesses and tourism operators to be recognised for the exceptional work they do within our community. It is great to see the Churchill Hotel

featured in that list after only being up and running for a short while.

I pass on my congratulations to the Churchill Hotel and indeed all other award winners and nominees.

I also wanted to mention a couple of funding announcements that have been announced this month.

ARC Yinnar received \$16,044 through Round 3 of the State government's Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) Board Capacity and Innovation Fund to help them better serve the needs of learners in the Latrobe Valley region.

The Boolarra Public Cemetery Trust also recently received \$3,500 of State Government funding through the Local History Grants program to establish a website for the Boolarra Public Cemetery featuring burial information of over 450 internments available online.

I wish you all the very best for the month, and for the beginning of winter – remember to keep warm and stay safe on our roads, especially when the conditions are not ideal.

Latrobe City Council "draft" Budget – 2012/2013

At its meeting on June 4, Latrobe City Council accepted the recommendation of Chief Executive Officer, Paul Buckley, that the Council's "draft Budget" 2012/2013 be released for public consultation.

This "draft Budget", which has been subjected to an exhaustive process, places emphasis on a "business as usual" approach to maintaining current service levels while allocating additional resources for capital works across the municipality, including upgrades to roadworks in Churchill as part of the Churchill Town Centre Plan.

The "draft Budget" proposes a general rate rise for the 2012/2013 financial year of 4.27% plus a \$25 increase to the Garbage charge and an additional 0.08% State Government Landfill Levy. As a consequence, the overall Rate rise is proposed to be 5.77%.

A four week period of public submission and feedback from the community has now commenced with the "draft Budget" being available for perusal on Council's website, and is also available from Council's Service Centres.

The community is able to make submissions to Council on the "draft Budget" until Wednesday July 4, 2012.

Council will meet to consider submissions in relation to the "draft Budget" on July 9, commencing at 7.15pm in the Nambur Wariga meeting room, at the Morwell headquarters.

Latrobe City Council – 10 Year Financial Plan

This year Council has also developed a 10 Year Financial Plan which is a high level planning document to provide guidance to future financial decision making.

Its primary purpose is to ensure that Council has sufficient resources to meet the community expectations for service provision, infrastructure renewal and the inclusion of a number of key capital projects for the municipality into the longer term future.

Council functions under the provisions of The Local Government Act 1989, part of which mandates that "A Council must implement the principles of sound financial management."

As part of this a Council must;

- manage financial risks faced by the Council prudently, having regard to economic circumstances;
- pursue spending and rating policies that are consistent with a reasonable degree of stability in the level of the rates burden; and
- ensure that decisions are made and actions are taken having regard to their financial effects on future generations.

Currently, Council has a Five Year Financial Plan which expires in 2013. In 2011, Council took part in the "Local Government Sustainability Program" which identified that the establishment of a 10 Year Financial Plan was essential in order to provide increased understanding by Senior Management and Councillors of the long term financial sustainability of the Council.

The "draft 10 Year Financial



Councillor Darrell White

Plan" was developed via a 4 step process which included;

1. Stocktake – a self assessment was undertaken against criteria for financial sustainability in accordance with the Local Government Sustainability program (MAV). The results of this assessment indicated a strong need to update Council's existing Financial Plan.

2. Business as usual assessment – a 10 year financial model was used to determine the impact on financial sustainability if Council continued to operate with the same assumptions about income, expenditure and borrowing as per the 2011/2012 financial year.

3. Options/Analysis – in response to challenges to the business as usual case, several options were explored to ensure

financial sustainability over the ten year period using the key factors of rates income, borrowing, fees and charges, service delivery, new capital, capital renewal/upgrade strategies.

4. Development of a 10 Year Financial Plan – a draft Plan was developed based on the preferred option. The Plan was established on the basis of ensuring that the delivery of services continues to remain financially sustainable while being affordable for members of the community.

This is to be achieved by developing strategies, plans and policies which can be funded through the development of rating, pricing and borrowing strategies over the next 10 years.

The Plan also reviews the capacity of Council to fund future major projects.

The Plan will be updated annually and reviewed every four years with the Council. The Plan will form the basis for each four year Strategic Resource Plan and guide the development of each annual Council Budget.

As with the "draft Budget", a four week period of public submission and feedback from the community has been determined for the "draft 10 Year Financial Plan". The "Plan" is available for perusal on Council's website, and is also available from Council's Service Centres.

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Churchill Town Safety Group



**Churchill
Town
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Group**



Meeting: June 14

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Collect some of my stools and smear it on a test kit! *Not me!*

Really? Why wouldn't you? It may save your life! Screening can reduce bowel cancer death rates by up to 40% if the cancer is treated early. Surely that's good news.

Screening involves testing for bowel cancer in people who do not have any obvious symptoms of the disease. It is important because bowel cancer can develop without any early warning symptoms. The aim is to find cancer or pre-cancer early when it is easier to treat.

More good news is that Rotary Bowelscan test kits are available from your local pharmacy during June for only \$10. Do call in today.

Bowel cancer is the second biggest killer cancer in Australia. 274 Australians are diagnosed weekly with bowel cancer and about 80 die weekly. By age 75, one in 18 women and 1 in 20 men suffer bowel cancer. Rates increase with age from about age 50 but younger people can also be affected.

The Australian government provides free testing for everybody aged 50, 55 and 65. Everybody eligible is urged to take part in these screens. However screening should be done at least every two years so that necessary treatment can start early.

Bowel cancer can develop without any early warning signs. The cancer can grow on the inside wall of the bowel for several years before spreading to other parts of the body. Often very small amounts of blood leak from these growths and pass into the bowel motion before any symptoms are noticed.

Symptoms of bowel cancer can include: bleeding from the rectum or any sign of blood after a bowel motion; a recent and persistent change in bowel habit, for example looser bowel motions, severe constipation and/or needing to go to the toilet more than usual; unexplained tiredness (a symptom of anaemia); and abdominal pain.

If you have any of these symptoms, make a doctor's appointment now, and finish reading this later.

There are two main types of screening tests - immunochemical tests and traditional chemical (guaiac) tests.

The immunochemical test has been selected as the testing method for the Government program but is more expensive than Bowelscan.

The Rotary Bowelscan Guaiac test is reliable and more economical but requires a person not to consume



Rotary Bowel Scan is on again. Pick up your test kit from your local pharmacy during June.

red meat, specific fruit and vegetables (for example, raw broccoli) vitamin C supplements, aspirin or anti-inflammatory drugs for three days prior to taking the first test sample and throughout the testing period.

Call into your pharmacy, get a Self Care card or discuss Bowelscan with your pharmacist.

More importantly, buy a kit and be tested for this second biggest killer cancer.



Neighbourhood Watch – Home Security



An increase in home burglaries has prompted local police to issue warnings to homeowners to be more security conscious about their homes.

"Leaving doors unlocked, windows open, and sheds unsecured, is an invitation for thieves to steal from properties," said Leading Senior Constable Brett Godden, Morwell Police Community Liaison Officer.

Some of the security measures that homeowners can take are:

- Install strong locks on doors and windows. Over a quarter of burglaries state-wide invite the offender just to "walk in" through unsecured premises. If a burglar has to spend time getting into a house there is more chance of getting caught or being seen, or missing your place altogether.

- Make sure that your house looks lived in. Leave a radio on a talk back station so that there is always the sound of voices in the house.

- If you are going out for the evening, always leave a light on or have a timer fitted to the lights so that they go on at a certain time.

- If you are going away for a period of time cancel the newspaper and mail for the time you are away. Have a trusted neighbour collect any junk mail that gets delivered.

Have the neighbour put your bins out – even if they are empty. If the neighbour has more than one car,

consider letting them park in your drive while you are away.

- Avoid leaving information that lets people know your place is unattended. Don't leave notes saying "Gone away for a week, be back on...." or "Just gone up the shops, back in an hour".

- Don't leave a message on your answering machine that lets people know you are away.

- If you purchase a new TV or computer or other item, don't leave the box out on the nature strip to be collected. This is just free advertising to a burglar that you have new TV's or other new items in the house.

- Don't leave spare keys under pot plants or anywhere around the house. If you have to have a spare set of keys, leave them with a trusted neighbour.

- A high fence can give you privacy from the street, however, the down side is that it also means that no one in the street can see someone breaking into the house.

For more information on how to prevent your house becoming a burglary target, visit the Neighbourhood Watch website at <http://www.nhw.com.au/Virtual-Tours> and take the Virtual House tour to see how you can make your house more secure.

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Church News

Saturday Breakfast Report The Journey Continues – 12 Months in Sumatra

After privatization of the Victorian electricity industry, I was forced to find employment outside the Latrobe Valley. Eventually I was hired as a Project Controls consultant and one of my first assignments was Indonesia.

In Sumatra (Indonesia) an international oil company runs the oil fields on behalf of the Indonesian Government. My employer was contracted to introduce systems and procedures to help reduce corruption in the oil industry.

We were based in central Sumatra outside the "Duri" Camp. The camp reminded me of the old town of Yallourn but with a Dutch influence. To appease the Indonesians we contractors were sent to live in the local community.

After 6 months I sent a message to my manager in Australia outlining threats to my safety including earthquakes, poisonous frogs, Dengue fever, an average of 9 killed per day in road accidents outside the camp, poor hygiene in food preparation and chicken flu in the local market.

As a Christian I was concerned about practicing my faith in a mainly Muslim country. I soon discovered that the locals tolerated my beliefs but would not tolerate the Westerners employed on the oil fields who seemed only to believe in power and money. Unfortunately the Indonesians are dumping their culture in an effort to copy the "successful" foreigners.

I made some very good friends in the local community. Just before I returned home I was asked to speak at a local church service. I soon learned that my understanding of the love of God was not understood by the local Christians.

The Indonesians had no concept of



our country and kept asking in what part of America could they find Australia.

I was surprised that the women were excluded from education when growing up and found very intelligent women in their late twenties had the outlook of young teenagers.

Looking back, Sumatra is a dangerous place to live and work, but the people are friendly and very caring if you take the effort to get to know them.

Russell Hadley

Next Breakfast

The details have not been finalised but interested people can contact Keith Enders on 5122 1148 or at kbenders@net-tech.com.au.

Chaplains Reflection

Chaplain, Monash University, Gippsland Campus.
By Dr Pene Brook

I have a son who is a philosopher. He spends his working days passionately encouraging his students to grapple with the 'big' questions of life.

During a recent conversation with him, I mentioned my interest in Alain de Botton's new book, 'Religion for Atheists'. My son insisted that Botton is a 'populist' who writes to entertain the general masses of the philosophically uneducated (like his mother).

I have since read scholarly reviews that heartily agree with him so it was with great relief that I found an article by New York Times writer Nicholas Kristof that claims that de Botton's book may have some important things to say to us all, believers and non-believers alike.

In his book, de Botton argues that religion can act as an 'ethical and cohesive force'; it can guide us in how we live in relationship to ourselves and to each other, calling us to care for each other in the same way in which we care for ourselves; it can be the basis for the types of decisions we make and how we view ourselves and our place in the universe, as individuals and as a community; it can challenge us to live as forgiven and forgiving people and it can also teach us one of the greatest gifts in life: an attitude of gratitude.

de Botton writes, "One can be left cold by the doctrines of the Christian Trinity and the Buddhist Eightfold Path, and yet at the same time be interested in the ways in which religions deliver sermons, promote morality, engender a spirit of community, make use of art and architecture, inspire travels, train minds and encourage gratitude at the beauty of spring."



While an interesting and enlightening read, de Botton's book left me dissatisfied.

For me, religion offers far more than what he expresses, as insightful as that may be.

Religious faith offers life in God. As a young child, before I had any idea about Church doctrine or even the Christian Scriptures and their story of God's saving plan for all creation, I experienced the love of God.

God is there for each of us, not just as a 'force' but as 'life in all its fullness'.

God is waiting, anticipating, longing for us to reach out and take what God has to offer: forgiveness, reconciliation, healing, mercy, love, compassion and the ability to accept ourselves, and then reach beyond ourselves to those with whom we live; the challenge to move beyond the safety of prejudice and stale clichés and the ability to accept and care for those who are different from ourselves; to live a life based in love and not in fear.

Lumen Christi Snippets

Ethical Products from the Women of Peru

This is a project of The Sisters of St Joseph in Peru where the Josephites are supporting the women in the communities in which they work.

Go to www.ethica.org.au to see some of the many products for sale (Peruvian fair trade hand made scarves, ponchos, jumpers, hats, bags, accessories and more).

CWL News

Thank you from the CWL Morwell to the people of Churchill for your generous support of our recent cake stall. \$130 was raised from the sale of cakes and \$40 for Quilt Raffle.

A CWL member from Meenyan won the raffle.

Youth Corner

It was a wonderful experience had by all when about twenty of us

went bowling at the Morwell Bowling Centre recently.

It was very exciting for every one of us especially for Fr. Francis who was bowling for the first time.

It was fun and all who were there acknowledged it.

We thank God for all of you who were there, and for those who could not make it but registered their apology.

Thanks also for the parents who were there to support and encourage us.

God bless you all. Fr. Francis.

Year of Grace – Starting Afresh from Christ

Pentecost Sunday 2012 began a year-long Australia-wide initiative which comes from the Australian Bishops' Conference as an invitation for the Catholic Church in Australia to undertake a spiritual journey.

Despite its wordy title, the invitation is a simple one: "let's spend a year focusing on knowing Jesus Christ".

In all that we currently do, let's take some time to reflect on the questions 'What's this got to do with Jesus?' and 'Who is Jesus for me?'

Australia has recently experienced two great graces in World Youth Day and the canonization of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

In order to build on this, a Year of Grace was born. 2012 seems an opportune time to embark on this initiative as this year also marks the 50th anniversary of the start of the Second Vatican Council.

Just like Vatican II, we need to be open to God acting in our future, while at the same time, doing something ourselves to combat the challenges of our society.

Co-Operating Church Snippets

Community Life Panel committee was invited to cook the BBQ at the Australian Open Garden at Raesowna Park.

This was a great opportunity to meet some lovely people, enjoy a beautiful garden and make some money as well.

We say a special thank you to Ken and Alice Rae for their warmth, hospitality and generosity. It was most appreciated.

Coffee Connections saw a good crowd gather to hear more about Rev. Marilyn Obersby's travel and pilgrimages to holy Celtic places.

This talk was illustrated by

slides of her trips.

Saturday Breakfast speaker was Russell Hadley, who talked about his time working in Indonesian Sumatra.

He enjoyed the experience of meeting and being with the people.

It was a learning curve coming to understand the culture, how the people see things differently to us, and experiencing church life there. A fuller report appears elsewhere on this page.

The final Sunday of the month was celebrated with a combined service with Boolarra/Yinnar at Boolarra.

A predominance of red cloths, clothes and adornments signalled the Day of Pentecost.

The red symbolised the red flames which appeared on the disciples as they received the Holy Spirit.

Many others also heard their message as they could understand it spoken in their own language, even though it was spoken in Hebrew.

In essence Pentecost is the church's birthday.

