

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

Established 1966

Distributed Free

Obit Jean Brick - p12



Writing Comp - p24

Categories, Conditions and Entry Form

Looking Back - p22, 23



Baseball Come 'n' Try - p25



Boolarra Folk Festival

Approximately 5000 people of all ages attended the eleventh Boolarra Folk Festival on Saturday, March 2. Railway Park was the setting and fine weather made for a happy day.

The popular children's drumming act began the program for the day. Seventy stalls made a colourful array attracting many people to come and try and buy the merchandise.

The previous night at arc Yinnar, the Festival 'lead in' was held with arc Yinnar staff doing all the preparation of the venue, and the Festival providing four performances for the entertainment. It was a great success with a packed house and people being turned away. Festival event co-ordinator, Ray Stewart, said there was a good feeling in working with the neighbouring town of Yinnar, as it ties the two towns together in a positive working relationship.

A sea of people filled the Railway Park area. People of all ages were enjoying what the Festival has to offer. It is the opportunity to promote the town with local musicians able to showcase their talents and diversity of styles.

Local crafts are displayed for sale, and local community groups have an opportunity for fund-raising, especially with selling food. It was a very successful day for all.

Organisers took turns to carry around a guitar to collect donations to keep the Boolarra Folk Festival as a free event. Only about a third of the required funds are raised each year through sales at the merchandising tent.

The Festival committee relies heavily on the sponsors- Latrobe City Council, GDH-Suez

International Power Hazelwood and Mirboo North's Community Bank, which Ray says are wonderful. Russell Northe also is very supportive.

To keep the Festival free is a key goal of the committee, as it is an event to which people can bring their families which is affordable.

Its' popularity is evident in the fact that this is the eleventh event.

No event is any good unless it has a dedicated and reliable committee to run it. Ray says the committee has been expanded over time to include some younger folks with talents. Some more specific tasks have been identified for which a co-ordinator has been appointed. This helps to share the load.

They all work very hard from one year's event to the next with little respite. On top of the committee around 60 extra people volunteer to help on the day, and thus spread the load even more.

Ray, on reflecting on the event said, "I feel very pleased with the outcome. The town feels really good about itself at Festival time. It reminds me of my young days when as a kid I went to the Mirboo North Show. There is a carnival atmosphere and everyone is happy and having a good fun time, and enjoying themselves."

This unique event will continue (weather permitting) into the future as it is special to our area, and the committee knows what they can do, and do it well.



Yinnar Fiddlehead Festival

By Carolyn Boothman

The 2013 Fiddlehead Festival was a huge success, with over 2000 people attending the event at the Yinnar Recreation Reserve.

Despite the heat, people turned out in droves to participate in musical workshops, listen to over 25 bands/musicians perform

during the day, enjoy the market stalls and children's activities, and enjoy a relaxed family friendly atmosphere. The event was largely supported by many community groups and local businesses, and organisers are already starting to work on the 2014 Festival.

Churchill & District News Proudly Supported By



DAINBRIDGE NICHOLSON FINANCIAL SERVICES

George Nicholson, B.Com,CA

Chartered Accountant,
Tax Agent and Financial Planner

Phone: 5122 2033

Fax: 5122 2733

Email: kim.dainbridge@bigpond.com

Churchill & District News is a community newspaper staffed by volunteers.

The Team

- Team Leader/
 Secretary: Ruth Place
 Treasurer: Ruth Courtis
 Editor: Carol Scott
 Advertising: Ruth Place, Tracey Burr
 Layout: Allan Larkin
 Production: Tracey Burr, Carol Scott, Ruth Place, Sam Gillett, Allan Larkin
 Proof Readers: Ruth Place, Olivia Jackson, Geraldine Larkin, Carol Scott
 Team Members: Val Prokopiv, Bethany Leak, Delma Hodges, Charlie Rawlinson, Bea Stallbom
 Webpage: Cassandra Hooimeyer

www.cdnews.com.au

Contributions

The deadline for the submission of articles and advertisements for the April 2013 edition is March 30, 2013

EDITORIAL

Articles for publication and Letters to the Editor can be sent to:
 Churchill & District News
 PO Box 234, Churchill, 3842
 Or Email: cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au
 All articles must be submitted by the 30th of each month for publication in the next issue.



Articles can be left in our Drop Off Boxes
 Located at:
 Churchill Post Office,
 Co-Operating Church,
 Williams Avenue
 (east side door)

ADVERTISING

Advertising enquiries can be addressed to:
 Ruth Place, Tracey Burr or Allan Larkin
 Churchill & District News
 PO Box 234, Churchill, 3842
 or Email: cdnadvertising@aussiebb.com.au
 Telephone: Ruth 03 5122 1961
 Tracey 0422 823 179
 Allan 0427 372 517

Disclaimer

The Churchill and District News wishes to advise that the views or remarks expressed in this publication are not necessarily the views of the Editor or the Management Team and no endorsement of service is implied by the listing of advertisers, sponsors or contributors.

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS IS PRODUCED UNDER THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF THE CO-OPERATING CHURCHES OF CHURCHILL. THE CO-OPERATION IS MADE UP OF THE ANGLICAN, UNITING AND CHURCHES OF CHRIST

Vote for C&DN in the People's Choice Awards 2013

Voting for the Telstra Business Centre People's Choice Awards opened on February 1, 2013. Voting is open to everybody and one voter has a chance to win a \$500 Tourism package. To vote, click on the link on the Latrobe City Business Tourism Association's website - www.lcbta.org - and select a nominee from the drop down menu. Churchill & District News has been nominated under 'Most Popular Community Service/Organisation' and their Junior Fishing Competition is nominated under 'Most Popular Community Event'. For your vote to count, and to be entered into the running for the \$500 tourism pack, you must follow the link that they email to you after completing your nominations. Voting closes on April 30, 2013.

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED WEBSITE AT WWW.CDNEWS.COM.AU FOR ALL YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS

Anne's Cafe First Birthday



Anne's customers were treated to a free chocolate on Friday, as the cafe celebrated it's first birthday.

Bike Parking Infrastructure Ride 2 School

Member for Morwell, Russell Northe, recently raised in Parliament the importance of the Ride2School program along with ensuring local schools were supported in providing adequate bike parking infrastructure. Mr Northe asked the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Hugh Delahunty, to consider schools in the Morwell electorate for future funding opportunities to acquire bike-parking infrastructure. Bike parking infrastructure is a crucial barrier in getting more students riding more often. Bike Parking facilities and infrastructure play an integral role in encouraging schools and students to take up active travel. Mr Northe spoke about the importance of the Ride2School program and its partnership with various government departments and community groups.

"The Ride2School program is not just about the fun activity of riding a bike, it is about acquiring appropriate road skills, about road safety, and providing children with the confidence to be able to ride to school," Mr Northe said. "The exercise element is most important, as are the social skills because in many regional areas the children will ride as a group to their school. Sport and Recreation Victoria has provided funding to Bicycle Victoria to deliver the Ride2School program for four years until June 2015." Mr Northe said, "Friday March 22, 2013, marks the seventh annual National Ride2School Day. 140,000 Australian students are expected to ride, walk, scoot or skate to school. "Ride2School is about

encouraging students along with teachers and staff to choose an active way of getting to school whilst exercising, with the result being that children will be more alert and ready to learn." For more information or to register for Ride2School Day 2013 please visit www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/general/ride2school

Churchill & District News	
Advertising Prices January 1, 2013	Book Your Advert for 6 Months to receive a 10% discount
1. Full Page Colour 26cm c 38 cm \$290.00 \$515.00	1. Full Page Colour 26cm c 38 cm \$260.00 \$464.00
2. Half Page Colour 26cm x 19cm \$245.00 \$312.00	2. Half Page Colour 26cm x 19cm \$201.00 \$280.00
3. 4 Columns 19cm x 14.8cm \$130.00	3. 4 Columns 19cm x 14.8cm \$117.00
4. 7 Columns 26cm x 8.5cm \$130.00	4. 7 Columns 26cm x 8.5cm \$117.00
5. 3 Columns 11cm x 14.5cm \$94.00	5. 3 Columns 11cm x 14.5cm \$85.00
6. 3 Columns 11cm x 8.5 \$52.00	6. 3 Columns 11cm x 8.5 \$47.00
7. 2 Columns 7cm x 6.5cm \$36.00	7. 2 Columns 7cm x 6.5cm \$32.00
8. 2 Columns 11cm x 4cm \$36.00	8. 2 Columns 11cm x 4cm \$32.00

*All prices include GST

ADVERTISING PAYS!!!!!!!

To book your advertisement please contact:
 Ruth Place or Tracey Burr
 03 5122 1961 or 0422 823 179
 or email: cdnadvertising@aussiebb.com.au

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

Darren Chester
 FEDERAL MEMBER FOR GIPPSLAND
www.darrenchester.com

THE NATIONALS for Regional Australia

Churchill Rainfall February

41 mil of rain fell for the month making the total rainfall for the year 45 mil.

DEAN'S SMASH REPAIRS

- ONSITE QUOTING • 2 PAK BAKED ENAMEL
- PAINTLESS DENT REMOVAL • 24hr TOWING CAN BE ARRANGED • SMASH REPAIR SPECIALISTS
- AUTO ROBOT CHASSIS ALIGNMENT SYSTEM

81-83 LATROBE ROAD, MORWELL 3840
Phone 5134 3148 Fax 5134 8259
 Email: mardaz@sctelco.net.au

Hazelwood House Happenings

"Animals on the Move" visited the hostel, and for two hours our residents cuddled and nursed many of the animals, which consisted of goats, baby pig, rabbits, lambs, a rooster, guinea pigs and a calf.



Marion Ling holding a rabbit



Alice Sharrock holding a guinea pig



The residents enjoy getting together for a game of 500. Jack is a hard one to beat. The rest give him a good run for their money (they only play for the fun of it.)



The residents enjoy a game of musical bingo and sing-a-long to the songs. Every-one gets a prize (even if it is only a few lollies) when they play bingo, so we get a great turn up at this activity.

All Discount **Murphy Trading** PTY LTD

STEEL CLEARANCE

- Colourbond -
- Structural steel - Fencing -
Polycarbonate - Carport/shed frames

8 Saskia Way, Morwell **5134 8400**

HAZELWOOD HEALTH CENTRE

We are pleased to welcome our new doctor

Dr Ravi Wijesekara

And welcome back

Dr Shuba Dev

CONSULTING HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 AM - 5.30 PM

SATURDAY 8 AM - 1.30 PM

BULK BILLING

To all Medicare Card Holders

Telephone **5122 2555**

9a GEORGINA PLACE, CHURCHILL

M&CG

Medical & Aged Care Group

Caring Family Medicine

Flu Clinic

Protect yourself this flu season. Get your flu vaccination at Advantage Pharmacy Churchill



Only \$25, no script required

Wednesday April 17, 9am-12pm

Bookings essential, payment required at time of booking.

@ advantage PHARMACY

Shop 7, West Place Shopping Centre

Monday-Friday 8.30 am - 6.00 pm - Saturday 9.00 am - 2.00 pm

Telephone **5122 1390**

value, savings, choice & advice

Proceeds to
Tasmanian
Bushfire Relief
Effort

Old Time Family Dance

Jeeralang North Hall

Jeeralang North Road
Friday March 22



Dancing from
8.00 pm to 11.30 pm
Music: Ken and Alice

Admission: \$10.00
Door Prize
Supper supplied

For more details please ring Judy Mele 5166 1682

Northe's Natter

On Wednesday February 27, Federal Member for Gippsland, Darren Chester and I attended the Churchill Shopping Centre for a community visit to speak about matters of importance with local residents and groups.

Darren and I were both keen to hear from local residents about projects and initiatives that would benefit our local community. It was a pleasing turn out on the day with much fruitful discussions.

We would like to thank the Churchill Newsagency for allowing us to use their facilities for the day.

Talking about projects, I recently joined with the Minister for Higher Education and Skills, Peter Hall, to mark the start of construction of a \$90 million recycling plant at Australian Paper's Maryvale Mill. The Victorian Government recently announced \$3 million in funding towards the \$90 million recycling plant project, which will deliver vastly improved environmental outcomes and local jobs.

The Maryvale plant will create more than 960 jobs during its construction, and once in operation, the recycling plant is expected to contribute \$51 million to gross domestic product each year, and support 246 flow on jobs.

I also recently had the pleasure of announcing \$500,000 in funding over 4 years for the Latrobe Regional Hospital (LRH) Emergency Department to help them better respond to drug and alcohol affected patients. Latrobe Regional Hospital is one of 21 Emergency Departments across the state to receive four year funding under the Government's recently released Reducing the alcohol and drug toll: Victoria's plan 2013-2017.

Works being carried out by the contractor, Filmer Group, on the Churchill Town Hall Plaza continue to progress well.

The Plaza is an important feature of the Churchill Town Centre Plan. It will provide an outdoor meeting space in Churchill Town Centre, designed for informal use and for gatherings such as Australia Day and Anzac Day events. The Project has been funded by Council along with a significant grant of \$100,000 from the Department of Planning and Community Development's "Creating Better Places" program.

Works on this stage are expected to be completed by the end of March. The next stage of works on the Town Hall Plaza includes the connection to the Men's Shed and removal of a "dead spot" to the south of the town hall. Between the Town Hall and Georgina Place, works will include the construction of a platform for the war memorial, flag poles, a pathway up the

Unfortunately there has been an increase in the number of people affected by drugs and alcohol presenting at LRH's emergency department and it is imperative that our marvellous health professionals are provided with adequate support in dealing with these often difficult scenarios.

In turn it's important that patients who present with drug and alcohol problems are linked in with local service providers in an endeavour to assist in overcoming these and other issues that may see a person continually present at LRH's emergency department.

Monash University Churchill Campus has been the subject of much discussion in recent times. A proposal whereby the Gippsland Campus of Monash would join with the University of Ballarat to form an expanded regionally focused university is currently being considered.

It is important for the Churchill community to understand and provide views on such a proposition. Further information can be found at www.monash.edu/gippsland.future

Whilst there is still much conversation to come there does appear to be an enormous opportunity to enhance and improve the Churchill campus and its offerings, which in turn will benefit the Churchill and Gippsland community.

Entries are currently open for the 'Spirit of Anzac prize'. The Victorian Government is giving Victorian year 9 and 10 students the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Australia's Anzacs on an overseas study tour with entries for the 2013-2014 Premiers Spirit of Anzac Prize competition now open.

The 2014 Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize will provide

12 students, two more than the previous years, with the opportunity to participate in an all-expense paid overseas study-tour.

Students entering the 2013-2014 competition must address the following topic: To what extent is the Anzac spirit relevant to life in Australia today? What can it teach us about the Australia we want for the future?

Applications for the Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize 2013-14 can be downloaded from the Spirit of Anzac website at www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/veterans/premiers-spirit-of-anzac-prize

Finally, Latrobe Valley community members are invited to get a glimpse inside Victoria's historic Legislative Assembly and Council chambers at this year's Parliament House Open Day on Sunday March 24. I encourage you to make the most of this opportunity to see inside and outside the historical Parliament House building, one of Melbourne's best known landmarks. The Open Day will run from 10.30am until 3.30pm and admission is free. For more information visit www.parliament.vic.gov.au or phone: 9651 8567.



Darrell White

hill, and access to the top level of the Town Hall.

BE ACTIVE program

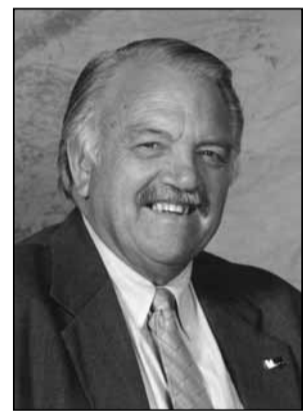
Funding of \$488,000 over three years will help Council launch a VicHealth and Sport and Recreation Victoria "BE ACTIVE program" aimed at inspiring residents to get more physical activity into their day. Latrobe City Council is one of five councils to receive the funding to encourage children, families and older people to be more active.

The first step for Latrobe City will be to use the VicHealth Physical Activity Framework to strengthen our Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

Council's Healthy Communities staff will be asking local residents to indicate what recreation and leisure activities are needed in their area. Community advice will be used to assist in the planning and provision of various initiatives that will

promote physical activity.

Common barriers to physical activity include lack of time, cost, lack of motivation, support or companionship, perceptions of risk and social or cultural influences. The intention of this program is to demonstrate that there are many ways to increase physical activity for improved health outcomes.



GIPPSLAND

FURNITURE HOUSE GROUP



Huge Selection on all bedding

Quality Custom-made Furniture



Children's Combo



Extensive range of lounges and occasional furniture



VISIT OUR SHOWROOM AT: 224 COMMERCIAL ROAD, MORWELL. PHONE 5134 1888

OR TAKE YOUR PLAN TO OUR FACTORY FOR A FREE QUOTE AT: 73 CHURCH STREET, MORWELL. PHONE/FAX 5134 2933

Lumen Christi Playgroup



Lumen Christi Playgroup is a weekly run group that operates within the school grounds of Lumen Christi

Situated in the Eco Centre, the group meet every Thursday of school terms from 9.30 am to 11 am.

