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Yinnar General Store's 100th Anniversary



By Merrin Dennis

On Saturday December 8, 2012 the Yinnar General Store (also known as Universal Emporium and Vinning Bros) celebrated its 100th anniversary.

The sun was shining and the temperature rose over 30 degrees. Celebrations kicked off at 11:00am with an attendance of around 200 people.

An historical exhibition was put together in the back of the store where many who hadn't visited the store for years shared their memories with old friends.

A number of the store's past employees and owners

were in attendance. At around 11:30 am, the Yinnar and District Lions Club hosted a free sausage sizzle and the Strzelecki Stringbusters began to play in the appropriately named 'Centenary Park', directly across the road from the store, beside the Yinnar Historical Society Museum.

The Stringbusters performance came to a finish at around 12:40, after which everyone crossed back over to the store for the cutting of the birthday cake at 1:00pm.

The cake was cut by all of the previous owners who were in attendance on the day, and was then sliced up into about 100 pieces for the community. Celebrations

continued until around 2:00pm when the streets once again became quiet and tranquil and the store closed its doors for the day.

It was so wonderful to see the community come together to celebrate such a wonderful milestone in Yinnar's history.

Many commented on how much they enjoyed how positive the day was and how happy everyone was. Some guests were even brought to tears they were so overwhelmed.

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Carols by Candlelight



Sunday December 16, 2012 was fine but cool and windy, so everyone was glad to be in the wonderful facility of the Monash University Auditorium for Carols by Candlelight. Mike Answerth was the MC for the night and the Community Choir, under Yvonne Matthyssen, sang and led the carol singing.

The Christmas story was read from the Children's Story Book Bible and a choral reading of Mem Fox's Wombat Divine was fun to watch but had a message of inclusiveness. John Mazur not only provided the sound system but gave an amazing solo, as did Annelise Answerth, with Peter Pooley and David Lees doing a duet. Churchill Primary School Glee Club gave a fantastic Australian Christmas item, which was fun to see and had obviously taken much preparation. Thank you to the school staff for their willingness to be involved.

Father Hugh Brown, Reverend Brenda Burney and Linda Whitney from the Combined Churches in Churchill, contributed prayers and a message.

The Latrobe Community Concert Band provided the accompaniment for all the carol singing. A collection was taken

up for the breakfast clubs at our local schools.

A huge thank you to Monash University for their generous provision of the auditorium for free. Also, thanks go to Churchill and District Community

Association for the 'candles' and support and the L.V. Express for the carols booklets. It was a happy night of celebration of Jesus birth - the reason for the season.

Mothers in Gippsland supporting breastfeeding anytime, anywhere!



Australian Breastfeeding Association

The Latrobe Group of the Australian Breastfeeding Association has commenced meetings for 2013 and encourages locals to support all mothers feeding their babies in public.

"Breastfeeding mothers should feed their babies however they feel comfortable and not feel any pressure to meet other people's expectations of discretion. For some mums this may mean breastfeeding in public in full view, for others it might mean covering up and some might prefer

to breastfeed privately" said ABA Latrobe Group Leader Kate Schultz.

"All mothers should be supported to breastfeed their babies. We know that seeing breastfeeding from early on in life is an important first step to breastfeeding success. Mothers' breastfeeding in public are helping the next generation of Australians to learn that breastfeeding is normal."

The Latrobe Group of the Australian Breastfeeding Association meets from 10:00am-12:00pm on the third Friday of each month (except school holidays) at Glendonald Park Preschool, Churinga Drive,

Churchill. All mums, dads, grandparents, carers and children are welcome.

The group also runs chat and play mornings at various venues on the first Wednesday of each month. For more information, please contact Kate Schultz on 5635 2464.

Lumen Christi Playgroup

We are back from Thursday February 7, from 9.30am to 11am.

This year we will operate every Thursday of school terms in the Eco centre of the school

Anyone with further enquiries can contact me on 0401 249 726

Churchill Rainfall January

Unfortunately the only rain Churchill has had this year was two showers for a total of 4 mil up to January 29.



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Hazelwood House Happenings



Australia Day was celebrated on Friday January 25. Staff and volunteers decorated the home with flags etc. A quiz was held for the residents and lots of information on Australia was discussed. Afternoon tea was served with lamingtons decorated with the Australia flag! A good time was had by all.



Hazelwood House participates in a ten pin bowling league with other hostels in the area. Before the games begin this year, some of our bowlers decided to have a practice game. Jean, Adriana and Josie wait patiently for the game to begin! Good luck girls!



Joan Greaves turned 83 on January 15. We celebrated her birthday with a large sponge birthday cake, which was enjoyed by all the residents as well!



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As 2013 begins, I'd like to wish all community members a Happy New Year, and I hope that the festive season was an enjoyable time with family and friends.

The year has certainly taken off to a wonderful start, with our local Australia Day celebrations being well attended by people of all ages. It was terrific to see all involved enjoying the festivities to commemorate our great nation. It is always great to see such exuberance when it comes to celebrating our national events, and this year's Australia Day celebrations were no different. I made my way to a number of community events during the course of the day, and all were fabulous services and testament to the many organisations who host such wonderful occasions. Australia Day is also a time to recognise the fabulous community service that so many dedicated people give to our communities each and every single day.

A number of people were recognised on the day, and I would like to congratulate all those who were nominated for, and received Australia Day Awards this year, and commend you for your actions which led to your nomination. It is an opportunity to celebrate the fantastic achievements of extraordinary people and highlight the work that they do each and every day, for the good of our towns and residents. From a Churchill and District perspective, a big congratulations must go to Don Di Fabrizio for being named Churchill's citizen

of the year. Don is well recognised for not only his business pursuits but his extraordinary generosity and dedication to his community work. Bevan Kemp was the recipient of the Junior Citizen of the Year award, and it's terrific to see our youth contributing so strongly to our community. Well done Bevan!

I'd like to thank Churchill Lions Club and indeed all service clubs that were involved in putting on an excellent spread of food at various Australia Day events.

It is certainly appreciated by the community, and makes the day all the more Australian. Your hard work and commitment to be commended.

Our thoughts of course are with those dealing with fires in the Gippsland region and Australia Day was a great opportunity to reflect on the efforts of all our emergency service volunteers, and other volunteer agencies who do so much to protect lives and communities and aid recovery. Many of our local brigades and teams were very much involved in these efforts.

The recent Aberfeldy-Donnelly fire has seen many local people wanting to contribute to assist those in need. This can be done in many ways including by way of donating to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund (GERF). Further details can be found at www.reliefund.org.au.

The Victorian Government is also working with the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) in organising a fodder drive to

source and deliver donated fodder to stock owners in urgent need of supplies. Landholders in the Gippsland region who wish to donate fodder should contact the VFF on 1300 882 833. Individuals wanting to volunteer their time or skills to assist with the bushfire clean-up and recovery can sign up to the Victorian Emergency Volunteer Register at www.volunteer.vic.gov.au.

Another way that people can assist with the bushfire recovery is by becoming a BlazeAid volunteer. BlazeAid works with farmers and families in rural Australia after natural disasters such as fires and floods. The volunteers help to rebuild fences that have been damaged or destroyed. For fencing assistance, or to volunteer, please visit www.blazeaid.com.

With the 2013 school year underway, I urge all drivers to be careful on the roads, and ensure you obey all school hour speed limits. To all the teachers, staff and students, I wish you good luck for the school year ahead, and students every success in your studies this year.



Australia Day 2013

It was great to see everyone who was in attendance at the Churchill Hotel carpark early on Saturday morning January 26, to celebrate our nation's Australia Day.

Once again, very well done to the Lions Club of Churchill, including organiser Bob Lowick, for their catering and conduct of proceedings on the day, which saw Peter McShane admirably fulfilling the role of MC.

Congratulations also to all of those members of our community who were Award recipients on the Day in recognition of their outstanding community achievements.

On behalf of Latrobe City Council, I had the opportunity to offer the following address as part of the day's proceedings:

"Australia Day is our nation's chance to celebrate and for us to reflect on what it means to be Australian. We live in a special country and each of us has our own thoughts about what makes Australia a great place to live, but also what makes our own community of Latrobe City great too.

When considering what makes a place great, we naturally turn to the amazing people who live here, and how they contribute to making our region one of the most vibrant and diverse areas in the state. The people of Latrobe City come from all walks of life and represent many countries and cultures. We have a proud history of welcoming many people to live, work and play in Latrobe. These people are your neighbours, your friends,

Darrell White

your family, your work colleagues, volunteers or professionals you may have come across. These people are you and I.

Whoever we are and whatever our background, Australia Day is the perfect way of celebrating us: our people, our towns, our communities, our friendship and our future."

Churchill Town Centre Plan Update

Activity has now commenced on the Town Hall Plaza project. Safety fencing was erected on Wednesday January 23, and works have since been started.

This stage of construction around the Town Hall has been programmed for three phases:

Construction of drainage and tree pits, and replacement of a footpath in front of the Town Hall.

Concreting elements, including the main Plaza area in a combination of exposed aggregate, concrete and slate feature strips.

Brick walls and pavers for a garden wall.

The Filmer Group has been engaged to construct the first phase, beginning with the construction of tree pits and drainage, followed by reconstruction of the footpath immediately in front of the Town Hall. It is anticipated that this phase will be completed in about one to two weeks.

Quotations for Phase Two closed on Thursday January 24, and this work is expected to be completed in February and early-March.

Phase Three will immediately follow the Stage Two works. The project is expected to be completed by the end of March.

The Town Hall Plaza project has been funded through a combination of capital funds from Latrobe City Council, plus \$100,000 from a Victorian Government grant through the Department of Planning and Community Development's "Creating Better Places" program.

Latrobe Leisure Churchill - Eastern Region Netball Competition - Friday Evenings

An elite season of netball competition has recently commenced at the Churchill Leisure Centre. The Teams participating include Gippsland FNL, North Gippsland FNL, East Gippsland FNL, Alberton, Churchill Indoor NA and two teams from the Mid Gippsland Netball Association.

Matches are played each Friday evening utilising two courts with games scheduled to commence at both 7.15pm and 8.30pm. Spectators are encouraged to attend this high quality netball competition.

The Finals series will get underway on Friday March 15.



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Churchill Gardening Group

I hope that everyone had a Happy Christmas and a safe New Year. At the time of writing this article there have been quite a few hot days and not much rain, so I hope that with mulch and a few good deep waterings, your gardens are going OK. Remember to keep the weeds down as they compete for the precious water.

My family and I were lucky enough to spend Christmas on the Mornington Peninsula and I was dazzled by the absolute beauty of all the Jacaranda trees in bloom, they were beautiful!

Now is the time to plant seeds or seedlings of cabbage, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts or maybe kale. They do best if planted where peas and beans have been sown, however if your beans are still producing, plant cabbages etc in individual pots, keep them moist and when space allows plant your seedlings in the bed. Lettuce may also be sown, choose mignonette, or butter lettuce like Oak Leaf if the weather is still warm. Carrot seed sown now will produce carrots for winter / spring eating. Sow spring onions in a bed with a sprinkling of lime, covered with sand, then sow onion seed pressing down firmly; keep moist.

Powdery mildew is a fungus disease which occurs on roses, crepe myrtles, apples, zucchinis and cucumbers at this time of year and is caused by humid conditions. Water around the root area and try to avoid wetting the leaves. If necessary use a fungicide or spread sulphur dust over the leaves to try and curb the fungus.

Although hard to believe, now is the time to select your late winter and spring flowering bulbs. To name a few: anemone, ranunculus, hyacinths, Dutch iris, tulips and of course the real spring flower - the daffodil in all its colours from white, pink cream, yellow, orange etc and many forms.

Some bulbs have to be chilled for a few weeks prior to planting. The packets will have the directions on the depth of planting and any other hints.

Canna lilies, dahlias, agapanthus, (remove the spent flowers, so that the seeds don't germinate) gladiolis, buddleias, petunias, crepe myrtle, oleander, bougainvillea, along with many other flowers, shrubs



and trees have been a pleasure to see around our area in people's gardens and street plantings, especially the petunias on the entrance to Churchill.

If you have a lavender bush or two, now is a good time to harvest the flowers. Cut them off and tie them in bunches to hang upside down in a dry place (shed or garage), then you will be able to enjoy the perfume through the year; good placed in drawers or the linen press.

That's all for this month. Enjoy your gardening.

Latrobe City Brass Band

The Latrobe City Brass Band would love to welcome some more musicians to our happy ranks.

Anybody interested please contact 5166 1412 or 5134 1873.

Come along to practice nights in the Town Common Pavilion Bandroom on the corner of Chapel Street and Elgin Street Morwell.

Practise is from 7.30pm on Tuesday nights led by our excellent Music Director Alex Wilson.

Instruments and tuition available, all levels of experience welcome.

The Band had a busy time over Christmas with many performances, however 2013 has started off quietly with events cancelled because of bushfires etc.

The Band have some exciting music opportunities coming up later in the year and would appreciate more players and supporters coming along to our performances.

Contact 5166 1412 or

judymck42@gmail.com.au for further information about the Band activities.

Also in the Bandroom there are other creative opportunities available - Intermediate and Beginner Ukelele classes on Thursdays from 2.30pm - 5.30pm open to all - teacher Jane Coker.

For further information contact Phillip Chalker - phone 0400 603 367 or email - Chalkersperformances55@gmail.com

L V U3A Art classes are also conducted in the Bandroom on

Thursday mornings.

Come along to find out more or contact U3A office on 5133 0671 or at www.lvu3a.org.au



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Message from Reverend Brenda

The New Year is one of those times when we tend to step back and reflect on the year gone by. We reflect on our lives - on the joys, the sorrows, the hardships and the opportunities - that were part of the journey of the year before. There are some things that we want to change and others that we would like to keep forever. Often we can see that our lives have been somewhat out of balance and we look forward to a year where some balance can be restored - a year in which we are a little less busy and can find some time to rest. Even our faith can feel a little tired and in need of some refreshment.

Rest is vital for the well-being of our bodies, our minds and our spirits. It is a way of life for those who have faith in God - a gift from God - a time for reflection, worship and regrowth. If you look at the creation stories in Genesis you can see that rest is an essential part of the whole rhythm of God's creating. Ever since the people of God were rescued from slavery in Egypt, rest - or Sabbath time - has been an important part of the journey of faith. Sabbath time means stopping and being quiet long enough to listen carefully to God and to respond deep within our hearts, our minds and our souls with what Eugene Peterson calls "resurrection wonder" (p 117, *Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places*). It is time to reflect on the pattern of our daily lives, time to consider where we



might need to make changes and time to give shape to those changes so that our lives are more in tune with the way of life God has planned for us.