Following the well attended service, a BBQ lunch and a time of fellowship was enjoyed.

Church Times

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Father Hugh Brown

Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass: 9.00am

1st and 3rd Sundays:

Yinnar: Mass: 10.30 am

2nd and 4th Sundays:

Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

Boolarra / Yinnar

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Week 1 - 11am at Boolarra

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Week 2 - 11am at Boolarra

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Week 3 - 11am at Yinnar U

C A H C

Week 4 - 11am at Yinnar

Worship Service

Week 5 - 11am at Yinnar

South Anglican H C

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Latrobe Community Health Service: Gambling Quiz

1. It is easier to date a supermodel rather than win the jackpot at Tattsлото
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2. How much was spent on pokies in Gippsland for the year 2010/2011?
\$6,000,000
\$20,000,000 or
\$133,779,323
3. According to the Australian Council for Educational Research, 2011, the most common reasons for young people gambling are enjoyment (46%) and to win money (42%). True or False?
4. Gambling is a great way to make some money. True or False?
5. A tip for responsible gambling is to set a limit and don't exceed it. True or False?
6. In roulette, you have a 50/50 chance of winning on odd/even numbers. True or False?
7. If you self exclude, you cannot go into the venue. True or False?
8. The Gambler's Help Service covers which locations?

Moe, Morwell, Traralgon, Churchill

Moe, Morwell Traralgon, Churchill, Bairnsdale and Sale

Answers on page 17

Book Review:

The Golden Door – Emily Rodda

By Sam Gillett
Primary School Age
Fantasy Fiction –
Juvenile fiction

2011 – Omnibus books

The nightly skimmer attacks have started again in the ancient walled city of Weld. With his citizens worrying, the Warden asks for male volunteers to venture beyond the wall

and put a stop to it once and for all. Although he is too young to go himself, once his two brothers are declared lost he realises it is up to him to find his brothers and save Weld.

The first book in Emily Rodda's Three Door series,

The Golden Door, introduces us to Rye and the predicament he has on his hands.

The book comments on how, outside of your walls, the world is different than you imagine it to be and when thrown into this new world it is hard to adapt.

Rodda's use of language places you right there in the moment so you get a good understanding of the character's feelings and emotions. She gives us information when it is necessary but never too much, meaning we always read on wanting to know more and more and how it will affect Rye's quest.

The book is written in a similar style to her successful Deltora Quest. The use of images adds to a vivid reading experience.

Any reader 8-years or older who has enjoyed any of Rodda's previous books, or is inclined towards a well-created fantasy, will also enjoy reading this one.



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Gippsland floods... But it's business as usual for Monash

By the MUGSU Education Vice President - Peter Russell

On June 6th 2012, Churchill, along with the rest of Gippsland experienced major flood alerts however Monash University Gippsland saw fit to continue it's end of semester exams as scheduled.

MUGSU understands the logistical issues with examinations and understand the challenges that canceling these would pose to Monash University Gippsland.

It is acknowledged by the SES however that you should "never drive through floodwater, even if it looks shallow or you own a four wheel drive". We at MUGSU feel that in the Monash University Gippsland "Media Alert" in which students are advised that exams will go ahead that Monash are opening them, their belongings and their mental well being up to an unnecessary level of risk. While advising of caution in this "alert" we believe that the combination of the compulsory nature of examinations, the amount of pressure students are under at exam time and the decision from Monash University to keep the exams going as scheduled is creating an unsafe and unnecessary risk.

We also feel that it is within Monash's duty of care to the students well being, the well being of their belongings and the well being of their education to not put them at risk or under this unnecessary pressure. The increased level of stress during a period of time in which stress levels are already naturally heightened leads us to believe that Monash University is not giving these students the best opportunity to demonstrate their level of knowledge. We understand that Monash have supplied links to special consideration websites but we do not believe that you can accurately measure the damage that this heightened level of stress will do to a students ability to complete their exam to the best of their ability.

Further, the physical risk to both person and belonging's is an issue in itself. By maintaining the compulsory status of these exams Monash is increasing the level of risk that students will be willing to put both their person and their belongings through. As a service supplying organisation, we at MUGSU would like to note our disappointment at this decision and at the disappointing level of care shown to the welfare of the Monash Universtiy Gippsland student body by not canceling the exams on the day.



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Rotary Club Of Hazelwood



The Rotary Club of Hazelwood co-ordinated the Mother's Day wrapping at Midvalley Shopping Centre earlier this month. During the three days, over \$520 was raised and this money was donated to Gippsland Rotary Centenary House.

Gippsland Rotary Centenary House is a community-based not-for-profit accommodation facility for patients and their families, who will be attending the Cancer Care Centre at Latrobe Regional Hospital (LRH) or undergoing other treatment for long term degenerative disease, with an emphasis on the families of very sick children.

The philosophy is to provide affordable, comfortable, supportive and secure accommodation so that travelling and the stress of treatment is minimised.

The facility comprises six large 'motel style' en suite units, two smaller self-contained units, communal kitchen with three work stations, communal dining and lounge, 'Quiet Room' for family consultation and privacy, lounge, library, secure playground and resident volunteer en-suite bedroom unit

At our recent meeting, guest speaker, Frank Liu provided an interesting insight into the "World of Rotary".

Frank has been researching this topic over the past

three months and he provided an overview of the way he sees "our Rotary world". This topic is entirely new to Frank as there are only two Rotary clubs on mainland China – one in Beijing and another in Shanghai.

Frank is a student at Monash University Gippsland campus and is completing his Bachelor of Business and Commerce degree with a major in Marketing. His analysis of Rotary is a project for a subject known as Work Placement Program (WPP), for which Rotary club's Leo Billington is the co-ordinator/assessor. WPP is an accredited third year subject for which students must apply providing they have maintained at least a 60% average in their subjects in previous years.

This is Frank's second year at Monash Gippsland after completing two years at Jiangnan University, located in Wuxi, immediately north west of Shanghai. His great sporting "love" is soccer - he plays for Churchill Rams Soccer Club. Frank will graduate soon.

Local resident and Year 11 student, Emma Gunn also was a guest speaker, explaining her ambition to attend the 2013 Rotary sponsored National Youth Science Forum.

Longer hours of preschool bring benefits

As part of a pilot program, preschools in Latrobe City are offering 15 hours of preschool for four year olds per week this term and for the remainder of the 2012 preschool year, almost a year earlier than most other areas of Victoria and the benefits are already being seen.

All preschools in Victoria will be required to offer the 15 hours of early education per week from next year as part of the Commonwealth of Australian Governments, Universal Access agreement.

Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Ed Vermeulen, said that preschools in the municipality offered 12 hours of early education per week last year as part of the organisation's commitment to education within the municipality and saw positive results for children and their families from the increased hours.

"With the move to 15 hours for this year we expect that the benefits of attending the preschool program for longer will be even more noticeable. Children will be able to engage in a more focused program of learning, become much more socially aware during their time at preschool and be more than ready for the transition to primary school when it comes," Cr Vermeulen said.

Lisa Williams, a parent of a preschool child attending the Traralgon Early Learning Centre, said she felt the extra hours were of great benefit to her daughter.

"I think it's great. School is 30 hours

a week, so doing half as much in the pre-school year seems appropriate. I feel the 15 hours has improved my daughter's stamina to cope with structured learning time.

There is more time to build the necessary social skills as well as a greater opportunity to take on good learning behaviours like listening or working with others. These things will help my daughter be better prepared for the demands of school.

The extra hours have started this term and whilst it has only been three weeks, my daughter seems to be enjoying it. She has a different teacher on the extra three-hour day, so it is good that she gets the opportunity to adjust to a new face," Ms Williams said.

Early education teacher, Jessie Bayley, said that the 15 hours access to preschool the year before starting formal school, would contribute to a positive transition to formal schooling the following year.

"Longer days at preschool contribute to increased resilience and attentiveness that the children will need to get them through 30 hours of schooling.

Universal access also provides early education teachers a similar teaching program to primary schools where we work together with other teachers. The children see two teachers and both teachers bring their own philosophy and teaching style to the one program - a great benefit for the children," Ms Bayley concluded.

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Migrant Women Act:

Local Gippsland Author takes a serious look at migrant women's lives

By Robyn Heckenberg

The warm and inspiring world of local author, Dr Olga Bursian, is reflected in a recent interview in her place of work at Monash Gippsland.

Her smile was contagious as she reflected upon her own personal story that characterised both the strength and wisdom in the lives of the subject of her book, "Migrant Women Act".

Olga was born into a family of Russian refugees in Morocco. She is a speaker of several languages, including French, Russian and English. She arrived in Australia as a youngster with her brother and sister and a strong mother who was the head of her single parent family.

They had no money, no relatives and no English at a time when there were no services for them. This was before concepts of a multi-cultural Australia were recognised, which took effect with Whitlam. Olga enthuses that she understands, from her own history, the struggles encountered by ordinary Australians, whatever their background.

Her commitment to social equality comes from knowing what it is like to be new to a country and be struggling to make ends meet. Her research for "Migrant Women Act" was fostered through her work

within a small migrant resource centre in Melbourne, where she encountered the kind of stereotypes familiar to migrant peoples.

As a woman her work logically became focussed on migrant women's issues, and the kinds of challenges women face when resettling far from their birthplace. She focussed on groups of women from the Horn of Africa; the former USSR; Lebanon; Vietnam; and the Philippines. Olga realised, from talking to these diverse groups of women, that their aspirations and values are similar to other ordinary Australians: good family values, having friends and selflessness when helping others.

She also noticed that some of our current ideas on cultures such as Philippines and Horn of Africa might be amiss. For example, within the education sector, both of these locations have higher levels of qualified women with tertiary degrees than is the case in Australia.

The struggle that migrant women go through to get to Australia in the first place is no less than heroic.

Olga gave the example of Vietnamese refugees, negotiating not only sea voyages, but pirates, having to try more than once to escape the brutalisation and mass



brain washing that was current for them at the time. Within other cultural groups, she recalled how women walked across hundreds of kilometres of desert to reach safety from war torn countries. All this was so their children could have better lives.

Olga highlighted the fact

that many migrant women, who used the opportunities given to them through free TAFE courses and neighbourhood house and other available services, have gone on to become productive and valuable members of the broad Australian society. Olga believes that the open hearted

spirit and kindness of average Australians towards new migrants has facilitated these recent Australians finding independence and facilitated many migrant women contributing with great energy in areas such as volunteering, community health, teachers, life-savers, professors or good

neighbours. Migrant women add productively to the Australian economy and way of life, which is of benefit to Australia now and in the future. Her book "Migrant Women Act" is published through Common Ground Press.



Open Invitation to all Churchill and district residents to attend CDCA's next

General Meeting -

7.00 pm, Wednesday 27th June

Green Inc, McDonald Way – Module D

(enter northern/Kurnai end of building) – look for sign at car park

Special Guest: Cr Darrell White



Meeting with Russell Northe, MLC



Topics and Reports

- Update on Philip Parade to Monash Campus Master Plan Consultancy
- Progress of Stage 2, Churchill Town Centre Plan
- Report from Churchill Town Safety Committee

Have Your Say!

The second half of the meeting will be an open forum opportunity for residents to discuss local issues with our State Government Member of Parliament (Russell Northe) and our Ward Councillor (Darrell White).

If you are unable to attend on the night, please submit your ideas or concerns in writing to CDCA by 20th June, so that your input can be included at the meeting.

Write to CDCA at PO Box 191, Churchill 3842 or email: mgcdca@hotmail.com

A light supper will be provided at the meeting



Friends Morwell National Park - Grand Strzelecki Track Opening

The Grand Strzelecki Track was officially opened on the weekend of 6 and 7 May.

On Saturday the focus was on Morwell National Park (Billy's Creek). More activities followed the next day around Tarra-Bulga National Park, at the other end of the track.

The day started with many early starters out and ready for the walk.

There was a small tribe of people who came out to organize the registration and quiz, erection of marquees, the banner and tents, multimedia presentations, providing breakfast, selling of t-shirts and hats, and the organizers for the official opening.

The area had turned into a small village.

The Park had even gained some toilets, albeit only for a short time.

The event had been well promoted via local television, radio and newspapers.

The day started with a crowd of over 150 people.

People had travelled from all over Gippsland and some had come from Melbourne.

The day started with a welcome to country and smoking ceremony.

The walkers were welcomed by Latrobe City Mayor Ed Vermuluen and the track was officially opened by the State member for Morwell - Russell North.

Cathy and John busily handed out Friends of Morwell National Park brochures.

Very detailed topographical maps of the walk had been produced, which detailed the 68 creek crossings that would be made in the 13.7 kilometre trip.

With creek levels high because of recent rains, there was concern whether the trip could be made along the whole track.

Some get - out points along the track allowed some of the walkers to travel a part of the track and then be transported back.

The walk started with all walkers following the Morwell Pipe Band along Billy's Creek.

About 30 walkers continued on from there to travel upstream (to be later returned by minibus transport).

About 40 walkers then returned to the car park to be taken by a fleet of vehicles (provided by Alpine Adventures) to the Jumbuk Rest Area.

Of our group, Ken was determined that he was going to make the trek upstream, while Darren travelled with the

downstream group.

The walkers got very wet and muddy with most creek crossings being knee deep and the track containing many areas of soft mountain soil.

The soil collected on your boots was washed off at the next creek crossing.

Many of the walkers skidded and slid along sections of the track, and this made it more difficult for following groups.

This was also noticeable when the walking groups overlapped and the track was more roughed up, making footing even more difficult.

The muddy marks the walkers wore at the end of the day were marks of merit.

At the early creek crossings walkers would seek out stepping stones and tried to remain dry, but by the end of the walk they just walked through the creeks crossings knowing they were very wet by then.

The creek crossings were hard since the recent rains had made the creek muddy and finding your footing in the creek was difficult.

Time and care was needed.

The rain held off during the morning but started as drizzle and got heavier in the afternoon.

Another challenge of the walk was the leeches.

They were many and they were determined.

We were regularly locating them on ourselves and I even found them later when I got home.

The 13.7 kilometre walk took our group about 5½ hours because of the difficult terrain and many creek crossings.

If others are going to complete this walk they need to be prepared for a slow trek across a wet and difficult terrain.

It will be easier in summer when the creek level is down and the track will be firmer under foot.

More details of the Grand Strzelecki Track are available from <http://www.grandstrzeleckitrack.org.au>

June Activity

Sunday June 17, 10.00am

Note: this is a change from the original calendar

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Sam Gillett Bio

Sam Gillett
 Sam has lived in Churchill for all of his 19 years.
 After completing his schooling at Churchill North PS, Kurnai College and the GEP, he started studying at Chisholm Institute of TAFE.
 He is now in his second year in the Diploma of Professional Writing and Editing course.

He has recently started writing articles for Churchill & District News.
 He hopes, in future, to publish fiction novels for a Young Adult readership.
 He has started work on his first novel in his spare time.
 In between studying and working at KFC, he also enjoys playing baseball on Sundays for the local Baseball club.