Cost of each session is \$2 (with each additional child in the family \$1 extra)

All funds collected weekly, are used to fund special activity days, including Easter, Mothers Day, Fathers Day and Christmas celebrations.

Children from new born to Kindergarten age are encouraged to attend. The group has a wide variety of educational toys, and toys and play to help

your child with group interaction and learning motor skills required for school.

The parent's / grandparents and minders get to use this time for a cuppa and chat with others and special quality play time with their little ones.

Tea/coffee and toilets available.

Lumen Christi Playgroup offers a safe indoor play room. New members to the group are always welcome, and can come along on any Thursday.

If you have further inquiries or wish to find out more, please contact Christine Morrey on 0401 249 726.

Gallery collection houses many treasures

There are many treasures to be found in the back rooms of Latrobe Regional Gallery, and you're invited to browse two new exhibitions drawn from these treasures.

Latrobe City Council's arts director, Julie Adams, said that the gallery has a collection of over 1500 artworks that come in all shapes and sizes.

"The first work was acquired in 1968, even before there was a gallery, and ever since then the collection has grown to include paintings, sculptures, works on paper, ceramics and glass.

It is not possible to have all of these works on display all of the time, but we regularly exhibit sections of the collection. For the curators and technicians who work at the gallery, the collection is part of their daily lives.

We all have favourites and we are constantly seeing these artworks in different ways. The collection is a fantastic record of not only Australian art, but also reflects different ways of thinking and changes in society through the decades," Ms Adams said.

"Many of the works have been influenced in some way by the Gippsland region, either being made by artists who live here or have visited or who have been inspired by the built and natural environment.

Currently there are two exhibitions on show that have been drawn from our own collection. Shelley McDermott, gallery technician, has a unique view of the collection as her job is to physically handle the works, hanging exhibitions and making sure that they are stored correctly when not on display. This means she is 'up close and personal' with a broad range of works, large heavy sculptures or paintings to the most fragile tiny glass work.

One of the exhibitions, *Semblance*, shows works on paper from the collection and has been curated by Shelley. All of the works in the exhibition portray the face in some way," Ms Adams.

Ms McDermott said her selection was inspired by Sonia Lawson's work *Night Watchman*.

"This work depicts a black horse against a dark background, with a human face layered over the top. I spend a lot of time in the storage areas looking at works, and almost have a catalogue in my head. Some of the works in this exhibition were easy choices, works that I had admired previously. Other works I spent time searching around for, and some I found by happy accident," Ms McDermott explained.

The other LRG collection exhibition currently on show is titled *Transition*. In 1989 Mandy Martin visited the Latrobe Valley and subsequently made a number of large, expressive paintings inspired by the built environment of this region.

Ms Adams added that it seemed timely to show all these works together.

"Not only because the gallery recently acquired another work from this series, but looking at these paintings provides us with a prompt to think about our place, what it means to us and how we think about it in relation to the past, the present and the future.

It is really interesting that these paintings seem to generate polarised responses - people either love them or hate them! The great thing is, they get people talking about the things that are important to us," Ms Adams concluded.

Semblance continues until April 14, and *Transition* continues until May 26.

The gallery is open 7 days a week and entry is free.

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

Advertise
in
your local community newspaper



PTY LTD

13 George Street Morwell, 3840
Tel: (03) 5134 2555 Fax: (03) 5134 3109

Providing a Complete Service to the Community

- Spectacle Makers
- Sun Glasses
- Contact Lens Practitioners
- Eye Examinations
- Cataract, Diabetes & Glaucoma Co-Management

Without a Travel Agent You're on your own . . .



We pride ourselves on our service.

We are there before, during and after your holiday for complete confidence and assurance . . .

213 Commercial Road, Morwell

Phone 5134 3388

Jetset Travel Morwell
KNOW THE WORLD WE KNOW

Licence No.32298



Morwell

32B Vestan Drive

We'll show you how to...

- | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| .Retail & Trade | .Interior/Exterior | .Timber |
| .Automotive | .Industrial | .Marine |
| .Metal | .Paving | .Roof |
| .Wallpaper | .Decostickers | .Metal |
| .Paint Accessories | .Equipment hire | .Colour Matching |

**Mon-Fri 7:30am - 5:00pm
Saturday 9am to 12pm**

For Specialist Advice, Inspiration and Painting Tips

visit us in store

Ph: 5134 6844

facebook

Visit our facebook page.



www.facebook.com/paintplacemorwell

wattyl INDEPENDENT TRADE CENTRE

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

**Our new updated website was launched in February,
for all your information about the
Churchill & District News, Previous Issues,
Advertising Enquiries, Competition Details
visit www.cdnews.com.au**

Church News

From the Chaplain

By Pene Brook

A young country journalist was out gathering the stories of local farmers with the idea of a newspaper series in mind. At one farmhouse he was welcomed by an old farmer, his elderly wife and their old dog.

"What do you call your dog?" the reporter asked the farmer. The farmer scratched his head for a while then asked the reporter, "What do you call that plant with the pretty flower and thorns up its stem?" "A rose," replied the reporter. "Rose, Rose," yelled the farmer at his wife, "What do we call the old dog?"

An amusing but difficult story if you are supporting someone with the forgetfulness of dementia as I am with my mum, but too often we suffer with spiritual dementia. We forget that we are beloved children of God. We become overwhelmed by the circumstances of life and doubt our identity and ministry in God.



In some circumstances, to doubt is natural; doubts are part of human survival, but doubts in the face of God can cause us to falter or lose sight of who we are and who we are called to be. As we continue our journey through Lent, we need to remember and reflect on the knowledge that God is with us, despite any difficulties we may face.

Do not fall into forgetfulness but remember that we are loved by God.

Lumen Christi Snippets

Lent – 2013

The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season, the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.

Project Compassion

Boxes/envelopes are available at the Piety Stall in the foyer. Your donation is paramount to the success of Caritas reaching out to the poorest of the poor!

St Vincent de Paul – Churchill Conference

We would like to ask parishioners and their families and friends to consider donating their Community Benefits points at Ritchie IGA in

Churchill to St Vinnies. They do make a difference!

Thank you very much for your constant support throughout the year. God bless and keep you all close to his heart.

PS - New Members welcome. Contact Lou Van Eyk – phone - 0402 103 136

Churchill Cuppa

Morning tea after 9.00 am Mass on the last Sunday of the Month.

Lumen Christi Playgroup Held weekly on Thursdays at the Eco Centre, from 9.30-11.00am during school term. Contact Catherine Campbell phone : 5122 2231

Co-Operating Church Snippets

One of our adult members became baptised early in February and made a member of God's family. It was a delightful occasion with a special morning tea to follow the service.

Coffee Connections folks met late in January and again in February.

Joan Cox was the guest speaker. Her husband Ivan, a Doctor, had spent some time in Zambia working near a national park to service the tourists. He had also been involved with helping the local Zambian people.

Joan told of the poor circumstances in which many of the population live and their life, with food and lack of resources and facilities absent which we take for granted. She focused on the children and their great desire to have an education, but who were often prevented from attending school as their parents could not afford the book and pen necessary, or they had no parents due to Aids.

Some children did not even have footwear. It was an excellent talk, informative but saddening to hear. There is so much which can be done to help.

Our AGM was held this month, also with the election of our new parish council and office bearers. The day was celebrated as our first birthday as the new combined parish with balloons and a scrumptious sponge birthday cake, courtesy of Glenda.

Ruth Place was the guest speaker for Saturday Breakfast, the first for the year. She spoke about her trip to United Arab Emirates and Oman. About 20 people enjoyed porridge and toast with spreads prior to the talk, which was illustrated with a set of photos



projected with the help of Garry.

Sadly, our lovely precious member, Jean Brick, who passed away on February 19, was farewelled, at her funeral, with a wonderful celebration of her amazing life. Jean has been an integral part of the church's life from the start, and her lovely smile, loving care and practical ways will be very much missed.

A series of Lenten studies has asked us to consider how we might help reduce the world's great poverty. The studies have been thought-provoking and enlightening.



Saturday Breakfast

Our Guest Speaker was Ruth Place, who spoke to us about her recent visit to the United Arab Emirates, and Oman, on the historic Arabian Peninsula. Some of those present have passed through Dubai en route to Europe, but Ruth explored both countries by car, complete with English speaking driver/guide. The talk was accompanied by excellent projected pictures, with technical support from Garry Mauger. We were introduced to the modern opulence of the Emirates-stunning sky scrapers, magnificent highways, and fine hotels. Ruth showed us her hotel accommodation with welcoming spas and pools. Daytime temperatures were 40 degrees C. An excursion into the desert was a highlight of the first stage of the trip, followed by a drive from Dubai to Khasab into Northern Oman, on the Masandan Peninsula, adjacent to the famous Straits of Hormuz. We saw the Western Hajar Mountains, and magnificent fjords. Oman does not enjoy the enormous oil wealth of the United Arab Emirates, but has been guided into the 21st century by Sultan Qaboos for the past forty years. Ruth flew from the peninsula south to Muscat, the capital of Oman. Today, even the remotest villages in Oman have electricity and assured water supply, with a good network of roads. Basic education is available across the country. We saw examples of villages old and new, beautiful wadis, extensive irrigated terraces, and the mountains of the Eastern Hajars. Ruth remarked that both Oman and the UAE have preserved aspects of the ancient history of these

lands. Pictures of early wind towers, used to cool homes and public buildings, were of special interest. The fishing industry and agriculture now play a significant role in the economy of modern Oman. We glimpsed souks, mosques, and grand palaces along the way. Thanks Ruth, for taking us along. At the end we wanted more!



Statistics:
UAE-Capital Abu Dhabi, Head of State, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al-Nahyan. Population- 5.9 million.
Oman-Capital Muscat, Head of State, Sultan Qaboos Bin Said. Population- 3.4 million.
Neil Terrill

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:

Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am



Churchill Christian Fellowship

Maple Crescent, Churchill
Sunday: 10.00am

Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

Rev. Brenda Burney
Willams Avenue,
Churchill.

Tel: 5122 1480

Glenda and Ian Combridge

Tel: 5166 1819

Sunday Service: 9.00am

Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish

Week 1 - 11am at Boolarra U C A

Week 2 - 11am at Boolarra U C A

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

Week 4 - 11am at Yinnar Worship Service

Week 5 - 11am at Yinnar South Anglican H C

Pest Control Services - I & G Combridge
5166 1822 - THE TRUSTED NAME IN 20 YEARS - 5166 1822

Churchill Fire Brigade



of dryness. This is supported by observations of leaf drop and wilting or dying plants in the bush and in our gardens. We need to prepare for further dry conditions and more fires. We are not through this fire season yet. Do not be complacent. Be wary of the sting in the tail end of summer.

The Churchill Brigade's fire fighting members have continued their commitment to fighting fires through attendance in strike teams to help at the Aberfeldy-Donnelly fire (in particular at Licola), working in asset protection and helping the local community prepare so they are ready should the fire come their way.

They have also been called out to local fires including the recent Coalville-Narracan fire which started on Saturday February 23. This fire will continue to have crews monitoring it for some time.

Churchill Captain, Steve Barling, echoes the Chief Officer, urging people to prepare and maintain their properties as it is extremely dry, with below average rainfall. "Up to now, our area seems to have missed rain which has fallen in other areas," he said. "Everywhere is dry - the bush, the grass. The effects of the current rain, while welcome, will soon dry off again, and the potential for more fires locally will remain for the next couple of months. This indicates a continuing bad fire season scenario."

Report Suspicious Fires

The CFA, HVP and DSE have been working hard with Police to prevent and detect arson. Please help them by keeping your eyes open, and by being vigilant for suspicious behaviour near where a fire starts. Reports of suspicious activity can be made to your local Police, or anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Euan Ferguson, Chief Officer of CFA, in a letter to CFA members reports:

A very busy fire season so far:

The extent and intensity of the ongoing commitment to major bushfires in the state is non stop and continuing daily. There are major fires burning in the southern Grampians, backburning continues on the Aberfeldy - Donnelly fire and the Harrietville Alpine North and South fire. Lightning caused fires to burn north of Dargo and in remote alpine country near Mount Buller. In addition, we have seen hundreds of small and medium fires start from severe lightning storms across most of the state.

Until we have rain - we will continue to be busy with fires:

During the months of January and February the State has experienced extremely dry conditions. If you check the Bureau of Meteorology's 3 month rainfall map, the rainfall decile map tells a very clear story. Almost all of Victoria has experienced below average rainfall. Many locations have experienced very much below, or lowest, on record. Many locals think that it is drier than during the drought, but with a rapid onset

Churchill & District Lions Club



Meet
1st and 3rd
Wednesday
of each Month

CONTACT
Bill Hurenkamp

PHONE:
5174 4221



JB COMPUTERS

71A, George St, Morwell 3840 (Opp. Bendigo Bank)

Ph: 5133 7617 / www.jbcomputers.com.au

**PRINTER
INK
CARTRIDGES**
from
\$5.95
100% COMPATIBLE FOR
EPSON, HP AND CANON

NEW PC + LCD, \$598
REPAIRS, VIRUS REMOVAL, UPGRADES
LAPTOP AND PC PARTS,
NOTEBOOK REPAIRS
UNIVERSAL LAPTOP CHARGER - \$59
TREND INTERNET SECURITY - \$49 (3 USER)
USED PC from \$150, USED LAPTOP \$250
DIGITAL CAMERA ACCESSORIES
CHEAP DVD/CD DISKS AND COVERS, ETC.

Meet our International Visitors



By Margaret Guthrie

Churchill township is privileged to host many international students studying at the University campus. Under-graduate students generally live in the student on-campus residences, shop locally and support investment in our recreational facilities. A number of international Post-Graduate students reside in Churchill, sometimes bringing their families here too.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to chat with students from a variety of overseas nations such as China, America, Bangladesh, South Africa and Singapore. It is interesting to hear of their experiences in Australia, particularly in coming to a regional campus and the contrast between life in Gippsland and 'at home'.

Both Monash and the Student Union conduct a number of 'welcoming' activities on campus for international students, but CDCA believes there is a need for a 'Churchill welcome', held in the community.

CDCA is pleased to announce that we are hosting an informal get-together for local residents and international students at the Churchill Community Hub on Thursday April 18, at 4pm. Afternoon tea will be provided and local residents are encouraged to attend.

Not only will this provide an opportunity to meet and chat with international students, it will enable us to showcase our hospitality and reputation as a 'friendly' nation. For many international students, unused to our open spaces, our informal customs and the relaxed relationships we enjoy with neighbours, shop-keepers and authority figures, Churchill is a very 'foreign' place.

Foreign places can make any of us feel unsafe, particularly if the

language and culture is different and we are a long way from home, family and friends. A 'welcome' and an introduction to the people you see around town can do much to increase a visitor's perception of safety.

This project is supported by Churchill Neighbourhood Centre, Monash University and MUGSU Inc (Monash University Gippsland Student Union). CDCA would like to express our appreciation of the support by these organisations for this venture.

We hope to see the friendly faces of many locals attending this function on April 18, 4pm at the Community Hub. Come along and introduce yourselves to our international visitors - let's put on a welcome that shows Churchill is a safe, neighbourly place to visit.

Our March CDCA meeting is a General Meeting and Open Forum. The topic for discussion is 'the Future of the Gippsland Campus'. It will be held at 7pm on Wednesday March 27.

At our February Committee meeting, there was much talk about the recently announced changes to the University; the transition from a Monash campus to a new arrangement with the University of Ballarat and the impact of this change on Churchill. It was decided that this would be a good topic for our March General Meeting, as it seems many local residents are interested to find out more.

This Meeting will be held in Module D at Green Inc in McDonald Way - park and enter at the eastern end of the building. The Meeting will commence at 7pm, March 27. All members and observers are welcome. A light supper will be provided.

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



**WALK BEHIND
LAWN MOWERS
FROM
\$499***
Refers to model LC18

TAMING THE WILD™

Exclusively designed for the Australian market, the **NEW** Husqvarna Walk Behind Mowers can easily maintain a wide range of lawn types, even in the most extreme conditions.