Sabbath time requires discipline. It is given to us to enjoy God's glory, to experience God's grace and God's giving.

Loving God, as we begin this New Year, help us to remember that you walk beside us each moment of every day. As this year unfolds help us to find time to rest, to restore the balance in our lives so that we might serve you wholeheartedly. Thank you for new beginnings. Amen.

From the Chaplain

Reverend Dr Penelope Brook
Ecumenical Chaplain
Campus Community Division

Stories are so important. When I catch up with family and friends, we often share stories to help us to connect.

My parents are now in their mid-nineties and they have many stories to tell. Some of their stories give me insights that I would never have otherwise.

They have lived rich and interesting lives. Some of their stories help me understand more about who I am. Christians, like other religious traditions, also have stories. In the Christian liturgical calendar, we have moved into the season of Lent.

Lent spans 40 weekdays that begin on Ash Wednesday and concludes on the Saturday before Easter. Easter is the greatest of Christian stories. The story of Easter tells us that we are deeply; deeply loved.

It tells us of a God who loves us generously, passionately; a God willing to die for us.

Originally, Lent was a time of preparation for those who were to be baptized on Easter Sunday. Through their baptism, the participants symbolically shared in the story of that very first Easter; the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Since these new members were to be received into a community of faith, the entire community was also called to preparation.

Many Christians still use Lent as a time for self-examination, penitential prayer and reflection. Some people also fast or give up things like alcohol, meat or treats like chocolate. Others take on charity work or alms giving.

It is the Easter story of resurrected life, full of hope, commitment, generosity, love and joy, that we strive to live, and hope for, as Christians. Every day brings its deaths and rebirths, its difficulties and joys. Each day can be transformed and lived richly in the forgiveness, mercy and generous love of God. This Easter, may each one of us be touched and changed by the deep and generous love of God.

Co-Operating Church Snippets



The folks of the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, Boolarra and Yinnar are a very generous group of people.

Samaritan Purse boxes were assembled and sent, food and gifts were supplied to Anglicare for distribution to families in need, a very sizeable donation was made for Access Ministries to enable CRE to continue, Christmas and Easter Clubs are supported by financial and in kind giving, a World Vision foster child is supported throughout the year, Christmas giving goes to the World Council of Churches Christmas Bowl appeal, the Bishops Anglicare appeal and the Uniting Church Share appeal. Churches make a huge contribution to our communities both in Australia and overseas to help those less fortunate.

The Co-operating Churches in Churchill, Boolarra and Yinnar celebrated Christmas with Reverend Brenda Burney in fine style, with lots of fun and laughter as well as reflecting on the true meaning of what Jesus' birth and coming among us has meant, and what it continues to mean as we travel this life on earth.

The Crib Service re-enacted the Christmas story from the point of view of the poor innkeeper who continually had his good night's sleep interrupted by people knocking on his door; people including, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and wise men and the star's bright light also waking him. He became angrier and angrier until finally he went into the stable to see what all the fuss was about. Seeing Baby Jesus had an amazing effect.

The time included the visit of an angel to see if those present knew what the advent time was all about and why Christmas is important. Singing of all the

usual Crib Service songs and some added carols and prayers, was topped off with the appearance of many small cup cakes with candles alight. After blowing out the candles the delighted, eager looks on the faces of the children read "When can we eat one?"

During January, services for the two congregations have been combined with services held at Churchill, Boolarra, Churchill and lastly Yinnar.

At Boolarra for all age worship, included some 'rock stars' with funny wigs playing air guitars and using puppets to accompany the songs, and a treasure hunt for boxes with words, which when put together, told how we are all loved by and are precious to God.

At Churchill, Sharon turned 'water into wine' (with red food colouring) to illustrate the gospel story of Jesus' first miracle at Cana. The children were most impressed.

After the service at Yinnar, many of the congregation stayed for a picnic/BBQ in the Memorial Park- a delightful venue for all ages.

Coffee Connections kicked off 2013 on the last day of the month with a gathering of folks who shared their photos from the Christmas Lunch (which brought back some hilarious memories), and reports or photos of recent holidays. A part of the proceedings short time was spent thinking about ideas for future activities for Coffee Connections.

Through January we have also been preparing reports for our AGM and obtaining nominations for the Parish Council.



Church Times

Lumen Christi Catholic Church

35 Walker Parade, Churchill
Tel: 5122 226

Father Hugh Brown/Father Otobo

Saturday: Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass: 9.00am

1st and 3rd Sundays:

Yinnar: Mass: 10.30am

2nd and 4th Sundays:

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Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Rev. Brenda Burney

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Sunday Service: 9.00am

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Week 2 - 11am at Boolarra U C A

Week 3 - 11am at Yinnar U C A H C

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Members of the Churchill Fire Brigade volunteered to be on strike teams at both Licola and at Toongabbie during the Aberfeldy-Donnelly fire, helping people prepare for what has been a catastrophic and traumatic event. Each strike team is made up of volunteers from several brigades and members usually commit to be away for a period of 3 or 4 days in a row. Churchill's members had two different jobs on Strike Teams; one staged at Licola and one staged at Toongabbie.

For Strike Team 10-12 at Licola, the work primarily involved asset protection. This meant that the team assisted with preparations around the township and surrounding properties. Land owners were encouraged to put in graded earth fire breaks around the buildings on their properties, and for some, this was also supported by Strike Team members rakehoeing around some of the properties.

A rakehoe is a combination of a rake and a hoe which is used to clean fuel from the land to lessen fire risk.

One of the significant buildings in the district that was protected was a mountain cattlemen's hut in the Macalister River valley near Primrose gap. This historic building is now the last remaining of eight that were built throughout the valley, and is just over 100 years old.

Work was also done to ensure that the Lions Club Licola Wilderness Village and the Licola township's above ground water pipes were cleared of vegetation to ensure their survival should the fire come.

They also filled up water tanks so that people's watering systems were ready to douse houses and other assets. The work also included some patrolling and blacking out work along the Licola Road. There was smoke in the air, with the fire within 13 kms of the town. If the southerly wind change predicted had been stronger, the fire could well have reached Licola.

Strike Team 10-05 was located locally at Toongabbie and was also doing asset protection work in preparation for the expected severe wind change coming through on the Friday morning.

The Thursday group worked hard in hot and windy conditions. They were relieved by another group on the Friday morning. Thankfully conditions

did not meet the forecasts, and crews were released back to their home bases.

Captain Steve Barling was among the strike team members and he expressed his pride in the commitment of the brigade members who participated in the response to the Aberfeldy-Donnelly fire. He also thanked the families of the fires for their support. "It can be an anxious and scary time for the family members at home," added Steve. For those at Licola it was even worse as they had no direct lines of contact, making them feel more isolated.

Steve also strongly emphasised that this just the start of what could be a continuing busy fire season.

The present cooler weather conditions will give firefighters a period of time to rest and recuperate, ready for what is predicted to be hotter conditions coming over the next few months.

"It is also a further opportunity for people to clean up their properties and prepare their fire plan," he stressed.

Thank you the following members for their commitment to helping our communities.

Scott Randall, Blake Coss, Rob Langston, Mark Andruschak, Graeme Renwick, Mark Bruerton, Steve Barling.

Other members not present Chris Gallagher, Jess Bevis, Rick Andruschak, Ashleigh Caldwell.

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Yinnar General Store's 100th Anniversary From Page 1



Many who had not set foot in the store for many years were surprised at how much it had changed, with so many unique gifts. Some of them even took the opportunity to do some Christmas shopping.

Current owners Matt and Merrin Dennis had been researching the store's history since

they took over the business in 2010. The couple finally came across newspaper articles from December 1912 about the opening celebrations.

"We only found out the exact date in September this year, so we feel incredibly lucky to have found out in time to celebrate

100 years and not have such an important milestone pass us by" Merrin said.

After digging up so much history about the store a history book was completed spanning the last hundred years of the store's history. Copies are, of course, available in store.

"Over the past century the store has

changed hands eight times and we feel so privileged to be the caretakers of the store for these celebrations. This really was a once in a lifetime event and such an incredible achievement for a business to survive for this long through war and depression.

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Boolarra's got SPANISH

The Boolarra Folk Festival has become one of Gippsland's most anticipated summer events and will this year take place on Saturday, March 2, 2013.

The performers are a superb mix of local and state talent and Boolarra has the perfect shady setting for a festival.

Patrons can hear over 8 hours of free music and browse 80 art, craft and food market stalls.

The festival opens on Friday night, March 1 at Yinnar A.R.C at 7.30pm and continues in Boolarra from 11am on Saturday, beginning with the well established school drumming spectacular.

The 2013 festival will feature performers Smokin' Dog Johnson, Just Folking and the expressive storytelling style of duo, Lucy Wise and Mischa Herman.

The Dukes of Despair will be returning to the main stage as well as The Nigellas and The Shire Boys. Justin Keenan, of Go Set fame, will be performing solo and bluegrass act Faux Grass, preceded by country artist Bec Hance, will also complement the line up. Additional performers include



The Deans, Tim Woodz and the dirty shoes, the reggae sounds of Matt Katsis and The India Black and the gypsy-inspired The Stiletto Sisters with their tantalizing tangos.

The festival winds up in the early evening with a fabulous and rhythmic gypsy fiesta from Karavana Flamenca. The music continues from 8pm at the Boolarra Hotel with an 'open mic' event that runs until after midnight.

There is free camping at the Recreation Reserve where toilets and showers are available. Bring your rugs and chairs to enjoy a day of free music in Boolarra.

More information and performer profiles are located at www.boolarrafolkfestival.com

For more information please contact Kate Reiske, Publicity Officer, on 0428 410 252



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Book Review

By Sam Gillett

The Little Engine that Could

A train carrying a load of toys and yummy foods over the mountain for all the good boys and girls stopped, unable to complete the journey.

Larger engines passed the broken engine by making excuses not to help out.

When a little engine passed by, although unsure if she could make it, she helps out, chugging and puffing, 'I think I can, I think I can.'

This classic is a tale of determination and persistence.

Loren Long adds new artwork to Watty Piper's 'The Little Engine that Could'.

Her drawings help capture the story well and are very skilful. They add something modern to the century-old tale.

This book is available at the Churchill Hub Library.



Looking for a Justice of the Peace?

The best procedure to find a Justice of the Peace is to go onto the website www.justice.vic.gov.au and then click the link 'Find Justice of the Peace', then either click on the link 'Search by Postcode' or 'Search by Suburb' (or town). By typing in the search field Churchill's postcode 3842 the following names will appear. Similarly type in 3869 for JPs in Yinnar and 3870 for JPs in Boolarra.

The telephone number in the below list is the contact details the respective local JPs have given to the Department of Justice for members of the public to contact.

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5122 6248 OR 0417 548 123
(Business Hours)
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Young, Albert
5122 1742 (Always)
Churchill 3842

Taylor, Roma
5122 1023 OR 0400 244 834
(Always)
Churchill 3842

Glowacki, Stanley
5122 2641 OR 0413 136 878
(Always)

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de Souza-Daw, Robert
0427 920 080 (Always)

Churchill 3842
The public should first contact the local JP by telephone before visiting them at their private residence or work.

The most common documents witnessed by a JP are Statutory Declarations and these can be signed by any authorised person. Listed below is a list of authorised persons for this purpose. These people are an authorised person for the witnessing of Statutory Declarations by virtue of their occupation or qualification.

Who can witness a statutory declaration?

Under the Evidence (miscellaneous provisions) Act 1958, people who are authorised persons for witnessing statutory declarations in Victoria include-

- * a justice of the peace or a bail justice
- * an Australian lawyer (within the meaning of the Legal Profession Act 2004)
- * a clerk to an Australian lawyer
- * a member of the police force
- * a member or a former member of either House of the Parliament of Victoria
- * a member or a former member of either House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth
- * a councillor of a municipality
- * a senior officer of a council as defined in the Local Government Act 1989
- * a registered medical practitioner within the meaning of the Medical Practice Act 1994
- * a registered dentist within the meaning of the Dental Practice Act 1999
- * a veterinary practitioner
- * a pharmacist
- * a principal in the (State) teaching service
- * the manager of a bank
- * a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia or CPA or the National Institute of Accountants
- * a minister of religion authorised

to celebrate marriages (not a civil celebrant).

Many documents presented to JPs for witnessing do not require the witness to be a JP or an authorised person. The law, person or organisation requesting the witnessing of a document will state the status of the person who is able to witness or certify true copies.

As Monash University is located in Churchill, there are many overseas citizens living in Churchill. The local JPs in most cases are able to witness documents wanted by overseas and interstate governments, institutions, companies and persons.

JP Signing Centres are located at the Morwell and Traralgon Police Stations. At Morwell it is Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 11am-2pm; at Traralgon it is Tuesday and Thursday between 11am-2pm. Go to the front counter of the respective police stations.

As many Churchill residents either work or shop in these Latrobe Valley towns, visiting a JP Signing Centre may be convenient, and no appointment is necessary.

A common request for a JP is the certification of true copies. Usually these can be certified by others but the organisation or person requesting the certified true copy will state the status of the person who is authorised to witness the document. If the requestor of the true copy states a Justice of the Peace is required to certify, then only a JP can certify.

Affidavits are sworn documents under oath where the right hand is placed on a religious text. Deponents may ask the JP to take the oath in the form of an affirmation. This is increasingly the practice and either method for taking an oath, has the same legal effect.

The person wanting a document witnessed should bring along to the Justice of the Peace or authorised person, a photo identity such as a driver's license or passport. Some witnesses may request identity to satisfy themselves the person signing the document is the person who they claim to be. In certain cases the requestor of the document will inform the person that they must produce certain documents to the witnessing JP to establish their identity before the JP. The JP is then required to record this form of identification on the document.

Justices of the Peace and authorised persons are not required to read the contents of the document which may be many pages.

However, they are required to satisfy themselves that the document is completed correctly and this usually requires glancing through the pages and where necessary, placing lines through blank spaces or pointing out that certain questions have not been completed.

Justices of the Peace are not under any obligation to witness documents and they may decline to witness for a variety of reasons.

People seeking advice in relation to the contents and legal implications of the document should direct their enquiries to a solicitor. The JP is primarily interested in the correct completion of the document and not to the completeness or truthfulness of the contents. This is the responsibility of the person signing the document and not the person who witnesses the document.



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Australia Day - Churchill

Australia Day 2013 was again held in the Churchill Hotel Car Park at 8.00 am with Churchill and District Lions Club President Peter McShane presiding.

Peter welcomed all on behalf of the Churchill and District Lions Club and the Latrobe Council, explaining that this was our 11th Australia Day celebration to be held in Churchill. He thanked everyone for their support, commenting that Latrobe City Council had supplied the Australian flags which were Australian made.