Late Night Bus Service for Latrobe Valley

Member for Morwell, Russell Northe, today announced a new late night bus service for the Latrobe Valley which honours a 2010 Election commitment.
 Mr Northe said the service would operate in the early hours of Sunday mornings to provide a transport option for people wanting to get home from a Saturday night out in the Traralgon CBD entertainment precinct, and for employees working in late night venues.
 "The late-night bus service was an initiative borne out of the Traralgon CBD Safety Committee, which is comprised of organisations such as Victoria Police, Latrobe City Council, licence and venue operators, Traralgon Taxis, LV Bus Lines, and local businesses," said Mr Northe.

welcomed the trial.
 "Safety in the entertainment zone is paramount and the Night Rider bus provides a safe means of transport home for many patrons. The reintroduction of the service, along with the other security measures such as CCTV at the taxi rank, will ensure that patrons can enjoy a night out and get home safely."
 Three services will operate on Sunday mornings:
 Traralgon to Moe, via Morwell - Departs 2.30am
 Traralgon to Churchill - Departs 3.30am
 Traralgon to Moe, via Morwell - Departs 4.30am
 Mr Northe said the service had been trialled previously and he was pleased to see it reinstated for the local community.

"The Committee, over time, has developed a number of important projects that seek to improve our community safety in the Traralgon CBD.

"This service is an important part of our efforts to curb alcohol-related violence in and around the Traralgon entertainment precinct," Mr Northe said.

Three services will operate from the Traralgon CBD for a 12 month trial period on Sunday mornings from Sunday June 3," Mr Northe said.

"I have strongly supported the reinstatement of this service and hope that local people will make the most of the service to ensure we can continue providing the service into the future.

"Two bus services will operate from Traralgon to Moe, via Morwell and one service will operate from Traralgon to Churchill.

I encourage people travelling home from Traralgon in the early hours of Sunday morning to make the right choice and ensure they get home safely."

This is a great initiative and we hope that people will make the most of having a cheap and safe way of getting home after they've been out on a Saturday night."

Services will depart from Traralgon Plaza Shopping Centre and normal public transport fares will apply.

Latrobe City mayor, Councillor Ed Vermeulen,



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Morwell Rail Station (Car Park Princes Dr)	Drop off 2.45am
Gunns Gully Service Station, Newborough (Car Park Narracan Dr)	Drop off 3.00am
Moe Rail Station (Car Park Lloyd St)	Drop off 3.05am
Bus returns dead to Traralgon Stockland Plaza Bus Terminal	
Traralgon Stockland Plaza Bus Terminal	Departs 3.30am
Monash Uni Churchill (Bus terminal Northways Rd)	Drop off 3.50am
Churchill Shopping Centre (Bus terminal Churchill Shopping Centre)	Drop off 3.55am
Bus returns dead to Traralgon Stockland Plaza Bus Terminal	
Traralgon Stockland Plaza Bus Terminal	Departs 4.30am
Mid Valley Morwell (Princes Dr Kernot Hall Bus Stop)	Drop off 4.40am
Morwell Rail Station (Car Park Princes Dr)	Drop off 4.45am
Gunns Gully Service Station (Car Park Narracan Dr)	Drop off 5.00am
Moe Rail Station (Car Park Lloyd St)	Drop off 5.05am
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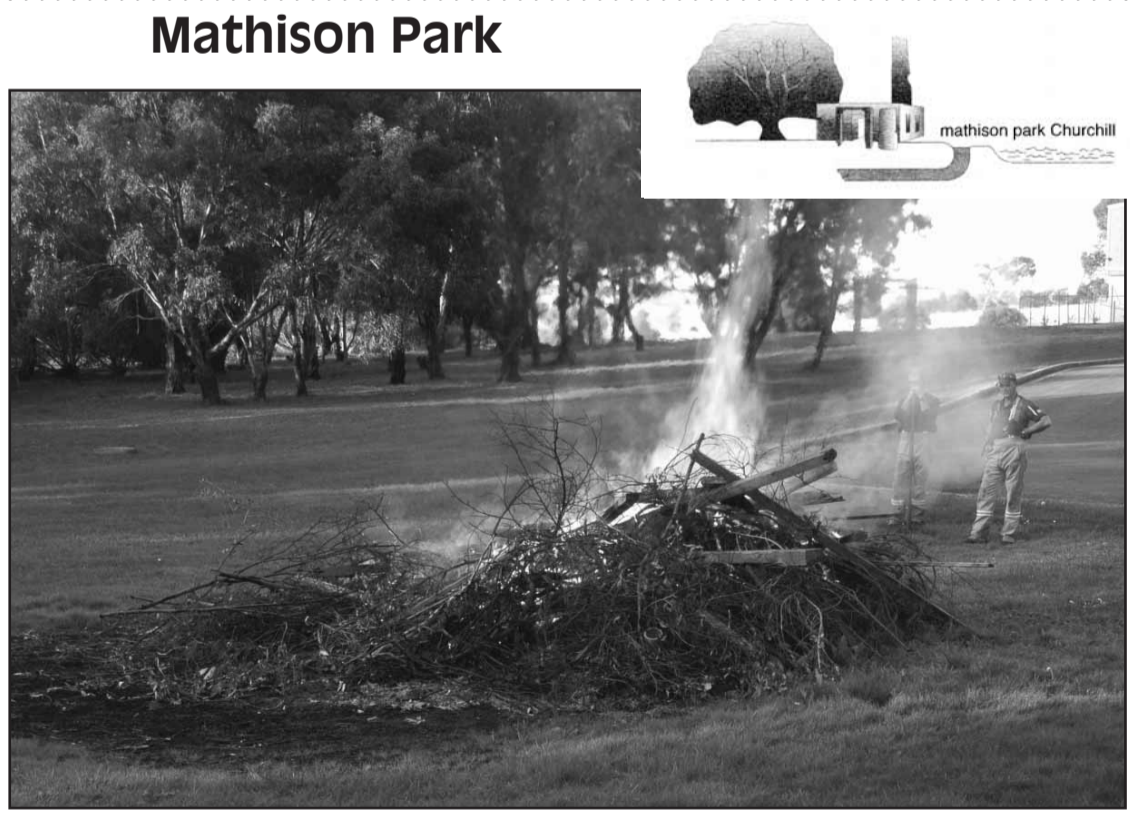
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Due to the wet weather the regular working bee was cut short. However the following Wednesday afternoon, four volunteers did a clean up of the top section of the park running along Monash Way.
 Many branches had fallen and there was plenty of rubbish to pick up, as well as some pruning to do.
 It was so much easier as Dave brought his ute which was very handy for collecting and taking the items to the pile.
 We also had the strength of Max and the saw which Jim provided to make this a worthwhile time.

We would like to thank Kurnai College for their assistance in allowing us to dump tree waste on their school pile.
 They are no longer able to have that pile themselves.
 Mathison Park Committee would like to once again thank two members of the Churchill Fire Brigade, Rob Langston and Scott Randall, for promptly taking action to burn the school pile for the last time, making it a cleared area for the school.

Tips for Staying in Control

Even if gambling begins as a form of entertainment, it can end very differently. Gambling can grab a hold quickly and your control over your own involvement can start to slip before you even realise it.

Following these simple tips can help make sure your gambling doesn't sneak up on you and become a problem.

1. Don't think of gambling as a way to make money:

The venue is using gambling to make money. It's not designed to work the other way around. Over time you will give away more money than you receive! Think of gambling as an entertainment expense – just like buying a movie ticket.

2. Only gamble with money you can afford to lose: Gamble within your weekly entertainment budget, not with your phone bill or rent budget.

3. Set a money limit in advance:

Decide how much you can afford to lose before you go to play. When it's gone – it's over! If you win, you've been lucky, but don't be disappointed if your luck doesn't continue.

4. Set a time limit in advance:

It's easy to lose track of time when you're gambling. Set a time limit or alarm, and when time's up – quit! Odds are that the more time you spend gambling, the more money you will lose.

5. Never chase your losses:

If you lose your set money limit and then try to win

some of it back before you leave, then you haven't really set a money limit. Chasing your losses will usually just lead to bigger and bigger losses.

6. Don't gamble when you're depressed or upset:

Decision-making can be more difficult when you're stressed or emotionally upset. Make sure you only gamble when you're feeling happy and clear headed.

7. Balance gambling with other activities:

When gambling becomes your only form of entertainment, it's unlikely that you're still just gambling for the fun of it, and your gambling may even be a problem. Make sure gambling isn't your only pastime.

8. Don't take your ATM card with you.

This is a good way to safeguard your money limit and not let being "in the moment" warp your judgement.

9. Take frequent breaks

Gambling continuously can cause you to lose track of time and perspective. Step out for some air or a bite to eat at regular intervals.

10. Don't drink or use drugs when gambling

Drugs and alcohol cloud judgement, and good judgement stands as your main line of defense against letting gambling get out of control.

Gambler's Help offers counselling and financial counselling services for family and friends as well as people with gambling problems. For further information, phone 1800 242 696.

Latrobe Field Naturalists

"Lichens"- a presentation by Simone Louwhoff on Friday, June 22 at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club meeting.

The topic is the diversity and ecology of lichens, focussing on the more commonly found groups in Australia and what distinguishes them. Simone will lead a field trip to Uralla Reserve, Trafalgar on Saturday morning, followed by a microscope workshop in the afternoon, both aimed at learning basic lichen identification skills.

Simone has studied lichens for 20 years. She currently works part time at Monash University, Gippsland.

The meeting at 7.30pm is at the Latrobe Community Health Service meeting room, 44 Fowler St, Moe.

Visitors are most welcome to both activities; there is no charge. For more information phone 5634 2246 or 5127 3393

CDCA Meeting with Russell Northe

By Margaret Guthrie

Our quarterly General Meeting will be 'guest chaired' by Russell Northe, State Member for Morwell. All residents of Churchill and district are welcome to attend

– this will be an opportunity to become a member of CDCA too (only \$2 per year)!

The second half of this meeting will be an 'open forum' style. Attendees will be able to put questions concerning local matters to both our State Member of Parliament and our local Ward Councillor, Darrell White. Our last General Meeting (March) was guest chaired by the Mayor, Cr Ed Vermeulen, and was a great opportunity for residents to engage in discussion around a number of local issues.

As well as the 'usual business' of a General Meeting, residents will be able to hear updates on the progress of the Town Centre Plan and the Philip Parade to Monash Campus Master Plan. Latrobe City Council's Churchill Town Centre Place Manager, Ian Gibson, will provide updates and respond to questions.

This meeting will be held at Green Inc, Module D, in McDonald Way and starts at 7pm on Wednesday June 27. A light supper will be provided.

At our May Committee meeting we were delighted to appoint Linda Reid to a casual vacancy on Committee. Linda has long been associated with CDCA and it's great to have a 'new' face on our Committee!

Any member interested in becoming a Committee member is welcome to contact CDCA, attend our next Committee meeting and offer assistance. We would welcome further support.

Agenda topics at our Committee meetings are diverse. Recently, we have been discussing further promotion of Churchill through such means as a website, tourist radio and improved signage. We've



also been providing support for Churchill Bowls Club Inc, the Gippsland Education Precinct proposed Art and Culture Trail and the long-term securing of the Walker Parade open space as parkland for residents.

The matter of lighting in the central car park at the shopping centre has been of concern. This issue was raised last year and unfortunately, no progress has been made. CDCA understands that the works for the realignment of Georgina Place and the new footpaths and car parking will provide a long-term solution, but believes a short-term remedy is required. These new Stage 2 Town Centre Plan works are yet to start, due to complications with land ownership, so completion, including new public lighting, is still some way off.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to 'turn on' the central car park lights that aren't working, so another 'temporary' solution needs to be found. CDCA is working on a way to address this with the relevant landowners.

Local residents are welcome to contact CDCA with issues of concern. Even better, come along to our June 27 meeting and tell us in person!

CDCA meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Committee meetings are held monthly and four General Meetings are held each year. The Annual General Meeting and elections are held in August.

Contact CDCA by writing to us at PO Box 191, Churchill, email mgcdca@hotmail.com or phone 5122 2997.

Fire Safe Homes

The Nationals Member for Morwell, Russell Northe, has joined the call of the Deputy Premier and Minister for Emergency Services, Peter Ryan, in urging community members to be vigilant against fire in their homes this winter.

"The joint CFA and MFB Winter Fire Safety campaign is warning Victorians about the high fire safety risks this time of year when the likelihood of house fires can increase by up to 20 per cent.," Mr Northe said.

"It is distressing that last winter across Victoria six people tragically lost their lives and there were 1,042 residential fires causing an estimated \$20 million worth of damage.

Unattended cooking remained the single biggest cause of domestic fires throughout the year with more than one-third of residential fires starting in the kitchen."

Mr Northe said the number of fires in bedrooms, caused by heating equipment, also increases dramatically during the winter months, while blocked chimneys can also be a hazard.

The Winter Fire Safety campaign would use a combination of advertising

and educational materials that focused on fire prevention in the home.

"The CFA and MFB are asking everyone across the state to start their own winter safety campaign by being vigilant, planning ahead and checking that the smoke alarms in your house work; plan how you would get out of your house if there was a fire; and be aware of fire risks in the home.

The CFA and MFB will be targeting key community groups including schools and maternal child health centres, as well as vulnerable groups such as the elderly," Mr Northe said.

Key points to remember:

Check your smoke alarms. Only working smoke alarms save lives

Create a home fire safety plan and practice it regularly

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When: Wednesdays & Fridays (during school terms)

Time: 9.00—11.00 am

Bring: A healthy snack & drink

Cost: Gold coin

Contact: 5122 1976







Churchill Lioness and Lions

Churchill & District Lions Club have again been active within and around the Churchill area supporting various organizations and groups.

On April 25, members of the Churchill Lions Club laid a memorial wreath at the Morwell cenotaph in memory of veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for us all.

The club also made donations to the Lions Eye Health Program, Lions Blood Cord Program, Childhood Cancer Research Foundation, Cystic Fibrosis Victoria, Lions Drug Awareness Program, Arthritis Victoria, Lions Prostate Cancer Research and Treatment Program, all of which provide in turn a positive impact to all members of our communities.

On May 16, Churchill Lions Club provided a donation to the Latrobe Regional Hospital to purchase a much needed ECG machine and the

Churchill Lioness Club provided the hospital with a donation to purchase a Portable Oximeter all of which supports our communities.

The Club has also supported Churchill Primary School launching its School Wide Positive Behavior Support program, whereby all the skills the children learn lead them to having a positive impact to our community.

Right: Critical Care nurse unit manager Simone Redpath accepts the cheque from Churchill Lions president Peter McShane

Below: Critical Care nurse unit manager Simone and incoming Churchill Lioness president Sue Lowick



Lioness- hearted donations

Latrobe Regional Hospital (LRH) was the grateful recipient of two significant donations from the Churchill Lions and Churchill Lionesses Clubs recently.

The Lions donated \$6,815 for an electrocardiograph (ECG) machine, bringing to a total of 10 the number of new ECG machines to be purchased for the hospital through donor funds this year.

ECG machines recognise and record electrical activity within the heart and are the best way to measure and diagnose abnormal heart rhythms.