LC18 LAWN MOWER
Briggs & Stratton
DOV series engine
46cm / 18" Steel deck
\$499



LC19 LAWN MOWER
Briggs & Stratton
DOV series engine
48cm / 19" Steel deck
\$599



LC19A LAWN MOWER
Briggs & Stratton
DOV series engine
48cm / 19" Alloy deck
\$699



LC19AP LAWN MOWER
Briggs & Stratton
DOV I/C series engine
48cm / 19" Alloy deck
\$799

YOUR AUTHORISED HUSQVARNA SPECIALIST DEALER

Central Gippsland Mowers & Chainsaws

533 Princes Drive, Morwell Ph: 5134 8899

309 Princes Highway, Traralgon Ph: 5176 1999

www.husqvarna.com.au

EZILEASE
with Husqvarna

Ask about our Ezilease Rental Solution.
For quick and easy approval phone
1300 EZI LEASE (1300 394 532)

S&J CYCLES

RIDE LIFE RIDE GIANT

GIANT
bicycle range

35 Tarwin Street,
Morwell

Phone
5134 3891

Fax 5134 5503

Email: sjcycles@netspace.net.au



Looking Back Looking Back.....

...through the eyes of locals residents

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

An Oral History of Churchill & District

Copies available at
\$15

Contact - Ruth - Ph: 03 5122 1961

Churchill Lions Club

A busy start to February for the Lions Club with the Club catering at the Outdoor Leasurfest Expo at Kernot Hall.

Good weather and hungry crowds kept everyone involved busy for the three days of the show.

The Club needed all hands on deck and a few more, but as usual came through with flying colors, raising important funds to support our local projects. Just to make life interesting, on the Friday that the Expo started, the Club were asked to cater breakfast for firemen who had been fighting the Aberfeldy fires. No problems, cook breakfast, clean up and cook at the Expo – easy (not quite). The following week on the hottest of days, there we were again at Bunning's in Morwell cooking sausages, and were asked to come back the following week to do it again. What Lions will do to raise money only to give it away to local causes and those who need it.

The Club this month has given financial support to the local fire appeal and other charities, as well financially supporting Lion's disaster fund and the Lions Seeing Eye project.

The recent fires near Licola have luckily not caused any damage to Lions Wilderness Village, only causing a few camp delays and some worrying moments for camp management and personnel; this is great as the Village has suffered some major setbacks over the years.

The Lions Clubs of Victoria and the Lions Clubs from Southern NSW first began establishing the Licola Wilderness Village in 1969, prior to that it was an abandoned, derelict logging settlement. With a lot of help from Lions clubs and other volunteers and the Army, considerable earthworks, bridge refurbishment and relocation of houses, it was transformed to the village it is today.

Churchill Lions Club has always been actively involved with the Village, from the very early days to now, and presently is assisting with general working bees and the rebuilding of house 15.

Each year the Club sponsors local disadvantaged children to attend summer camps.

Lions Village Licola's Mission Statement is "to conduct and maintain a public benevolent



institution promoting respect, mutual trust, self confidence and esteem, discipline and communication skills through group activities in a caring atmosphere conducive to enjoyment and education of life, primarily for disabled, disadvantaged and infirm of the communities".

Following a series of natural disasters in late 2006 and through 2007 over \$2 million has been invested into the activities and infrastructure of the camp, and with the help of Local and State Governments and Philanthropic Agencies, the Lions Clubs have worked tirelessly to re-establish the camp as it is today, bigger and better than ever, with new activities and much greater accessibility for all ability groups.

The facilities include accommodation consisting of 16 separate weatherboard houses in a village style setting, catering for up to 250 people.

Houses are 3 or 4 bedrooms, providing bunk accommodation, own bathroom and toilet facilities, a large dining hall capable of seating up to 250 people inside, and around 50 outside, on an extensive balcony overlooking the large oval and the Macalister River.

A fully equipped industrial standard kitchen produces a range of well-balanced meals catering for large groups.

Conference style facilities are also available with a large basketball size indoor stadium with a stage complete with a piano and audio equipment.

The stadium is equipped with table tennis tables and a wide range of ball and other games.

A large self-contained room at the rear of the hall provides an ideal relaxation or meeting area, as well as showers and toilets.

Creativity is catered for in a special art and craft building equipped with a potter's wheel and screens for screen printing.

Other facilities include an outdoor solar heated swimming pool, chapel, fully equipped laundry and drying room, as well as covered BBQ's and special campfire area.

Plough Creek Homestead

Plough Creek Cooking School (PCCS) is thrilled to announce cooking classes with tastes of the Mediterranean/Middle East, Eitan Doron will be the guest chef presenter on March 24 and 25, 2013.

With more than ten years' experience in the food and restaurant industry in Israel and overseas, Eitan finds his dedication and passion for food and the industry continues to develop.

He is enthusiastic about producing

high quality, creative and innovative dishes for the Australian public.

Eitan has worked and trained in Israel and France. He has worked with chefs in New Zealand before settling in Australia. He continues to develop his repertoire of fine foods, that includes Italian, French, Middle Eastern and Mediterranean cuisines.

Lebanese Class - March 24

Greek Class - March 24

Moroccan class - March 25

A different menu each day. To book your place please email: debra@ploughcreek.com.au or phone 0419 014 590
www.ploughcreek.com.au

Clearly mark email: "Eitan Doron cooking class" to receive further details on how to confirm your place.

Spaces are limited – so book early.

PCH is located at 34 Malcolm Way, Hazelwood North, 3840 Victoria

Concrete never looked so good!



Holcim

Concrete

Holcim supply all size loads from Commercial to Residential and Domestic. We also have an extensive range of colour and exposed concrete.



Technical

Holcim have a NATA accredited technical laboratory based in Morwell.



Aggregates

Holcim supply an extensive range of quarry products from aggregate through to crushed rock and packing sand.



Concrete

- Morwell
Mick 03 5133 4800
- Leongatha
Alaister 03 5662 3415

Aggregates

- Jeeralang Quarry
Dianne 03 5166 1444
- Tyers Sand
Dianne 03 5166 1444

Holcim

formerly Readymix

LARGE RANGE

HOODIES ... \$45

T-SHIRTS ... \$25
(including bands)

Nook and Cranny

97 Buckley Street

Morwell



Churchill Gardening Group

Wow!! What a hot and dry summer, but not the flooding of Queensland and N.S.W.

However, in Victoria, we have fires to the north of us here in Churchill, and the Alpine region of Gippsland.

A big thank you goes to all the C.F.A. personnel, other fire fighters and all the people who are helping in many ways.

I hope that you have been able to water your gardens, even if only for a few of your precious shrubs etc.

Hoping it rains soon to replenish water in tanks for those who rely on this as their source of water.

No matter what Mother Nature throws at us there are some things that will flower.

Roses have been outstanding with their blooms and with a bit of a light prune or deadheading will flower for quite a bit longer yet.

Naked ladies (amaryllis) are now sending up their flower spikes. Sasanqua camellias are budding up, Easter daisies are flowering and the ever reliable petunias will flower until it becomes too cold.

The Autumn crocus, and nerines, are waiting for the autumn rains to burst into flower.

A job that needs doing now, is the cutting back, quite hard, of pelargoniums and geraniums.

Take cuttings of these and increase your plants to give away or use yourself.

Now is the time to think about all those spring bulbs. They can be planted from the end of this month, up until May.

Many of these bulbs need to be chilled for a few

weeks in the crisper of the fridge e.g. tulips, hyacinths, and lily of the valley.

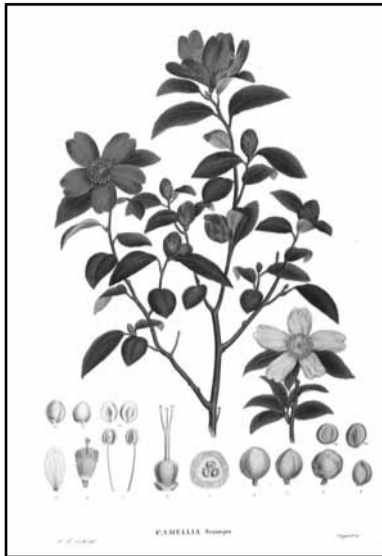
The ideal date to plant sweet peas is March 17, St Patricks Day.

My sweet peas this last season were beautiful, however they took up a lot of space and meant I was late in planting my climbing beans; but then we can't have everything.

After the weather breaks (rains) it is a good time to plant pansies and violas, for a winter and spring show of flowers.

The hot weather doesn't seem to have deterred the white cabbage moth in the veggie patch however. Broad beans can be planted now but most winter vegies will do better if the ground is prepared now, but planted in a few weeks time.

That's all for this month, happy gardening and once it rains watch out for those snails!!!!!!



Green Eggs and Ham - By Dr Seuss

By Sam Gillett

In 2001, Dr Seuss's Green Eggs and Ham was, according to Publisher's Weekly, named the fourth best-selling English-language children's book of all time.

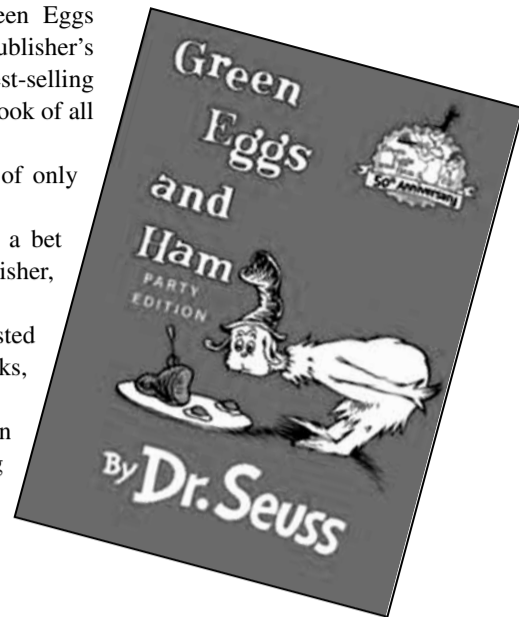
The entire book consists of only fifty different words.

This arises as a result of a bet between Dr Seuss and his publisher, Bennet Cerf.

Green Eggs and Ham is listed as one of Seuss' beginner books, due to its' simple vocabulary.

The story teaches children that just because something looks bad, doesn't mean it is.

This can be transferred to help children to try new things or even accept one another.



Smart Saver
Discount variety shop
OPEN 7 DAYS



COMPUTER REPAIR



Drop into Shop
Pick it up - all fixed!
From \$30

FREE QUOTE

Call Jeff on
0403 049 961



Shop 3 Hazelwood Village Shopping Centre, Churchill

Churchill Works on the town hall plaza continue to progress well



A further section of the "Golden Beach" exposed aggregate pathway highlighting the link between the Hub and the town hall has been laid on February 28, while most of the assembly area's "Glenmaggie Blue" exposed aggregate and concrete sections have been laid. The bluestone pavers are yet to be laid in the areas crossing the space.

The brick wall shown to the left of the concrete works will be rendered and provide a seating option. Several courses of bricks are still to be laid along the southern end of the brick wall, prior to the bluestone coping tiles and skate fins being installed and the wall

being rendered. Brick work is still to be constructed to form the raised garden beds directly in front of the town hall (where two trees will be planted).

A garden bed will be developed between the brick wall and Philip Parade, and two trees will be planted immediately in front of the town hall. Removable bollards will be located on the southern side of the plaza, while short wide bollards (the same as those at the front of the Hub and on the northern corner of the Philip Parade - Georgina Place intersection) will be installed along both sections of footpath running parallel with Philip Parade (to the north and south of the brick garden wall).



NEW for 2013

Shiftworker

2 Day Special

during the week.

Pay for one day and get the other **FREE**.
(Strictly for shiftworker only!)

Extra 10%
Discount if
you mention this ad



Pickup Friday afternoon between 3.30 pm and 5.00 pm and drop back Monday morning between 7.00 am and 8.00 am and we will only charge you one day's hire.

Your Community Newspaper

CHURCHILL & DISTRICT NEWS

cdnews.com.au

I Saskia Way, Morwell
www.prorent.com.au

03 5133 6888

CHURCHILL CHILD CARE

Thinking Child Care? Call today to book an inspection.

- Open from 6.30am to 6.30pm.
- Fully qualified, caring, attentive staff.
- Full time, part time or occasional care for 0-5 years.
- Educational programs that encourage and develop skills.

APPOINTMENTS CALL
51226227



Pooh Corner
Child Care Centre

EST. 1980



Churchill Hub
Philip Parade, Churchill
Web: mugsu.org.au



MEET, GREET & EAT 2013

BY JAYME-LEE GRIFFIN - MUGSU ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

On the 25th of February, the auditorium was buzzing with excitement and nervousness as near 500 first year students entered the room. You could tell these young adults were feeling a mix of emotions to begin their University degree, and they took it all in their stride. This years bunch of first years were particularly outgoing and friendly; able to step out of their comfort zone quickly. The atmosphere was great, and our comedians Jed and Jamie were able to facilitate the awkward get-to-know-you process rather seamlessly.

By engaging in a few basic get-to-know-you games, it was easy to tell that this student body had come from all walks of life and were especially excited to commence their studies at such a beautiful and scenic Monash campus.

I felt privileged and rather nostalgic at presenting the MUGSU board at this Meet, Greet and Eat event, as I was only in their position just last year. All in all a great day, I congratulate all of the first years for commencing their study at Monash University Gippsland and wish them luck in the future.

WHAT DOES
MUGSU MEAN?

MONASH
UNIVERSITY
GIPPSLAND
STUDENT
UNION



MUGSU

MONASH UNIVERSITY GIPPSLAND STUDENT UNION

Expo well attended

Hundreds of people attended the Gippsland Home Expo Leisure Fest Roadshow at Kernot Hall over the weekend of February 8-12.

Many local, Gippsland and national organisations displayed their wares, demonstrated equipment and allowed people to try their goods, or see their range of products.

One of the most exciting demonstrations was the Empire FMX motor bike riding team which thrilled and amazed the onlookers with their various dare-devil riding stunts.

Many took the opportunity to purchase goods at show prices.

The Churchill and District Lions Club was kept busy cooking food for the hungry attendees.



Churchill CHIROPRACTIC

Dr David A Forys, Chiropractor
 Laberta K Forys, MSc, Dietitian

3 Switchback Road,
 Churchill
 Phone 5122 3336



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.

To report a fire, ring 000
 Report Suspicious Behaviour in Bushfire prone areas to
 Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000
 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: ctsgrp@gmail.com
 Report Faults and Hazards to Latrobe City Council – 1300 367 700
 For Emergencies, Ring 000

CRIME STOPPERS

1 800 333 000



Churchill Self Storage

THREE SIZES:

- 3m x 3m
- 3m x 4.5m
- 3m x 6m

Situated at corner of Switchback Rd & McCormick St, Churchill - Across from Woody's Joinery

SECURE ACCESS VIA ELECTRIC GATE & YOUR PADLOCK

Phone 03 5134 2790

Contact: **B. J Bennett & Co. REAL ESTATE PTY LTD**
 219 COMMERCIAL RD, MORWELL

New Churchill Motors

Lot 8 Phillip Parade,
 Churchill, Vic. 3840.
 Tel. (03) 51221380

Specializing in General repairs and Servicing of 4WD and Passenger Vehicles Including:-

- Brake and Clutch Machining & Replacement
- * Cylinder head and Flywheel machining
- * Steering and Suspension repairs
- * Tyre fitting and balancing
- * Log book servicing and general repairs
- * Specialist Diagnostic equipment for current models

All repairs covered by Repco Authorized Service Nationwide Warranty.

Obituary - Jean Brick

Eldest son Geoff's tribute

Jean Langdon was born on April 27, 1917, in Northcote.

Mum spent much of her early life in the Melbourne suburb and was the fourth born in a family which would eventually expand to 10 sisters and 1 brother. When the girls finished their schooling, each of them would spend a year at home helping their mother with home duties and caring for the younger family members. It seemed there was always another baby on the way.

Mum worked at Foy and Gibson's stores in Melbourne and Collingwood. While working there, she met Mary, one of Dad's sisters. This is how she met Tom.

Tom and Jean were married in 1939. Because of differing religious backgrounds, the parents of both families were unaware for some weeks that they were married. However there were no lasting rifts between the families.

During the 1940 -1950 years we moved extensively, mainly in Victoria, but also to Western Australia during the war. We then moved to Georgetown in Tasmania. Until the family moved to Churchill this was to be the longest period of time the family lived in one home.

Mum was always involved with Church and community groups, Dad with sporting groups.

Youngest son Colin's tribute

On her voyage through life Mum touched many people profoundly.

This impact arose through three critically important aspects of Mum's life.

Her faith,

Her commitment to the community.

Her love of family and friends.

Faith:

Mum's faith was very strong and very deep.

It was a very personal faith which she didn't seek to impose on others.

She did what she believed to be true and right, and she took from it great inner strength and comfort.

Mum was involved from the outset in the establishment and conduct of the Co-Operating Church here in Churchill, and it has been a major part of her life for the past 46 years.

She developed great friendships through the Church, and has been involved in a wide range of activities.

One of the highlights of her life was when she was granted Life Membership of the Ladies Fellowship Group.

Community:

I recall Dad telling me that when the family moved from Melbourne, where there was an extensive network of family and friends, to Tasmania in the mid 50's that Mum was stuck at home and quite lonely, and that he advised her that she had to get out and get involved in the community. Knowing Mum as I do, I find it hard to believe that such advice would ever have been necessary, but she certainly took it to heart.

