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ANZAC Day Celebrations

Churchill District Remembers

Morwell

A large crowd of people of all ages gathered at the Community Playground in Elgin Street to be part of, or to watch the parade of veterans and families.

The parade also included among others, the cadets, RSL Women's Auxiliary, and Scouts, and was led by the Morwell Caledonian Pipe Band. The parade marched to the cenotaph where an even bigger crowd greeted the marchers with applause.

Les Maher greeted the crowd and welcomed everyone saying how pleased he was that such a large crowd had gathered to remember those who served our country in the Great War and particularly those of the ANZAC tradition.

Many wreaths were laid, including a large number representing the schools of the area.

A poignant part of the ceremony was the reading out of those service men and women who had died since the last ANZAC Day.

The reciting of the Oath, the Last Post and Reveille played by the bugler added to the atmosphere of reverence and awe.

It is special to have so many young people taking an interest in ANZAC Day and what it stands for. The spirit of ANZAC lives on.

Yinnar

Anzac Day in Yinnar was attended by nearly 300 people.

The Dawn Service and Anzac ceremony was conducted by Vietnam veteran, Lyn Giles.

After a march led by the pipe band, wreaths were laid at the Cenotaph by the Yinnar RSL, Scouts, local school children and other parties.

The Yinnar and District Lions Club did a great job of closing the main

street for this occasion. The ceremony following the march was held in the Yinnar Memorial Hall and was addressed by Bayley Charalambous, Spirit of Anzac winner, who spoke of his experiences when visiting the battlefields of Turkey. Correspondence, in the form of letters, sent from soldiers in the Gallipoli campaign, were also read by Bayley.

The Salvation Army band led the audience in singing hymns of remembrance and praise together with the National Anthem.

The day proved to be a fitting occasion to honour our Anzac heroes and those who have since served, and continue to serve, our country.

Boolarra

As is their tradition, Boolarra celebrated ANZAC on the Sunday before ANZAC Day- April 21 this year.

It was held at the RSL Memorial opposite the Boolarra Public Hall. The gardens around the memorial had been re-furnished for the occasion and red roses planted. The RSL will donate two of the RSL Roses when ready, to add to the garden.

Senior Vice President of Morwell RSL, Les Maher led the service.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Bayley Charalambous, the Gippsland Winner of the Premier's Spirit of ANZAC award. Bayley spoke of his trip to the battlefields of Turkey, France, Belgium and The Netherlands, where he visited the war cemeteries, and of how it felt to be at the places which, since the age of eight, have been of keen interest to him. Bayley's speech included the reading of letters which illustrated how the war affected everyone- soldiers, their families and friends.

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Rotary Club of Hazelwood

By Leo Billington

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood continues to be occupied across a varied range of community activities.

Churchill based historian, Rob De Souza-Daw provided a comprehensive talk about Traralgon born soldier, Mac Horne. Entitled "A Son of Traralgon", Rob spoke about Mac's life and war service on the Western Front in World War 1. Lieutenant Horne's aircraft was shot down by German enemy aircraft over Pelves, a small village on the River Scarpe.

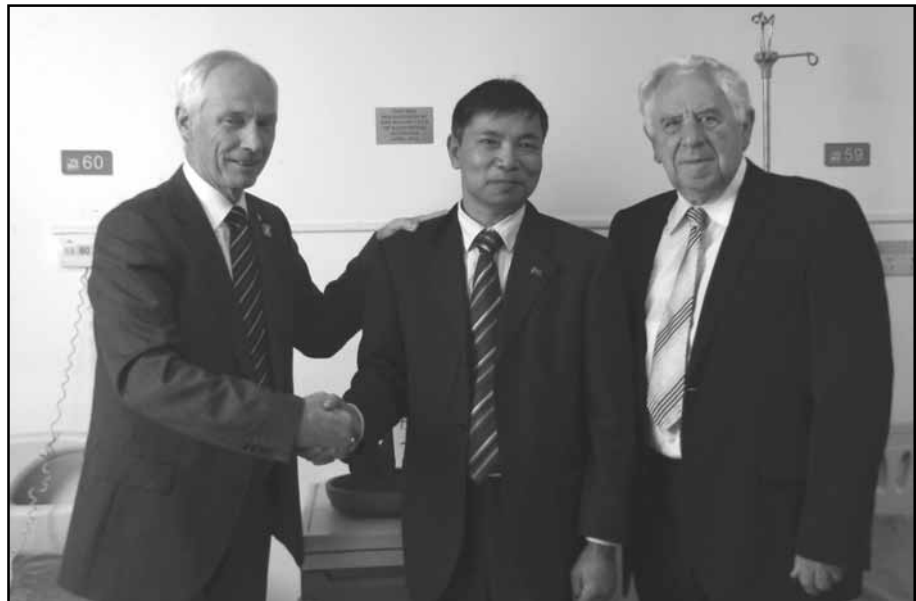
Past President, Mike Answerth, gave an illuminating talk recounting his early primary school education in Warragul and secondary schooling in Wangaratta. Mike outlined various teaching methodologies prevalent at the time, many of which have disappeared in this modern era of education with its quest to transfer knowledge to students. Club members possibly concluded that delivery of education in Mike's time was stricter but perhaps more comprehensive.