Rev. Brenda Burney opened proceedings with prayers for our country.

A Prayer for Australia

Australia Day is for all people who call Australia home.

It's an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for each other and for the land we live in, to recognise its history, to engage in the present and to look forward in hope to the future.

We are blessed with many resources to sustain our lives.

We are blessed to have in our midst people from many nations, people of all ages from whom we can learn, people who are community-minded - who live their lives in the service of others and who want the best for their fellow Australians and for the land we live in.

We are blessed to have both older and younger people in our communities who are willing to do this.

Let us pray:

We bless you, God of the universe, for this land, for its contrasts of landscape and climate, for its abundance of wealth and opportunity. We bless you for our history, with all its struggles in adversity, its courage and hope. We give you thanks for the peace and security we enjoy today. Give us in our diversity tolerance and respect for each other and a passionate commitment to justice for all. Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others.

At this time we especially pray for those who are affected by bushfires and floods. We pray for their safety. We pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, of homes and precious mementos, of pets and stock, of their livelihoods. Help us to help them in ways that respect their dignity, speed recovery and restore hope.

We thank you that we live in a community where people care about each other. God bless Australia, guard our people, guide our leaders and give us peace. Amen.

Cr. Darrel White was then invited to say a few words on behalf of the Latrobe Council.

Peter then welcomed and thanked our Scouts who again assisted with our staging of this event, with special thanks to Scout Leader Jeff Kemp

Peter Gray from Ampworks kindly donated the use of his equipment for the day. Peter and his group, named "350 degrees which is ten degrees short of a circle", also provided musical entertainment before and after the ceremony, as did Bob Cooper who sang some Australian flavoured songs including ones he wrote himself..

Lewis and Chloe from the Churchill Scouts performed the ceremonial raising of the Australian Flag and led in singing the National Anthem.

The awards as follows were then presented.

Churchill North Primary School

Emily Lugton

Emily was ready to learn from the word go.

Her friendly nature and is always there to help inside and outside the classroom.

She was elected School Captain in grade 6 and took her roles and responsibilities very seriously.



Treating others the way she liked to be treated, equally

At completion of grade 6, Emily was awarded the Churchill North Community and Leadership Award in recognition of her outstanding leadership within the school and community.

She started soccer at Churchill at the age of 5 and is still playing for Churchill, has a very competitive nature and achieves high

standards.

In grade 6 she represented School Sports Victoria in under 12's soccer at Darwin in the National Championships.

She represented Country Victoria in 2012 in Under 13's soccer in Canberra.

Emily has represented Gippsland in the Country Championships for the past 3 years and has been selected to represent Gippsland Knights on several occasions.

She has also played basketball for many years and is now playing Under 14's and under 16's on Monday nights - Not as serious as soccer, she tries to keep it fun.

All of this representative sport has involved an enormous amount of travelling for training and playing.

It is very hard to believe that she is only 12 years old and has achieved so much.



Churchill Primary School

Taylah Ann Whelan

Described by her teachers as an exceptional young person, real understanding of being true to herself.

-An excellent role model by understanding others.

-Real sense of being kind and caring.

-Very willing to assist with Breakfast Club, even the unglamorous tasks like washing dishes - Mum's comment - at home she is always not quite as quick to volunteer for the dishes, but does them.



-Was on the Junior School Council where she helped to run discos and other fundraising activities.

-Involved in running the Beehive program and gardening club, and questioned why we do things in the garden.

-Described as having a smile like the sun in the garden.

-Been involved with Scouts since the age of 7 and attained the Grey Wolf badge which is the highest achievement badge in Cub Scouts.

-Likes to be helpful but stay in the background.

-Never looks for attention and doesn't enjoy the limelight.

Her compassion and her manner of treating all people equally are her standout qualities.

Hazelwood North Primary School

Natalie Renee Butler

- Was viewed last year as a young leader and an inspiration in many ways to her peers.

- Was Junior School President which permitted her to exhibit her excellent leadership skills.

- Was regarded as the "go to" person in class, and it was noted that she was friendly and approachable at all times.

- Organised other school activities and had almost a magnetic appeal to younger students.

- Readily gave her time to other programs and events within the school.

- Played netball with the school under 12's team and always gave her best.



- A respectable and polite young lady who is not fazed when her leadership skills shine out.

- Was Dux of the school and even fitted in dancing with Destination Dance.

- Is a quiet achiever who prefers to work in the background, rather than the spotlight

Described by her Mum as a bookworm and often found in her room reading.

Dad describes her as great kid, not perfect - either stubborn or independent depending on your perspective, but very helpful and eager to please.

Always had time for the younger kids and took on the role as school buddy as well, and jumps in without prompting. Has great empathy and sympathy when required.

The schools closing comment is - A worthy recipient of this award.

Lumen Christi Primary School

Corey O'Shea

Shows terrific school spirit

Has been a member of School Representative Council and was school Vice Captain and carried out the role reliably and responsibly.

Exhibits the traits of a leader and became involved in the school buddy system, a supporting role for other students.

Leadership and caring approach to supporting others led to others gravitating to him for advice and assistance. His elder twin sisters introduced him to the theatre, dancing and soccer and sports. Now highly motivated, result driven, striving for success and developing a try anything approach.

He has a very dramatic flair and has starred in school



productions assemblies and liturgies.

Has had the lead role in the class Eisteddfod sketch entry, where the class won first place.

Represented the school in inter-school debating.

Enthusiastic soccer player achieving squad status.

Represented his school at interschool level at football, soccer, netball, athletics, basketball and swimming.

Always works hard at his studies, striving for excellence.

He is a tinkerer particularly with modern electronic devices such as computers, iPhones and Ipads.

Dad's comment - He wants to experiment with everything

Mum's comment - He is a dumper, leaving things where they fall - I thought that was just being a boy!

A very deserving recipient.

Junior Citizen of the Year

Bevan Kemp

Currently a year 10 Student at Kurnai College Churchill Campus.

During 2012 he undertook a training program for the College for its Peer Support Program which is designed to assist the orientation of new students onto the Campus and to provide them with a mentor to support them as required. In this role Bevan also finds himself assisting with the coordination of multiple school programs.

He plays hockey with the Churchill Hockey Club in both senior and junior ranks. He also umpires and nurtures/coaches the development of junior players.

Additionally he played with the Gippsland Bulls each Friday night in Melbourne, and they won the Grand Final. Bevan has played Country Week hockey with the West Gippsland Hockey Association and was selected in the Gippsland Representative team.

Since he was 7 years old he has been a member of the Churchill Scout Group, performing roles of Patrol Leader which requires him to lead and mentor younger scouts and cubs and he is held in high esteem by his peers.

As a result of his leadership skills and attitude to Scouting, he was selected for the Scout Youth Forum in 2012 and in 2011 he was awarded Scout of the Year.

He has obtained his Scout medallion, the highest award in the Scouts section and has now moved into Venturers with the sole goal of obtaining the Queens Scout Award.

His entrepreneur and planning skills have seen Bevan and a friend establish a lawn mowing business after knocking on doors to establish his client base; he is always looking for a way to make a dollar! His Mum claims he has a floor robe like all men.

Bevan responded thanking his family for their support and encouragement.



Citizen of the Year

Donato (Don) Di Fabrizio.

Don was born in a tent in Italy on November 15, 1933. He married Maureen in 1961 and is the proud father of three children.

Educated in Italy, he enjoyed school and migrated to Australia on July 8, 1954, commencing work in the Geelong area as a riveter, rigger and boilermaker. Again his accommodation was a simple tent, as Don recalls, "I could hardly stand up in the tent and it had just enough space for my personal belongings".

He considered himself lucky to have the opportunity to make a new life in Australia.

He moved to Morwell in 1955, and in 1961 with his brother John, he commenced manufacturing wrought iron, as a part time exercise, for the new homes in the Morwell area.

By 1970 Don and others had purchased land in Morwell which saw the Difabro Group of companies incorporated and the rest is history.

Hard work and attention to detail saw them expand and they completed major jobs such as part of the Loy Yang Power Station, the Great Southern Stand at the MCG (no doubt a number of you have sat in that stand for the cricket or football) and supplying steel for Esso's offshore oil rigs.

To quote Don "Trust and confidence is important in business and we had a good track record. You should only do the job properly once and on time"

Don's business ventures were directly responsible for the employment of a multitude of individuals from Churchill, Morwell and surrounds.

Despite his business success, Don loves to grow nearly all his own vegetables. That is his comfort zone.

While Don has received many accolades and awards for his work and community involvement, we would like to acknowledge what he has done for the Community of Churchill.

He initiated and took a leading role in the development and establishment of the Gippsland Immigration Park/ Heritage Walls at Kernot Lake Morwell. Without his drive and input it may not have been developed.

Don even receives calls from visitors to the Park who report to him any incident/thing that requires some attention/repair. With a friend he gets it done.

While the wall has been completed, Don is still involved on a regular basis as he ensures that it is cleaned. Again he gets it done.

Simple things show his community pride and recently he became aware that a local cemetery was in need of a new grand entrance/gates. He took it upon himself, and with the assistance of some others, put in place an excellent set of gates and fencing.

These brief examples show us what sort of man Don is - Please don't change Don.

If it has to be done, do it. Keep doing what you do best and most importantly continue to grow

those vegetables at home.

In summary Don is:

An initiator
An innovator
A doer
A volunteer
A great bloke

A very worthy recipient of the Churchill Citizen of the Year.

Don responded most graciously, expressing his pride at receiving the award, but especially thanking Maureen his wife, saying she was the best thing that happened to him when he came to the Valley.

In conclusion, Peter again congratulated all of the very worthy recipients and expressed very special thanks to:

Lalrope Council for their continued financial support and assistance,

The Churchill & District News for their support and advertising of the event,

The Churchill Scouts who again performed so capably,

Rev. Brenda Burney,

Cr. Darrel White,

Our special guests Bob Cooper, Peter Gray and his band,

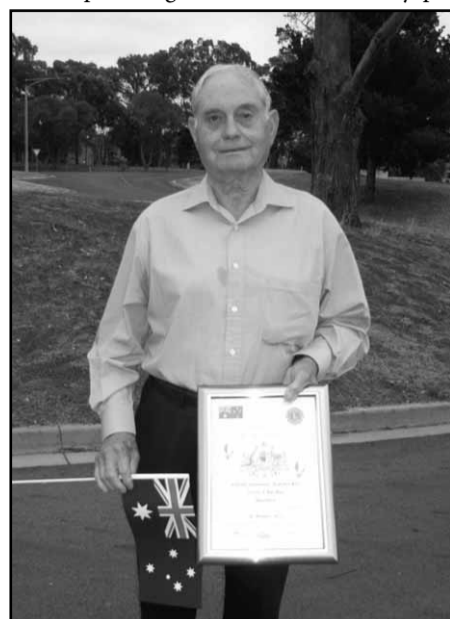
The Churchill Hotel for the use of their venue ,

All those who turned up to celebrate Australia day with them,

Lyndale Poultry Farm and our local IGA store for their assistance with the food.

Finally a very special thank you to the Churchill and District Lions and Lioness members, who not only set this up but who then had some delicious breakfast ready for those present- no shrimps but they did have sausages, bacon, eggs, bread and orange juice to wash it down, all topped off with warm smiles. .

HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY.



Australia Day - Boolarra

By Colin Brick, OA

Boolarra Community Development Group

Another great Australia Day celebration at Railway Park in Boolarra, with around 150 people turning out to enjoy an egg and bacon sandwich, and a chance to have a chin wag with friends they don't run into often. In the lead up to the event, we were discussing options if it happened to rain. Wouldn't that have been a nice problem to have, after over a month with no rain?

It was perfect weather, and the freshly mown park looked a treat. The trees have grown now, and are very attractive shade trees that are greatly appreciated by the crowd. The kids had fun with the games organised by Samantha Brick, including sack races, egg and spoon races and gumboot throwing. The older crowd members were kept on their toes by Australian Trivia questions. The CFA and other volunteers started at 7.30 am to ensure the hungry masses were very well catered for. There were collection points for people to donate funds to the Tasmanian Fire Appeal (through the Salvation Army, in sealed tins so we don't know the amount) and \$232 to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund. This generosity reflects people's appreciation of the support we received after the fires in 2009.

The day also featured the Boolarra Community Development Group, Koffee Kart, providing tea and coffee to the crowd. The Kart seeks to provide training and employment opportunities to locals, and to provide a source of income to local community groups. If you are interested in booking the Kart for an event, contact Tracy Anderson, on 0408 038 769.

Cr Darrell White spoke movingly of the significance of Australia Day, and the values it represents, and how these are reflected in our community. Russell Northe, MLA made a surprise visit as part of his busy Australia Day schedule, and congratulated Boolarra on what we have been able to achieve as a community.

There were a couple of brief community announcements on topics of great importance to the town. Dave O'Brien from the Boolarra CFA advised that an emergency siren has been made operational in Boolarra, and explained the significance of a 90 second and a 5 minute siren blast. For the longer blast, residents should take action to acquaint themselves with the nature of the emergency, and then take appropriate action for their safety as per their personal emergency action plan.

TV reception continues to be a vexed question in Boolarra, and Val Henderson gave a brief rundown on the current situation, and requested people to collect and complete surveys detailing the nature and timing of the interruptions they suffer. The surveys can be dropped at the Post Office for collation and submission to the appropriate authorities.

There were a large number of nominations for Community Recognition Awards this year. This reflects the enthusiasm people have for being able to have their friends efforts formally acknowledged in front of an audience of their peers. It was a terrific range of recipients this year, with a number of the quiet achievers acknowledged, along with a number of people who have been closely involved in key community activities such as the CFA and the Boolarra Folk Festival. A special mention should be made of Todd Birkbeck. He had advised during the week that he would be unavailable to receive his award in person, as he was in Licola with the Boolarra

CFA strike team. Fortunately the situation improved in Licola and he was able to make an early return to attend the ceremony; a great photo opportunity was lost, as Todd had arranged for his sons to receive the award on his behalf, but it was great to see how much it meant to Todd, to make the effort to be there personally.

Congratulations to the following recipients in recognition of the significant contribution to the community:

Marietta Herni

Through her tireless efforts to improve Boolarra as a community over many years. Over the past three years she has been instrumental in the construction of the new gazebo, and in coordinating activities and equipment for elder people in the community.

Shirley Carnes

In the establishment of an Under 10's football team. Almost singlehanded she organised league affiliation, players, coaches, parental support and equipment. The joy and enthusiasm of our young girls and boys on the field is a tribute to Shirley's endeavours.