She became involved in the CWA and the primary school, and she has remained committed ever since to making her community a better place.

When the family moved to Churchill in 1966 there were only a couple of hundred people and very few facilities.

Mum soon became the first Post Mistress in Churchill, initially operating from her front door, and then setting up at the newly built West Place shopping centre.

Through her contact with so many people at the Post Office she was also very aware of the lack of services in the town.

The year after we moved to Churchill the primary school was opened, and Mum joined the school council. I was the only one of her children who went there, and I only went for one year in 1968, but Mum was on the school council for 5-10 years.

When the Churchill Community Health Centre was set up she was on the inaugural committee, and remained on the committee until it combined with Latrobe Community Health. Her efforts on the committee were recognised by Life Membership.

Family and friends:

Mum was full of mischief. Aged four, she painted her Uncle Johnny's brand new motor bike green. Her Mother was devastated. "Oh Jean. What have you done?" she exclaimed. But Uncle Johnny just laughed. Shortly afterwards, she completely nudged her younger sister, Edna. They were playing Indians, and she felt she should be the right colour. Edna got her back several years later though, as after a minor altercation over household jobs, Jean fell in a copper of boiling water. Fortunately the neighbour, a nurse, was on hand to provide prompt attention, and assist in the months of rehabilitation.

The Langdon's had had a tradition of the men going to the cricket on Boxing Day while the ladies had a picnic in Fitzroy Gardens. In 1981 it was decided to hold a reunion, and of course the logical place was under the same magnificent tree in the garden. It was the first time the 11 children had been together since before the war, and the last, as Mum's eldest sister Bella died shortly after. However a reunion has been held in mid-February every year since then. Shortly before her 90th birthday she had a heart attack, but she made it clear to the doctor she was going to the reunion, no matter what. If you couldn't attend family things, what was the point of being alive. This year, 2013, was the first one Mum had missed, but she was pleased to know that Ken and I went to represent the family.

One of my highlights from the reunions was the "discussions" that Mum and Agnes would have over various family events. Their memories often differed markedly and on the way home I would hear Mum's indignant comments about Agnes "making it up as she goes", and getting Mum's version of events.

Mum loved family get togethers: cooking for them, playing cards and games, watching the development in the grandchildren. She loved the grandkids birthdays, making football birthday cakes, or jelly ponds with frogs. As she got older she loved to get photos from the family, and she would put them on the wall for visitors to see. She also loved to potter in her garden. We had some lovely days at the Olinda Rhododendron Farm and Lardner Park, and the Boolarra Open Garden day.

She was always ready for an adventure. A trip around Australia with Peter and I, a flight by herself to England at the age of 77 to meet Samantha and I and do a European tour, a road trip to Dalby with Myrtle Fry; she was always up for it. You knew if you rang and suggested something she'd say she would have her bags packed and be waiting for you.

Special mention needs to be made of Elaine and Stan Towers, her neighbours. They have lived and worked together for 46 years, and have a wonderful relationship. Mum has done remarkably well to be able to stay living by herself at home until the age of 95, but the family would like to acknowledge that this has only been possible because of the love and care that Elaine has shown towards Jean.

Elaine says she knew they were soulmates the day their family moved into Churchill. She came across mid-afternoon to offer a cup of tea to the family as we were in the midst of unpacking, and found Mum in the middle of the chaos, three young boys running riot, calmly sitting reading a book, oblivious to it all.

Jean died after a short illness, at Latrobe Regional Hospital. The family would like to thank the staff at LRH for the wonderful

care and support they provided to Jean and to the family.

Fortunately most of the family were able to see her before she passed away, and she departed on her terms.

She died as she lived, with courage, grace and that lovely smile on her face.

Memories of Jean as put together by Glenda Combridge.

Cal m , caring , charitable , compassionate with a lot of common sense, is how the Ladies Fellowship describe Jean.

Jean was a driving force in getting a Ladies Fellowship at the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill. This was during the time of Reverend David and Jacqui West. Members would meet once a month in Churchill and then in Morwell. When Ladies Fellowship started here officially in April 1975, Jean was the Treasurer and remained so until 3years ago; an invaluable service for 37years.

Early days of fellowship were spent raising funds to build the church, with much of the planning for fairs or catering for many functions, 21st, weddings, anniversaries etc, being thought out and organised in the house the church was using in McDonald Way-functions ranging from 20 to 500 people. Jean's ability to work out what type and how much was needed to feed all without too much left over was a gift. I guess growing up in a large family had something to do with this.

Jean also did many other things for her Church, like being on the cleaning roster, arranging flowers, coordinating the Fossick and Find clothes bin, sorting of the items, as well as working at the Fossick and Find shop in Morwell.

Other involvements included being a representative for Anglican Women Australia and Uniting Church rallies, making of Altar cloths and Communion cloths from material given, mission outreach, instigating morning coffees with guest speakers for new residents in the town, being on Parish Council, Pastoral Elders, starting the Friendship group with Iris Fowler in 1995; finishing in 2009, managing the Emergency Food relief program from 1987, and arranged all the orders of the Winifred Kiek order of service for Ladies Fellowship to do each year.

Ladies Fellowship recognised Jean for all her years of service by bestowing our first Life Membership on her.

Those we love and admire are to be treasured and Jean was our Treasure. Farewell dear Jean.



Tom, Geoff and Jean



Churchill Students' Bug Blitz Day



By Michael Answerth

Students from Churchill's three primary schools, Churchill, Churchill North and Lumen Christi, took part in an exciting day of biodiversity activities on February 19 with the town's first Bug Blitz field day.

Bug Blitz is a project of the Hugh Williamson Foundation and the Edward O Biodiversity Foundation and works collaboratively with communities to organise and run programs studying biodiversity in the field and back at school.

The Churchill event was auspiced by the Gippsland Education Precinct in collaboration with Bug Blitz local Co-ordinator, John Caldwell, and was sponsored by Latrobe City. Other contributors to the day included, HVP Plantations, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, Monash University and Gippsland Water.

The day's activities took place on Monash owned land near the settling ponds below Green Inc.

During the field day, the seventy five, year 3-4 students from the local schools took part in six different activities related to biodiversity.

These included hearing about Indigenous culture and how it relates to the environment, catching and identifying local bugs and assessing their role in biodiversity, learning about bird nesting habits, seeing and touching snakes, lizards and other

reptiles and carrying out water watch activities to identify invertebrates in the local water.

Each group of students was also given the opportunity to express in an artistic way their impressions of various bugs by painting them on four large totems which had been placed in the ground along the existing walking path. The art work was done under the supervision and guidance of well known public artist, John Vudovic, assisted by Ian Mitchell and local art student Amber Loader.

The colourful totems have now become a permanent reminder of the students' day of discovery and will now become part of the Churchill Art and Culture Pathway.

The Principals of the three schools agreed that it was an exciting and fulfilling day for their students who had many new learning experiences.

Gippsland Education Precinct organiser of the day, Mike



Answerth, said "it was an extremely rewarding day to see the way the young students were engaged in the hands-on learning process and to witness their excitement and willingness to discover new information".

Jeeralang North Hall for Hire



The Jeeralang North Hall is now available for hire. It is fully functional with a commercial grade kitchen, audio visual equipment, seating and tables, children's playground, BBQ facility, disabled access and toilets, all set in a lovely peaceful bush setting.

Small or large functions welcomed. The hall committee will cater for small functions if needed.

For pricing and further details please ring Judy on 0402 923 897 or visit the web site

www.jeeralangnorthhall.com.au

Jeeralang North Community Giving Back

After the horrific events of the Black Saturday bushfires locally, the Jeeralang North area residents were dreadfully impacted through the loss of houses, property infrastructure and the surrounding bush as well as their hall.

But through the wonderful community spirit, and the generosity of people, hope was restored and the area's residents given a chance of hope and revival.

The Rotary Club of Tasmania District 9830 liaised with the Rotary Club of Hazelwood to administer their \$50,000 donation towards the re-building of the Jeeralang North hall. Rotary's local Inner Wheel (District A62) group also contributed \$12,500 for the refurbishment of the inside of the hall.

Many other wonderful organisations also contributed to the fire relief effort for the Jeeralang North residents and their hall.

The current hall committee for the Jeeralang North Hall heard with sadness the news of the devastating Tasmanian fires.

They now want to return the favour to those people who had so very generously supported them in their time

of need.

Therefore they have decided that the next Old Time Dance to be held on March 22 from 8-11.30pm will be a fundraising effort for the Tasmanian fire effort.

The cost will be \$10 with supper provided.

There will be door prizes.

The band is donating their fee to the effort.

Continuing the relationship between the Rotary Club of Hazelwood and Tasmania Rotary District 9830, Hazelwood's President - elect Leo Billington, will attend the dance to receive a cheque from the proceeds to pass on.

Judy, a long term Jeeralang North local resident said the re-building of the hall and the help given to them for that purpose gave the residents hope and the will to move forward and on.

They hope their effort to raise funds through the dance will help the Tassie folks to have hope, and through the support given, it will help to lift their spirits.

Judy urges people to get behind their dance so a great outcome can be achieved.

The Latrobe City Brass Band is busy organizing a CONCERT!

This will be the 2013 Rhythm and Roses Concert on Sunday March 24, in the Morwell Centenary Rose Garden. The arrangements are the same as in other years - so don't forget to put the date in your calendar and be prepared to come along with a seat or rug, keen to relax and enjoy an afternoon of great music in the beautiful Rose Garden.

This will be a free concert but all who

attend are asked to buy the souvenir programs and tickets in the lucky number draws to support the performers.

The Morwell Rotary Club will be providing delicious afternoon teas and refreshments for your enjoyment.

This will be a great afternoon of music from a variety of local performers, including Latrobe City Brass Band (Morwell), Latrobe

Community Concert Band, Borderline, Choirs, Ukuleles etc,

The Band has just received a welcome gift - a donation of new music scores - thanks to Manzo Engraving for this generous donation. Come along to the Town Common Pavilion Bandroom on the Corner of Chapel Street and Elgin Street Morwell from 7.30pm on Tuesday nights to hear this and other music being

played, led by our excellent Music Director, Alex Wilson. Visitors are welcome to come along and listen or join in. Instruments, tuition and low cost membership are available, all levels of experience welcome. Supporters membership is also available for \$10. per year.

For further information about the Band contact 5166 1412 or 5134 1873 or judymck42@gmail.com.au.

Friends of Morwell National Park

February has been hot and now the Park is browning off, and the masses of green grass which was there coming into summer has died back. Some parts of the Park which it was not possible to walk around in the New Year (because of lush grass and undergrowth on the tracks) are now a lot easier to walk because of lower grass load.

The summer crews have been into the Park over the last month and they have done a great job of clearing and slashing the tracks. The Park has had two cuts this season which greatly improves the fire safety and reduces the risk for walkers and Park neighbors.

Over the last month we were contacted by a regular walker who had spotted a wombat in poor condition with mange. This started a string of communication with Tina the ranger. This has resulted in this person working with Tina to locate the wombat's burrow to try to apply some chemicals to fix this problem. An applicator has been constructed to go over the burrow so that the wombat touches it each time it enters or leaves the burrow. The chemicals need to be administered over a period of time, so hopefully they can find the correct burrow and help this wombat.

If you see anything (plant or animal) which the rangers can improve please contact them (or us). They cannot be in the Park all of the time, so users telling them about the problems helps to maintain the Park. They are there to oversee the welfare of the animals and the environment they live in, and the public users can help in this process.

February Activity Report Sunday February 17

At this month's activity we had Ken, Beryl, Brenda, John, Wendy, Mike, Cathy, Darren, and Craig. The group met in the car park to catch up on any news and plan the day ahead.

Our job this month, was made easier by the summer crew doing a great job of cleaning up the Grand Strzelecki Track. This meant that we didn't need to slash and improve the track and could spend more time locating and removing weeds from the creek adjacent to the Grand Strzelecki Track. We loaded

ourselves into two vehicles and drove into the beginning of the Grand Strzelecki Track. The drivers were even keen enough to drive in on this track up to the fourth creek crossing. The creek crossings are difficult since the grade into each creek crossing is steep. A suitable place was found to turn the vehicles and we decided to work in the creek in the area around the vehicles.

The group geared up and Craig, Mike and John used the chainsaw and poison to remove willows in the creek. Brenda worked on other weeds in this area. There was evidence of some dead and struggling willows from the spraying when the track was first put in. Some of these willows were regrowing, so more poison was put onto these trees. Cathy, Beryl, Wendy and Darren worked upstream. Some of the weeds we removed included teasel, tutsan, thistle and foxgloves.

The creek level was shallow enough to allow us to travel most of the creek in gumboots. Only in some select areas did the creek get deeper than that. Although we were working in the creek, it was still hot work since there was no breeze and many sections were in the direct sun.

When the group broke for lunch, the creek was the selected location for lunch. It is not often you get the opportunity to eat your lunch in a creek. Ken returned during lunch. During the morning he had been adding to his plant and animal survey along the track. He started the survey when the track opened and he had used the morning to add many details to the survey.

After lunch John, Craig and Darren travelled along the Grand Strzelecki Track to clean up a tree down across one of the creek crossings.

Ken had located this tree earlier and the bulk of the tree top had been removed by the summer crews. More limbs needed to be removed to make the crossing safer to use.



The rest of the crew returned to the creek to finish off the areas between the third and fifth creek crossings.

There were many weeds to remove.

For the crew that went upstream to deal with the fallen tree, Ken told us about two small willows he had located further upstream.

These small willows, when the thick undergrowth, nettle and blackberries were removed were found to be a lot larger than described. There were actually four willows, one of which was the top of a willow which had been cut and then rerooted and was growing from many points. These plants were cut, poisoned and left to hang and hopefully not regrow.

Moral of the story is never trust Ken when he says that he has a small willow. Over the day we had not covered a great distance but had removed many weeds from a section of the park we had not worked before. Next month we will return to remove more weeds.

March Activity Sunday March 17

The group will meet at 10.00am at the Junction Road car park to continue work upon the Grand Strzelecki Track to remove weeds 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.

Valley Trophy Centre



60 George Street, Morwell

*Engraving *Personalised Coffee Mugs *Name Badges *Giftware and Pewter *Glass Engraving *Large Trophy Display

5134 1493

FAX 5134 1334
www.valleytrophycentre.com.au



General Meeting and Community Forum

Wednesday March 27, 2013
7.00 pm

Green Inc. - Module D,
McDonald Way, Churchill
(park and enter at eastern end of Green Inc building)

Guest Speaker: Professor Robin Pollard
(Pro-Vice Chancellor, Monash University Gippsland Campus)

Topic: Future of Gippsland Campus

New members and observers welcome. Light supper provided.



Huge Sale of Library Stock

On Saturday April 20, the Friends of Latrobe City Libraries will hold a large sale of surplus stock from the Latrobe City Library Service.

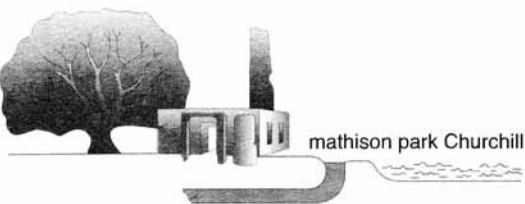
This will include magazines, children's books, fiction and non-fiction as well as audio materials.

Customers need to bring their own bags and items will be sold at \$1 each or by the bag depending on capacity - \$10, \$15 or more.

The sale will be at Kernot Hall in Morwell and the doors will open at 9am. For further information please contact Jill Beck on 5174 1005.



Mathison Park



mathison park Churchill

A wonderful start to the year's work in the park was begun at the working bee on the third Saturday of February.

Nine willing workers attended. It was great to welcome back Andy.

Fallen tree branches were cut up and deposited on the growing pile at the top of the park near Monash Way. The other important task completed was a clean up of the Koori garden near the old house. Several dead items were removed and weeds pulled out.

Latrobe Valley Enterprises has been working in the Conifer Collection, removing weed mat, digging trenches around the beds and mulching the beds. This job will soon be finished and the group will tidy this area as well as make it easier for the mowing crew.

Two new covered seats have been installed near two of the fishing platforms and are already being used by fishers and walkers. Thanks to Try Youth for a great job.

Other exciting news is that a group of students



studying horticulture at GippsTAFE, will be using Mathison Park as an on site venue, with Mathison Park also benefitting from their work, as the eastern side of the lake is developed with plantings of trees and shrubs which suit the environment. So keep your eyes open for the developments.



Lumen Christi Playgroup

Thursdays from 9.30 am to 11.00 am
This year we will operate every Thursday of school terms.

In the Eco centre of the school.
Anyone with further enquiries
0401 249 726

Advertise
in



your local
community
newspaper

STRUT RE-GAS

GIPPSLAND

"The Strut Specialist"

Tel: 5166 1665 Mob: 0407 542 122

Struts are not throw away items ...