If a patient has suffered a heart attack, an ECG machine may be used to identify any damage to the heart and can also be used to help detect the presence of heart disease.

Churchill Lions have a proud history of support for LRH. Over the past seven years the Lions have raised \$35,000 for the hospital.

The Lionesses handed over a cheque for \$1,000, which will be used to buy a portable oximeter for the Hospital in the Home service.

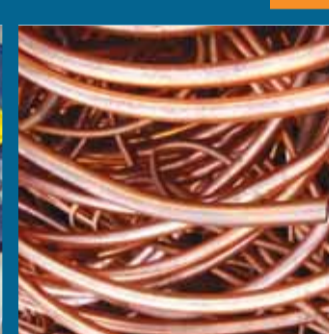
The oximeter measures a patient's blood oxygen levels.

The Lionesses also have been good supporters of the hospital, raising \$6,500 over the past seven years for LRH.

Simone Redpath, the hospital's Critical Care nurse unit manager, met with both groups, explaining the value of this much-needed equipment and thanking the groups for their ongoing support.



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"The awards recognise businesses, institutions, communities and individuals that have demonstrated leadership in taking actions that not only contribute to their bottom line but also foster a more sustainable future for Victoria," said Nationals Member for Morwell Russell Northe.

"This year, the tenth year of the awards, there is an improved focus on the built environment with a new category which recognises excellence in sustainable design, as well as a performance category which focuses on improved resource efficiency and cost savings," Mr Northe said.

There are ten award categories in 2012:

- Large Business
- Small and Medium Enterprises
- Products or Services
- Built Environment – Performance
- Built Environment – Design
- Community
- Local Government
- State Government
- Tertiary Education
- Premier's Recognition Award

Category winners also have the opportunity to win the prestigious Premier's Recognition

Award, said Mr Northe.

"In 2011 Latrobe City Council was named as a finalist in the Local Government Award category for their carbon reduction policy, which was a fantastic achievement," said Mr Northe.

"Businesses and organisations that make the commitment to sustainability reap the benefits economically, socially and environmentally. These awards acknowledge professional commitment to leading innovation and staying ahead of the pack."

The awards are managed on behalf of the Premier by Sustainability Victoria.

Information sessions will be held on May 31 and June 13 to provide applicants with assistance in submitting applications. Entries close Friday July 13.

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Grand Strzelecki Track opens new life to Gippsland

A \$500,000 project to link two national parks in Gippsland via a walking track was officially opened by Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional and Rural Development, Peter Ryan.

Speaking at the Balook Visitor Information Centre, Mr Ryan said the completion of the Grand Strzelecki Track was a major milestone for the region and joined together national parks in the Wellington and Latrobe Shires.

"The Grand Strzelecki Track is a 110 km network of walks in the Eastern Strzelecki Ranges connecting the Morwell National Park in the west to Macks Creek in the East, Mt Tassie in the North and Tarra Valley in the South," Mr Ryan said.

"The Wellington Shire section of the track involved the upgrading of existing tracks and river crossings, while the Latrobe Shire section involved the construction of a 34 km walk connecting Jeeralang and Balook to Tarra Valley."

Mr Ryan said the \$500,000 was made available through the \$4 million Bushfire Recovery Community Infrastructure Program, which is a joint effort through the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Group, Community Enterprise Foundation and Regional Development Victoria.

He said \$202,000 was provided to Latrobe City Council for the western section of the track, while \$300,000 was provided to Wellington Shire Council for the Eastern section.

"Further to this, leaders of the Grand Strzelecki Track Project have secured \$25,000 in sponsorship, which will help towards the sustainable upkeep of the


Track," Mr Ryan said.

"HVP Plantations have also played a significant role in enabling the development of the Grand Strzelecki Track as the track takes in a large portion of the HVP-owned land in Gippsland."

Mr Ryan also toured the recently refurbished Tarra-Bulga Guest House and Lyrebird Café, which had also received government funding of \$50,000 through the Victorian Bushfire Business Investment Fund, towards an overall \$100,000 refurbishment project. "The \$10 million Victorian Bushfire Business Investment Fund was created by the Australian and Victorian Governments to encourage private sector investment and job creation in areas affected by the February 2009 Victorian bushfires," Mr Ryan said.

"Grants under this program aim to restore and improve the business capacity of these areas and enhance economic development.

The Victorian Government is committed to working in partnership with local councils, community groups and associations to drive new growth and investment opportunities across regional Victoria."



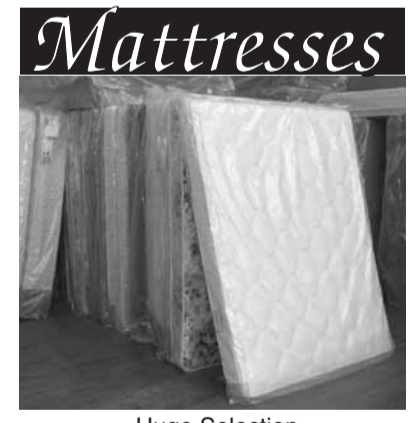
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Churchill Fire Brigade



Our Plight Remembered

Annual General Meeting



This Picture was stitched by
Gloria Baker
North Carolina
USA
To honour the volunteer firefighters
who assisted in the Black Saturday Bushfires

Recently, the brigade received an embroidered and framed map of Australia containing a phoenix whose wings encircled the words "Vic Feb 2009".

Embroidered words on the map read "From the Ashes Grows New Life".

This lovely piece was done by Gloria Baker of North Carolina USA who wanted to honour the volunteer fire fighters who assisted in the Black

Saturday bushfires, and acknowledge the impact the fires had had on our brigade and the community, and also to offer words of encouragement.

It is a lovely reminder of how the bush regrows following a fire.

The brigade would like to acknowledge this thoughtful act and say how much it is appreciated, being deeply touched by Gloria's efforts.

The framed embroidery has been proudly hung on the wall of the station.

Mid way through May, the brigade ran its AGM. Operations Officer Len Scheetz and Brigade Administration Support Officer Jo Melton were in attendance to supervise the elections.

The following are the office bearers elected:

Captain - Steve Barling

1st Lieutenant - Shane Renwick

2nd Lieutenant - Graeme Renwick

3rd Lieutenant - Steve Shankland

4th Lieutenant - Blake Coss

President - Rob Langston

Treasurer - Steve Barling

Secretary - Kylee McKenzie

Communications Officer - Chris Gallagher

Fire Equipment Maintenance Officer - Graeme Renwick

Municipal Fire Prevention Committee

Representatives - Rob Langston, Scott Randall

Morwell Group Representatives - Graeme

Renwick, Steve Shankland.

Deputies Blake Coss, Mandy Dempsey.

Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria delegates - Rob Langston, Shane Renwick.

Latrobe Community Health Service Gambling Quiz answers from page 7

Answers to Quiz

1. True

Odds of dating a supermodel are 1 in 88,000

The odds of winning the Jackpot at Tattsлото are 1 in 8,145,060

2. \$133,779,323

3. True

4. False.

Gambling is for entertainment, not gain.

"At the end of the day, gambling odds are designed to work against you. So if you gamble you should expect to lose."

When you go to the cinema with \$30, you expect to pay \$15 for a ticket and \$15 for snacks and not come home with anything. When you gamble with \$30, do not expect to come home with anything. Gambling is for entertainment - not gain!

A tip for responsible gambling is to set a limit and don't exceed it. True or False?

True

5. False

In Roulette, what appears to be a straightforward fifty-fifty chance of betting on odd/even numbers is tipped in the house's favour by the possibility of 0 and 00 being spun which are neither odd nor even.

6. False

You only self-exclude from the gambling areas of the venues. You can still enter the other areas of the venue.

7. The Gambler's Help Service covers which locations?

All LCHS sites at Bairnsdale, Sale, Moe, Morwell, Traralgon, Churchill, Warragul, Korumburra and any other location in Gippsland as required.

If you want to know more about the Gambler's Help Service, please contact Latrobe Community Health Service 1800 242 696.

Smoke Detector Checks



During the last couple of months, members of the Churchill brigade have been visiting seniors' homes to check their smoke detectors and change the batteries.

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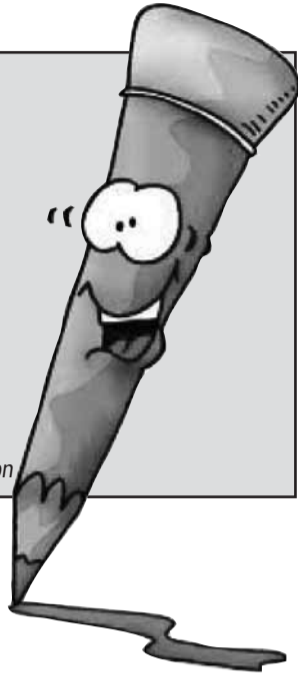
If you have any queries or require information, conditions of entry and entry forms please do not hesitate to contact us by email at cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au or tel: 03 5122 1961, 03 5134 1717.

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Categories

1. Children's 7 and Under Short story/poem or picture story.
2. Children's 8 - 10 yrs Short Story (illustrations welcome).
3. Children's 8 - 10 yrs Poetry (illustrations welcome).
4. Children's 11 - 13 yrs Short Story (illustrations welcome).
5. Children's 11 - 13 yrs Poetry (illustrations welcome).
6. 14 - 18 yrs Short Story.
7. 14 - 18 yrs Poetry.
8. Adult Short Story.
9. Adult Poetry.
10. A Children's Story: A story written for children.

*Categories 1 - 5 will include prizes for best illustration and best presentation



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. All stories must have a completed entry form attached to the manuscript with a paper clip (no pins or staples). An emailed copy may **ALSO** be supplied for categories 6 - 10 above to cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au
2. The author's name must only be on the entry form and not on the manuscript.
3. Entries must be original, previously unpublished work.
4. Each entry must include a title.
5. Multiple entries will be accepted.
6. Unless otherwise specified, permission to reproduce entries in the Churchill & District News or for publicity purposes will be assumed. Copyright remains with the author.
7. Writers will be credited whenever their writing is reproduced.
8. Entries must be received by 22 June, 2012.
9. All pages should be numbered.
10. Length of stories and poems -

STORIES are to be:

- ***Adult:** 1000 - 2500 words.
- ***14 - 18 years:** 500 - 2000 words.
- ***Children:** up to 500 words.

POETRY, free or rhyming verse to be:

- ***Adult:** min. 8 lines and max. 48 lines.
- ***14 - 18 years:** min. 8 lines and max. 48 lines.
- ***Children:** up to 20 lines.

11. Entries will not be returned and participants should keep a copy of their work.
12. The Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
13. Signing of the entry form for this competition constitutes acceptance of these conditions of entry.

Entries can be mailed to:

Churchill & District News Short Story and Poetry Competition,
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Closing Date: 22 June 2012

Entry Fees:

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Hazelwood North Primary School



The 9/10 year olds had to race for two kilometres and the 11 and 12/13 year olds did three kilometres.

First up was the 9/10 year old girls and no one from our school got through in that age group. Next to race were the 9/10 year old boys. One person got through, Jarryd Xuereb. He came fifth.

Third to race were the 11 year old girls. Brianna Briggs came 4th. Next up was the 11 year old boys. Two people got through, being Xavier Taylor and Dylan Evans. We thought we were going great guns. Next was the 12/13 year old girls and we were nearly finished. Lauren Akers came 2nd and went through to the next round. Last but not least were the 12/13 year old boys. Thomas Hayes came 4th. At the end we had 6 people who got through to the zones. At the end we finished 4th and we were proud of ourselves.

Buddies

By Blake and Patrick
Every Friday at Hazelwood

The preps love seeing us and they like working with us because we teach them new stuff like how to turn on and off the computers. Our buddies like walking around the school with us and having fun.

Cooking Morning Tea - Education Day

By Lara, Libby and Chloe

On Monday March 21, our class made morning tea for the parents who want to let their kids come to this great school. Some grandparents came and of course the kids came along too.

Excitedly we walked to the cooking room to start cooking the food for morning tea. We made four different foods; Rumballs, Honey joys, Lemon slice and lemonade scones. We were in groups of seven, eight or nine.

The next day the visitors came with the prospective new preps to the office. Mrs Rock called over the loud speaker, one or two of the grade sixes at a time, who showed the visitors around. Later on they ate and enjoyed the tasty food we made them!

H.N.P is the place to be!

By Sarah and Natalie

We are going to tell you the reasons you should send your child to Hazelwood North Primary School. The school is in a beautiful environment and with a friendly atmosphere, great staff and lots of subjects. It will prepare your child for anything and they will make friends for life!

Firstly, Hazelwood North Primary has a friendly learning environment. We have lots of anti-bullying activities and all the students are always happy to help their classmates. At the end of each year, your child will be able to choose 3 students they wish to go with them into their classes next year, and at least one person from that list can go with them.

Next, we have good staff and friendly teachers who are always happy to help their students. We have yearly tests to see what type of learner your child is, and the teachers regularly check on their students to see how their learning is going. Also, our acting principal, Mrs Rock, comes around to the classrooms to check that all the students and teachers are happy.

Lastly, the school covers lots of subjects including maths, art and sport. We do all types of activities and our music teacher, Mr Wall, will tutor students on guitar and recorder during lunch time. Our school also has a Junior School Council or JSC for short, to help raise money for charities and our sponsor child, Fezlie.

In conclusion, H.N.P.S is the best place to send your child. It is a school that is fun, educational and a nice place to be.

World of Maths Road Show

By Drew and Dylan.

On Tuesday May 29, the whole school participated in the World Maths Road Show. It was run by a lady called Alison - she made maths enjoyable. It was held in the multi-purpose room, each grade went at separate times and we all did different activities.

Some of the activities included:

Problem solving, learning new skills and strategies with maths, having fun with maths, puzzles, mirror image, 14 block. It is a box with blocks in it and you have to put the blocks in without making them fall out.

We thank Alison for coming and



showing us fun ways of learning maths because it has helped us.

Cross Country

By Thomas and Xavier!

On May 10, about 25 students from HNPS went to the Cross Country at Gaskin Park in Churchill.

North Primary School the grade 5/6's look after their buddies in the prep grade. We do all different activities. We have made masks and paper glasses. On the computer we do sunshine books and study ladder. They read to us their written stories.

After wards, the grade five sixes got to eat the left over's, we had one of each thing first then we got to dig in. It was the best (yummy). So let your kids come next time to have a look around. Please come to Hazelwood North!!!!

Mixed/ Boys Soccer

By Nonda and Aston

On May 24, we attended the Yinnar and District Soccer Day which was at Traralgon Olympians and Traralgon City.

Our coach was Mrs Duncan. The teams were mixed, boys and a girls team.

The schools that participated were Yinnar, Hazelwood North, Boolarra, Churchill Primary, Lumen Christi and Churchill North.

All the games were hard and they were tiring because it was hot and we had to do a lot of running. At the end of the soccer everyone was really tired.

After each of our games we watched the girls' team play and had a snack.