Sherie Howard

Throughout almost 20 years of involvement at Boolarra Primary School, her achievements include fabulous photographs of school activities, valuable contributions to the Building and Grounds committee, especially the gardens around the Budgeree Building, and the establishment and management of our Equestrian team.

John Parker

For his tireless efforts over many years in maintaining Apex Park. Through his efforts the Park remains a wonderful community asset for camping and recreation.

Ruth Kinghorn

For her giving and loving nature, and her generous contribution to the community across many spheres. She is a jack of all trades, always prepared to assist in any way she can, and always with a smile.

Todd Birkbeck

Making the entire Boolarra community a safer place through his role as Captain of the Boolarra CFA. Hundreds of hours are committed on management and operational duties at brigade and group level to ensure the community's needs are achieved.

Ray Stewart

Ray has always been a man of vision. In 2002 he had a special vision, and the skills and energy to bring the Boolarra Folk Festival to fruition. After ten years, Ray is still the spiritual leader of the Festival, and its success is his monument.

Wendy Stewart

In her quiet, unassuming, practical and thoroughly determined way, she has been as instrumental as anyone in the ongoing success of the Boolarra Folk Festival.

Another great Australia Day.

Australia Day - Yinnar

Yinnar Citizen of the Year 2012

Noel Williams was born in Yinnar and has put a lifetime of work into the local community. He was heavily involved with the setting up and construction of the Yinnar Recreation reserve and served on the committee for a number of years. He was the foundation secretary for the Yinnar Bowling Club and held that position for 21 years. He also served on tournament and match committees during this time. Noel was also a member of the Yinnar Centenary Committee and the Memorial Hall Committee. He is presently secretary of the Yinnar Friendship Club.

Young Citizen of the Year 2012

Glenn Lawless has played both junior tennis and football for Yinnar. He has been active in working bees for Yinnar Primary and Lumen Christi schools. Glenn has assisted with catering for town events. He has worked with the local Lions Club on the formation and installing of equipment for the Stock Route Reserve. Glenn was also involved with the installation of the security fence and gates at the Hazelwood cemetery as well as many other community projects. He is also a member of the Driffield CFA.



Noel Williams and Glenn Lawless with Russell Northe and Darrel White



Boolarra Australia Day Awards recipients

Round the Bend

New book by Koornalla author, Esther Leahy – "Round the bend: The creation, destruction by fire and recovery of Tambreet Gardens"

Across eastern Australia bushfires again wreak havoc. The intention of Esther and Sean Leahy in analysing their Black Saturday (2009) bushfire ravaged garden is to offer information that they learnt about plant and tree recovery.

Friends from Mt Macedon who rescued their garden after the Ash Wednesday (1983) fires, said: 'Allow your very burnt garden four years to recover.'

This February it is exactly four years. Esther and Sean have analysed and documented the story of their returning garden. Tree and plant survival and regrowth have astonished them.

It may seem inappropriate to be celebrating the recovery of this garden when so many other gardens have been destroyed in this last horrific month.

It is, in fact, the most appropriate time for gardeners to be made aware that much of their fire ravaged gardens may be able to be rescued.

About the book:

The book is divided into three sections.

- Section one covers the development of Tambreet Gardens and includes a graphic fighting-the-fire story which, without labouring the point, helps people decide whether they have the mental fortitude and physical strength to stay and fight a fire.

With the assistance of friend, Peter Dell, the Leahys saved their house but most of their six acre garden was destroyed.

- Section two is comprised of stories of the heartache and joy of post-fire recovery.

Intriguing tales of returning birds and animals are included.

- Section three, the largest section of the

book, includes comprehensive information about plant recovery.

At the time, February 2009, so much was said about 'burnt soil' and doomed plants.

People removed whole gardens – bulldozed

decades-old fruit trees which may have returned. Over one hundred and fifty individual tree or plant stories from their garden and surrounding areas, illustrated with their own beautiful photographs, form the core of this section.

Each vignette includes accurate botanic information including Latin names, whether the trees or plants are Australian or non-Australian, and the trees' and plants' survival and regrowth strategies. Exotic versus native plant analysis may surprise many gardeners.

Very little documented information about gardens and fire recovery exists anywhere in the world. This book has the authority of a gardening text and offers valuable advice for anyone interested in bushfires and garden recovery. From the beginning to the end it is a 'good read' for gardeners and non-gardeners alike.

Should you have queries please contact me on 0400 969 515 or by email sharyn.thompsonst@gmail.com



2013 Victorian Manufacturing Hall Of Fame nominations now open

Member for Morwell, Russell Northe, today called on companies and individuals in Latrobe City and the wider Gippsland region to nominate for the 2013 Victorian Manufacturing Hall of Fame awards.

Mr Northe said the Hall of Fame awards showcase the most innovative and productive of Victoria's manufacturing industry.

"We have some extremely innovative, quality-driven and committed manufacturers in our region, and these awards highlight true excellence," Mr Northe said.

"Established more than a decade ago, the awards are designed to demonstrate how locally based manufacturers can take on global markets.

The awards highlight successful manufacturers who have innovated, diversified and embraced excellence.

While Australian companies are facing challenges domestically and globally, there are many leading edge Victorian manufacturers that are carving out new markets.

During its history, the Hall of Fame has recognised 127 companies, added 23 recipients to the Honour Roll and acknowledged nine Young Manufacturers of the year.

From a local perspective, Gippsland Aeronautics was one of the companies previously inducted into the Manufacturing Hall of Fame.

These award winners span the diversity of Victoria's manufacturing sector: aeronautical, automotive, telecommunications, defence, printing, textiles, scientific instruments, health, packaging, marine, recycling and food.

The 2013 Victorian Manufacturing Honour Roll Hall of Fame is now seeking individuals for nomination to the Honour Roll and for Young Manufacturer of the Year.

Award categories also include Company of the Year for small, medium and large businesses," Mr Northe said.

Nominations are called for in the following categories:

- Young Manufacturer of the Year
- Hall of Fame Honour Roll
- Hall of Fame Inductees
- Manufacturer of the Year Small Business (under 20 employees)
- Manufacturer of the Year Medium Business (20-99 employees)
- Manufacturer of the Year Large Business (more than 100 employees)

The criteria used to judge the company Manufacturer of the Year awards categories include:

- Innovation in manufacturing
- Quality management
- Sustainable practices
- Export record
- Enabling technologies used

Nominations will close on Friday February 15, 2013.

The awards will be announced at a gala presentation ceremony on Tuesday May 7, 2013 at the Palladium Ballroom, Crown Entertainment Centre.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from: www.business.vic.gov.au/industries/manufacturing/awards.

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Under new ownership.

Shona Grunberg, formerly a Churchill and Jeeralang Junction resident, has made Yinnar home now for almost 5 years.

You may have met Shona at the local Yinnar Community Hotel where partner Trevor is the Publican, Shona's daughter Shari is a school teacher at the local Primary School, and son Jason is regularly at Green Side Villas, taking out and returning rubbish bins for the residents.

Shona and family welcome you all to the Milk Bar and Country Café, including the Littlehouse of Robert Timms, where you can sit down and enjoy a coffee and home made food, or just grab your take aways.

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Open for Brekky
6am – 8pm weekdays
9am – 8pm Saturday
9am – 6pm Sunday

GREENworks Press

GREENworks Press located in Morwell is having a show! This will be the inaugural exhibition of works produced by the artists using a variety of techniques working in the studio.

The Exhibition will be from Saturday February 9 to Sunday March 17, 2013.

A wide range of works will be featured - from social comment to flora and fauna, botanical and indigenous art.

Prints for sale will feature a diverse range of content, size and styles to suit all tastes and pockets.

Briagolong Art Gallery-Contemporary Art Space, located on the corner of Forbes Street Briagolong, has changing exhibitions of works by invited artists all year.

The Gallery is open Saturdays and Sundays 11am – 4pm or at other times by contacting 0351 455 439 or 03 5145 5454 or at briagolongartgallery@gmail.com

GREENworks Press is run by Kate Zizys and Mandy Thompson as a fully equipped Open Access Studio available to local printmakers. For information and to view examples of prints being produced at the Studio contact: www.greenworkspress.tumblr.com or ph 040 000 3657.

'GREENworks Press Exhibition' - Saturday February 9 to Sunday March 17, 2013



Churchill Town Safety Group

Total Fire Ban Days – what you need to know:

- No open fires, campfires or burning off
- No incinerators

- No solid or liquid fuel BBQs
- BBQs limited to manufactured gas or electric types in cleared and stable locations
- No welding, grinding, charring, soldering or gas cutting
- Postpone/Restrict use of farm machinery, tractors, slashers, etc – fire suppression equipment MUST be carried
- Postpone/Restrict use of chainsaws, plant/grass trimmers or lawnmowers – fire suppression equipment MUST be carried in dry vegetation areas
- Avoid/Restrict driving vehicles into dry vegetated areas – vehicles MUST have an efficient silencing device (e.g. muffler) that takes all of the exhaust from the engine through the silencing device. Extreme fire danger is posed by dry vegetation contacting very hot exhaust systems.

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For police assistance, ring 000

Police advise members of the public that, if you require police assistance, call 000. The police communications operator will be able to assess your need and either send a police vehicle, relay a message or find out when the police station will be open.

Contact the Churchill Town Safety Group to report local Safety and Security Issues:

In person: Shopping Centre Management Office – Marina Drive

In writing: PO Box 191, Churchill 3842

Email: ctsgroup@gmail.com

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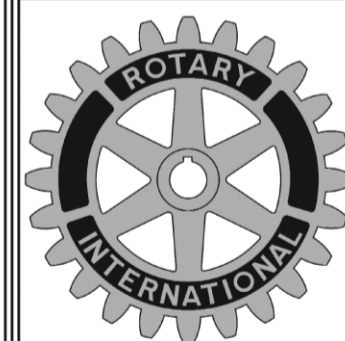
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Friends of Morwell National Park

Over the last month we have seen a bit of variation in the temperature but not the rainfall. Temperatures have varied from warm to hot in short cycles, but there has been little rain. After a wet spring, summer has been very dry. At the end of spring, the plants and grasses were very green and lush. Over summer these have died back leaving a dry heavy ground cover.

A number of plants which looked lush in spring have been sunburnt during summer.

In the Park there has been slashing on most of the tracks. These tracks are good to walk and most parts of the Park are now very accessible. Two tracks not slashed were Blue Gum Hill (a narrow track with difficult doglegs) and the Grand Strzelecki Track. To improve the Grand Strzelecki Track we will work on it at our next activity. We will work on Blue Gum Hill track in some of the activities later in the year.

Over the last month I have had the opportunity to walk most of the tracks in the Billy's Creek part of the Park. In these walks I have seen much wildlife including some wombats. I have seen the evidence of wombats around the Park, but not seen them in the Park until now. If you get out early there is more wildlife around. I ended up seeing five wombats on three different occasions in different areas of the Park.

January Activity Report - Nesting Box Survey

Sunday January 20

At this month's activity we had Ken, Beryl, Brenda, Peter, John, Margaret, Darren, Tina and Craig. The group met in the car park to organise keys, find the paperwork from last month, and then divide the group into working teams.

The group split, with John and Peter completing nesting box repairs and the remainder completing the nesting box survey. John and Peter made a list of boxes to be repaired or replaced (those that had come off the tree) from last month.

The remainder of the group went in to where we finished the survey last month. Craig and Tina drove in with the ladder and pole mounted camera. The rest of the

group enjoyed the walk in and spotted a koala and cub. The first job was to locate the boxes. Some we found were done last month and one was difficult to locate since it was in the undergrowth at the base of the tree. Some new bat boxes were located and added to the list.

The groups met up for an early lunch. Over lunch we gave John and Peter a new list of boxes located during the morning, which needed to be repaired and refitted to trees. After lunch we completed the survey of the remaining five boxes. The inventory of the boxes indicated that two had not been accounted for, so part of the group went back to check these. Some of us also went to Clematis Track to remove a tree down across the track.

When all of the groups met up near the last nesting box to be surveyed, it was noticed that the koalas had remained.

Over the day we had located more possums and antechinus. Over the two months we had observed an increase in animal use of the boxes. More than double the number of animals were sighted this year in comparison to last year. Some of the newer boxes which had no animals last year, had animals using them this year.

It is interest to note that in these nesting boxes made for birds and bats we have not sighted any birds or bats using them. These boxes have been used extensively by small mammals, which is good considering twenty years ago this area was cleared farm land.

February Activity

Sunday February 17

The group will meet at 10.00am at the Junction Road car park to start working upon the Grand Strzelecki Track, to remove weeds and grass from the track and other weeds from the creek. The track is very overgrown and currently not easy to use. The track needs to be slashed and there are many weeds to be removed from the creek. You will need to bring your lunch and suitable clothing for the weather conditions on the day. To get to the work site there a few creek crossings to make, so you may also need to consider suitable footwear.



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Youth Support Programs

Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) Drug Treatment Service (DTS) has two programs which offer support and assistance for young people.

The Youth Withdrawal program assists Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal young people with supervised reduction and/or withdrawal from substances in a safe and comfortable environment.

Manager Drug Treatment Services Ann Hamden says the program offers support either in the young persons home or through a residential rehabilitation service.

"We conduct a series of individual consultations over a short period, followed by on-going counselling and support to help complete the withdrawal.

Pre and post withdrawal support, referrals and education

are provided to the young person and help can also be provided for families" said Ms Hamden.

The Youth Alcohol and Drug Outreach Service provides assessment and support to young people with alcohol and drug problems in their own environment.

The service also supports other agencies that work with young people, through information, education and training.

"The program targets young people where use of alcohol and illicit drugs causes significant physical, psychological and social harm" said Ms Hamden. Both programs provide services in Latrobe, Baw Baw and Wellington areas and are targeted toward young people between the ages of 12 and 21



LCHS Youth support workers Renae Grabham and Belinda Whitmore.

"Our staff also deliver educational sessions at schools and community events where information is provided through fun activities about drug and alcohol prevention, as well as harm minimisation strategies. "We aim to reduce the incidents of young people

experimenting with alcohol and drugs through this early intervention model of health," said Ms Hamden. For further information and referrals contact Drug Treatment Services on 1800 242 696 or visit www.lchs.com.au

Family Violence Services

Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) is committed to providing services for those impacted by family violence.

Family violence is a significant issue in our local community with more than 800 incidents of violence referred to LCHS by police in the past year, said Ann Briggs, Manager Counselling Services.

LCHS provides a number of confidential support services delivered by trained and experienced staff.

- **Men's behaviour change and CHOICES programs**

The Men's behaviour change program is for men who have been violent and controlling towards a current or previous partner.