They can be RE-GASSED

- Sales of Steel and Stainless Struts
- Repairs to all types of Struts
- Design applications and pressure modification
- Handles and Fittings available



PICK-UP
IN MOST
AREAS

When You Post Or Share, It's There For Life!

Member for Morwell Russell Northe is encouraging young Gippslander's to play a part in helping protect their peers from the perils of social media as part of a major Victorian Coalition Government online safety campaign.

With more and more young people reporting that online posts and images placed on media such as Facebook and Twitter have resulted in them missing out on jobs, being bullied or stalked and in some cases falling foul of the law, the Coalition Government is taking action to help young people safeguard their privacy and protect their reputations.

The 'It's There For Life!' online safety campaign has commenced, which urges young people to think twice before they upload or send private photos or share personal details online.

"The web has a long memory and once something gets online, it could be there for life," Mr Northe said.

"While we are not saying don't post comments and images on social media, we are saying think twice before you do."

The warning comes as more and more employers and recruitment agencies scan people's online posts checking for their job suitability.

The campaign will involve:

- the launch of a state-wide creative competition;
- new cyber safety information sheets; and
- targeted messages on the pitfalls of posting personal information

online or sending it to others.

Mr Northe said statistics showed more than 92 per cent of young people are concerned about social media privacy issues and more than 40 per cent of young Australians have had pictures posted online without their permission.

"Social media is a great tool, but it also has potentially damaging impacts. As young people go forward and start a career or enter into relationships their digital reputation stays with them for life," Mr Northe said.

"We want young Gippslander's to have the best start, but if you've posted something inappropriate online there's a chance a prospective employer may have found the post and made a judgement before they've even met you."

"It's important to draw the line between what you share and what you keep to yourself, because the simple fact is what goes online stays online."

As a part of the campaign Mr Northe announced a "It's There for Life!" competition that gives young people the chance to come up with a design, image or video that gets the campaign's message across.

"I hope young Gippslander's will take up the opportunity to get creative and come up with something that promotes these messages in an interesting and exciting way."

The 'It's There for Life!' competition ends April 14, 2013.

For more information go to www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/cybersmarts

**WALK BEHIND
LAWN MOWERS
FROM
\$499***
Refers to model
LC18

TAMING THE WILD™

Exclusively designed for the Australian market, the **NEW** Husqvarna Walk Behind Mowers can easily maintain a wide range of lawn types, even in the most extreme conditions.

<p>LC18 LAWN MOWER Briggs & Stratton DOV series engine 46cm / 18" Steel deck \$499</p>	<p>LC19 LAWN MOWER Briggs & Stratton DOV series engine 48cm / 19" Steel deck \$599</p>	<p>LC19A LAWN MOWER Briggs & Stratton DOV series engine 48cm / 19" Alloy deck \$699</p>	<p>LC19AP LAWN MOWER Briggs & Stratton DOV I/C series engine 48cm / 19" Alloy deck \$799</p>
--	--	---	--

YOUR AUTHORISED HUSQVARNA SPECIALIST DEALER
Central Gippsland Mowers & Chainsaws
 533 Princes Drive, Morwell Ph: 5134 8899
 309 Princes Highway, Traralgon Ph: 5176 1999
www.husqvarna.com.au

EZILEASE
with Husqvarna

Ask about our EziLease Rental Solution.
For quick and easy approval phone
1300 EZI LEASE (1300 394 532)

Yinnar South Primary School



New School Uniform and Logo

2013 sees the launch of our new uniform and logo.

Whole school and local community consultation has led to the development of a striking new uniform.

It has been wonderful to watch the pride the students have when wearing the uniform. Our new logo statement, "Individual Focus, Global Perspective" clearly indicates the new direction the school has taken.

The Individual Focus speaks to our child centred approach.

The whole child and their individual needs



drive our tailored teaching and learning program.

Students are working through a 'stages not ages' approach which means that students are extended to their full potential.

Global Perspective represents the importance we place on students understanding their role as global citizens.

Students learn Mandarin (Chinese) and also learn about our neighbouring countries as part of the Asia Literacy Project.

We are currently developing projects linking our students with others around

Australia, and hope to develop a sister school in another country.

We embrace sustainable practices and have recently become members of ResourceSmart.

Fiddlehead Festival

Students in Grades 2 – 6 had a fantastic time drumming and dancing at the Fiddlehead Festival in a performance led by Steve Shultz.

They were also part of the local art project to decorate the festival. Artists, Leslie Anne Schmidt and Yvette Aitkens from Arc have led the students in 4 x 2 hour sessions.

Students joined in with the Street Parade with the instruments they made during the art project.

Yinnar Primary School

A great start to the year

Students at Yinnar Primary School have had a wonderful start to the school year. We have welcomed our new preps, some new families and some new staff members.

Students have enjoyed being challenged in their learning with many exciting events already taking place. The 3/4 classes are investigating our local community with visits to the Yinnar shops and several community groups.

A number of students performed in the drumming at the Fiddlehead Festival at Yinnar Recreation Reserve.

Our student leaders for 2013 have been appointed to their roles. Junior School Councillors and School Captains are now preparing for our annual Easter Fair. House Captains are planning for the upcoming sports.

The school has already been involved in District sporting events with a number of students representing the school in swimming. Students are now looking forward to the upcoming Athletics Sports and Cross Country.

Swimming Sports

A number of grade four, five, six students represented Yinnar Primary School at the recent District Swimming Sports. This event was held at the Churchill Leisure Centre early in February.

Nine students were successful in making it to the next level,

competing in Traralgon on Wednesday February 27.

Bridget Cain performed extremely well in her butterfly and breaststroke events. Bridget, who is a member of the Traralgon Swimming Club, will now compete at regional level

Harrison Smith, a member of the Morwell Swimming Club, will also move through to the next level in the under 10 backstroke event.

School leaders

As you know it is the start of a new year, this means that Yinnar Primary School has chosen their new leaders for 2013. (Junior School Council, House Captains and School Captains)

They were very tight votes but eventually we got there.

The school captains for 2013 are:

Ally McGown and Billy McCulloch.

The Junior School Council members are:

Ally McGown, Billy McCulloch, Paula Hendrikse, Nixon Hall, Emily Chessum, Bradley Wilson, Chloe McCulloch, Sam Walsh, Jess Houghton, Blake Vandermeer, Tamsyn Walker, Bradley Scholes, Sophie Koostra and Patrick McGown.

The house captains for 2013 are:

In Red House we have: Paula Hendrikse, Cody Sacco and Matthew Ounjit.

In Blue House we have: Elly Walker, Sarah Irving and Brodie Cook.

In Green House we have: Sophie Scholes, Nixon Hall and Jacob



Lawless.

For Yellow house we have: Emily Chessum, Bradley Scholten and Brodie Marino.

Our school looks forward to having these leaders for this year. We hope they will be great role models and they will do a fantastic job.

By Paula Hendrikse and Hayley Sheers.



Churchill Primary School

It has been a very smooth start to the school year. The Preps have settled in well and are already looking like they have been here for ages. It is so lovely to see their excitement and enthusiasm for all things school.

Student Leaders

Our older students have been involved in selecting our student leadership groups. Congratulations to Hannah Dal Pozzo and Ryan Lowrie who were elected School Captains. The Vice Captains are Shannon Stark and Bailey Flanigan.

Yellow House Leaders are Max Van Der Zwart and Natahla Foster, Red House Leaders are Damon Scott and Shayla Smith, Blue House Leaders are Tarley Frost and Daniel Rawlinson and Green House Leaders are Alysha Clarke and Tyler Auger.

Our Junior School Council Members are Tom Severson, Ashlee Skinner, Bailey Lewis, Jessica Campbell, Jacob Herbert, Lily Booth, Chloe Huizer, Hamish Sinclair as well as the School Captains.

We wish them all the best for the coming year. Our Junior School Council will be involved in a training day later in the term.

Yinnar and District Swimming Sports

On Monday February 18, 7 students represented Churchill Primary School at the Yinnar and District Swimming Sports. All of the students were very excited and represented our school very well. Shannon Stark came 2nd in backstroke and will go through to the Regional competition next week. Good Luck Shannon.

Shannon came 3rd in her freestyle event. Eliza Bruerton came 3rd in backstroke and 4th in freestyle. Chloe Huizer was 3rd in breaststroke and 4th in freestyle. The following students featured well in their heats and were great representatives of the school. Caitlyn Sorby was involved in freestyle and backstroke, Hayley Brown was in backstroke, Hannah Dal Pozzo was in backstroke and freestyle and Hamish Sinclair participated in backstroke. Well done everyone.



Churchill Primary School Athletic Sports

On February 26, we held the athletics sports. The day was a huge success, despite starting out wet after months of hot and dry weather. However, the rain cleared to a warm day, only to rain again as we finished. The students participated in long distance runs, sprints, long jump, high jump, discus and shot put. The house relays were also hotly contested. The eventual house winner was Green house, with Blue house was second, Red house was third and Yellow house was fourth.

We had great support from parents and there were many students with perfect scores. Thus, some of our age groups had



multiple champions. The standout group was the 12/13 year old boys where there were 5 boy champions.

Bug Blitz

On Tuesday February 19, 25 students from grades 4 -6 went to the area near Green Inc. to participate in a day called Bug Blitz. The students had written a letter of application to go. We were not quite sure what that all meant but we found out soon enough.

There were students from the 3 Churchill Primary Schools. We were introduced to John Caldwell from Bug Blitz and he outlined the program for the day.

In groups of 12, we were able to participate in 6 activities: bollard painting, ornithology and nest making, snake wrangling, crocodile patting, Aboriginal storytelling and dancing to the didgeridoo, bug finding, scat (poo) analysis, trawling the water in the pond for invertebrates.

Our Aboriginal leader, Gnarnayarrahe Waitairie, talked about his life and culture in his tribe in Western Australia and had his totem, the kangaroo, painted on his stomach. He told the story of how emus lost the use of their wings. He taught us some words for parts of the body.

During the Bug Blitz with John, we ran around in the park brandishing nets and it was amazing how many bugs (that we had not seen) were in the nets when we checked them. He had us

identifying animal poo as well.

Marnie from Water Watch helped us identify invertebrates which we caught in the water.

We were able to paint wooden bollards with images of the insects and animals found in the area. These bollards are in the ground near Switchback road and can be seen near the path. Our thanks go to John Vukovic for his work with us. The snakes, crocodiles, turtles and green frogs were a real hit. Tom from Snake Busters was very passionate about his animals.

We all had a great day. Our thanks to the sponsors: Latrobe City, Mike Answerth and the Gippsland Education Precinct, Gippsland Water, Monash University, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority and HVP Plantations.

Hayden Jones wrote this summary of the day

On Tuesday February 19, I went to Bug Blitz. The activities were Snake Busters, Aboriginal talking, water cycle, catching bugs and bird nest making. When our group first got there we had to walk to nest making. When we got there we read an interesting book about birds. Jo helped us make a nest from twigs and clay.

Let me tell you about Snake Busters. There were a lot of snakes at the top of the tent when we got there. They seemed like they were sleeping. But then they started moving along the frame.

We got to see the most deadly snake in the world. We had lunch and snack there and we did a lot more activities, then we went back to school.

Victorian State Schools' Spectacular

In July, Churchill Primary School will be represented by 25 students in one of the largest performing arts events in Australia. The students will begin practising for this event shortly and we look forward to them performing live in Melbourne. Thanks to staff members Hollie Woodman and Jacki Comber for their enthusiasm and commitment in leading this venture.

Other activities

C.P.S Playgroup has begun again. It is at 9.00a.m. on Fridays. Please bring a snack for your child (children). We have free play, an art/ craft activity, snack and then an outside play. We finish with a story or some singing. Active After School Program has also started and the students are participating in soccer and tennis.



Staffing

Our staffing has remained similar to last year. We welcome back Kryshia Speirs. Our Principal is Mrs Susan Gilmore. Our grade teachers are Carmel Shields, Brandon Mahoney, Nick Walsh, Julie Telford, Kryshia Speirs, Matthew Dubois, Hollie Woodman, Sharon Reidy and Gail Harding. Our Specialist teachers are Pam Jordan, Halie McColl and Carly Hawthorne. Other staff members include Helen Dyson, Jacquie Burrows, Lorraine Butler, Susan Hunter, Wendy Bishoff, Vicki Duffus, Allana Berechree, Edna Stolk, Jacki Comber, Jo Whitelaw and Derek Hayman.



We welcome the Koori Education Support Teachers, Crystal Burgess-Hogg, Anne- Maree Stever and Rex Solomon who will be housed at Churchill Primary School. Their work will take them all through the Valley, but we are hoping to tap into their expertise and cultural insights to benefit the staff and students' learning at CPS.



Kurnai College Junior Campus



Principal Matt Jobling settles in.

New campus principal, Matt Jobling, says he has been really impressed with the start to the school year, with both staff and students settling in well, with the school focus on learning well in hand.

Matt has loved the way students have come up to him in the yard and introduced themselves and welcomed him. With the large number of students it is a big task to

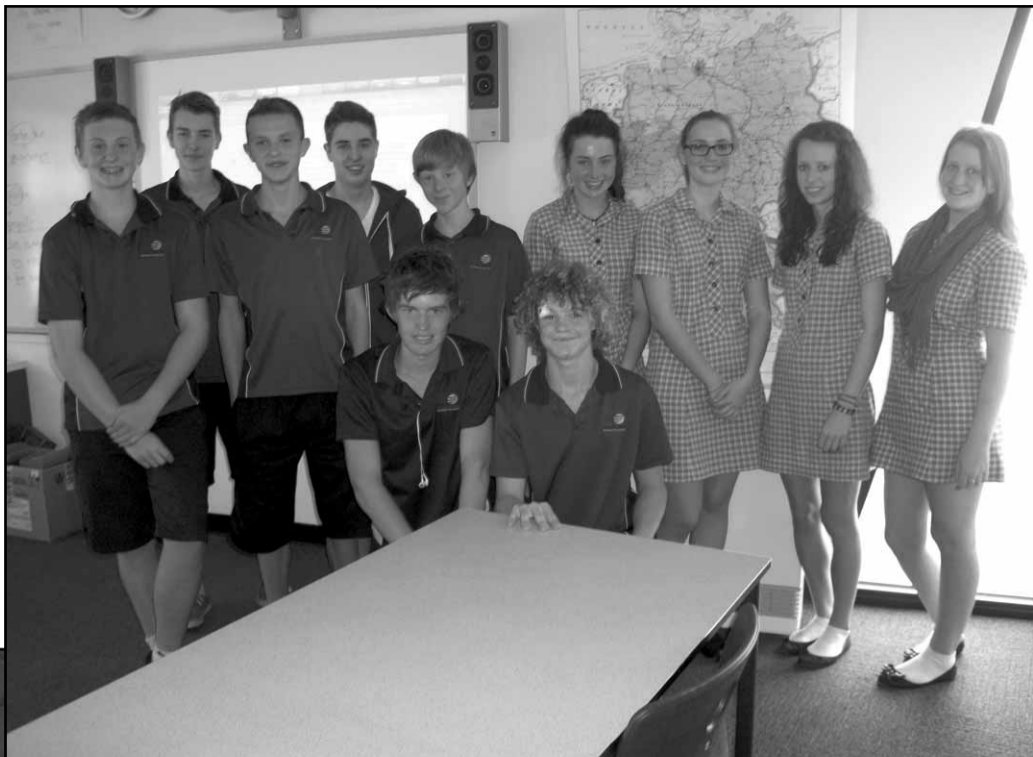
learn all the student's names, but Matt says he is working on achieving that goal.

Over the holiday break some maintenance improvements have been carried out. More are on the agenda for throughout the year, to make the campus grounds a cleaner and more vibrant learning environment.

cake. They would also like to urge other students to try something that can also make a difference.

German Exchange Students arrive

On Thursday, February 14, seven German students arrived after a long flight from Munich to Melbourne! This flight took twenty-two hours, and many of the German students said that it was a tiring experience, but exciting all the same. These seven students are a part of an annual Bavarian-Victorian exchange in which students at Kurnai



College participate. The exchange is a highly anticipated event for students and teachers alike. To have seven German exchange students attending Kurnai College is the most that we have ever had here.

These exchange students will be staying with a year ten or eleven student's family for ten weeks. The families will include the exchange students into their daily lives. The German students will get to experience an Australian family's life and see some of the sights that

Australia and Victoria have to offer. Some of the exchange students have already visited the beaches near here, gone to the shopping centres and gone swimming at the pool.

At the end of the year, the seven Kurnai host students will travel over to Germany and in turn stay with their exchange student's family, for ten weeks. The German exchange students' families will include our Australian students in their day to day lives. Our students will get to experience some of the sights and experiences that Germany has to offer, such as Berlin. These seven students however, will not be attending the same school but will be spread out over Bavaria, so that they can share all their experiences of the different places in Germany with each other.