Hazelwood North's scores: Churchill North was a 0-1 loss, Yinnar was a 2-0 win, Lumen Christi was 5-0 win, Boolarra was a 1-0 win and Churchill Primary was a 2-0 win. All up we won 4 games and lost 1 so we finished up with 13 points.

In 6th position was Lumen Christi, 5th was Boolarra, 4th was Yinnar, 3rd was Churchill Primary, 2nd was Hazelwood North. The winner was Churchill North on 14 points.

Everyone had a great day filled with lots of fun at the soccer.



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Kurnai College Junior Campus

SRC Reps receive their Badges of Office

Recently, Kurnai College Junior Campus had a ceremony to induct their Student Representative Council (SRC) representatives.

Nello Carbone, Principal of the junior campus welcomed everyone, and thanked teacher Cheryl Taylor for being the teacher in charge of the SRC

College Principal, Anthony Rodaughan, congratulated the students who had been elected. "Well done for putting your hand up," he said. "It is not easy to be a leader."

Anthony welcomed and thanked all the representatives, urging them to be brave, strong and work hard to meet the challenges. "Strive to make a difference" he added.

The students were invited to come up with suggestions and meet with him over lunch to discuss the proposals. He said he would consider ways to fund worthwhile actions.

He also cited Russell Northe who had put his hand up, and was a voice for the college, being a great friend and defender of the college. Anthony invited Russell to speak.

Russell thanked the staff and students for their welcome and invitation.

He spoke to the students, encouraging them to obtain satisfaction from their roles by considering different choices, doing their absolute best and knowing that within themselves they had given it their best effort.

Make sure your heart is in the right place. Make your school, parents and teachers proud of you and be proud of yourselves.

Russell asked the students what they thought were the most important things to achieve in their roles. Answers included to contribute, to listen to different points of view, use teamwork and communication. Russell agreed with these key aspects saying they were vital to demonstrate capability.

Anthony and Russell then presented the SRC reps with their badges of office in year levels.

The School Captains and Vice Captains are part of the year 10 SRC reps. The Captains concluded the proceedings with thanking everyone for coming.

Refreshments were served.

Year 7 Centre.

The area of the school buildings designated for the Year 7's has undergone some renovations and improvements, with newly painted seats and rails, a special Year 7 Centre sign and some poster size photos of the students involved in various activities displayed on the walls.

A casual quiet social gathering place has been established, with tables and chairs to



provide somewhere for the students to call a quiet retreat when it is raining or at other times.

The staff objective is to work towards having the students take some ownership of their centre. A duty roster has been prepared where students are on a roster system to clean up the centre in the last five minutes of lunchtime.

Year 7 co-ordinator Adam Hogan has been impressed by the students' keenness to carry out this duty.

Adam says the students are appreciating the changes and are taking pride in their centre.

The Edge year 9 Program.

Twenty-three students from varying backgrounds have opted to be involved with this program.

This year a new room has been allotted for

the use of the students and their two teachers. It was in need of some re-decorating and the students have been involved with choosing the colour (Splice of Life) of the feature wall and with painting of same. The rest of the room will be in school colours. This process has seen the students keenly engaged.

This is the only class in the school with the opportunities offered, and it has caused some other students to be curious and want to know

about it.

This year four main themes have been chosen. These correspond with the four terms.

Term 1 - Teamwork

Term 2 - Identity

Term 3 - Leadership

Term 4 - Future Pathways.

During term 1 the students were engaged with a CFA program run by Ross Male, when the students went to Morwell Fire Station for practical introductory survival and rescue skills, and Louise Haughton for theory at the school the alternate week.

They have also had the experience of a Wilsons Promontory adventure camp. The aim of the camp was to further build teamwork

skills. The students were required to think about the camp and what was needed prior to leaving. They would have to build their own shelter using tarps, poles and guy ropes, prepare and cook food on a camp stove, choose suitable clothing and other equipment for the three days spent at camp.

Involved in the time away were some tough hikes. At first the students were apprehensive, but soon learnt to work as a unit. There was a noticeable increase in looking out for each other, a greater cohesion within the group, which lead to an inclusiveness and a caring attitude which has continued.

This term the students have begun work on their room re-decorating.

A race around Melbourne day camp has already been held. In groups of 5-6 the students were required to navigate to four locations and conduct learning activities at each, centred around historical culture.

A return visit to Melbourne is planned with a visit to the Sport's Museum. They will also be taking an urban art tour looking at aspects of modern Melbourne culture.

A further exercise in team building will occur at The Summit at Trafalgar. Here a high ropes course will aim to build trust and teamwork skills to meld the group into a working, socially aware community.

SRC Soup Kitchen

On Thursday and Friday May 24 and 25, the SRC at Kurnai Churchill Campus ran a soup kitchen to raise money for the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal for Homeless Teenagers .

Year 9 served on Thursday and Year 8 on Friday, using the school canteen.

SRC members made Chicken Noodle, Pumpkin and Tomato soups which were sold by the cup, with a bread roll for \$1.00.

Over the two lunch times they raised \$120.00 for the appeal.

Not only was it fun, but a great success for the students whose initiative it was.



Gippsland Education Precinct

The Age VCE & Careers Expo

On Friday May 4, students from Year 11 at Kurnai College travelled to Caulfield Racecourse for The Age VCE & Careers Expo, where they were able to see more than 180 exhibitors as well as attend seminars on VCE subjects, study options and career advice.

This was an opportunity for the students to speak with some of Australia's top tertiary institutions, obtain career resources and information on international exchange programs.

There was no shortage of handouts and general promotional material, and by the end of the day students had bags full of information to get them thinking about their futures.

Students requiring further information or career advice are welcome to visit Mr. Watts or Sarah in the Careers Room.

Student Leader 2012

After this year's election we are happy to announce Kurnai College student leaders for 2012. [See photo next page]

Biggest Morning Tea

Kurnai College's VCAL food class hosted a fundraiser for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Tuesday May 22.

The students worked over a number of weeks to plan the event as part of the community component of their course.

The morning of the event was spent with the students freshly preparing a range of sweet and savoury treats.

The morning tea was very successful thanks to the support of both staff and students and raised \$145 for the cancer council.

Bushwalk Croajingolong NP

Early on Monday May 14, two groups of students and teachers headed out in Croajingolong NP for a five day hike on

our beautiful wilderness coast.

One group started from Thurra River whilst the other group headed west from Mallacoota. The groups meet halfway, shared experiences and tips with each other and then headed onwards to their goal.

During the walk along the unspoilt beaches, in different types of bush and in swamps, those involved experienced a lot of different wildlife such as seals, snakes, crabs and kangaroos. Neither rain nor wind could stop the keen walkers on their 65 km trip where they had to negotiate their way through rivers, thick vegetation, beaches and mud.

For the most part the weather was terrific, and students came home tired and worn, but with a bag full of great experiences to share.

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Below: School Leaders: Mark Stolk, Tayla Pendlebury, Jessica Middlemiss, Jerome Johnston, Shannon Van Sambeek, Bonnie Love, Nathan Noblett



Lumen Christi Primary School

Camp 2012

Grade 5 and 6 had three days away from school, where they discovered and explored some of the landmarks around Melbourne and had a day at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. Their first port of call was St Patrick's Cathedral where the children were able to see a huge difference between our own Lumen Christi Church and that of the Cathedral itself. We headed off to Federation Square for lunch and then hiked across Southbank to the Aquarium. Along the way we detoured to check out the Polly Woodside. A leisurely study of the penguins proved a big hit and feeding time proved quite mesmerising for our students.

We scrambled back onto our bus and headed for the MCG. Standing on the hallowed turf proved quite an experience as well as heading up to the top row of the MCG which provided quite a scary outlook for some. We then ventured below to explore the National Sports Museum before finally heading off to our accommodation at Melbourne Discovery.

A quick unpack of the luggage and a short time to settle into our rooms before we were off again for our evening meal in Lygon Street. The Eureka Skydeck topped off our day and many students were brave enough to go The Edge.

The next morning we had a very quick look around the Queen Vic Market and some students managed to snap themselves some bargains.

Our day at Sovereign Hill included an Education session entitled Gold Fever as well as a trip through the Red Hill Mine and going underground for the "Trapped" session. There were some attempts at panning for gold but disappointingly many students came away empty-handed. The Gold Pour proved a hit especially for Skye and Keegan who were chosen to hold the expensive gold bar!

Back on the bus and our evening meal was waiting for us

back in Melbourne. Galactic Circus was next on the agenda and despite a few hiccups, the program was changed and the students enjoyed laser-tag as well as the ten pin bowling! Tired and weary at the end of such a long day, we headed back for a good night's sleep.

It was rise and shine early as we were walking to Parliament House. Paul was our guide and we were able to sit in both Houses of Parliament while it was sitting. The current Premier just happened to walk past as we were waiting which was an added bonus. Russell Northe, our local Member of Parliament, also managed to talk briefly with our students.

Another hike through some of the streets of Melbourne to our waiting bus, and then our final destination was Scienceworks. The students enjoyed experiencing the activities in Sports Works and they also had a Science session called Blast Off.

Our camp was very busy but the students had many experiences from which they could draw for their learning back at school. The supervisors also breathed a sigh of relief when the last child was picked up from school. They all headed home for a well-deserved rest!

My favourite place to visit was Sovereign Hill because it was dark down in the mine. I also enjoyed panning for gold.

Nikiesha, Grade 5

My favourite place to visit was Galactic Circus - it was awesome! Keegan, Grade 5

I enjoyed going to Galactic Circus because we did Laser Tag and then ten pin bowling which was great! It was fun to play with my friends. Aiden, Grade 6

Camp was great fun. I thought The Edge, at the Eureka Skydeck, was the best but it was really scary when you are up on the 88th floor. Patrick, Grade 5

We visited the Fitzroy Gardens, on the first morning of our camp, and we had our morning tea there. We then went to St Patrick's Cathedral and you could light a candle for someone special if you gave a gold coin donation. Michael, Grade 6

Hazelwood House

On Thursday May 24, as part of Making Music Being Well 2012, a small band of enthusiastic students from Lumen Christi visited Hazelwood House. They were accompanied by Acting School Principal, Mrs Jo Leviston and Mr Paul Devlin on Guitar. The



students entertained residents and staff. The students really excelled themselves in the way they sang and how they represented the School.

It was suggested that the Choir should return to the Nursing home again soon to entertain the residents, and perhaps this can be organised later in the year.

Mr Devlin said the initiative to raise awareness about the positive health benefits of music making and singing was part of nationwide effort to celebrate the wellbeing benefits of music.

The program is run by the Music Council of Australia. The Australian Music Therapy Association has been a foundation partner since the initiative began in 2006.

For more information contact Paul Devlin at Lumen Christi Primary School 0421 081 137



Churchill North Primary School

Junior School Council

On Friday May 25, Junior School Council ran an After School Disco in the multi-purpose room from 4-5.30. Students from Churchill North were able to bring a friend who attended another primary school along to the disco. JSC sold glow sticks and drinks at the disco and they raised over \$200 at this event. JSC would like to thank all of the parents and teachers who helped on the night, it was a great night and we wouldn't have been able to have it without you.

This term Junior School Council has been selling Butterfly Badges to support the Deafness Foundation. So far we have raised over \$100 for this organisation. Junior School Council is still selling icy poles and hot milo at lunch times on Tuesdays, to help the school raise money to purchase items of student interest, or be put towards excursions. So far students have suggested buying new sand equipment for recess and lunch or putting the money towards an end of year excursion for the school.

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY SOCCER CHAMPS!!

On Thursday May 24, Churchill North Primary competed in the Yinnar and District Soccer tournament held at Traralgon Preston Reserve. Out of 5 games for the day Churchill North won 4 and drew 1, which enabled them to take home the championship and shield.



Goals were scored by the following students Lachlan H, Emily L and Joel M.

The soccer squad consisted of the following students:

Lachlan H, Emily L, Gabrielle M, Joel M, Cameron F, Bailee C, Cayleigh C, Natalie V, Joshua K, Matthew S, Shaylah H,

Callum S, Jessica M, Kayla C

All students at C.N.P.S would like to thank Maryanne Lugton for her dedication and support in coaching them and also a BIG CONGRATULATIONS to our soccer stars on the win!!

Kids Foundation Safety Club

Nine children travelled to Traralgon on Monday to learn about looking for "Hazards" in and out of the playground. They worked with children from other schools to identify hazards and discussed how they could be fixed.

Children were given a "Seemore" Mascot doll in their Safety Club kit, and now are very enthusiastic to begin and take on the



responsibility of making the school a safer place for all. Students who attended the Kids Foundation Safety Club meeting were all given badges to wear so they could be recognised in the school if other students have a question about safety.

CNPS goes Crazy for Mums

On Friday May 11, dedicated Mothers from Churchill North

organised a stall where students could buy gifts for their Mothers. The stall had many presents for kids to buy and give to their Mums on Mother's Day and kids found the perfect present for their Mums. Quotes about the stall, "it was fantastic, my Mum's going to love this!" Most of the Mums of Churchill North students woke up to the perfect Mother's Day. Thanks again to all the Mums who made the stall happen.

Tyler Roncari and Guy Griffiths

Street Scene

On Monday May 14, junior classes at Churchill North Primary School were visited by Street Scene. Street Scene is an RACV road safety program that teaches students about traffic safety and also about safety in our neighbourhood. Students learnt about choosing a safe place to cross, and then using STOP LOOK LISTEN THINK!!! They learnt that they must stop one step from the kerb, look for approaching traffic in all directions, listen for approaching traffic and think about whether it is safe to cross. They completed activities where they had to identify safe areas on and around the road. These activities included looking at pictures of people crossing at traffic lights, school crossings or pedestrian crossings.

Little Ducks in the Water

This Year, students at Churchill North have participated in a 6 week swimming program at Churchill Leisure Centre's indoor heated pool, with swimming teachers Sandra Backhausen and Maryanne Lugton. During the 6 week program students learnt about: entering the water safely with a slide-in entry, how to float on their back, stroke technique, endurance swimming, treading water, recovering objects from the bottom of the pool, how to Torpedo, as well as free time to splash about and have fun in the water. From next week onwards, the early years students will be participating in the six week program and we look forward to sharing their journey with you in the next edition.

5/6'S Incorporating laptops

Last week both 5/6 O and 5/6 HB began using the brand new laptops that the school had recently purchased. This was an exciting time for all students and teachers.

They were taught how to care for their laptops and the appropriate way to handle them. All students received a laptop policy and were involved in an online game which made them aware of how to deal with certain scenarios they may come across whilst online.

The 5/6 students and teachers look forward to using the laptops within the classroom across the year and incorporating ICT into student learning as much as possible.

Yinnar Primary School

By Lachlan Hunt
Grade 6 Student

Veggie Garden

Yinnar Primary School has been making a new vegetable garden. First we had a working bee to clean up a suitable area. We then got some massive tyres to use as the garden beds.

The Parents and Friends Club helped us to paint the tyres. Some classes have already planted beans and peas.

We look forward to the plants growing and us eating them.