The program is for men to be supported and educated, by changing their attitudes and violent, aggressive behaviour and take responsibility for their actions.

The CHOICES program is culturally appropriate men's behaviour change program.

- **Case management for indigenous men who use violence**

This program provides comprehensive case management services for Aboriginal men who are at risk of homelessness due to family violence. LCHS also works in partnership with a range of services to provide an integrated response to family violence.

This includes working with other specialist family violence services, police and justice services to provide a better service to victims of family violence.

If you are in immediate danger phone the police on 000.

For more information or to register for any of these services phone 1800 242 696 or visit www.lchs.com.au

Better Health Self Management

People affected by chronic health conditions are invited to participate in 'Better Health Self-Management' courses over the coming months.

The six week course is suitable for people with a wide range of chronic conditions including arthritis, diabetes, lung or heart diseases.

Courses will be held in Traralgon and Moe.

Ms Petra Boverly-Spencer, Manager of Primary

Intervention at Latrobe Community Health Service said the course was an opportunity to learn helpful ways to maintain their lifestyle but also to meet others in similar situations.

"Often people with chronic or long term health conditions find it difficult to maintain an active life whilst managing their condition.

This course looks at ways of learning new skills to deal with the challenges that may arise," said Ms Boverly-Spencer.

"Better Health Self-Management looks at various ways to deal with the challenges that may arise from chronic illness, including managing pain, fatigue, frustration and difficult emotions.

"It also covers tips for eating well, managing medications, physical activity and better communication.

"It is also a great opportunity for participants to share their experiences with others," said Ms Boverly-Spencer.

Courses are being held at: Latrobe Community Health Service, Traralgon

- **Tuesdays**
19 February -26 March
10.00am - 12.30pm

Latrobe Community Health Service, Moe

- **Mondays**
22 April- 27 May
10.00am - 12.30pm

For more information or to register please call the Care Coordinator on 1800 242 696

Do you or someone you know have a gambling problem?

Gambler's Help Service offers confidential, professional support to gamblers, their family and others affected by gambling.

The consequences of problem gambling are far reaching. Individuals can lose their self respect, have an increase in illness and medical conditions due to stress and worry. Latrobe Community Health Service provides a confidential and free service for problem gambling and financial counselling.





By Margaret Guthrie

Churchill and District Community Association is pleased to announce that this year we are again partnering with Churchill Primary School on an art project for community display.

This year's project aims to produce student art works themed for Australia Day 2014, and is intended to be displayed in Churchill Shopping Centre in time for next year's celebrations.

This project follows on from the success of our 2012 partnership, which produced a series of twelve panels of Christmas scenes. These were displayed in West Place Shopping Centre over the December/January period.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre kindly provided display boards (constructed for their quilt exhibitions) for use in the shopping centre. CDCA provides storage, transport and incidental display costs.

CDCA provides funding for the art materials used in project production. Churchill Primary School staff work with students to design, sketch and produce the final art works. This year's

project theme of 'Australia Day' fits well with the primary school curriculum.

Other schools in the Churchill district are welcome to contact CDCA with proposals for similar project partnerships. Projects must be assessed as 'being for community benefit and display' and funding is limited by CDCA budget constraints. Contact the President, Margaret Guthrie, on 5122 2997 for further information.

CDCA has another project partnership underway, with Monash University Gippsland Student Union (MUGSU). We are being assisted to construct a CDCA website, which should be ready for public use in a couple of months.

MUGSU staff has 'built' the website for us, based on design considerations developed by members of a CDCA working group.

Currently, the working group is formulating text and gathering images to be placed on the website. The website will include information about CDCA, including meeting minutes,

Association rules and details of forthcoming meetings. A feature will be the 'Current Issues' page, where viewers will be able to find out about Churchill issues and projects in which CDCA is involved.

There will also be some general (brief) information about the Churchill township and its history, along with links to websites such as Latrobe City Council and Churchill & District News.

CDCA's next Committee meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday February 27 in Studio 1 (lower ground floor of the Town Hall building) in Philip Pde.

Observers are very welcome.

Our March meeting will be a General Meeting and Open Forum. More information will be provided in the March edition of the Churchill & District News.

CDCA can be contacted at any time by writing to us at PO Box 191, Churchill, emailing mgcdca@hotmail.com or phoning 5122 2997.

Churchill Lions and Lionesses



Like most Lions Clubs, Churchill Lions Club took a break over the Christmas period. Come Australia Day they were back in action, hosting a free morning breakfast.

Also at the Australia Day celebrations was free music, provided by Peter Gray from Amps Works and his band 350 Degrees 10 Degrees Short of a Circle, as well as popular Country and Western Singer, Bob Cooper.

Lions Club President, Peter McShane, and Latrobe City Councillor, Darrel White, presented the Churchill Lions Club Community awards.

Popular local identity, Donato (Don) Di Fabrizio, won the Churchill Community Australia Day Citizen of the Year.

Bevan Kemp won the Churchill Community Junior Australia Day Citizen of the Year award.

Churchill Community Student Australia Day Citizen of the Year awards were presented to Emily Lugton

from Churchill North Primary School, Natalie Butler from Hazelwood North Primary School, Taylah Whelan from Churchill Primary School and Corey O' Shea from Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School.

Moving from Australia Day into February, the Lions Club has been busy, both at Licola and with catering.

Major bushfires have been raging out of control near the Lions Licola Wilderness Village area, and has required the cancellation of a number of camps in the interests of safety.

The village was spared from the fires and things are slowly getting back to normal. The club will be heavily involved with all efforts to assist those affected by the fires through the Australian Lions Foundation as well as local relief efforts.

On February 8, 9 and 10, the Lions Club catered for the Gippsland Home Expo LeisureFest Roadshow at Kernot Hall.

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Lumen Christi Junior Block opened



At a ceremony on December 6, 2012, with official guests Most Reverend Christopher Prowse, Bishop of Sale, Maria Kirkwood, Director of Catholic Education, Father Hugh Brown, Father Francis Otopo, Mr. Peter Hall MP, Russell Northe MLA Member for Morwell, Mr. Richard Northover, architect, Mr. Tony Anderson, Capital Grants Project Officer, Mr. Tony Hallinan, builder and Mr. Tim Daly builder, the Junior Block was officially opened.

Singing of school songs, prayers by students and staff, and Bible reading by students, formed part of the program.

Bishop Prowse spoke to the gathering about the painting of Jesus called 'Behold I stand at the door and knock', by Warner Sallman.

It shows Jesus knocking on a door but the artist had intentionally left the handle to the door out of the painting; thus making it impossible for Jesus to enter the dwelling without it being opened from the inside. Bishop Prowse encouraged those present to open the door to Jesus and let him in to bring his love, joy, hope and peace to our lives.

After the service, Peter Hall thanked everyone for the invitation, and for their extended hospitality.

He said he was impressed with the bright and busy class room and congratulated the students on the lovely work displayed.

To fund the project, the Victorian Government contributed \$400,000, the Australian Government contributed \$200,000 and the

school community raised \$40,000.

Mr Hall congratulated the talented architect and builders for their design and workmanship. He concluded by thanking the school for making his life so joyful for the time he was present; urged the students to make the most of their time at school, and assured the school community that the government was glad to be of help.

Maria Kirkwood opened by saying she had the best job in the diocese; was happy to be present and to see how really enthusiastic the staff were to make the school the best it could be.

She addressed the students telling them that they are learning to be like Christ; that Jesus thought children were very important.

She said the school had made some excellent decisions in how to use the space in the best way.

Then Principal, Cathy Blackford, thanked everyone for their dedicated work in completing the building; the staff and students who were using the building; the special and other invited guests for attending; the students and staff for their efforts for the ceremony, before making the announcement that a further \$500,000 had been allotted for the refurbishment of the senior block.

In conclusion Bishop Prowse sincerely thanked Cathy Blackwood for her dedicated and outstanding seven years as principal of Lumen Christi.

Children's activities FREE at the Fiddlehead Festival



The Fiddlehead Festival is shaping up to be a great day for young and old.

The Festival will be held at the Yinnar recreation Reserve, Jumbuk Rd Yinnar on Saturday February 16, from 12pm-10pm.

There will be plenty of entertainment by the 30 bands performing on the day, as well as Market Stalls and musical workshops for children and adults.

There will be a special children's craft area, where children will be able to make craft items.

There will also be a petting zoo and jumping castle, face painting and music workshops for children to participate in.

Entry on the day is \$10 per adult, children Under 16 free.



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Eel Hole Creek redevelopment



Following a stakeholder workshop late last year and subsequent community consultation, consultants working for the Gippsland Education Precinct, Hansen Partnerships, have developed an exciting concept plan for the proposed Eel Hole Creek Pavilion.

The unique structure, to be located on high ground at the western end of the Churchill Leisure Centre car park and set in the natural landscape, will provide a meeting place and a representation of the history and character of the Churchill community.

The cantilever building structure has taken some inspiration from the angular design of the Churchill Hub and will provide another unique landmark to complement the town's "cigar" spire. The elevation of the site and the nature of the structure will frame a panoramic view back to the town centre and the spire.

The concept involves a series of terraces to fit into the current steep fall in the land and will include a gathering place with seats, barbecues, tables and chairs as well as grassed areas. The history of local indigenous people and the establishment of the created town, including the names of the first 350 families to settle in Churchill, will be embedded into the terraces.

The structure will be integrated into Latrobe City Council's proposed East West Link reaching from the Hub to the Monash

University campus, via Latrobe Leisure Churchill.

Funding for construction will be sought from the State Government through Regional Development Victoria, who provided funds for the feasibility study and concept plan, and other funding sources.

In addition to any government funding it will also be necessary to provide a local contribution to the project. Local service clubs Lions and Rotary have already expressed interest in making in-kind contributions and major sponsors will be approached.

Commenting on the draft concept plan, Project Manager, Mike Answerth said: "We believe that this is an exciting proposal which will go some way to providing a link between the Gippsland Education Precinct, Monash University Campus and the township of Churchill. It will be for the entire community's use and will provide a feature that has a distinctive Churchill identity about it."

A stakeholder feedback workshop is being conducted this month and copies of the draft plan will be on display in the Churchill Hub, the Churchill Shopping Centre and at Latrobe City offices.

Input on the proposed plan is invited from Churchill residents and anyone wishing to make comment on the concept plan can do so by contacting Mike Answerth on 5132 3802 or 0438 048 150.

Brian Stark retires



After almost 37 years of continuous service, Monash University Gippsland's longest serving employee and manager of the campus' facilities and services group, Brian Stark, has announced his retirement.

Mr Stark, who began his career in 1976 as an Administrative Officer with the Gippsland Institute of Advanced Education (acquired by Monash in 1993) is recognised for his dedication, efforts and extensive contributions to the Gippsland campus.

In the early years of working with the university, Mr Stark was responsible for a range of student welfare initiatives – including the implementation of security and safety systems.

This included extensive lighting upgrades, a campus-wide emergency phone system and the establishment of a campus emergency response group – that have since contributed to Monash Gippsland's international reputation as a safe, secure and welcoming campus.

As Manager of Monash University Gippsland's facilities and services group, Mr Stark played a lead role in the development and expansion of major infrastructure on the campus, including the campus auditorium (2007), Gippsland Medical School (2008) and Halls of Residence (2011).

In addition to his work in overseeing the day-to-day operations of grounds, buildings and other services, Mr Stark has been a passionate advocate for the introduction of sustainable business process and improving the environmental performance of the Gippsland campus.

Under Mr Stark's stewardship, Gippsland has grown to become one of the university's greenest campuses, through environmentally-sustainable approaches in electricity, energy, water and waste management.

Over the past seven years, Mr Stark's efforts have resulted in the Gippsland campus reducing electricity usage by 37 per cent, water usage by 45 per cent and recycling almost half of the waste material traditionally sent to landfill.

Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor and President of Monash University Gippsland, Professor Mark Sandeman, acknowledged Mr Stark's long-standing commitment to the campus community.

"Through a career that has spanned over three decades, Brian has made an immeasurable contribution to Monash University's Gippsland campus," Professor Sandeman said.

"This includes significant achievements in developing critical infrastructure and capital works, and providing the capacity for Monash to expand and enhance its presence in Gippsland.

"As a result of Brian's contributions, the campus is one of the Australia's leading regional university campuses, and is well positioned to embrace the many opportunities that will be available in years to come."

Neighbourhood Watch/ Safer Community Group Meeting

Have you ever thought of yourself as a crime fighter or seen something you want to change to make your community safer?

Do you want to do something positive for your community but do not know what direction to take?

If you answered "Yes" then your town's Neighbourhood Watch and Safer Community Group (NHW/SCG) may be what you are looking for.

In Latrobe City, the Victoria Police/NHW partnership is thriving and running award-winning programs as it creates safer communities across the Latrobe Valley.

Whether you are young, middle aged or in your twilight years, if you have some spare time on your hands and have an urge to give back to the community, become an active NHW volunteer and help to create a safer environment for everyone.

NHW would love to see members of our indigenous, Sudanese and youth communities participating in our programs, so the crime prevention and community

safety message reaches all members of our community, not just a select few.

Leading Senior Constable Brett Godden is Latrobe police's Community Liaison Officer and NHW/SCG Coordinator.

"Whilst the responsibility for the capture and processing of offenders must always fall to the police, it is the community's responsibility to assist the police in keeping our roads, public places and homes safe. Neighbourhood Watch and Safer Community Groups and their meetings, are a great avenue for doing this," he said.

One of the best things about your local NHW/SCG is you do not have to become a NHW volunteer to participate in meetings.

Meetings are where any member of the public can raise issues, ask questions or simply come along and listen to what is going on in the area.

The meetings are an open forum and all members of the public are welcome to attend. There are no expectations for you to join NHW or to volunteer your time.

Latrobe NHW would love to see new groups in towns like Glengarry, Toongabbie and Traralgon South, but anyone can attend one of the established town meetings as NHW is always looking for new participants. NHW is also happy to join or participate in a town's progress association or town advancement group.

"In Latrobe we are happy to come to you and join in with you," says LSC Godden, "So if you don't have a NHW/SCG in your area I can help you start one."

LSC Godden invites all interested members of the Latrobe community to attend their local town meeting. To invite NHW/SCG to become a part of your community or for information on becoming an active participant contact LSC Brett Godden on 5131 5085 or email him at brett.godden@police.vic.gov.au

Dates for February's town meetings: Churchill District and Community Association Meeting - Wednesday February 20, - Churchill Community Hall - 7 pm.

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Don Di Fabrizio - A quiet achiever - Part 1

By Leo Billington

Don Di Fabrizio was born in a tent, a tent provided a home after he arrived in Geelong to work, and he lived for a short while in a tent after moving to Morwell.