Woolworth's Earn and Learn Stickers

During July and August 2012, parents of students and staff from Kurnai College Junior Campus Churchill, diligently collected Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers. The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program was a chance to earn valuable resources for the students at the school. At the end of the program an outstanding result was achieved and staff were able to choose from a range of resources from the Modern Teaching Aids catalogue. Such items as science models, games,

Mosquito Nets for Senegal

In 2012, the Year 7 students studied Global Poverty. It gave Shady Cantrill and Maddy Schneider an insight into how other people are forced to live, particularly dying from malaria, a preventable disease. They wanted to make a difference to the lives of these people less fortunate than themselves. With help from Coles in supplying cake mixes and Maddy's Mum Joanne, the girls held a stall selling cup cakes. At \$1 each over two days, the girls raised an impressive \$300. Their idea was to buy 'mizzie nets' to help prevent malaria.

Shady's Mum Sue was to visit Senegal in Africa, catching up with friends there. Sue took the \$300, bought mizzie nets and distributed them as she went around.

The recipients were very thankful as the smile in the photographs show.

The girls were asked how they felt about their project. Maddy said she felt really good about herself. Shady said that what they did was not huge but they know they have made a difference.

The girls would like to thank all those who bought a cup



art supplies and cushions have been welcomed by the students. The cushions the library received for its chill out zone have been a great success

Swimming Sports

On Thursday February 7, students attended our annual College Swimming Sports at the Moe pool. This event saw a record number of students attend across the three campuses and we had maximum participation. The sun was shining and swimmers from all year levels were raring to go. The day was a combination of some sharp swimming performances as well as a number of novelty events promoting fun and participation. It was really pleasing to see so many kids dressed up in their house colours and having a go in so many different events across the day. These days are fantastic for building relationships with each other and especially so across the three campuses. Red (Thorpe) House won the day by the narrowest of margins, followed by Blue (Forsyth), Yellow (Siddle) who were drawn on points and Green (Freeman) came in last. A great day had by all.

Boolarra Primary School

Magnificent Start to the School Year!

This year we had such a fantastic working tone in all four classrooms so quickly it did not feel like the start of the school year at all! Our fourteen incoming preps (and their families), our new students and our returning students all settled in brilliantly.

Welcome Get Together

To provide an opportunity for us all to meet and greet new families and staff, we had a Welcome Gathering in Boolarra Memorial Park. Our School Council President, Luke Potter presented our student leaders with their badges of office. It was lovely to have lots of our families attend.

School Pool

Our students have been enjoying frolicking in the school pool during the recent hot weather. We are very grateful to the team of parents that maintain the pool for us!

Swimming Sports

Ten swimmers represented us brilliantly at the Yinnar and District Swimming Sports. Congratulations to Lydia of grade 6 and Emre of grade 4 who will now go on to represent the Yinnar and District schools at the Zone Swimming Sports.

Pancake Tuesday

We all enjoyed some delicious pancakes thanks to the efforts of local church members John and Robern Lubawski, Liz Black and others.



Junior School Council (JSC)

At a recent meeting it was decided that 99% fruit juice icy-poles would be sold during recess breaks this term. The treasurer, Rivasn worked out that 25c will be raised from each icy-pole sold. The good cause that will be supported by this project has not yet been determined.

Super Helpful Students!

Our Grade 6's are doing a superb job as Buddies to their preps. It is really pleasing to see the way they give up their own play-times to assist their younger friends when required. Our school captains Tilly and Lydia are running our Monday Assemblies very efficiently and have also conducted one school tour, which they were very excited about.

Our House Athletic Sports

This year the competition was very fierce but Penaluna (green) were the overall winners and will have their name engraved on our 55 year old Athletics Cup. Everyone supported and encouraged one another so well it was very difficult to judge who should win the "House Spirit" award. Morrow (red) were finally chosen to have their name added to this trophy. We are all now looking forward to competing at the Yinnar and District Athletic Sports in mid-March.

Boolarra Folk Festival

Our students again opened the music program at the Festival with the Drumming and Dance routine developed with Steve Shultz. We also staged an Art Show in the Boolarra Bowling Club. Students from prep to grade 6 had some work on display centring on the theme of "Country Living / Life in Boolarra"



Russell Northe proudly supports Churchill and District Schools.



Russell Northe MLA

Member for Morwell

Authorised by Russell Northe, 66 George St, Morwell VIC 3840



Lumen Christi Primary School



Lumen Christi Student Leaders

Earlier in the term at Lumen Christi, all Year Six students presented a speech to the school community about how they could contribute as a student leader. The quality of the speeches was very impressive and new principal, Mrs. Jo Brewer, commended all students and staff on the preparation that had gone into them.

The student body then selected Oliver Doig and Chloe Answerth as School Captains, and Patrick Ryan and Chelsey Van Rossum. We wish them well and look forward to them being outstanding contributors to Lumen Christi throughout this year.

Making An Impact

The meteor that recently exploded over Chelyabinsk, Russia made its mark in more than one way. The sonic shockwaves, as it hurtled through the sky, caused much damage on the ground. All or parts of the meteor are thought to have crashed into a local frozen lake leaving a gaping hole. Astronomers and tourists have flocked to the area to be part of the action. However



what was not reported in the worlds media blitz was the impact it had in Churchill. Hayden, Nathan, Quillan and Blake from Grade5/6W at Lumen Christi Primary School, were so impressed by it all that they spent two days designing and painting the event on their classroom

window. They used a special paint, one developed for painting on glass, giving a stained glass effect. This paint has an impact on school uniforms. It does not wash out.

Explain that one!

Parents and teachers get asked a wild assortment of questions each day but Lumen Christi staff had one last week that proved a handful.

"Mrs.Wade, how does a chicken lay a kitten?"

The very capable and observant Chook Monitors had gone to collect the day's eggs and came back with exciting news. The girls had in fact laid 2 new born kittens with the usual three eggs. Sentries were posted to protect the youngsters until their mother returned. To everyone's disappointment they had left by the next day.

What's next???



Churchill Preschools

The children are settling in well at both Glendonald Park and Churchill Hub preschools. New tanbark at both locations not only fits regulations, but also helps the children learn about the environment.

There was great excitement at Churchill Hub preschool when the truck delivered the load of bark.

Wonderful parent support at both preschools saw them help spread the bark around the yard.

Glendonald Park preschool would like to extend thanks to families who donated equipment for strawberry baskets. This is a good maths and nature experience for the children.

Also donated were new hand-made smocks for the children during art.

Thanks also go to Latrobe City Council who is providing a new shade sail for over their sand pit.



Churchill North Primary School



Prep Pirate Day

The preps have been learning all the sounds in the alphabet. They had a Pirate Party when they were learning the letter 'p'. All the children and teachers dressed as pirates and enjoyed a party at lunch time.

Grade 1/2's Writing Recounts

On the holidays I went Roller Skating with my mum and it was fun! I also went swimming at my Nan's and did a flip and also went to a place called Bounce and Mum

got stuck in the foam pit! My Dad took me Mini Karting, my Dad drove the mini kart. I was going to drive the Kart and the place was closed. I wasn't very happy! You know how I said that I went swimming at my Nan's, I also went swimming at the beach.

By Tyler

Leadership Program

At Churchill North Primary School, 5/6D and 5/6H participated in a Leadership Program for 4 days. The Leadership Program

was held in our Multi purpose room and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all students.

My favourite thing about leadership was learning about being a Leader, such as Presentation skills, Organisation, Teamwork and Responsibility. Presentation skills are all about standing tall and speaking in front of a crowd.

We watched a music video called Clouds by Zach Zieback. Zach is taking a risk by going on YouTube and telling the World he

Leadership Program

has two months to live.

Before the Leadership Program, I was a shy girl who wouldn't speak in front of a crowd or in front of the classroom. But now I have completed the Leadership Program, I am much more confident in presentation skills.

I think the leadership program is fun and you learn to be a leader at school and home.

By Ebonie



Hazelwood North Primary School

The changes to the school

This year our school has changed. Our Principal, Mr Jorgensen has acted to improve safety in and around our school.

Firstly he worked on the issues of our car park.

He came up with a plan and discussed his ideas with everyone. We said, "Let's give it a try". So, with a little help from students, parents and machinery at the Working Bee, Mr J put in some posts and made signs reading: "Bus zone only" and "Drop off only."

Then he thought about the seats in between the Grove building and the veranda that nobody sat on.

So he removed them so he could put in more equipment for the students.

Then the School Council and the Parent's Club thought about the students in the sandpit getting sunburnt. They told the Hazelwood North Primary School's staff members about the problem, so they bought some shade sails to put over the sandpit.

Then Mr J thought about the cooking ingredients for the cooking room. So he bought garden beds for outside the cooking room.

That's how HNPS has changed this year.

By Callum and Riley

4/5/6 classes

This year Hazelwood North Primary School has brought in a new combination class, they have combined the 4's, 5's and the 6's and split them into two classes.

In our classes we have been learning how to be self-managers, collaborators, thinkers and communicators. Right now we are making posters and PowerPoint on how to be a successful communicator. Once we have a good understanding on how to be a communicator we will make a flag to show our learning.

In maths there are three groups. One group is working on decimals. Another group is working on tens of thousands. The other group is working on hundreds.

Every Friday one class does either cooking or science. In science we have made flubber and polymer granules where we had to open up a nappy. In cooking we have made banana bread, cookies and Boston bun.

We are also working on a book called "Yellow Pages". This book has all the children's skills in it, so if someone gets lost they can look in the yellow pages and find someone who can help.

We are working on our goals and reflections. This is where we write a goal in our folders and next to our goal we write a strategy on how to achieve that goal. We also reflect on our goal to see if we have achieved it.

In reading we have been learning about choosing a book that is just right for you. We have different size t-shirts that represent too hard, just right and too easy. The big t-shirt represents too easy, the medium t-shirt represents just right and the small t-shirt represents too hard.

In writing we've written a letter asking our parents if we can bring in objects and photos from home to write about in our Writer's Notebook.

We think two grade 4/5/6 classes is a great idea. Everyone is very excited about this year. We are going to have so much fun!!

By Sarah and Carly

Mr Stokes

Mr Stokes is our P.E/music teacher, he has been teaching us a lot of sports like Pony Express. He has also been teaching us some music like Gangnam Style and Queen.

He also likes our kind of music like Screamo, Hip Hop and Rap.

He also is a really sporty person, and has taught us a few games that are really fun. The ones that most of us like are Rugby, Dodge Ball, Murder Ball and Pony Express.

Mr Stokes is really good with the little kids. In P.E. he plays bean bag throwing with them and plays with hula hoops. The preps really enjoy Mr Stokes as a P.E. teacher

And I'm sure all of the other age groups in the school really enjoy him.

By Byron and Sam

The preps

A couple of days ago we interviewed a couple of preps and we asked them a few questions like: do you like the principal? What do you think of the prep areas?

They said that the principal is very, very funny and they also said that the prep spaces are the best parts of the school, they also said that they have learnt so much and made some new friends.

They think that school has made them much more confident. The preps also said that they really like their teacher. They also said that they love all the areas of the school.

By Sophie and Sophie

The swimming sports!

On Monday February 18, 2013 the grade 3/4/5/and 6's went to the Churchill swimming sports.

There was freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke and the relay, people were very excited. You could either dive in or start in the pool, it was very fun. Some mums and dads came to the swimming sports and saw them swim, and if you got a certain time you get in to the next round.

It was a fun day because everyone had a go, lots of people were cheering and we had a nice refreshing day.

By Hannah and Lara!



Don Di Fabrizio - Part 2

Don's father, Antonio made a conscious decision to remain home in 1941, following the death of Don's paternal grandmother (Maria). Antonio also realized that working on construction sites tunneling through mountains had impacted severely on his health.

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."

As Don was beginning to enjoy school, albeit still doing farm-work after lunch, war was raging close by in North Africa.

After the Allies fought the Germans in North Africa and won a victory there, they wanted to continue their advance against the German/Italian forces.

They were not ready to invade Germany or France—that would be in June 1944 at Normandy. Therefore, in an effort to gain a strategic advantage into Europe (by going up "the boot" of Italy), they invaded Sicily, an island belonging to Italy, in July 1943.

This was captured in two months after which they invaded mainland Italy on September 8, 1943. Thus began the Italian Campaign to capture the German and Italian forces in Italy.

It was a long campaign, continuing until the end of the war. The German forces in Italy eventually surrendered on May 5, 1945.

[During this stage of the war, there were two major alliances: the Axis and the Allies. The three principal partners in the Axis alliance were Germany, Italy, and Japan. These three countries recognised German authority over most of continental Europe; Italian authority over the Mediterranean Sea; and Japanese authority over East Asia and the Pacific.]

The Italian Campaign was a long, protracted campaign, continuing until the end of the war. The German forces in Italy eventually surrendered on May 5, 1945.

Italy was the first Axis partner to surrender; it formally surrendered to the Allies on September 8, 1943, though areas of central and northern Italy remained in the hands of the Germans and of the fascist Salo Republic.

Anarchists immediately threw themselves into armed struggle, establishing where possible autonomous formations, or, as was the case in most instances, joining other formations such as the socialist 'Matteotti' brigades and the Communist 'Garibaldi' brigades.

Don recalls, "Childhood was hard and depressing. Clothes were made from discarded clothes; food was scarce and carefully rationed. Winters were cold and there were never enough blankets. I had started school when I was seven and only completed four years of formal education. Following the Nazi occupation and the cessation of the war, I was working full time growing crops and vegetables for our food. We had to survive."

It was also during this period that Don learned about German troops engaged in a demolition strategy – otherwise known as the scorched-earth policy. (The scorched earth policy is actually a classic military strategy: generals would instruct troops to burn any land/crops/trees as they retreated so there would be no supplies to refresh the advancing army. The practice is carried out by an army in enemy territory, or perhaps in its own home territory.)

Although the Italian government had issued an amnesty in September 1943, the German army continued northwards and in Don's words, "Everybody was happy where I lived because we thought the war was over."

Residents of Lama Dei Peligni began to see German soldiers in about mid-October and it was then that Don's family moved out, relocating to a farmhouse at Purgatorio.

The house was formerly owned by elderly (very close) friends of Don's parents Giovanni and Brigida. This couple didn't have children, so gave the house to Don's father and his older brother on condition they would look after them in their old age.

The house basically consisted of a top floor where dry crops, hay and grain were stored.

On the ground floor chickens, goats, rabbits and sheep were housed.

"The first sign of war was when I saw about three or four small fighter planes shooting at each other over our Lama



Dei Peligni. They were very low and a couple were shot down – I couldn't tell if they were Germans or Americans," Don recalls.

"Everyone tried to have a look at the burning planes but I didn't because I was too young and my father told me not to go. The second indication of war was when the Germans took over our town.

My father believed we would be safer in Purgatorio because the Germans were marching up and down the streets of our Lama Dei Peligni and we would be in their line of fire. Many of our relatives joined us in that farmhouse."

However, sadness soon followed. The elderly couple chose to remain in Lama Dei Peligni at that time; they were both in their 80's with health problems.

Don looked on the elderly gentleman "as a grandfather – I always wanted to help him whenever he needed anything." Giovanni was later shot and his wife, Brigida taken away.

"After the war, we made a lot of enquiries as to what had happened to her but there was no trace. We assumed she had died," Don explained.

With relatives and friends included, the Purgatorio house accommodated about 22 people sharing two rooms.

As was to be expected in this time of uncertainty and danger, everyone looked after each other. Typical European style camaraderie was strong; it was necessary.

Food supplies were precious, drinking water was sourced from a nearby stream and hunger and fear permeated daily life.

Don's memory is about being careful and discreet – "our provisions were wrapped very well to keep them dry. We dug holes and buried whatever we could.

We even hid the rest so the Germans could not take it from us as we didn't know how long we would be living there (at Purgatorio) and we had so many mouths to feed.

Each day we would ration out

just enough food for our daily needs. So often I was hungry."

Invading soldiers would take animals, food (prosciutto, salami, corn oil, wine); anything they could find. Farm animals were instantly butchered to feed hungry ravenous troops. For those in hiding in a supposedly safe haven, complaining was useless; a gun pointed to one's head was sufficient deterrent for any further complaints.

However, as time went on, for Don and his family and others, "the taking of provisions was no indication of the frightening events that were in store for us."

Men (between the ages of 14 to 50) from Purgatorio went to hide in the mountains to escape being captured or shot. Some able bodied men were forcibly relocated to work in labour camps.

Don's father left the house due to this possibility albeit he was suffering from ill health. Refusal to accede to commands could very well result in being shot.

Two of Don's uncles stayed behind at the farmhouse with all the females and children as they were both elderly.

Don continues with his story. "Meanwhile the Americans were advancing and were only 18 kilometres away in Casoli. I found out this news from word of mouth. We didn't have a radio. I didn't know what one (a radio) looked like until after the war.