RSL visit

The week before ANZAC Day the senior students from Yinnar Primary School went to visit the Morwell RSL. This was a very interesting excursion and the students learnt much about war. We found out facts about the World Wars, Vietnam and Afghanistan wars. We were very interested to learn about the ANZAC's at Gallipoli especially the Simpson and his donkey story. We all realized how tough the wars were and would not like to have been in them.

Easter Fair

On the Friday March 30, Yinnar Primary School held their

Easter Fair. There is an Easter Fair every year at the school to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital. Students were asked to design and build a contraption, which would keep an egg safe when thrown. The whole school participated in this activity, watching and cheering as many eggs were thrown across the netball court. After recess the Junior School Council organised a variety of fun activities. These activities were lots of fun and raised lots of money. The treasure hunt, sticks in the sand and the egg and spoon race were very popular. Everyone enjoyed the day and ate heaps of chocolate. Overall the Junior School Council raised \$400 for the Royal Children's Hospital.



Leadership Day

Yinnar Primary School takes student leadership seriously. On Friday April 26, a group of school leaders spent the day improving their leadership skill. The school captains, house captains and junior school councillors worked together with Mr Collins and Miss Vary on many aspects of leadership.

The group learned about what leadership is, how to hold effective meetings and about improving their public speaking. They wrote mission statements for their groups and played some fun games.

The day was a huge success and the leaders are looking forward to their important roles at school.

Simultaneous Story Time

This year's Simultaneous Story Time took place on Wednesday, May 23. At 11am more than 100,000 students and over 800 schools stopped normal school activities to read the popular Nick Bland book 'The Very Cranky Bear'. The students at Yinnar Primary used a power point presentation to share the book as a whole school. The aim of the Simultaneous Story Time is to promote the value of reading and literacy as well as to promote Australian writers and publishers.

School Camp

Between May 14 and 18, Grades 5 and 6 from Yinnar Primary went on a camp to Canberra. The bus trip was very boring and everyone was glad when it was finally over. On the second day, they went to the National Museum, the Australian War Memorial and the CSIRO Discovery centre. That night, they had a game of mini-golf. The next day, they went to the Australian Institute of Sport, the National Gallery of Australia, and Parliament House. That evening, they went up to the Black Mountain Tower. On the fourth day, they went to Old Parliament House, the High Court, and everyone's personal favourite, Questacon. On the last day, everyone went home. They all agreed that it was the best camp ever!



Churchill Primary School.

Our Open Day on May 18 was a huge success. Many parents and some prospective parents came to see the children at work in the first 2 hours. The parents were then invited to stay for morning tea.



Above: Some of the invited guests and teachers



Glee Club

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support:

A highlight of the day was the celebration of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support.

We had some invited guests from Kurnai College, Churchill Lions and Lionesses, Woolworths and special guests Russell Northe and Anne Outhred from Regional Office, who addressed the assembly.

We had a performance by the Churchill Primary "Glee Club" Choir, who entertained with the songs "We're all in this together", "Community" and led the National Anthem. Mrs Gilmore welcomed everyone to the celebration and our School Captains prepared a speech for the crowd. Our "Beekeepers", who run the beehive, also gave an explanation of the Beehive.

We have been working on getting the universals in place for nearly 2 years.

A team of 7 staff members and 3 students have been working



Above: The School Captains, Tyler and Olivia,

hard to make SWPBS a positive initiative for our school.

These universals are related to our Values: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Understanding and Be Your Best. Using these Values, we explicitly teach expected behaviours.

We have set in place a reward system for those students doing the right thing. The feedback to students includes staff giving out "Bee Tickets". Each Friday students can cash in their Bee tickets for prizes at the "Beehive". Some students like to save up Bee tickets for a special reward such as going to lunch with Mrs Gilmore, the Principal. This costs students 100 Bee tickets. Congratulatory postcards are sent out to parents of students who have presented 50 bee tickets to the Beehive.

Students are also aware of the

and mathematics, over the coming months.

Our Mother's Day stall was a huge success with the help of our wonderful band of parent helpers.

The students were able to purchase some lovely gifts for their mums.

Transition:

Grade 5/6 will begin their transition activities to Kurnai College this month. It is always very exciting for them to start with a full day at the College. Kinder parents are always welcome to come into the school and meet with teachers and it was lovely to see some Kinder families at our open day.

Sport:

Churchill Primary School students have been busy with cross country district finals, girls' and boys' soccer, netball and football. Congratulations to all the students involved. Both soccer teams came third and all enjoyed the day.

BOYS' TEAM - Hayden Jones, Noah Lawson, Luke Van Rossum, Bradley Gill, Corey Kerrison, Ryan Lowrie, Damon



consequences of inappropriate behaviour. There are a number of other aspects to the SWPBS, which provide data for our decision making.

The last part of the day was a performance by Tony Bones. It involved music and audience participation. The story was about a bison in the zoo who was being bullied by the other bison in his enclosure. He walked around the zoo and asked advice from other zoo members about what to do. The show was fast paced and entertaining for the assembled school.

Academic Pursuits:

Some of the students have been involved in the NAPLAN testing, and results for those will be out sometime in 3rd Term. The Grade 3 and 5 students were tested in writing, spelling, language conventions, reading and mathematics.

A number of students are sitting the International Competitions and Assessment tests from the University of New South Wales in computer skills, English, writing and spelling, science

Scott, Bailey Shirreff, Max Van Der Zwart, Cain Iorangi, Bailey Lewis, Tom Severson and Eros Zappulla.

GIRLS' TEAM - Courtney Henshaw, Kayla Welsh, Britney Atkinson, Ebony Henshaw, Tayla Kelty-Roberts, Rachael Pendlebury, Hannah Dal Pozzo, Jade Davern, HayleyHuizer, Kelsey Mayer,

Hayley Scott and Taylah Whelan.

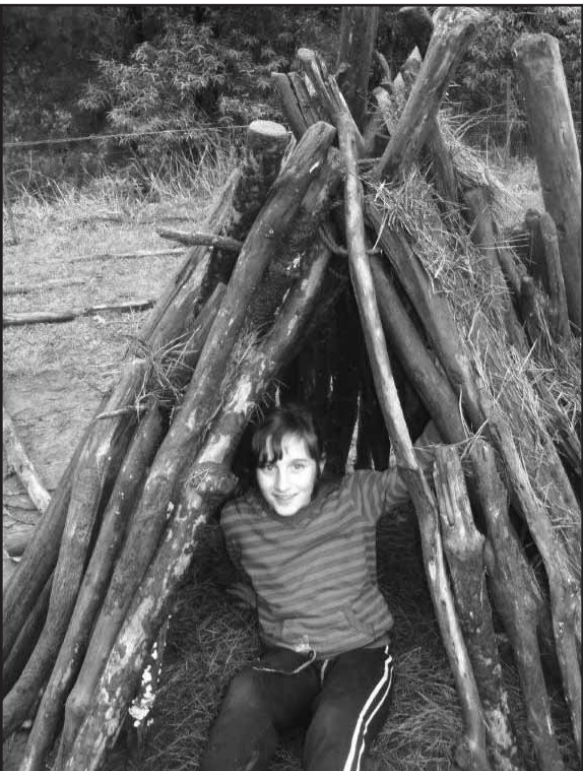
Congratulations to the following students who will go through to the Zone Cross Country finals:

Kayla Welsh, Dylan Kamphuis, Haleigh Lenser, Bailey Flanigan, Damon Scott, Max Van Der Zwart.



Boolarra Primary School

Grade 3/4 Allambee Camp:



about the food and the staff and indicated that she had a great time.

Jorja is still shaking from the giant swing after she chose to go to the very top (and Ms Sands is never going on it again after she asked NOT to go to the very top but was hauled to it anyway!).

Sasha wasn't impressed by the food as she is used to her mum's fabulous cooking,

James said it was tasty but still only rated it 5/10 whilst

to be treated.

Leadership: Taking the lead in being a responsible person/peer/student.

Friendships: Being a truthful, thoughtful and reliable friend to your fellow students.

Resilience: Bouncing back from a negative and turning it into a positive.

Acceptance: Accepting people for who they are and not who you want them to be.

Being your Best: Trying your hardest and being proud of what you have achieved.

Forgiveness: Choosing to forgive instead of holding a grudge.

Positive Thinking: Always seeing the best in all situations.

Student Confidence: Not being afraid of speaking in public or asking questions.

Truthfulness: Being truthful to yourself and others.

The grade 5/6s will now combine all of their thoughts to compile their final Core Values for our School.

Walk to School Day:

Many of our families supported this Junior School Council initiative. It was lovely to take this opportunity, stroll in good company and take in the picturesque Boolarra scenery, knowing that our health and wellbeing was benefitting.

NAPLAN Testing:

Our grade 3s and 5s recently undertook this national testing program.

When we eventually get the results, we will see how our students' performance compared with that of other students across the country. NAPLAN provides a snapshot of how students performed on set tasks over a few hours.

The classroom teachers are able to provide much richer detail regarding students' progress based on lots of evidence.

Junior School Council Fundraising News

\$150 was raised for Autism Support through donations received on Blue Day and icy-pole sales. JSC are now selling warm Milo for

50c at recess times.

On the last Monday of this term they also hope to sell pancakes.

All money raised from these enterprises, and our next out of uniform day, will go towards the Boolarra Stompers fundraising efforts for cancer.

Talent Quest

Our Junior School Council are currently staging auditions to discover our "Boolarra's Got Talent Champion".

To add to the fun they are also judging 'zany acts' entered in the "Boolarra's Got No Talent" category.

On the last day of term 2 we will hold the Grand Final of this competition.

Cross Country Running

Congratulations to Rory Peter and Lydia Reiske who qualified to represent the Yinnar and District schools at the Zone Cross Country run (and Ella O'Kane who narrowly missed qualifying and is an emergency)

The following feedback was obtained from our students about this experience: Holly's favourite activity was the flying fox as it went fast. Amalee's preferred camp food was the boiled eggs but she wasn't so keen on the pancakes (judging by the gasps from others, many liked them!).

Caitlin thought the food was generally yummy but she wished the rooms had better heaters, despite this she rated Allambee 10 out of 10. Emre found the start of the flying fox ride the scariest.

Tyson managed to sleep well, despite some of his roommates talking, by putting his sleeping bag hood over his head.

Josh liked the billy carts best; especially when Ms Sands fell off (he clearly isn't worried about his mid-year report!). Annabel was positive

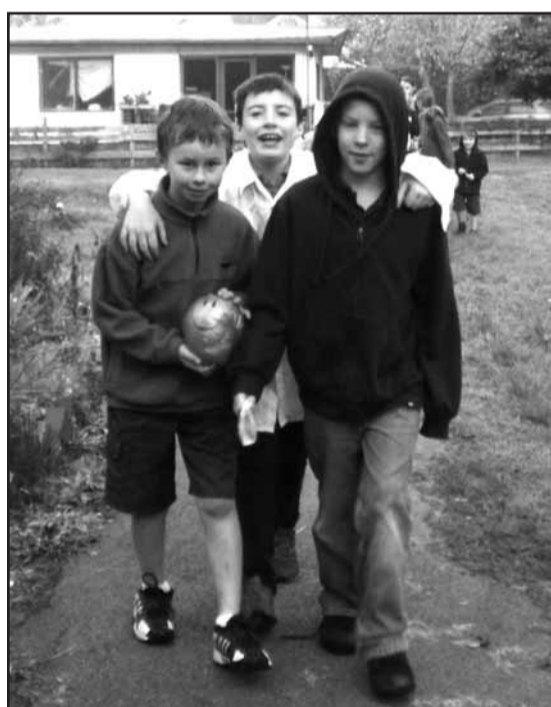
Rivan, who has never liked lasagne, rated the camp lasagne 13 out of 10 and can now understand Garfield's obsession with it! Caleb liked the billy carts best even though Mr. Connolly pushed too hard and he flew through the air.

Lachie's scariest moment was on the giant swing which made his legs sore.

School Core Values

Jaz Carroll of grade 6 worked with her Mum to come up with the following suggestions as to what we could include in our Core Values.

Respect: Treating others how you would like



Yinnar South Primary School

Community Spirit lives on

The dreaded working bee loomed at Yinnar South this month,



and as a teacher I braced myself to work alongside a couple of faithful families. Imagine my delight and surprise to have a fantastic day. Despite the drizzle we had a 100% representation of families and even some grandparents. The children all pitched in and helped and we got an amazing amount done..

Our community's school pride was clearly on show. The day was finished off by a wonderful sausage sizzle provided by our School Council President, Marion Haines.

"I pulled up a bit stiff and sore and incredibly proud of our wonderful school." (Katy Grandin - Principal)

"I loved the working bee," Brock (Year 2) "I had

fun at the working bee." Alyssa (Year 3)

Proving nothing is impossible

As part of our Lifestyles program the children are cooking a two course meal for our Warm Winter Wednesdays. This week they made Impossible Pie and Lemon Delicious. We are working towards growing our own produce and the children are investigating a variety of projects for us to consider for our grounds, such as chickens, a frog bog and worm farms. Our overall focus at the moment is Sustainability. The children have some great displays of their work. Visitors are welcome.

Smart Car

Maria and Frandma (Friendly Grandma) come to visit.

The students enjoyed having a closer look at Maria's smart car. This little car is very economical on petrol. We also learnt about hybrid and electric cars.

Frandma and Skype

We have lots of visitors at Yinnar South Primary School but one of our regulars comes to us through the internet. Frandma (our Friendly Grandma) Skypes us once a week to read and chat with the children. The children look forward to her 'visits'. Sometimes we even take her for a walk (laptop

in hand) to show her what we are doing.

2013 Prep Enrolments Now Open -

We are getting lots of visitors to the school looking at enrolments for next year. It is exciting to be part of a school that is on the way up and we welcome enquiries. School Tours are available upon request. Please call the school on 5169 1540

Students visit playgroup

The students recently sang a song in Mandarin to the children at Yinnar South Primary Playgroup. The students have also read to the playgroup which they really enjoyed.

Playgroup meets on Friday mornings 9.30 - 11.30 at the Yinnar South Community Hall based in the school grounds.

New members are welcome.

Telephone: Yinnar South Primary School on 5169 1540

A Grade 3 Student reads to Playgroup

Alan Bannister from Bendigo Bank continues to be a great supporter of the school and our school banking program. This month he dropped in to donate some sporting equipment. We have a very active sporting program and the children have enjoyed the new equipment. Thanks Alan.



Latrobe Valley Hockey Association

Churchill & District News

SPORT



Round 3 — May 6/7, 2012

Round 3 of the season was played in good conditions which saw enthusiasm, high scoring and close games. The men and women's league continued to give great performances, including a replay of last year's grand final.

In the under 11 games, many players began to show good skills.

Churchill defeated Traralgon Yellow 2-0.

Best for Churchill: 3 Talia Janssen, 2 Gabrielle Medew, 1 Ihraam Zafar.

Best for Traralgon Yellow: 3 Azaan Zafar, 2 Brydie Murphy, 1 Cameron West.

In a close matchup, Traralgon Green drew with Moe 1-1.

Best players for Traralgon Green: 3 Nerroili Hooimeyer, 2 Amelia Bolton, 1 Lachie Thompson.