In 1933, two months before he was born, his mountain side home town of Lama Dei Peligni in the Province of Chieti, in the Abruzzo region of Italy, was hit by an earthquake. Houses were destroyed, lives were lost and the government created a tent city. An emergency hospital was subsequently housed in one of these tents.

Lama Dei Peligni is about half way down "Italy's leg towards the boot", slightly towards the east coast. Situated on the border with the Province of L'Aquila, just below Mount Amaro, nowadays the town is a starting point for many beautiful trekking excursions, as well as horseback and biking itineraries.

Inhabited since the XII century, the town is situated on a foothill of the Maiella at an elevation of 2200 feet and its population currently numbers about 1500 inhabitants. The immediate area has various tourist attractions including the Church of San Nicola (XVI century), with Baroque furnishings, Grotta di Sant'Angelo, (which has been a religious destination for centuries), Grotta del Cavallone, famous for its beauty and the Maiella National Park.

Lama Dei Peligni takes its name from the Peligni, one of the Italic tribes that lived in this area. "Lama" means Sword of the Peligni, and the town unfortunately suffered significant bomb damage during WWII and in the earthquakes of 1915, 1933 and 1984.

So, this was Don's home backyard and his description is candid and sharp. "Above the town were huge rocky outcrops and very little vegetation. The vegetation started just above the town and continued to the valley below. This was about three kilometres down a winding, steep stony track to the Aventino River. This is where most of the farming and cultivating was done."

Born to Carmela and Antonio, both of whom grew up in Lama Dei Peligni, Don was their third child. Maria was the first child (who died at two years of age), followed by Guisepppe, Donato (Don), Giovanni, Maria (named in memory of the first Maria) and Miranda.

Carmela left school at an early age to care for her ailing mother and siblings following the death of her father. When construction started on a hydro-power station near the town, Carmela, then 15 years old, managed to obtain work on the pipeline for this new station. Men would dig out large rocks and the women would carry them away on their heads. It was all manual work because of the steep

mountainside.

Don remembers his mother as "having been quite well educated for those (tough) times. She excelled at her school work." Later on, when Maria was born, Don spent much of his time helping his mother "washing the dishes and while she cooked, I would look after the baby. I became very attached to housework because I could see my mother had more than she could cope with. Normally a boy in Italy didn't do any work in the house. It was strictly women's work."

Antonio came from a poor share farming family and very early on, he had to travel over much of Italy looking for work, sending money back to his family. At the age of 13, Antonio was fortunate to obtain a labouring job in road construction, eventually progressing to setting explosives for road tunnels through mountainous countryside. Just after Don was born, Antonio took on farming of crops and vegetables on a small property situated either side of the Aventino River.

As Don recalls those formative years, "the property consisted of small pieces of farmland on both sides of the river. The land near the farmhouse was fertile and good for growing vegetables. The land on the far side of the river was also good for growing crops. We also grew lentils and broad beans and had grapevines for making wine."

Due to the extensive damage to homes and property from the earthquake, Don's family lived with his paternal grandmother, Maria. At one stage, with 13 living in a small house, Don remembers it as "being very crowded. As well, my father contracted typhoid fever and he was very ill and was unable to work for quite some time."

"Another house close by in a smaller village called Purgatorio had a top floor which was used to store all sorts of dry crops, grains and hay for the animals. The kitchen and one bedroom were also on this top floor. On the ground floor, with its compacted hard earth floor, chickens, goats, rabbits, sheep, pigs, calves and donkeys were sheltered. (This house was to feature prominently in Don's life after the German occupation of his home town.)

"Most families had a mule or donkey to help with the transportation of crops and firewood. The farm land was divided into many small pieces. This was due to the fact that when the first owner died, the land was split up among his children. When these children died, the land was again divided and so it continued through the generations."

To provide for his family, Antonio found work in the tunnels, but he was weaker from his earlier bout of typhoid fever. Working in mines did not help his health either and he returned home after Don's paternal grandmother died.



Above: Giovanni, Maria, Mother, Miranda, Father and Don

Below: Don's parents - Antonio and Carmela



"Papa had saved enough to repair the kitchen and Mama could now cook for us all. Papa did some work in the fields but it was mostly left to Mama, Guisepppe and myself to look after the animals and cultivate the crops.

When Giovanni was school age, he was also able to help run the farm after school."

Antonio was also able to afford the purchase of a donkey, a few calves and some pigs. The calves and pigs would be fattened for sale to enable more to be bought. Pigs were slaughtered to make prosciutto, salami and sausages for the family. Any extra profit was used to buy clothes, shoes and school books.

At 7, Don started school at the local school, attending for about four years before the outbreak of the Second World War. He remembers "the school year starting October 1 and finishing about mid-June. The school day commenced at 9.00 am until noon for six days a week."

"I really enjoyed my time at school, learning about everything and did very well. When I returned home, we had some lunch and then it was off to the fields where I tended the animals. The end of the war also meant the end of my studies and at 12, I left school in June 1945 to work full-time on the farm."

Don and his family witnessed warfare first hand when it hit Lama Dei Peligni. He had just turned 10 and in his words, "I remember this time well because I experienced many things I will never forget as long as I live."

Before we close on this chapter of Don's life, there are fond memories of attending La Colonia during the school summer holidays. This was like a school camp, started by Mussolini and most of them were scattered around the Adriatic and Tyrrhenian coasts; built prior to the war to give the nation's young people, and particularly those from deprived parts of the cities and the country-side, a character-forming experience completely different from home.

Reminiscing, Don recalls "it was compulsory for all boys to attend. A typical day would start at 9.00 am through until 5.00

pm, all with a free lunch at noon and afternoon tea (generally bread and marmalade) at 3.00 pm. Some boys did not like the camp and would run away, only to be caught by the police and returned. For me, it was a chance to play competitive games - we made soccer balls from old clothes and rags tied in a tight ball - and the food was free."

"Our Christmas celebrations were a time for family fun. Unlike here in Australia, it was traditional to hang up our stockings on the night of January 6, known as Epifania when the fairy godmother comes in the middle of the night and leaves gifts. My excitement was finding an orange, a couple of dried figs, several walnuts, and if I was really lucky, there may be several lollies. There were never any toys. These days, Christmas in Italy is virtually like Australia's festival period with Santa Claus and all the trimmings."

By this time, at about 12 years old, Don was living in a crowded house, sharing a bedroom with his two brothers, working on the farm and helping his mother with domestic chores. Ten years earlier, Giovanni (John) was born at home with Don's mother requiring urgent medical attention. There was no hospital in town and a local woman, known for her skills as a midwife attended all births. On doctor's advice, Maria was operated on and took several years to recover.

In 1941, Don's paternal grandmother died and it was time for his father to remain home. "His (Antonio) health had deteriorated from the many years he had worked in the construction of tunnels through mountainous areas. Prior to this, he worked away from home as a miner, returning home in December for about one month. He never missed coming home for Christmas and having him home for Christmas was a very special time."

Part 2 - Escaping danger during World War 11.



Don on the back of a motorcycle with his long standing friend Vincento who lives in New York

Rotary Club of Hazelwood - Hazelwood Rotary commits to repaying Tassie fire victims

Following the recent devastating bushfires in the Tasmanian south east region, the Rotary Club of Hazelwood has made a commitment to lead the way in supporting those communities that were so generous with their assistance to the victims of the Traralgon South, Callignee, Koornalla and Boolarra fires in 2009.

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood, in partnership with the Traralgon South District Association has initiated an appeal to directly assist those severely affected by recent tragic bushfires in south east Tasmania.

Following an emergency meeting of the club held this week, President Margaret Palmer said, "We are always keen to help victims of natural disasters but this opportunity has a special significance for our members as we received such extraordinary assistance from Tasmanian Rotarians and other volunteers to enable us to assist the local communities devastated by the Black Saturday fires."

Tasmanian Rotarians working with Timber Communities Australia (Tasmania), rebuilt vast amounts of fencing in the Traralgon South, Koornalla and Callignee areas for many months following the fires. Large cash donations were also made as well as practical items like tools.

Through Tasmanian Rotary District 9830, Tasmania Rotarians made donations of \$50,000 towards the rebuilding of Jeeralang North Hall and more than \$80,000 toward the building of the Traralgon South and District Community Mens Shed, and funds to other facilities in the Traralgon South district.

Amid reports of personal suffering, significant property loss and hardship, the two organizations have been busy planning a program of assistance which includes preparing a large container full of donated goods to be shipped to the Dunalley area. Further assistance will be provided by a team of workers geared up to undertake restoration and erection of fences and planting of fruit trees.

According to joint convenors, Rotary Club of Hazelwood President, Margaret Palmer and Ange Gordon from the Traralgon South District Association, the container will be shipped by mid-February with support from local transport firm, Willatons Transport and then by Tasfreight from Melbourne to Devonport and then to the Tasman Peninsula.

"Once on-site, goods ranging from household items, clothes, books, handicraft packages, bedding and similar will be distributed through our close Rotary colleagues from the Rotary Club of Tasman Peninsula," Margaret said.

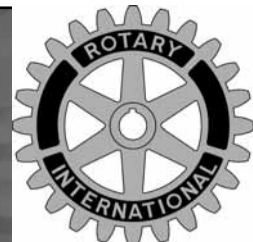
"A fencing team, co-ordinated by local Traralgon South resident, Peter Olorenshaw, is scheduled to arrive early in March focused on restoration and erection of fencing.

We are hopeful that the local community and especially those areas that experienced the generous assistance of the Tasmanians, will support our efforts to repay those people in their time of need. We must show them that we have not forgotten their incredible generosity and commitment to us", she said.

Rotary will help local bush fire victims too

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood has moved to assure the community that it will be working to help victims of local bushfires as well as those in Tasmania.

President Margaret Palmer said, "We made a commitment to the Tasmanian victims before the outbreak of fire in the local



region but we will also do what ever we can to assist Gippslanders who have suffered as a result of the local fires.

Our strong commitment to Tasmania is based on the extraordinary assistance rendered by Tasmanian Rotarians and volunteers when the 2009 fires devastated the Callignee, Kornalla, Traralgon South and Hazelwood areas", she said.

For further information and offers of assistance, the contacts are Ange Gordon on 0417 561 518 and Margaret Palmer on 0413 847 446.

Gippsland Acoustic Music Club

The Gippsland Acoustic Music Club will start 2013's monthly clubnights with the fabulous "Faux Grass" on Sunday February 3, at the Tyers Hall, from 7.30pm.

The group had its origins in February 2011 when Blair Webb and David Aumann, both formerly playing with Fat Chance, decided to pair up as a duo with harmony vocals, guitar and mandolin to play at clubs and coffee shops. Evan Webb (no relation to Blair, although you may hear Blair call him "uncle") heard about this and asked if we could use a bass player and additional vocalist. Of course we could.

Then Jim Golding came up with an offer we couldn't refuse: "If you need a banjo player, I'm your man." And Faux Grass as you see it was formed! Individually, the band members are all experienced musicians.

David played with Ragwort and Thistle Bush Band for many years before forming Indigo Rye Bluegrass Band. Blair played for several years with Fat Chance.

Evan played with Rouseabouts Bush Band for years and is a current member of Mama's Mountain Jug Band. Jim Golding, Coolgrass' banjo maestro, is everyone's favourite.

Faux Grass has played at all of the major Victorian bluegrass festivals - the Great Alpine Pick, the Beechworth Kelly Country Pick, the Guildford Banjo Jamboree and the Harrietville Bluegrass Convention.

Tight three part harmonies are a band hallmark.

The Faux Grass repertoire is mainly traditional bluegrass, but extends far wider and encompasses blues, country, pop and novelty songs. You might find yourself turning to your neighbour and asking "Did they just play Rocket Man?" Well, yes they did! And there'll be lots of other surprises in store when you hear them play.

The Support Act on the night is the ever expanding group from the Latrobe Valley known as "Ukelicious", featuring almost 30 people who have been caught by the "ukulele bug". Cost is \$10 members/\$15 non members, children/students free.

The night will start with Vocal Nosh led by Judy Wood, commencing at 5.15pm for a 5.30pm start, and then time to enjoy soup, bread, fruit and good company before the first club night gets under way. Cost for Vocal Nosh if \$10 adult, \$8 concession.

Further details about the GAMC on www.musicclub.org.au



At the Hub

The Creative Writing class at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre has resumed after the end of year recess.

If you have a way with words, a story to tell, or just want to improve your writing skills, come along on Tuesday mornings (10-12) and join this friendly group.

Typically, a piece of good writing is read and discussed, then class members write short pieces themselves to receive

feedback from the tutor and/or other classmates.

The atmosphere is informal and non-threatening and there's always a short break for a cuppa and a chat.

Classes in many other subjects are also run at the Neighbourhood Centre.

For further details contact Henry Parniak, Coordinator on 5122 2955 or Creative Writing Tutor Cora Pal on 5122 1611.

Mathison Park

It has been a pleasure to note the number of people who have visited Mathison Park during the school holiday period to fish, picnic, walk, run, walk dogs, feed the ducks and push babies in prams. One car club even held their own fishing competition as part of their mid-week activities.

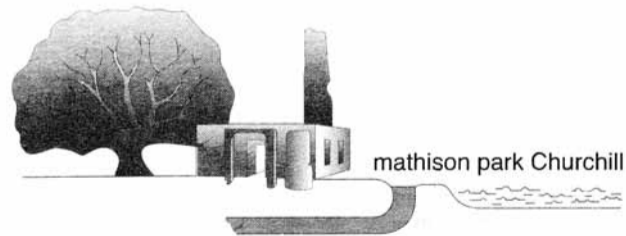
There are signs up asking people not to swim in the water, as if you get a cut it can become badly infected by organisms in the water.

Thank you to people for respecting the park and its facilities.

It is great to see how many people use the bins, keep their dogs on leads, clean the BBQ after use, and use the toilet with care.

Thank you to our mowing crews who do a great job keeping the park looking neat and safe.

Thanks too to Chris, who willingly took care of fallen limbs even though we had no formal working bee in January.



Working bees are held on the third Saturday of each month- February 16 for the next one- and we would love to see some more willing volunteers give some time to help with the upkeep of this wonderful facility. At present we only have about 6-8 volunteers who attend working bees and only six on the development committee.

For further information about working bees contact Ruth 5122 1961

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First Aid

Bites and stings - First Aid

Australia has many animal and insect species that bite or sting. In general, first aid includes bandaging the wound and keeping the person immobile until medical help arrives.

Try to keep the person calm and reassured. Don't tourniquet or cut the wound.