One day when four German soldiers came to the farmhouse, I was really frightened. All we children trembled with fear. We tried to be quiet and stayed upstairs. They took a quantity of food, including some animals. They helped themselves to our wine cellar and ordered my uncles to carry all this back to their camp.

Distressingly, my four young cousins – beautiful looking girls – were in immediate danger.

They were taken away, with my mother and the girls' mothers following, screaming to save them. They didn't care about being shot; they were deeply concerned about their daughters. I can still recall their screaming to this day.

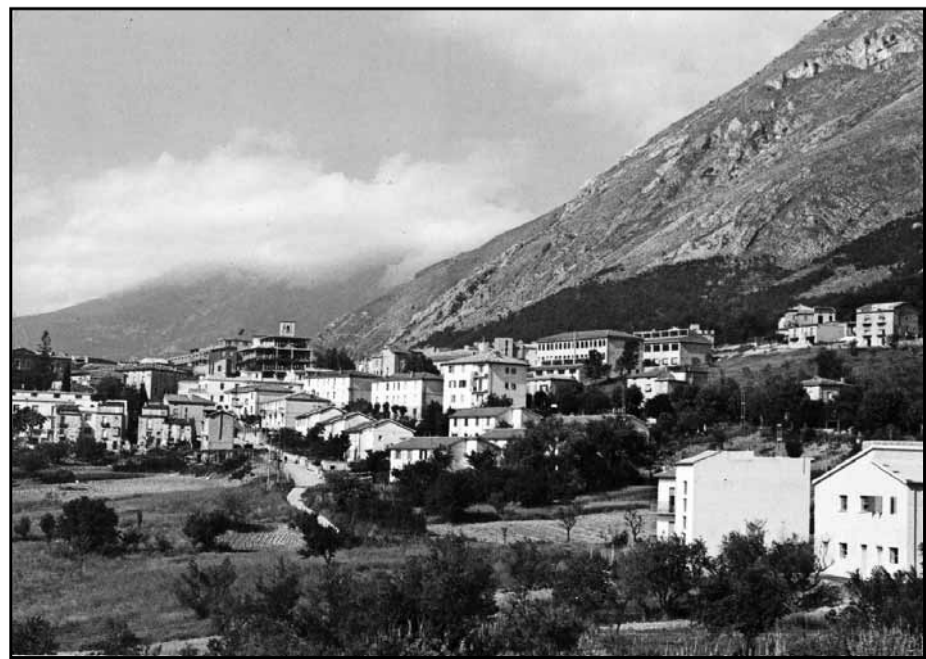
With about 50 soldiers in the camp it was obvious what the girls' fate was to be. They would be like slaves at the beck and call of the soldiers.

Eventually my uncles were able to bargain with the soldiers who then agreed to let the girls go home for the night but said they would return for them in the morning.

Back in the house, a decision to flee was made. Knowing the Americans were closing in, the destination was 'the American line'.

This was really our only chance for safety", Don recalls. "About 40 people – cousins, young and old, boyfriends, girlfriends, parents- crouched behind an oil lamp to plan their escape.

Don's home town of Lama Dei Peligni



Don Di Fabrizio - Part 2

"It was November 4, 1943," Don recalls. "It had to be the worst day of my life. It was dark early; about 5.00 pm. when we grabbed a few of our prized possessions and fled. We took a mountain route and moved quickly under the cover of darkness. The German patrols were everywhere."

Their escape was not without incident.

Noise from German soldiers shooting at anything that moved was terrifying.

Tracks were followed in desperation to get to the American line. It was cold with pouring rain.

Don was only 10 and extremely frightened. They became stuck in quagmires.

His pregnant mother cut strips from a blanket to protect the children's feet.

They all held hands with a head count every so often. Some smaller children had to be carried.

It was a 20 kilometre trek fraught with danger, trepidation, fear, anxiety, bodily fear laced with inspiration as the adults guided the group through a highly torturous environment in total darkness.

"We managed to secure a few hours rest at a friendly farmhouse.

Due to the restrictions of the curfew on the town of Casoli we were not able to enter until 7am.

But we had to keep moving towards where the Americans were.

We soon learned that English soldiers were in charge of the town and they had heard about us coming and were anxious to interrogate us about the German's positions and strengths.

We went with them in their jeeps and a truck – it was the first time I had ever been in a motor vehicle.

They gave us hot drinks and again, it was the first time I tasted tea.

I didn't even know that tea existed.

We were soon reunited with my father and together with my mother and siblings we all went to a friend's house to stay in a room three metres by five metres.

Since we didn't have any spare clothes or blankets we all went to bed fully clothed.

Now we could eat a cooked meal and sit at a table with a couple of chairs.

My father obtained some work with the Americans but money was scarce – just enough to buy some beans. Sometimes I found chocolate.

Sometimes my brothers and I were lucky enough to wait outside the Allied headquarters for left-over food scraps. Porridge was popular. It was just like a scene from *Oliver* – "Please sir, may I have some more?"

Don remembers other horrifying moments from this time and they will always remain personal.

He certainly relates going to farms to gather chicory, small, young thistles and edible grasses. A resistance movement was formed largely of men between 18 and 40 to help with the war effort.

They were instructed by American and English soldiers on how to drive the German soldiers from the surrounding hills. Lives were lost and the food situation remained desperate.

Back in Lama Dei Peligni most of the houses were mined as the Germans retreated.

Cassino was the scene of a major battle but as Lama Dei Peligni was basically destroyed, Don's family returned to Purgatorio.

"We lived in primitive conditions," Don says. "There were two rooms, no electricity and water was collected from a nearby creek. There were two beds; one for my parents and another for three boys. My sister, Maria was born on April 21, 1944.

Soon after arriving we dug up the provisions we had buried four months earlier but most of it was inedible. Wine and oil stored in glass bottles and demijohns was alright. The land we had to cultivate was steep and rocky and the flat hoes, shovels, picks and two-pronged hoes were well used.

Eventually we were able to grow our food – tomatoes, zucchinis, cucumbers, wheat and grapes.

I was now 11 and working with my brothers in the fields. My father never worked away from home after the war.

He started buying and selling horses and donkeys; goats and cows were scarce due to large numbers being killed during the German

invasion.

Milk was therefore scarce although we managed to own two goats and five sheep.

If there was any spare cheese, we would sell it to make a few extra lire.

My brothers and I returned to school on October 1, 1944.

All students crowded into one big room to be taught by one teacher. I started at grade four having already completed grades one, two and three, years before.

We only went to school for three hours each day and after lunch it was back to work on the farm."

Don prides himself as being "the only son who helped my mother with the new-born Maria." He was quite handy in the kitchen washing dishes and cooking.

Don admits to becoming "quite 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."

Don reminisces about those vegetables and fruits so eagerly awaited by everyone after a torrid time in trying to feed everyone.

Cherries were the first fruits to ripen and it was a popular "sport" to see who could grab handfuls of those delicious cherries without being caught.

Broad beans and tomatoes soon followed plus wheat and cucumbers.

Apparently broad beans were so plentiful that Don admits "it would be many years before I would eat broad beans again."

Having escaped the "Nazi peril", life became more settled as the Allies moved further north.

Don's life centered on school, working in the fields and listening to adults at night tell stories, along with the occasional song or two after "they had a few drinks."

For Don, these were "happy evenings and they really lifted our spirits.

The post-war partying must have been great because my mother was soon pregnant again."

The end of warfare also meant the end of Don's studies.

He left school in June 1945 at age 12.

Money was not available to allow him to continue. He returned this time to full-time work on the farm. Don "did what had to be done."

Postscript:

After the fall of Rome on June 4, 1944, almost one third of the Allied forces were pulled out of Italy and sent to southern France to assist the campaign to drive into Germany.

This reduced the forces such that the Allies had almost equal strength of the Axis forces.

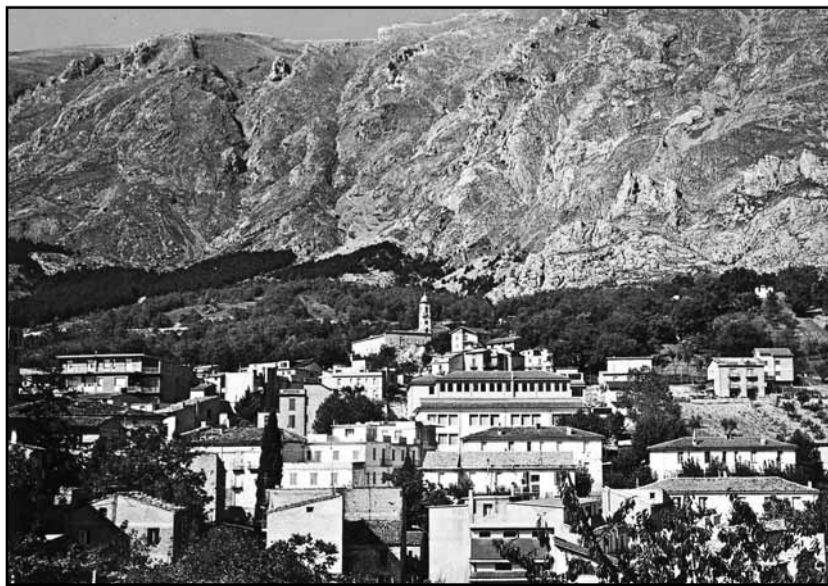
The campaign became called "the forgotten front" and some soldiers called themselves "the D-Day Dodgers", because they did not have to fight at Normandy.

Even today, most history books will hardly mention any battles fought in Italy from June 1944 until May 1945.



Above - The renovated house where Don grew up

Below - A house similar to where the family went at Purgatorio



Churchill & District News

invite you to enter our

2013 Short Story and Poetry Competition

There are some great prizes, with all entrants under 12 receiving a certificate of participation and a small gift.

If you have any queries or require information, conditions of entry and

entry forms, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at

cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au or

Phone: 03 5122 1961,

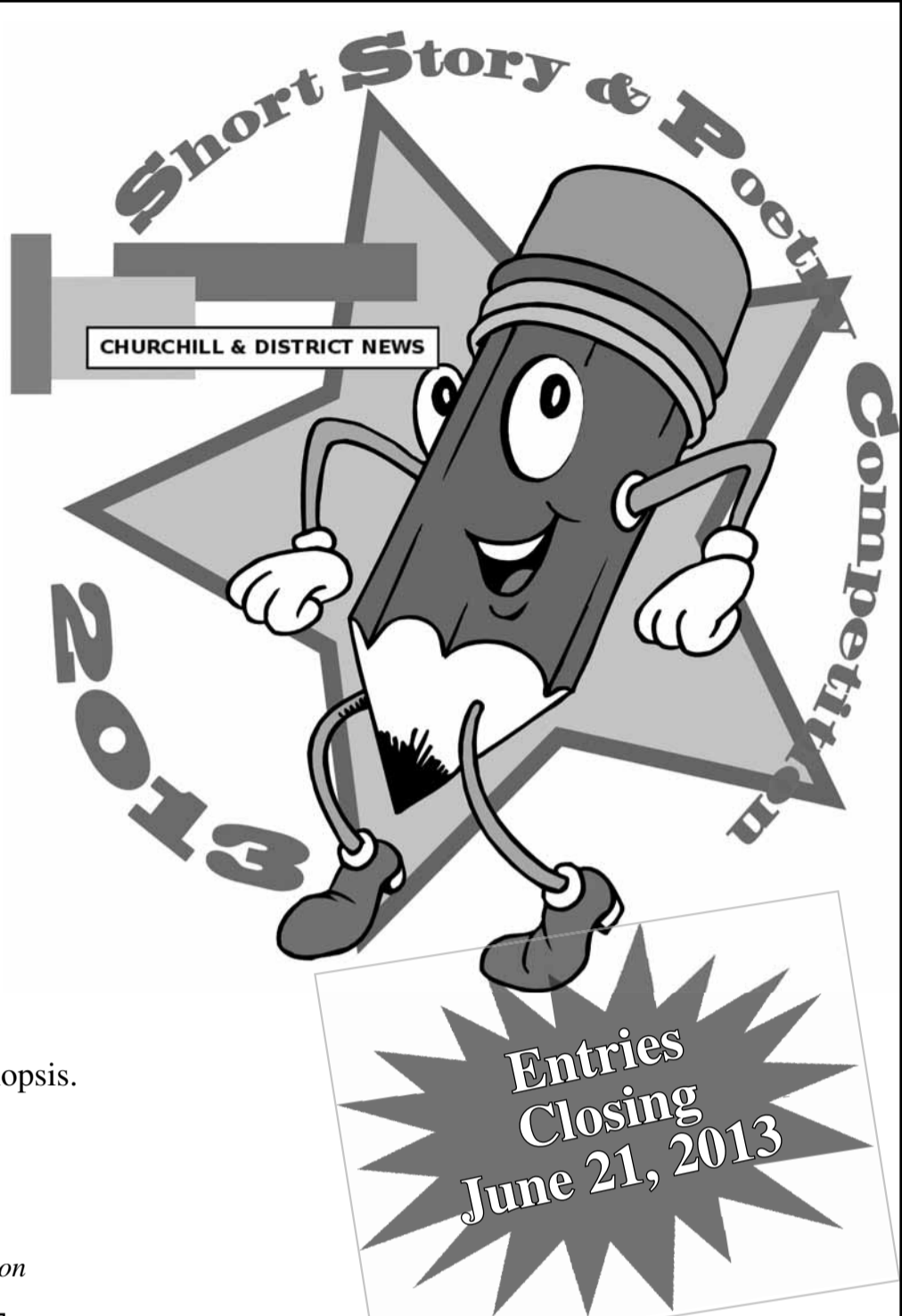
Entry forms and conditions are available online at

www.cdnews.com.au

Categories

1. Children's 7 and Under Short story/poem or picture story.
2. Children's 8 - 10 yrs Short Story/Poetry (illustrations welcome).
3. Children's 11 - 13 yrs Short Story (illustrations welcome).
4. Children's 11 - 13 yrs Poetry (illustrations welcome).
5. 14 - 18 yrs Short Story.
6. 14 - 18 yrs Poetry.
7. First Chapter of a novel (1500 words) with a 100 word Synopsis.
8. Adult Short Story.
9. Adult Poetry.
10. Local History - My Story
11. A Children's Story: A story written for children.

*Categories 1 - 4 will include prizes for best illustration and best presentation



Churchill & District News Short Story and Poetry Competition 2013 ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

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

Title of Story(s): _____ Category _____

Title of Poem(s): _____ Category _____

I have read and understood the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them. I certify that this is an original unpublished story or poem, written by myself.

This entry form can be completed on behalf of U12's by a parent, guardian or teacher.

Signature _____

NOTE Entry Fee to be included with Entry Form.

Please make Cheques or Postal Orders payable to Churchill & District News.

No cash please. Postage stamps accepted.

Email: cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au

Mail entries to: PO Box 234, Churchill 3842

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. All stories must have a completed entry form attached to the manuscript with a paper clip (no pins or staples). An emailed copy may ALSO be supplied for categories 5 - 10 above to cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au
2. The author's name must only be on the entry form and not on the manuscript.
3. Entries must be original, previously unpublished work, including social media
4. Each entry must include a title.
5. Multiple entries will be accepted.
6. Unless otherwise specified, permission to reproduce entries in the Churchill & District News or for publicity purposes will be assumed. *Copyright remains with the author.*
7. Writers will be credited whenever their writing is reproduced.
8. Entries must be received by June 21, 2013.
9. All pages should be numbered.
10. Length of stories and poems - **STORIES** are to be:
 - *Adult: 1000 - 2500 words.
 - *14 - 18 years: 500 - 2000 words.
 - *Children: up to 500 words.**POETRY**, free or rhyming verse to be:
 - *Adult: min. 8 lines and max. 48 lines.
 - *14 - 18 years: min. 8 lines and max. 48 lines.
 - *Children: up to 20 lines.
11. Entries will not be returned and participants should keep a copy of their work.
12. The Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
13. Signing of the entry form for this competition constitutes acceptance of these "Conditions of Entry".

Entries can be mailed to:

Churchill & District News Short Story and Poetry Competition,
PO Box 234, Churchill 3842

or Emailed to: cdneditorial@aussiebb.com.au

Closing Date: June 21, 2013

Entry Fees:

\$3.00 Per Short Story/Children's Story (Concession or Student \$2.00)

\$3.00 Per Poem (Concession or Student \$2.00)

Children, Under 7, Under 12 and Under 18 Categories - **50c**.

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

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.

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.

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.

Oranges for sale

Sweet, juicy oranges are available for sale at 17 Switchback Road, Churchill on Saturday mornings from 10am-1pm.

The oranges come from struggling farmers in the Griffiths area, who cannot get sufficient income from their orange crops to make it economical, so crops are left to rot on the ground.

This is deplorable according to Brian, who used to live in Griffiths but now lives in Morwell.