Best players for Moe: 3 Hayley Cake, 2 Connor Hart, 1 Dylan Jeffs.

In the under 15 game, Churchill and Traralgon played a thrilling 1-1 draw.

Best for Churchill: 3 Alicia Hooimeyer, 2 Harry Broad, 1 Allie Ravenhall.

Best for Traralgon: 3 Ihraan Zafar, 2 Bevan Kemp, 1 Tahlia Medew.

The women's games saw high scores but close results. This shows how the competition is developing into a better game as players become more used to the new surface.

Churchill defeated Rovers Lightning 6-2. Rovers Lightning fought hard and forced Churchill to work hard for their victory.

Best for Churchill: 3 Tiffany Harvey, 2 Sara Jessen, 1 Tamara Kemp.

Best for Rovers Lightning: 3 Tye Hourigan, 2 Grace Lawrence, 1 Leesa Lawrence.

Rovers Thunder defeated Yallourn 8 - 0. Yallourn tried hard all day but were unable to match the might of the Thunders.

Best for Rovers Thunders: 3 Penny Kerr, 2 Mandie Hourigan, 1 Ruby Callaghan.

Best for Yallourn: 3 Casey Byron, 2 Lynn Smith, 1 Jan Stevens.

The third game, between Moe and Traralgon Black, saw Moe too strong for the Blacks, winning the match 5-1.

Best for Moe: 3 Kate Walker, 2 Claire Verhagen, 1 Ashleigh Vuillermin.

Best for Traralgon Black: 3 Carly Gilbert, 2 Alana Stratford, 1 Kassie Earle.

The final women's game was played between a full strength Traralgon Yellow and a struggling Traralgon Blue. Yellow was far too strong and overwhelmed the Blue team 12 - 0.

Best for Traralgon Yellow: 3 Val Orchard, 2 Harry Broad, 1 Robin Fitzpatrick.

Best players for Blues: 3 Anita Charles, 2 Tiffany Pilgrim, 1 Tamara Pilgrim.

The Men's games provided high quality close games.

The first game was between Moe and Churchill, last year's grand finalists. At the end of the first half it looked as though Churchill would run away with the match as they went to the break 4 - 0 up. Moe rallied in the second half and came back very strong. They were able to get back 3 goals. Churchill was able to goal twice more during the half to secure the victory.

Final score was a 6 - 3 to Churchill.

Best players for Churchill: 3 Robbie Wells,

2 Mathew Wells, 1 Mark Poenix.

Best players for Moe: 3 Paul Cake, 2 Bryan Cake, 1 Alistair Milne.

Yallourn and Traralgon was a different style of game. Both sides were very dour in defence and unwilling to let goals through. Yallourn had the majority of the play in the first but were only able to net one goal. The second half produced some very good patches of play with both sides trying very hard to take the upper hand. Most of the game was played in the midfield. Towards the end of the game, Traralgon pressed hard but were unable to convert. Final score was a 1 - 0 victory to Yallourn.

Best players for Yallourn: 3 Chris Read, 2 Hayden Wise, 1 Danny Smith.

Best players for Traralgon: 3 Brian Murphy, 2 Adam Slattery, 1 John Wilkie.

After this round, no sides are undefeated in the men's competition. It augurs well for a great season with the likely result being close games every week.

Round 4 — May 12/13, 2012

There was a change in conditions in Round 4. This gave the advantage to the teams who could adapt to the weather and made for competitive hockey.

Under 11 games were played in good spirit despite the cold conditions.

Traralgon Green defeated Moe 2-0 in a skilful game.

Best for Traralgon Green: 3 Bridie Murphy, 2 Tyler Trewen, 1 Hannah Hooimeyer.

Best for Moe: 3 Hayley Cake, 2 Stuart Mulry, 3 Mitchell Chapman.

Churchill defeated Traralgon Yellow 2-1 in a good game.

Best players for Churchill: 3 Ifhan Zafar, 2 Cameron West, 1 Anthony Ernst.

Best players for Traralgon Yellow: 3 Nerroili Hooimeyer, 2 Chloe Meddew, 1 Sebastian Pole.

In Under 15s, Traralgon narrowly defeated Moe 2-0.

Best for Traralgon: 3 Maeve Coughlan, 2 Alicia Hooimeyer, 1 Alphonse Young.

Best for Moe: 3 Megan Burns, 2 Andrew Mulry, 1 Ihraam Zafar.

Scores were high in the women's games despite the conditions.

Traralgon Yellow defeated Rovers Lightning 10-0.

Best players for Traralgon Yellow: 3 Val Orchard, 2 Harry Broad, 1 Leonie Baxter.

Best players for Rovers Lightning: 3 Selena Langstaff, 2 Leesa Lawrence, 1 Frances Birdseye.

Churchill was too strong for an undermanned Yallourn, winning their match 9 -0.

Best players for Churchill: 3 Sara Jensen, 2 Caitlyn Jordan, 1 Tamara Kemp.

Best players for Yallourn: 3 Colleen Watson, 2 Tenille Tilgner, 1 Jan Stevens.

Rover's Thunder was too strong on the day in a fast-paced, skilful game against Moe, seeing them win 3-0.

Best players for Rovers Thunder: 3 Steph Kelly, 2 Mandy Hourigan, 1 Penny Kerr

Best players for Moe: 3 Ashleigh Vuillermin, 2 Kate Walker, 1 Kate Storr.

Traralgon Black was too strong for Traralgon Blue on the day and defeated them 4-1.

Best players for Traralgon Black: 3 Carly Thompson, 2 Susan Poole, 1 Erin Scott.

Best players for Traralgon Blue: 3 Lynne Broad, 2 Jo Harrison, 1 Narelle Clark.

The Men's games were once again entertaining and hard fought. Players in all sides displayed great skill despite the conditions.

Traralgon started the season well and looked the side to beat but Churchill were undaunted by that record. The 1-0 score to Churchill was an indication of how strong both sides were.

Best players for Churchill: 3 Robbie Wells, 2 Dean White, 1 Falkurk Jansen.

Best players for Traralgon: 3 Lachlan Meredith, 2 Andrew Edgar, 1 Mark Kolsze.

Yallourn and Moe played a close game. Despite being undermanned and below full-strength, Moe fought hard all day. At the half time break it was 2-0 to Yallourn. Moe worked hard in the second half to get within 4-6 but couldn't hold on as they went down 8-4. Moe certainly weren't disgraced and could hold their heads high after a difficult day.

Best players for Yallourn: 3 Chris Liddle, 2 Danny Smith, 1 Tye McMahon.

Best players for Moe: 3 Mick Smyth, 2 Callum Robertson-Duncan, 1 Nathan Muirhead.

These results once again proved that this is a very close competition with many skilled players contributing to a high game standard.

Round 5 — May 19/20, 2012

Conditions were perfect for hockey in round 5 and it produced almost perfect performances.

Under 11 games were played well with good skills shown by the players.

Traralgon Green defeated Traralgon Yellow 3-2 in a good game.

Best players for Traralgon Green: 3 Shakaylan Trewen, 2 Nerroili Hooimeyer.

Best players for Traralgon Yellow: 3 Lachie Thompson-Gilbert, 2 Taylor Robinson, 1 Hannah Hooimeyer.

Churchill defeated Moe 4 - 0. This saw Anthony Ernst score 2 goals and be joined by Gabrielle Medew and Chloe Medew who each got 1.

Best players for Churchill: 3 Cameron West, 2 Anthony Ernst, 1 Chloe Medew.

Best players for Moe: 3 Connor Hart, 2 Hayley Cake, 1 Dylan Jeffs

In Under 15s, Churchill was too strong for Moe in a high scoring game that ended 6-3. Goals were scored by Bevan Kemp and Alfie Young for Churchill while Jared Cake, Emmerson Rennie and Kate Wiltshire shared Moe's goals.

Best players for Churchill: 3 Bevan Kemp, 2 Alfie Young, 1 Ahram Raza.

Best players for Moe: 3 Emmerson Rennie, 2 Jared Cake, 1 Shae McConanchoy.

The top teams were very dominant in the women's league. The good conditions brought out the best in the more skilled players.

Traralgon Black played a thrilling 1-1 draw with Yallourn. Both sides played well with a number of Yallourn players returning. Connor Murphy scored Black's goal while Kate Charalambous scored the goal for Yallourn.

Best players for Traralgon Black: 3 Carly Gilbert, 2 Connor Murphy, 1 Erin Scott.

Best players for Yallourn: 3 Casey Byron, 2 Jenny Maslen, 1 Claire Prior.

Rover's Thunder took the match 8-1 against an undermanned Churchill. Goal scorers were Greta Tatchell (3), Penny Kerr (2), Jade Callaghan (2) and Jasmine Langstaff. Tamara Kemp scored Churchill's only goalscorer.

Best players for Rovers Thunder: 3 Jade Callaghan, 2 Greta Tatchell, 1 Ruby Callaghan

Best players for Churchill: 3 Carol Kemp, 2 Nicole Yeplaan, 1 Linda Reid.

Traralgon Yellow was too strong on the day and beat Moe 11-0. Goal scorers were Harry Broad (3), Kim Tanti (2), Jo Wade (2), Charlie Sexton (2) and Carla Reid (2)

Best players for Traralgon Yellow: 3 Val Orchard, 2 Harry Broad, 1 Charlie Senton.

Best Players for Moe: 3 Ashleigh Vuillermin, 2 Kate Storr, 1 Gillian Massey.

Rovers Lightning, unfortunately, was forced to forfeit their match to Traralgon Blue.

The men's games were skilful and fast. The standard was very high with quite a few new players taking the field. This year there is very little between sides and all are capable of winning on the day.

Moe, who came in on the bottom of the ladder, was too strong for Traralgon and easily won their game 6-1. Their goals were scored by Bryan Cake (3), Paul Cake, Daniel Hartnell and James Belfield. Traralgon's only goal scorer was Harry Broad.

Best players for Moe: 3 Bryan Cake, 2 Dave Donaldson, 1 Daniel Hartnell.

Best players for Traralgon: 3 Mark Benfield, 2 Liam Murphy, 1 Robert Sutton.

Both Churchill and Yallourn were keen to establish supremacy in their match. They provided a good quality game with the score not indicating how close the two sides were. The final score was 4-1 to Yallourn, though both teams had good chances to score that went awry. Goal scorers were Luke Wilson (3) and Chris Liddell. Churchill's only goal came from Dean White.

Best players for Yallourn: 3 Chris Liddell, 2 Reuben Stevens, 1 Luke Wislon.

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Churchill & Monash Golf Champions

Recently the Ladies Foursomes Championships were played over two days of variable weather conditions at Churchill & Monash Golf Club. Maureen McConville and Eva D'Alterio are the Scratch Champions. Merry Dear and Janice Pilditch, dressed as the Red Team, are the Handicap Championship winners.

2012-2013 year will be due shortly. All interested members of the community are encouraged to consider joining the local club. Adult yearly membership is \$190. Junior memberships are also available.

Come and get together for exercise and fun. Contact the Secretary Paul Jordan on 0413 647 056 for further details.

Memberships for the



Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

5/5/2012 Mens 4 BBB Stableford Championships Round 1 Winner D.Hill & D.Ellwood - 47 pts, Runners Up - C.Hogbin & M.Woodbridge 46 pts, DTL W.Judkins & P.Jordan 42 pts, J.Jeffery & B.Barnes 42 pts, W.Peter & D.Cardwell 41

pts NTP 3rd B.Kilday, 12th K.VanVliet, 5th D.Cardwell, 14th B.Kilday
6/5/2012 Mens Stableford Winner P.Williams (16) 36 pts c/b. Ladies Winner- J.Pilditch (33) 29 pts

8/5/2012 Ladies Foursomes Championships Round 1 - Winners D.Thomas & A.Hibbert (30 ½) 71 ½, DTL E.D'Alterio & M.McConville (22) 75, J.Pilditch & M.Dear (29) 78, NTP 3rd V.Rowley, 12th D.Scurlock

Churchill Bowls Club



The Churchill Bowls Club has three divisions of women's pennant players. They play away games so as to prepare themselves for when their green is built. Most of their games have all been close and competitive.

Women's Division One

Churchill has had some close victories in the Division 1.

In their first week they lost to Trafalgar 27-19.

Over the next three weeks they would play Yallourn North twice and then Morwell. They would win all these games by 1 point.

They then faced Trafalgar Park and came up short by 24 shots.

Women's Division Two

To start, Division 2 defeated Moe RSL 22-11.

They couldn't follow this up with a win against Yinnar, coming to a narrow defeat that saw them lose by 3.

They then lost to Moe by 16 shots and Morwell by 15.

Regaining their composure they defeated Trafalgar by 29.

Women's Division Four

Churchill's fourth division played incredibly well, seeing them sit second on the ladder after 5 games.

Their first game against Yallourn North saw them win 30-8.

They followed up their win with another, this time over Moe by 18.

Moe RSL handed them their first loss of the season, though only by 10 shots.

This didn't faze the team as they went on to win their next two matches against Traralgon and Morwell, both by 2 shots.



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Best players for Churchill: 3 Dean White, 2 Tim Scott, 1 Michael Cheater.

Round 6 - May 26/27, 2012

Cold, showery and windy conditions greeted players for Round 6 of the LVHA. Despite the conditions the players were enthusiastic and some good skills were shown.

Under 11 games were played in good spirit. Churchill defeated Traralgon Green 2-1.

Best players for Churchill: 3 Ihraam Zafar, 2 Eeman Zafar, 1 Areeb Raza

Best players for Traralgon Green: 3 Sebastian Poole, 2 Hannah Hooimeyer, 1 Nerroli Hooimeyer

Traralgon Yellow defeated Moe 5-2 in a high scoring game.

Best players for Traralgon Yellow: 3 Kaycee Robinson, 2 Chloe Medew, 1 Azaan Zafar

Best players for Moe: 3 Claire Cake, 2 Hayley Cake, 1 Thomas Ashworth

In Under 15s Traralgon was too strong for Churchill, coming away with the 4-2 victory.

Best players for Traralgon: 3 Ebony Hooimeyer, 2 Nerroli Hooimeyer, 1 Alicia Hooimeyer

Best players for Churchill: 3 Azaan Zafar, 2 Megan Burns, 1 Ihraan Zafar

The scores were generally pretty high in the women's games that saw a couple of upsets. The skill level was high with the games played

at a fast pace. Moe defeated Rovers Lightning 5 - 0. Rovers Lightning tried hard all day but were unable to match the Moe side.

Best players for Moe: 3 Jennifer Massey, 2 Ashleigh Vullerman, 1 Gillian Massey

Best players for Rover's Lightning: 3 Greta Tatchell, 2 Jasmine Langstaff, 1 Grace Lawrence

Rovers Thunder defeated Traralgon Black 8-0 to keep their unbeaten run intact. Traralgon Black couldn't match the strength of Rovers Thunder but tried their best to take the game to them all day.

Best players for Rovers Thunder: 3 Penny Kerr, 2 Brianna Callaghan, 1 Mandie Hourigan

Best players for Traralgon Black: 3 Michelle Johnson, 2 Erin Scott, 1 Carly Gilbert.