Always seek immediate medical help and call triple zero (000) for an ambulance in an emergency.

If the person collapses or stops breathing, you may need to apply CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) until medical help arrives.

If you can – and if it's safe to do so – capture the animal or insect for identification purposes, in case antivenom is required. However, it is important not to waste time doing this unnecessarily.

There is a range of insects and animals that can transfer disease with varying levels of contact.

Wherever possible, avoid handling animals that may carry disease and protect against insect stings with insect repellents and appropriate clothing.

If you are bitten or stung by an insect or animal, apply first aid and then seek medical treatment as soon as possible.

Pressure immobilisation for bites and stings

The pressure immobilisation method is useful for some bites and stings, but not all.

It is ideal for Australian venomous snakes and for funnel web spiders, blue ring octopus and cone fish. It is not recommended for any other types of bites and stings.

The pressure immobilisation method is designed to slow the movement of venom through the lymphatic system.

The lymphatic system is a network of tubes that drains fluid (lymph) from the body's tissues and empties it back into the bloodstream.

Bandaging the wound firmly tends to squash the nearby lymph vessels, which helps to prevent the venom from leaving the puncture site. If you don't have any bandages at hand, use whatever is available, including clothing, stockings or towels.

Firmly bandage the wound, but not tight enough to cause numbness, tingling or any colour change to the extremities.

Immobilising the limb is another way to slow the spread of venom, sometimes delaying it for hours at a time.

This is because the lymphatic system relies on muscle movement in order to squeeze lymph through its vessels. Splint the limb if necessary.

In general, try to keep the patient calm and reassured. Always seek immediate medical help.

Don't tourniquet or cut bites or stings

In the past, a tight tourniquet was recommended as the best method to cut off blood flow and prevent the circulation of venom through the body.

This is no longer advised. Do not cut or bite to release the venom or try to suck the venom out of the wound. Don't give the affected person alcohol to drink.

First aid for bites and stings from land creatures

The first aid for bites and stings from land creatures can depend on what type of creature it is.

Bee sting

Remove the sting by sliding or scraping your fingernail across it, rather than pulling at it. Wash the area and apply ice to reduce the swelling. If the person has an allergy to bee stings, they can fall into a life-threatening state of anaphylactic shock. The only treatment is an injection of adrenaline.

Immobilise the person, apply pressure to the bite and seek immediate medical help.

Funnel web spider bite

Seek immediate medical help. Bandage the wound firmly with a pressure immobilisation bandage.

Use a second bandage to wrap the arm or leg and splint the affected limb. Antivenom is required.

Red-back spider bite

Wash the affected area well and soothe the pain with icepacks or iced water. Do not bandage the area.

Snake bite

Seek immediate medical help. Not all Australian snakes are venomous but you should follow the basic first aid techniques, just in case.

Don't wash the skin, as traces of venom left behind might be needed by medical personnel to identify the snake.

Use a pressure immobilisation bandage and splint the limb. If the person was bitten on the torso, make sure your bandaging doesn't restrict their breathing.

Tick bite

If a tick has burrowed into the skin, grasp it behind the head with fine tweezers, as close to the skin as possible.

Gently pull it straight out with steady pressure, making sure you remove the entire body. After removal of the tick, wash the site with warm soapy water and then a mild antiseptic.

Cover the site with a 'bandaid' type dressing for 24 hours. Keep the removed tick for identification purposes in case the person's condition gets worse.

Do not use methylated spirits, alcohol or anything else to kill the tick before removing, as this may cause the tick to inject more poison. In the case of the Australian paralysis tick, antivenom is available. A tetanus injection might also be needed.

European wasp sting

Clean the affected area with soap and warm water. Use an icepack to reduce swelling and pain.

Use pain-relieving medication and

creams. Be alert for signs of anaphylaxis, which is a severe and life-threatening type of allergic reaction. Prolonged swelling at the site of the sting may respond to antihistamines – see your pharmacist for further advice.

First aid for bites and stings from sea creatures

The first aid for bites and stings from sea creatures can depend on what type of creature it is.

Blue-ringed octopus sting

A bite can cause paralysis. Seek immediate medical help. You may need to commence CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Even if your efforts seem futile, continue CPR until medical help arrives. The pressure immobilisation bandage method is suitable for blue ring octopus stings.

Box jellyfish sting

Seek immediate medical help. Stop the tentacles from stinging by pouring vinegar over them. Immobilise the limb and bandage firmly. You may need to commence CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Antivenom is available.

Jellyfish sting

Wash the tentacles off with water. Use icepacks or anaesthetic cream to reduce the pain.

Stonefish sting

Seek immediate medical help. Bathe the area in warm water. Antivenom is available. A tetanus injection might be needed.

Where to get help

- In an emergency, call triple zero (000)
 - Victorian Poisons Information Centre Tel. 13 11 26 – seven days a week, 24 hours a day
 - Emergency department of the nearest hospital
 - NURSE-ON-CALL Tel. 1300 60 60 24 – for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days)
 - Your doctor
 - Your local pharmacist
 - Anaphylaxis Australia Tel. 1300 728 000
- Things to remember
- In most cases, firmly bandage the site of the wound and keep the person still.
 - Don't use tourniquets, cut the puncture site or try to suck out the venom.
 - In the case of ticks, don't try to kill the tick before removal as this may cause it to inject more poison.
 - Always seek medical advice as quickly as you can.

Annual community satisfaction survey to commence

The local government community satisfaction survey will take place during February with telephone interviews of a random sample of 400 respondents from across the municipality.

The survey takes place each year and provides an independent snapshot of how local residents view their municipal council's performance.

Latrobe City mayor, Councillor Sandy Kam, said that the survey provided an important perspective on many aspects of Council's service delivery.

"The survey provides participating councils with performance results for the four areas of overall performance, advocacy, customer contact and engagement.

It also provides councils with community satisfaction ratings for services such as town planning, local roads and footpaths, enforcement of local laws, appearance of public areas, economic development, waste

management, recreational facilities, health and human services and traffic management and parking," Cr Kam explained.

"The respondents are selected randomly and will be asked a series of questions regarding the different services Council offers and how they rate those services. It is a valuable tool for local government to gauge how it is travelling in terms of community perception," Cr Kam said.

The Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey is coordinated by the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) on behalf of Victorian councils. Results are expected to be available from June 2013.

For more information visit the Department of Planning and Community Development website. <http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/localgovernment/publications-and-research/data,-directories-and-surveys>

Bowel cancer screenings

The National Bowel Cancer Screening Program will expand to include Gippslanders turning 60 in 2013 according to The Nationals Member for Gippsland, Darren Chester.

Previously the program only invited local residents aged 50, 55 and 65 years old to participate, but a \$50 million investment by the Federal Government is expanding the program to more people.

Mr Chester said the screening program helped to detect bowel cancer and dangerous pre-cancerous lesions.

"Bowel cancer is the second most common cause of cancer related deaths throughout the nation with around 80 Australians losing their lives to the disease each week," Mr Chester said.

"The screening program is the best way to detect

the disease early and save lives with a direct focus on those over the age of 50."

Mr Chester said more than 1100 suspected or confirmed cancers and more than 3300 pre-cancerous lesions were detected and removed from program participants between 2008 and 2011.

He has encouraged all Gippslanders who receive an invitation to participate.

"Gippslanders turning 60 this year as well as those turning 50, 55 and 65 will receive an invitation in the mail to participate in the screening program and I urge them to take the opportunity to test their health free of charge," Mr Chester said.

"The program has already proven its worth as an effective tool in detecting bowel cancer and pre-cancerous lesions.

Other residents concerned for their health or younger people who wish to undergo bowel screening should contact their general practitioner."

Mr Chester said the program's expansion will also include 70 year-olds from 2015 and from 2017-18 all Gippslanders between the age of 50 and 74 will progressively be offered screening every two years starting with those aged 72.

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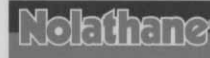
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New beginnings for our students



Kurnai College Junior Campus Year 7s



Boolarra Primary School



Churchill Primary School



Churchill North Primary School



Yinnar South Primary School



Hazelwood North Primary School

Lumen Christi Primary School

On Friday February 1, Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School welcomed 16 new faces into Prep as well as a new Principal, Mrs. Jo Brewer. These new students all enjoyed their first day with teachers Mrs. Noreen Webster and Miss. Emily Haesler. The rest of the school also started on Friday and we are all looking forward to sharing a terrific year together as a school community.

Churchill and District News welcomes all the new students and wishes them a wonderful year.



Boolarra Primary School



Daina and Jaz, with their invited guests, at the lovely Graduation dinner (provided by parents Gabbi', Lydia and Kristy) which was staged at the Boolarra football / netball social club rooms



JSC conducted Discos to raise money for former student Matt Mc Kendry who is raising awareness of the need for organ donation.



Our Grade 3/4s performing their "Where's Wally?" dance routine at our end of year concert.



Lining up for the dinner they helped to prepare

Churchill Pre Schools

Churchill's two preschools, Churchill Hub and Glendonald Park, are both up and running, ready for 2013.

Thanks to a community grant from Latrobe City, Churchill Hub preschool has been able to build a new storage shed.

The shed will help the preschool protect their equipment from the weather.

The parents have been fundraising to go towards the balance and the committee will be busy this year fund-raising in order to

fit the shed with shelves and other storage units.

The preschool would like to thank Councillor Darrell White, who they invited to officially open the shed, for his ongoing assistance.

Glendonald Park Preschool is also looking forward to 2013. They are now open five days-a-week and enrolments have been positive.

With the new estate being developed behind the kinder, they

look forward to watching and documenting what and how it happens.

This will teach the children about the environment and community. With all the machines working on the site, they also have the opportunity to talk and learn about technology.

The preschools wish the 2012 parents and children all the best with their transitions, and thank them for their support.

Hazelwood North Primary School



Hazelwood North Primary School Student Leadership Team
Top L-R: Bridie, Byron, Ben, Sarah, Shaynia, Emily, Maddi
Bottom L-R: Patrick, Xavier, Chloe, Lara. Absent: Soophie

The photo below shows the Churchill Preschool Committee with Cr. Darrell White admiring the completion of the new outdoor storage shed. The Preschool committee conducted a number of fundraising events to add funds to the Latrobe City Community Grant to construct the storage shed.



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Baseball Come and Try

Baseball Come and Try March 20 and 27 Everyone Welcome

Juniors between ages 6 - 17

Week one

skills training - learning the rules

Week 2

T- Ball game - Possibly a scratch match
BBQ following

Seniors: 18+ welcome

Andrews Park,

Birch Drive,

Churchill

For further information please

Ph: Shane Gill on 0409 564 533



A Grade Premiershipe Team 2011



A Grade Premiershipe Team 2012



C Grade Premiershipe Team 2012

On Wednesday, March 20 and 27, the Churchill Braves are holding a Baseball Come and Try day, with support from the Churchill and District News.

The event will be at the club's home ground, Andrews Park at 5pm.

The baseball club hopes to boost junior numbers (6-17y.o) through the event as they are the future of the club. Senior players are welcome to attend as well.

There are three junior grades; under 17, under 14 and an under 10 T-ball competition so they can learn how the game works.

Attendees will learn the rules and skills to help them play. All children who come will get a participation certificate.

Depending on numbers, a small game could be played on the day.

Afterwards, there will be a sausage sizzle. Participating children eat free. Adults eat for a gold coin donation.

The first game of the 2013 Baseball season will be in April. Churchill Braves look to successfully defend their A-Grade and C-Grade premierships.

Reasons to try baseball

Teamwork

Being a part of a team is a good skill to learn. In Baseball every player is just as important as another. Teammates must work together whether fielding or getting runners around the bases.

Exercise and Fresh Air

If young people are outside running around they will be in better shape and live a healthier lifestyle.

Friendship

Playing baseball is a great

way to meet new people. Through playing the game, you can make friendships that will last a lifetime.

Individual Accomplishment

With every hit, run or out someone makes, not only are they helping the team but they can be proud of what they've achieved. Players often feel pride with every new skill they add.

Fun

This is perhaps the most

basic concept of all. Whether they're playing video games or outside playing Baseball, young people just want to have fun.

You can always make a comeback

A game of Baseball isn't over until the umpire calls it. A team can always make a comeback from any deficit. In last year's Under 17 Semi-Final, Churchill mounted a final-inning comeback only to lose by a run.

About baseball

A game of baseball is played between two teams. The aim of the game is to score more runs than your opponent.

Players take turns hitting the ball into the field. Runs are made by running around the four bases. A player can stop at any of the four bases and can continue running after another hit.

The team fielding will try to prevent runs being scored

by making 'outs'.

Outs are made when;

The batter gets three strikes,

The fielder catches a fly ball,

The runner is tagged,

The ball gets to the base before the runner.

The teams switch between batting and fielding when the fielding team records three outs. An inning is finished after both teams have batted.

Regular games of Baseball go for nine innings. If the games are tied, they will continue playing until a winner can be found.

Games played in the Latrobe Valley Baseball Association are restricted to 90 minutes of gameplay.

There are three senior grades, A, B and C. The Junior Grades are Under 17s, Under 13's and an Under 10's T-Ball competition.

Monash Golf celebrates first combined ladies and men's competition



Some of the players attending for the first Ladies and Men's competition on Saturdays.

Traditionally the Club has for 25 years held a mens only competition on Saturdays, ladies only competition on Tuesdays and a mixed competition on Sunday mornings. With the pressures and time constraints on families in today's environment, it is difficult for people to afford sufficient time to play golf for these specific times.

Our Committee is rolling out plans and strategies to encourage younger ladies

(working women and junior girls) to be offered better competition times to work in with education / school and work commitments.

Our first combined competition was held on January 12, 2013 with seven ladies playing amongst the boys, and was very well accepted. A small number of ladies played on the long weekend and figures were expected to be lower in both mens and ladies entries. Changing tradition is not easy and some find change harder to accept than others.

However, declining ladies golf members in West Gippsland has fallen to 600 across the 11 clubs whilst the men members fluctuate between 3000 and 3500. In the West Gippsland Golf association, of the 11 clubs, 6 clubs have

a combined ladies /mens competition in varying forms to build ladies numbers.

Two years ago our forward thinking committee at Churchill and Monash initiated plans to develop golf within the town and surrounding areas. As part of our overall strategy, we implemented a process to have 6 coaches accredited by mid 2012, We applied to VGA for a grant to 'Give-Golf-a-Go' and successfully put 15 new ladies through the course, and led them on the way to enjoying the challenges of golf, of which 3 play regularly and some others enjoy the relaxed social games on the picturesque Churchill and Monash Golf Course.