It is his passionate goal to sell enough oranges to support farmers by selling their oranges at \$1.20 a kg.

All his and Kath's time is donated



free to this cause.

Visit Brian and Kath and hear more about the plight of our farmers while you purchase some oranges.

Young artists share their stories

The latest exhibition of creative work by younger members of our community is currently on show in Sharing Stories @ the Lane at the Latrobe Regional Gallery.

Latrobe City's gallery education officer, Julie Rosewarne-Foster, said that making artwork was another way of telling stories.

"Last year, twenty Grade 3 and 4 children from Commercial Road Primary School participated in a special curriculum-based program at the Latrobe Regional Gallery. The children began by hearing the important Aboriginal Dreamtime stories from the Gannai/Kurnai clan with Ronald Edwards.

We looked at animals in stories from other parts of Australia as well.

The children then made a drawing and relief print of their favourite animal.

In the next session at the gallery Ronald shared the distinctive patterns and designs from South Eastern Victorian Aboriginal traditional groups, and the children made up their own patterns to add to their animal prints.

The result is a vibrant and energetic exhibition of works," Ms Rosewarne-Foster explained.

Latrobe City's arts director, Julie Adams, said that the education programs were a very important part of the life of the gallery.

"It is such a buzz to see twenty or more children looking at the artwork, discussing their ideas and learning and making new things. It is even more exciting when we see them bringing their family members into the gallery and confidently showing off their work and acting as gallery guides," Ms Adams said.

Ms Adams added that the gallery was a great place for families to get together.

Entry is free and there is always something new to see and talk about in the six gallery spaces.

"Our education officer is able to cater for a broad range of school curriculum needs and is very happy to discuss these with interested schools," Ms Adams concluded.

For more information please phone the Latrobe Regional Gallery on 5128 5700.

Churchill Monash Golf Club

Golf Results

9/2/2013 Men's Par Winner: A-Grade H. Martin (13) 2 up c/b, B-Grade J. Ambrosini (22) 8 up, C-Grade B. Barnes (29) 5 up. DTL V. Monument 5 up, S. Wotton 4 up, T. Webb 2 up, W. Judkins 2 up, D. Ellwood 2 up, T. Collins 2 up.

NTP 3rd R. Madigan, 5th L. Stein, 12th H. Martin, 14th G. Down Birdies 3rd R. Madigan, 5th D. Taylor.

10/2/2013 Mens Stableford Winner: W. Peter (16) 38 pts, DTL P. Smart (5) 37 pts. NTP 3rd W. Peter, 12th P. Smart, 14th G. Blizzard (Hole in One) Eagles G. Blizzard, Birdies W. Peter.

10/2/2013 Ladies Stableford Winner: M. McConville (20) 34 pts c/b.

12/2/2013 American Foursomes Winners: J. Blizzard (23) & G. Down (26) 18 3/8 = 71 5/8.

16/2/2013 Mens Stableford Winner: A-Grade E. Beveridge (11) 35 pts c/b, B-Grade J. Banfield (21) 47 pts, C-Grade G. Down (26) 41 pts, DTL D. Ellwood 43 pts, S. Wotton 40 pts, I. Hepplestone 38 pts, P. Blunt 38 pts, G. Spowart 37 pts c/b, J. Keighran 37 pts NTP 3rd G. Down, 5th S. McColl, 12th R. Welsh, 14th S. McColl Birdies D. Taylor 12th.

16/2/2013 Ladies Winner: A. Chapman (26) 36 pts.

19/2/2013 Womens Open Day 4 BBB Winners: M. Munckton (32) & M. Dear (19) 45 pts, Runner Up: K. Raber (28) & V. Verheyen (24) 43 pts, 9 Hole In N. Sewell (35) & L. Carter (21) 27 pts, 9 Hole Out L. Peake (33) & A. Membrey (32) 23 pts c/b, Visitors: R. O'Brien (28) & J. Batchelor (22) 41 pts (Heyfield) NTP 3rd H. Porter (Yarram), 5th R. Godenzi (Toongabbie), 12th L. Carter (Yallourn), 14th G. Wilson (Yarram) Birdies M. Munckton 5th, G. Wilson 14th.

Ladies' Clinic at Churchill



During February a number of ladies attended a clinic held at Churchill and Monash Golf Club for ladies who work during the week.

With intense concentration and loads of laughter, the ladies learned the basic elements of putting, chipping and long swing hitting. The instructors

were all Club members.

Over the next few weeks, these beginners will frequently be out on the course and the driving range honing their skills before a competition game to be held in April. All who attended agreed it was a great means of exercise and enjoyment.

Ladies Knockout

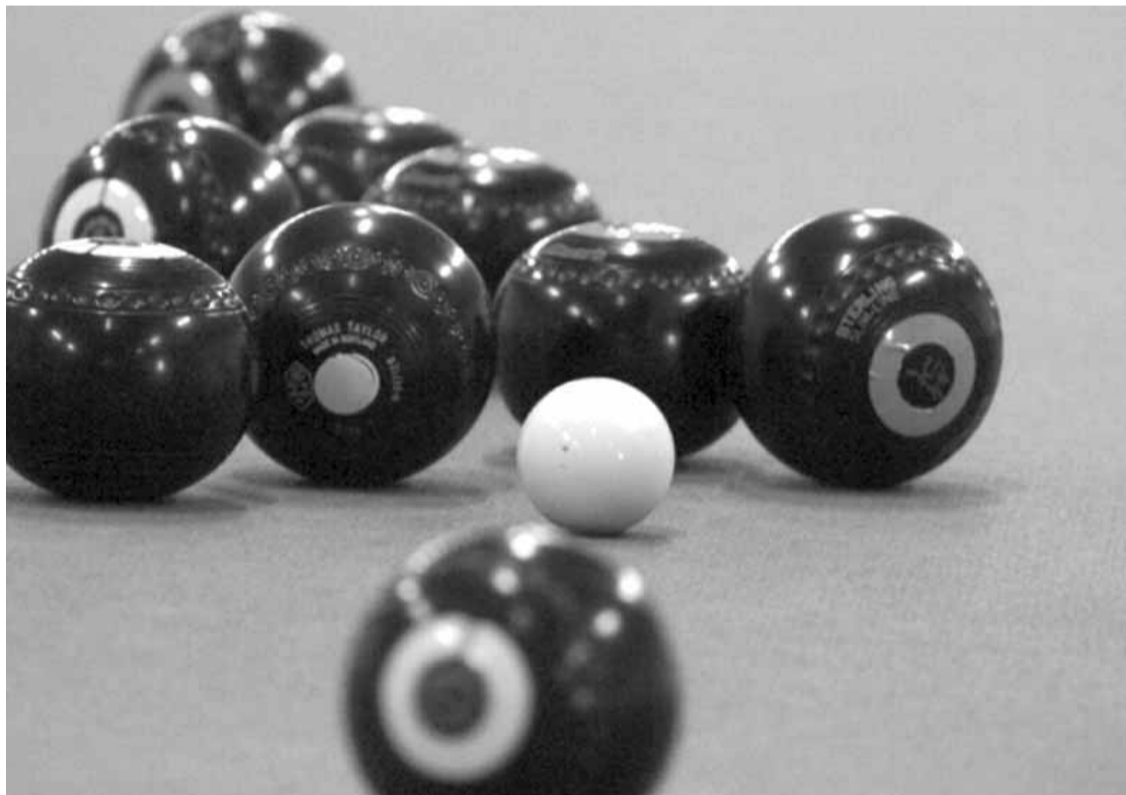


Churchill and Monash golf club held their ladies singles knockout.

The final was held recently with Vicki Verheyen and Jill Beck playing off. The match was very close

with the lead changing back and forth with each only getting 1 or 2 up. The result was taken to the 19th hole with Vicki coming out the winner. Congratulations to both women for making the final.

Bowls Returns



Thursday night indoor bowls has commenced for the year with good numbers turning up.

Anyone interested in playing is invited to attend. Just arrive at Gaskin Park Hall around 7:20pm on a Thursday night for a social and entertaining evening.

The club will once again be conducting a monster Easter egg raffle. Tickets will be sold at Churchill's Westplace Shopping Centre on Thursday, March 21 and March 28.

The raffle will be drawn at 9:30pm on Thursday March 28. Tickets are a dollar each, or three tickets for two dollars. Winners will be notified immediately after the draw.

The club is currently in the process of installing two 8kw split-system air conditioners in the Gaskin

Park Hall Clubrooms.

The air conditioners, acquired through a Latrobe City Council Minor Capital Works Grant, will make a significant difference to the overall comfort of our patrons and guests.

Thanks go out to Darrell White and Latrobe City for the grant that made the purchase of the equipment possible.

At the last meeting with Latrobe City Council, it was forecast that the Churchill Bowls Club will have its' lawn bowls green up and running in 2015.

Over the next 18 months the club intends to carry out an intensive promotion and recruitment campaign within Churchill, to offer another sporting and social option for Churchill and district communities.



Function Room For Hire

Reasonable Rates, Ideal for:

- » Birthdays
- » Engagements

**To Book Call Jenny
Phone: 5122 2884**




Big Home Game kicks off Rams Season



Reigning Gippsland Soccer League Champions, Churchill United, will host Morwell Falcons in its first home match of the season under lights on Friday March 22 at 8.30pm.

The match is expected to be hotly contested with the Falcons aiming for big things this season and the Rams eager to go back to back.

Junior Registration Day

On Saturday March 23, the club will stage a junior registration day between 10am and 2pm.

A feature of the day will be practice matches for all age groups, with teams competing against Korumburra

Soccer Club for an aggregate trophy -The Churchill-Korumburra Cup.

The club also has brand new training and match balls for all junior teams with thanks to the Morwell Bowling Club.

Training has commenced every Tuesday and Thursday from 4.30pm-5.30pm

Coaches for 2013

Most coaching positions have been filled for the coming season, however we still have three vacancies to fill:

Seniors: Stephen Riess assisted by

Tim Dawson

Under 21 Youth: Paul Riess

Reserves: Vaughan Reimers

Second Division: Vacant

Womens: Adrian Huizer

Under 16's: Trevor Riess

Under 14's: Tom Sands

Under 13's: Adrian Huizer

Under 12's Mary Corponi and Mitchell Azlin

Under 11's: Vacant

Under 9's: Luke Cheney and Nicole

Osborne

Under 7's: Vacant

No experience is required to be a coach so if you can help out please call

club President Ben Kimpton on

0415 743 826 for more information.

Stumps Drawn on Cricket Season

By Wayne Reynolds

Season 2012/13 is drawing to a close for the Churchill Cobras Cricket Club. It was another year where challenges were met and for the large part overcome. During the offseason the biggest focus was on recruiting junior players to become involved with cricket, and while there was enthusiastic participation in the younger grades, Churchill again was without an Under 15 side. The club will continue to push for representation in all grades of cricket, as this is the only means of developing a strong and healthy club into the future.

The Under 11 side finished eighth on the ladder with one win from their six games. The team had good numbers during the season and the club was thrilled with the enthusiasm of the young players and the

enjoyment they had from playing cricket. It is hoped that they will all continue their cricket journeys next season. Whilst many look for the next Michael Clarke or Peter Siddle, the Churchill Cricket Club would much prefer to simply see a team full of young players enjoying themselves playing cricket.

The Under 13 team continues to develop and they are beginning to see the rewards of their efforts. This season they finished sixth on the ladder but some players have already made the important leap to senior cricket.

This is a daunting prospect for most Under 15 players but to see Under 13 players taking the next step speaks volumes of their ability and desire to contribute to the club. Four players scored 100 runs or more for the season, providing a nucleus for the team to build around. It is hoped that Under 15 cricket will be played in Churchill next year and that the players stepping up in age groups will be able to continue their cricket development.

With one game remaining in the season, the C Grade side sits in sixth position, unable to make the finals. There was discussion during the offseason regarding Churchill's ability to field a C Grade side and it is a credit to the Committee for ensuring that every effort is made to continue to be represented in the 40-overs per side game. C Grade is traditionally the team that will vary the most week to week and

again we saw that displayed with some standout performances punctuated by the occasional big loss. On the whole, the C Grade side has done a great job this season and has remained competitive throughout the year. It is crucial that Churchill continues to be represented by three senior teams, and when all players are available, the C Grade team is as strong as any in the competition.

B Grade will once again be participating in finals cricket with a side made up largely of last year's C Grade Premiership team. Churchill was one of the hot favourites last year before falling short in a mammoth run chase in the semi-final against Centrals. This year, B Grade have once again been at or around the top four in the competition all season, and could possibly be even higher if the Andrews Park facility was available for the first third of the season. Persistent rain prior to October meant that Churchill's home ground was unplayable despite the tireless efforts of ground staff. This forced B Grade onto synthetic wickets, certainly not the ideal surface for Churchill's bowling attack.

A Grade lost several players during the offseason and this had a cascading effect on the rest of the grades, as players had to come up to fill the void. So it was a very young Churchill side which took the field this year and despite several heroic performances, fell short of finals cricket. The side was given a huge boost when skipper John Keighran was cleared to play, foregoing surgery on an injured shoulder. Whilst limited in bowling, Keighran showed little discomfort with the willow in his hand, knocking up a century and two scores in the 90's on his way to an aggregate approaching 500 runs.

Churchill will be looking for more consistent support next campaign as well as developing the young bowlers on hand, with a focus on more effectively penetrating the top order of opposition teams.

As the club rallies behind B Grade for their finals tilt, thoughts of the Committee already are heading towards next season and what the club must do to rebuild and develop to once again make Churchill the envy of the Association.

Braves in Melbourne

By Sam Gillett



Over the summer, some members of the Churchill Baseball Club travelled to Melbourne on weekends to play for Moorabbin.

With the help of our local players, Moorabbin were able to find enough people to field teams. The local winter baseball season starts in April and the experience of playing in Melbourne should give the players plenty of experience to take onto the field.

"It has been a very valuable

experience," Brad Jones says. "We learned heaps about baseball tactics and more of the finer points of the game. Even some more basic foundation things that just would never be allowed, such as throwing action."

The Braves, with support from Churchill & District News, will be putting on a 'Baseball Come and try day' on Wednesdays March 20 and 27 in preparation for the start of the baseball season.



The Rotary Club of Hazelwood

South – East Tasmania.

The large container stocked full of donated goods – clothes, toys, furniture, electrical goods – has been sent to the Tasman Peninsula. Distribution of goods will be co-ordinated by club member, Christine Payne.

Club meetings resumed early in February with speakers including local Churchill resident, Emma Gunn, who was our successful nomination to the 2013 National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) held in Canberra during January.

Emma outlined all the details of her two week stay in Canberra which was partly funded by our Rotary club. The NYSF program was literally packed with seminars and activities designed to further encourage students interested in pursuing science related studies, and possible future careers in this field. Emma also spoke enthusiastically about the leisure activities.

Jessica Polkington was another speaker who told us about her highly successful first year studies at Monash University Clayton.

Jessica was our successful NYSF nominee for the 2011 program in Canberra.

Listening to Emma and Jessica reinforced the role of Rotary in our local area as an enthusiastic supporter of youth activities, including situations which may advance various educational opportunities for further learning.

Dealing with the latest topical and highly controversial issue – Drugs and Sport – our most recent guest speaker, Gippsland Sports Academy Executive



Officer, Judi Buhagiar, provided a range of personal views leading to spirited discussion amongst all members.

This occasion was an “eye-opener” into sports not necessarily covered by the current flood of press coverage.

For anyone interested to learn more about Rotary and its work across all facets of the wider community, please contact President, Margaret Palmer on 0413 847 446.

As reported last month, 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



Hazelwood Rotary

MEETINGS:

Mondays 6.30pm - 8.00pm

ITALIAN AUSTRALIAN SPORTING AND SOCIAL CLUB MORWELL

From the 2012 Christmas Wrap at Mid Valley, the club will distribute \$5,570 to 10 local organisations.

Contact: President Margaret Palmer

Phone: 0413 847 446

Churchill North Primary School After School Care & Playgroup

**After School Care
Qualified Coordinators
Jillian Keenan & Jess Chamings**

Fees & Charges
Each hour block is \$5.00 per child.
Families may claim Child Care Benefit with respect to this program.

Hours of Operation
Monday–Friday during the school term.
Hours of operation are between 3:15–5:15.
Sessions may be booked for an hour at a time.

Playgroup

Your child can have fun playing with others while you meet other parents and share the joys and challenges of parenting.

Playgroup allows children to:

- Learn through play, listen to stories, sing & play musical instruments
- Have fun inside & outside, making friends and developing new skills
- Interact with other adults, learn simple rules & routines

Activities include:

Painting & pasting
Sandpit play
Climbing equipment
Play dough
Home corner
Construction
Music & movement
Stories & much more

Where: Churchill North Primary School
Coolabah Drive, Churchill.

When: Wednesdays (during school terms)

Time: 9.00–11.00 am

Bring: A healthy snack & drink

Cost: Gold coin