Yallourn won their first game of the year with a 5-2 victory over Traralgon Blue.

Best players for Yallourn were: 3 Jenny Maslen, 2 Claire Prior, 1 Tenille Tilgner

Best players for Traralgon Blue: 3 Narelle Clark, 2 Ali Ravenhall, 1 Alisha Hooimeyer.

Unfortunately, Churchill had to forfeit to Traralgon Yellow.

Both Men's games were high scoring with good skills on display. The conditions - although difficult - were handled well by most players.

Yallourn was too strong for an undermanned Traralgon side that were without many key players. The final score was an 11-1 win to Yallourn.

Best players for Yallourn: 3 Chris Thompson, 2 Troy Michie, 1 Luke Wilson

Best players for Traralgon: 3 John Wilkie, 2 Andrew Edgar, 1 Brock Crawford

The Moe v Churchill game was very close with leadership changing several times. At the half time break, Churchill had the lead 2-0 and looked to be on their way to victory.

The Moe side had different ideas and rebounded well. The final score was a 5-4 win to Moe.

Best players for Moe: 3 Mick Smyth, 2 Nathan Muirhead, 1 Callum Robertson-Duncan

Best players for Churchill: 3 Fulkurk Jansen, 2 Robbie Wells, 1 Dean White.

All sides are capable of winning on the day and there is very little separating the sides skill-wise. Every weekend is producing top-quality hockey games.

Ladders

At the end of Round 5, the ladders were as below;

Under 11's:

Team	P	W	L	D	Pts
Churchill	5	4	1	0	12

Traralgon Green	5	3	1	1	10
Traralgon Yellow	5	1	3	1	4
Moe	5	0	3	2	2

Team	P	W	L	D	Pts
Traralgon	5	4	0	1	13
Churchill	5	3	1	1	10
Moe	5	2	3	0	6

Team	P	W	L	D	Pts
Rovers Thunder	5	5	0	0	15
Traralgon Yellow	5	4	1	0	12
Traralgon Black	5	3	1	1	10
Moe	5	3	2	0	9
Churchill	5	3	2	0	9
Traralgon Blue	5	0	4	0	3
Yallourn	5	0	4	1	1
Rovers Lightning	5	0	4	0	0

Team	P	W	L	D	Pts
Yallourn	5	3	1	1	10
Churchill	5	2	2	1	7
Traralgon	5	2	3	0	6
Moe	5	2	3	0	6

Churchill United Soccer Club gets a

Heart Start



Local sporting club gifted with a lifesaving defibrillator

Local sporting club Churchill United Soccer Club has been gifted with a lifesaving defibrillator and associated training by St John Ambulance Victoria, the state's leading provider of First Aid services.

Churchill United is one of 100 grass roots sporting clubs to be equipped with lifesaving defibrillators and associated training, worth a total of \$385,000, during the 2012 winter sports season as part of St John's Heart Start campaign.

Launched on February 22, the Heart Start campaign has drawn a phenomenal response from the Victorian sporting community with many sporting clubs applying for the package. Applications were assessed based on criteria including proximity to medical services, the type of sport they do, size of membership and their age-based level of risk.

St John Chief Executive Officer, Stephen Horton, said that while the standard of applications was extremely high, Churchill United Soccer Club stood out as a high priority club, because of its large membership base and distance from Ambulance services in the region relative to other applicants.

"Churchill United is one of approximately 2,300 community sporting clubs across football, netball, rugby, athletics, cricket and basketball that need a defibrillator as a priority," said Mr Horton.

"We know that clubs often struggle to raise the funds required to purchase a defibrillator themselves and we're pleased to be able to award these 100 clubs with a life-saving piece of equipment," Mr Horton said.

Club vice president Rob Sands said the club was excited to receive the defibrillator and associated training, in time for the winter sports season.

"This is great for our club, hopefully we never have to use it but this offers fantastic peace of mind should something occur", said Sands.

St John's long term vision is that by the start of the 2014 amateur sport season, all of these clubs will have a defibrillator on site and be prepared to use it if required.

In the meantime, St John is offering a \$1,750 subsidy to clubs who are

struggling to raise funds to purchase a defibrillator. Clubs interested in applying for this subsidy can visit www.defibssavelives.com.au for more information.

"In 2011 there were a significant number of sudden cardiac arrest-related incidents at local sporting clubs and at least three unfortunate fatalities. These lives may have been saved if there was a defibrillator on hand. We hope this initial phase of the Heart Start campaign will help to avoid preventable deaths in the 2012 season and into the future," said Mr Horton.

Having a defibrillator on hand is critical to survival in the event of a cardiac arrest. For every passing minute without a defibrillator shock the chance of survival reduces by ten per cent – and the average response time from an ambulance is nine to 14 minutes. Being able to respond appropriately in the minutes that follow a cardiac arrest will ensure the best possible chance of a good outcome.

Opportunities to support

While the first phase of the campaign has focused on the 100 highest priority clubs that apply, Mr Horton said St John is hoping to work with corporate Australia to expand the campaign.

Local businesses or individuals wanting to help fund additional units for their communities should contact St John on (03) 8588 8300.

"We are actively seeking support from other like-minded organisations to extend the campaign. I'd encourage any organisation committed to saving lives in their local community to contact us."

St John's commitment to the community

The community defibrillator campaign is part of a range of targeted community programs St John is developing to increase the resilience of high risk Victorian communities. The organisation's operations are not funded by government, and its community programs are supported by funds generated through its regular trading activity.

"This gift to the community is just the first step towards St John achieving our vision of saving lives through First Aid by equipping every Victorian sporting club with lifesaving defibrillator equipment and training."



Rams jump clear of the pack

Churchill United has jumped five points clear of the chasing pack with a comprehensive 4-0 demolition of third placed Traralgon City in heavy conditions on Saturday night.

The quagmire should have tightened the contest but the Rams were relentless maintaining its average of scoring four goals per game this season.

Churchill soaked up some initial pressure from City who was finding space for Dustin Moos and John Kuol to attack in waves with support from Andrew and Adam Batt.

But it was the Rams that hit the lead when Jesse Kennedy was given room in front of goal to score under pressure from City defender Robby Holmes.

It was 2-0 when Kennedy's strike partner Luke Cheney rose above a pack of players to head home powerfully from a corner ball.

In the second half Churchill's Mitch Jackson played out of his skin to dominate the midfield with team mates Nathan Lugton, Tim Dawson and Nathan Osborne making attacking play difficult for City to fashion.

When Cheney was felled in the box and duly converted the resulting penalty the contest was over 3-0.

Jackson's night was complete when he cheekily chipped the keeper from thirty yards out in a seemingly impossible position on the touch line.

City almost scored a consolation when striker Mark Fairbrother unleashed a thirty yard bullet that rattled the Churchill cross bar, but it was too little too late for the Traralgon outfit.

Fortuna vs Moe United

Fortuna salvaged a 3-3 draw after surrendering a two nil lead against Moe United on Saturday night, narrowly maintaining control of its season's destiny in its pursuit of Churchill at the top of the table.

In the lead up to the match contactors sucked up over 100,000 litres of water from the Crinigan Road pitch, but the surface was still extremely heavy under foot.

Fortuna looked the goods in the early stages of the first half finding plenty of space on the wings where they eventually found the net from a Hayden Tanti cross which was met by Andreas Nilo.

The Orangemen found the net again in the first half after George Fkaris scored from just inside the box. Moe was defending poorly but managed to enter the break at only 2-0 down.

In the second half a rejuvenated Moe hit the field and looked a totally different team running and tackling harder and looking more potent around goal. The Red Devils scored its first of three goals for the half from a corner through Adrian Savage who smashed home a volley on the back post.

The equaliser came from a penalty converted by Lee Dastey who added another to his growing season tally 2-2.

Moe claimed the lead 3-2 when Marc McHallam pounced on Fortuna keeper Dean Hamilton's fumble and slotted the ball in the back of the net with fifteen minutes to play.

With five minutes of regular time to play Fortuna found an equaliser 3-3 when a free kick from Josh Tanti was deflected onto the crossbar by Moe custodian Peter Albanese, but the ball dropped to Joel Baldwin who headed home to claim a point against his old club.

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Tyers vs Falcons

In atrocious conditions Tyers and Falcons played out a thrilling 4-4 draw for the Lightning to again disprove the pundits having caused several upsets to date this season. With the ground suiting Tyers' direct approach, this was always going to be a hard slog for the hard running Falcons.

The Birds got off to a great start with Daniel Tawfik poking home for the opener 1-0.

Tyers then came to life by scoring two goals to snatch the lead 2-1 through Shayne Pavich and Josh Membrey. Tawfik again popped up equalize to square the ledger 2-2 just before the break.

Tyers long ball approach snared them the lead through Pavich 3-2, but Falcons equalized off the boot of Sam Amaira. Tawfik completed his hat trick and put Falcons in the ascendancy 4-3 with what seemed to be a tough win. However with only minutes to go, Tyers yet again proved resilient and equalized to snare a point 4-4 when Sam Harbridge finished.

NYU vs Sale

Sale United has underlined its finals potential with a 5-1 win over Newborough Yallourn United at Burrage Reserve on Sunday.

The focused Swans settled to the conditions and controlled the midfield battle dissecting the Combine to set up Ray Allred to score the first of the day 1-0 after twenty minutes.

Moments later some sharp passing again lead to a clear break and this time youngster Ashley Ross side stepped his marker and advancing keeper to score Sale's second.

Within minutes the contest was laid to rest when a dashing run from Dave Myall down the flank allowed him to pick out Callum Clancy who smashed the ball into the net sending the Swans to a 3-0 half time lead.

In the second half Romi Bitar made the most of a Ray Allred square pass striking the ball from outside the penalty box beating the keeper at the near post to make it 4-0. The rout was complete when substitute Kabo Phillips chipped the keeper 5-0. NYU managed a consolation goal in the shadows of full time when Jeremy Dunn finished from the wing 5-1.

Traralgon Olympians vs Monash

Olympians and Monash played out a 0-0 draw on the muddy confines of Harold Preston Reserve on Sunday. Neither side was able to fashion an opening early in the game as the conditions were not conducive to good soccer.

Olympians best chances were long range efforts, with Dean Panayiotou testing the Monash keeper Russell Musgrove from distance to no avail.

Wolves veteran Eric Sostak had his side's best chance of the first half when he intercepted a cross field pass from the Blue's keeper Ben Johnstone but was unable to control the ball before Jon Buhagiar cleared the danger.

After the break the game opened up with end to end chances, but neither Musgrove nor Johnstone was troubled too much.

Olympians Brian Box was lively up front, but he was given no time on the ball with his direct opponent Trent Felici in top form. With minutes remaining on the clock Monash looked to have snatched a winner with Sostak cutting the ball back to his captain Wally Noppert from six yards out only for substitute keeper Brett Reid to pull off a stunning reflex save to gain the home side a share of the points.

GSL Rivalry Round Preview

Round 8 is 'Rivalry Round' in the GSL with clubs pitted against long standing rivals.

The pick of the round sees Moe United at home to Churchill United on Sunday.

In this corresponding fixture last season the Red devils defeated the Rams 2-0 in an upset which ultimately cost Churchill the League Championship at season's end.

Moe has experienced players Marc McHallam, Jason Koppen and Lee Dastey in stellar form and on the back of recent performances has the ability to upset the undefeated Rams.

Churchill will be hoping to maintain its iron clad defensive record having conceded only four goals to date this campaign with the combination of Luke Van Lambart, Jamie Robson, Aidan

Huizer, Dean Pyle and keeper Jason Sands proving hard to get past.

On Saturday night Fortuna will be desperate to win against neighbors Falcons whilst in other Sunday matches Monash face NYU in the Newborough derby, City hosts Olympians in the Traralgon derby and Tyers makes the trek to Sale.



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Gippsland Wide

Planning for the Future for Older Carers

Latrobe Community Health Service and Carers Victoria are holding forums across Gippsland for carers of adult children with a disability.

The forum will address the importance of planning for the future if the carer is unable to continue the role or if they are no longer here.

“It can be very difficult for carers who have to face the possibility of not being able to care for their child, and major decisions need to be made. We want to give these carers as much information and support as possible” said Joanne Stringer LCHS Carer Support Coordinator.



Carers Victoria will highlight the challenges carers may face in managing their role by

outlining a program that includes information on accommodation, legal and financial issues, and will

provide an opportunity for carers to connect with local service providers. Carers will be able to explore ideas and topics to assist in developing plans for future information sessions.

These information sessions will be held over the next twelve months.

Local service providers will also be available to provide information and answer any questions.

The forum will be held on Tuesday 26 June, from 11am – 2pm at Latrobe Community Health Service, 81 – 87 Buckley Street, Morwell. Respite and transport are available if required.

To register or arrange respite please contact your Care Support Coordinator on 1800 242 696.

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind



Latrobe Community Health Service will be holding a Planned Activity Group (PAG) to assist older people and people with a disability to remain living independently within their community.

The program consists of activities that are aimed at enhancing the skills required for daily living and providing physical, intellectual, emotional and social stimulation.

PAG offers individual and flexible programs that consist of both centre and community based activities.

In 2012, PAG are implementing exciting new programs. These programs will operate in community settings and promote independence and social inclusion.

The new programs include ten pin bowling competitions, coffee critiques and a current affairs debating group.

If you are interested in joining PAG please phone LCHS on 1800 242 696.

Knowing The Odds

Gamble responsibly was the message echoed by Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) during Responsible Gambling Awareness Week.

The week aimed to raise community awareness of the the importance of responsible gambling practices at a personal, venue and community level and to encourage individuals to seek help to minimise gambling related harm.

“It is important to increase community awareness

of maintaining a balanced approach to gambling” said Ann Briggs, Manager Counselling Services at LCHS.

“A lot of people don’t realise how much the odds are against them. You have more chance of dating a supermodel than winning first prize in Tattsлото” said Ms Briggs.

LCHS ran a number of information sessions for both staff and members of the public to inform them about responsible gambling.

Facilitators of these sessions also spoke about how the Gamblers Help Gippsland team can provide support, information and advice.

There are a number of confidential, free and professional gambling services including financial counsellors available at all Latrobe Community Health Service sites across Gippsland

“We offer professional support to people with a gambling problem, as well as their families and others affected



by their gambling” said Ms Briggs.

For further information about Gamblers Help Gippsland services please call LCHS on 1800 242 696.

Early Parenting Day Stay Program

Do you have • A crying, unsettled baby • Breast or bottle feeding problems • Toddler behaviour concerns • A toddler that wakes at night

The Early Parenting Day Stay Program offers short term support and practical advice to families with children aged from birth to three years of age. A Maternal and Child Health Nurse and a Pre-school Mothercraft Nurse provide assistance and guidance in dealing with parenting difficulties.

The Early Parenting Day Stay Program is located at 81 - 87 Buckley Street Morwell and is available to families in the Gippsland area.



For more information or to make a booking, call Latrobe Community Health Service on 1800 242 696 or www.lchs.com.au