We have been successful in acquiring a grant for \$750.00 from Victorian Golf Federation for the 'Introduction to Golf for Juniors.' The money is for the purchase of 8 sets of junior golf clubs for interested students in our upcoming junior programs in the middle of 2013. These programs will be an extension of 'VGA MYgolf' program running in some primary schools in Churchill.

Our coaching staff will be contacting the schools in the near future for preliminary

discussions about our programs. A ladies 'Introduction to Golf' course commenced on Saturday February 2 for another 15 ladies wishing to try their hand at golf.

As you can see the Club is proactive in developing golf, assisting interested people to get started and making the golf course available to the Churchill public.

It is exciting to see so much interest in golf within the town and the Club has made it easy to get started, as we have adult and junior equipment available for you, and it saves the initial cost of outlaying for a set of clubs. (Try before you buy concept.)

Our picturesque 9 hole course is situated behind Monash University and our volunteers have to be commended for the amount of work to improve the course to such a high standard.

With the generous backing and support of Monash University and the large volunteer workforce the Club is able to offer low membership rates to our people. Our current yearly membership fee is \$190.00 per year and a \$35.00 joining fee for new members. Alternatively we invite you to enjoy social golf by paying a green fee of \$10.00 per day.

Membership application forms and course layout information is on our Web Site (www.churchillgolf.com.au)

Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

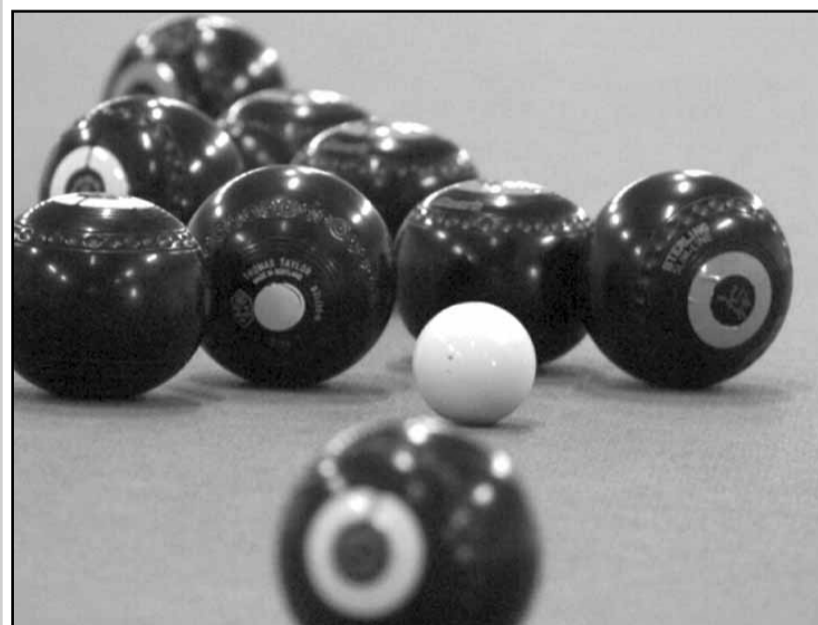
2/2/2013 Men's 2 Person Ambrose Winners H. Martin and G. Spowart 58 ¼, Runner Up L. Stein and B. Kilday 60 ¼ c/b, DTL T. Sterrick and N. Hutchinson 60 ¼, A. Sharrock and M. Bren 63, D. and S. Caldwell 63 ¼, D. Ellwood and C. Hogbin 64 NTP M. Brereton, 5th L.Oates, 12th B. Peter, 14th M. Brereton

3/2/2012 Stableford Men's Winner B. Barnes (29) 30 pts,

3/2/2013 Stableford Ladies Winner M. McConville (20) 37 pts

5/2/2013 Ladies Stroke Monthly Medal Scratch M. Dear (19) 93, Monthly Medal Winner S. Jeffery (35) 68 c/b, DTL M. Munckton (35) 68, L. Peake (34) 70, S. Turner (23) 72 Count Putts M. Munckton 26 c/b NTP 3rd D. Judkins, 5th (0-34) M. Dear, (35-45) D. Stait, 12th M. Dear, 14th (35-45) D. Stait

Churchill Bowls Club



Tonight, at 7:30pm, the Churchill Bowls Club resumes its Thursday night indoor bowls season at Gaskin Park Hall.

The club is looking to increase the number of participants this year.

All new, past and current players are cordially invited to attend and enjoy a fun evening in a friendly atmosphere.

Two split-system air-conditioners will hopefully be in operation by the start of the season.

Churchill Bowls Club would like to thank everyone who supported them by purchasing tickets in the club's Christmas raffle.

Dee, from Churchill, took first place while second place went to W. May from Traralgon. Congratulations to both winners.

Netball royalty attends opening round

Friday night saw round 1 of the Eastern Region State League Netball Competition played at Latrobe City Leisure Churchill. Melbourne Vixens and Australian Diamond player, Bianca Chatfield and Johanna Curran, joined Melbourne Vixens assistant coach, Eloise Southby-Halbish to conduct a clinic for around 40 enthusiastic young netballers. The elite players stayed on as teams prepared for their games, sharing their knowledge and offering players some words of wisdom.

Round 1 was officially opened by Netball Victoria's Chief Executive Officer, Michelle Playne who acknowledged the State selection of Sale's Montana Holmes into the 17 and Under Victorian Team and Leongatha's Megan Rosser selection into the 19 and Under Victorian Team which has come about through this Premier Competition.

Games commenced at full pace seeing last year's 17 and Under Premiers, Sale, getting off to a confident start as they took on one of the competition's newcomers, Gippsland. However Gippsland wasn't about to be dictated to as they continued to throw everything they had at the title holders, with their persistence finally paying off upsetting Sale 40-39, Montana Holmes earned the umpire's votes. Other matches in the 17 and Under division saw Alberton defeated by North Gippsland in a match that was up for grabs, but poor decision making and frustrating errors from Alberton allowed North the win 42-38, North Gippsland's defender Karlee Dal Pra was named best on court. Mid Gippsland stamped their authority on the competition, easily accounting for the very young East Gippsland 63-20.

In the Open Division, North Gippsland faced newcomers Gippsland, and while Gippsland took the points 46-26 in an extremely physical match, it would be in Gippsland's best interest not to look into the win too much against their younger and developing opponents. Former North Gippsland team member now Gippsland team member, Rachael Shaw, was awarded best on court.

East Gippsland managed to fight off a revitalised Alberton after a slow start and a break when it counted in the fourth quarter with the final score 38-31.

Mid Gippsland Green took on their younger team and newcomers Mid Gippsland White. While the young Whites held their nerve for the first quarter the more experienced Greens soon showed them how the game should be played. Mid Gippsland Green took the opportunity to try a variety of combinations and were convincing winners 52-29.

Round 2 will see the debut of the much anticipated Churchill Indoor team as one of three newcomers to the Open division competition. The players and coaching team made the most of their first round bye, taking the opportunity to watch their competitors from the side line. East Gippsland will be the first to face Churchill in a tough match, but Churchill should open their account with four points. Gippsland should come up trumps as they take on the younger Mid Gippsland White and Mid Gippsland Green should continue on their winning way as they take on Alberton.

In the 17 and Under division the game of the round will be played out by Gippsland and Mid Gippsland at 8.30pm.

Cobras raising funds for breast cancer

The Churchill Cricket Club is once again preparing to dig deep for the annual Pink Stumps Day event. This year's event will be held on Saturday, March 2. Pink Stumps Day is an initiative of the McGrath Foundation, which puts money towards the training and placement of Breast Cancer Care Nurses in regional areas.

Jane McGrath was the wife of former Australian Test bowler, Glen McGrath. When she was just 31 years of age, Jane was diagnosed with breast cancer and bravely began her treatment and the long road to recovery.

It was in 2003 that Jane was offered the support of a Breast Cancer Care Nurse. These specially trained nurses offer patients support by answering the many questions that patients have, in a way that is both clear and informed, allowing patients to discuss their fears and anxieties regarding treatment options and procedures.

In Jane McGrath's own words, the nurses allowed her to be the wife and mother that she so dearly wanted to be, and not just Jane McGrath, the cancer patient.

Jane lost her battle with cancer in 2008 but not before establishing, with the help of husband Glen, the McGrath Foundation, to offer every Breast Cancer patient the opportunity to be supported by a Breast Cancer Care Nurse, regardless of where they lived in Australia.

Indeed, it was Jane's wish that the Foundation could provide Australia with an "army" of support nurses and that wish is thriving, thanks in large part to the hard work of those at the McGrath Foundation.

36 women are diagnosed with Breast Cancer every day in Australia. The risk of developing breast cancer before the age of 85 is 1 in 8. The incidence of Breast Cancer in Australia is increasing.

While it may seem odd that a male dominated sport such as cricket, would support a fundraiser for a largely female disease, Churchill Cricket Club Secretary, Wayne Reynolds, points out that "these are our mothers and our sisters, our grandmothers, aunts and cousins. There are very few people,



male or female, that will go through their lives untouched by Breast Cancer."

Churchill began raising money for the McGrath Foundation in 2011 during the inaugural Pink Stumps Day. The club thought it was optimistic in setting a target of \$5,000. The club was to underestimate the generosity of the Churchill community, however, and following the tireless hard work of the club committee and members, a total of over \$10,600 was raised.

Special pink playing shirts were sported by the players on the day and sold to all who wished to support the cause.

It is still a rare event for a Saturday in summer to pass without the distinctive pink shirts being seen in and around Churchill.

A monster raffle was held with more than

a dozen prizes on offer and was drawn at a special dinner event at the Churchill Cricket Club social rooms. It was later discovered that Churchill had raised more money than any other club in Australia and were rewarded with a bat signed by the Australian Test Team.

In 2012, Churchill took pink to a whole new level, engaging the football, netball, soccer and golf clubs in support of the event and the success was an improved total of over \$12,000.

This tally was good for third overall in Australia, showing once again the kindness and generosity of the Churchill community.

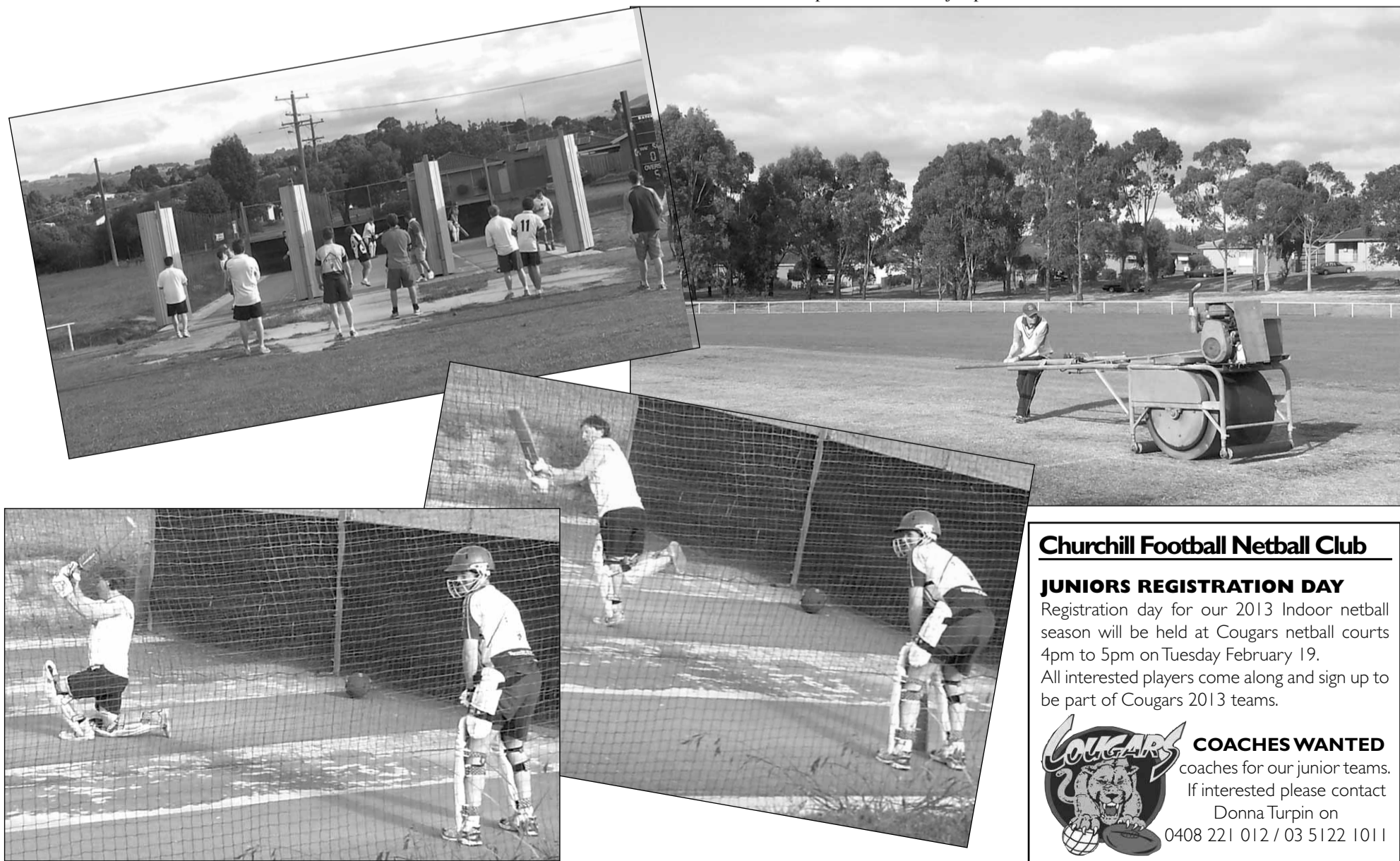
This year Churchill will once again be staging a monster raffle, to be drawn at the social rooms during the Pink Stumps Day dinner.

It is anticipated that the major prize will

once again be a large screen television with many more great prizes, offering ticket holders numerous opportunities to win.

Churchill's B Grade side will be in action on the second day of their two day game against Gormandale, resplendent in their pink playing shirts with a big crowd guaranteed to be on hand for the big day.

The Churchill Cricket Club extends a warm invitation to all to come and share the special day with them at Andrews Park Churchill, on the corner of Acacia Way and Birch Drive with the game beginning at 12:30pm. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. For information on how to purchase tickets or make a tax-deductible donation to the Pink Stumps Day appeal, please contact Wayne Reynolds at churchillcc@hotmail.com



Churchill Football Netball Club

JUNIORS REGISTRATION DAY

Registration day for our 2013 Indoor netball season will be held at Cougars netball courts 4pm to 5pm on Tuesday February 19. All interested players come along and sign up to be part of Cougars 2013 teams.



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