Early in April, a small delegation from the Hazelwood and Traralgon Central Rotary clubs visited the City of Taizhou and Shanghai in China. Highlights of the visit included meeting Taizhou City officials, Shanghai's historical Bund area, Taizhou Cancer Hospital, Taizhou Middle School and the highly acclaimed, annual Taizhou Dragon Boat Festival. This is the second visit organized by Hazelwood Rotary.

Hazelwood Rotary is also promoting Bowelscan, an Australia-wide initiative whereby Rotary Bowelscan test kits are available from your local pharmacy during May for only \$10. Bowel cancer is the second biggest killer cancer in Australia.

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

Hazelwood Rotary is a long-term promoter of the Bowelscan program in Latrobe Valley and urges everyone in the above age



category to seriously consider obtaining a test kit.

The club co-ordinated the Mother's Day Wrap at Mid Valley Shopping Centre between May 9 and May 11. Monies raised will go to Gippsland Rotary Centenary House.

Hazelwood Rotary now has a Facebook page – www.facebook.com/hazelwoodrotary

Have a look and learn more about the type of activities Rotarians become involved with. Rotary is a non-political and non-religious organization focused on doing "good things" to help local communities.

The Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintances as an opportunity for community wide service.
2. High ethical standards in all professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all occupations and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, professional and community life.
4. The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of all persons united in the ideal of service.

Later this month, interested local Rotarians will meet to consider the formation of a Rotaract club. Rotaract is a local Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30, and are either community or perhaps university based. This makes them true "partners in service" and key members of the family of Rotary.

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



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

Churchill Rainfall March - April

By Bruce Stephenson



In March Churchill had 48.5 mil of rain.

April has had 42 mil, making a total of 135 mil for 2013 so far.

This compares poorly with the 320 mil Churchill had to the same time in 2012.

In the last 20 years we have had some very dry starts to the year, they are :-

- 1997..... 66.5 mil for a years total of 463 mil
- 2003..... 105 mil for a years total of 599 mil
- 2008..... 114 mil for a years total of 585 mil
- 2009..... 108 mil for a years total of 576 mil

So it's fair to assume that we may be in for a below average rainfall this year.

Cheers for now Bruce



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The Crocka Foundation Raises Funds



Kylea Williams and her faithful band of helpers held a successful BBQ at Woolworths on Saturday May 4.

Kylea reported that apart from selling lots of delicious food, the group received over \$300 in donations and signed up 50 people to participate in their Fun Run in Mathison Park on May 12.

Also on sale were articles of merchandise including wristbands, polo shirts, aprons, singlets and stubby holders all bearing the Crocka Foundation logo.

If you missed out on purchasing one of these items

do not stress, they are still available and you can obtain them by contacting Kylea on their email - crocka13@bigpond.net.au.

Apart from the Fun Run, these pro-active people are planning a Trivia Night in October.

The date is not set yet, but you can find out more by emailing Kylea as above.

So far the group's efforts have raised \$40,000. Their aim for this year is to increase this to over \$65,000, an effort of \$30-40,000 more.

All this money will go to aiding research into genetic heart conditions.

India Trade Mission strengthens Latrobe City partnerships

The recent State Government India Trade Mission saw positive outcomes for the partnership between Mahindra Aerospace and Latrobe City Council, and strengthened the capacity of the Latrobe Regional Airport as a key employer in the region.

"The success of Council's trade mission to India comes off the back of a highly fruitful exhibition at the Avalon Airshow, where we received 26 significant enquiries from firms looking to invest in the Latrobe Regional Airport.

The follow-up work from these enquiries has ranged from the provision of tailored information through to the facilitation of site visits and draft lease preparation.

Our participation at Avalon provided Council with the vehicle to demonstrate the incredible state and federal support which we have received, and the partnership approach that we have developed with Mahindra Aerospace.

The airport is currently undergoing a \$6.24 million upgrade which brings its investment total to \$10 million over the last decade.

Council's investment in the Latrobe Regional

Airport really is leading the transformation of our local economy.

Visitors to the Latrobe Regional Airport stands at Avalon were surprised to learn that our airport currently employs over 200 people and that we have 200 hectares of prime aviation land that is ripe for developing," Cr Kam said.

Latrobe City Council's Manager Economic Development, Geoff Hill, Council's representative on the trade mission, said that Council was able to leverage off the Mahindra partnership to meet other senior company representatives.

"Latrobe City Council was the only local government area represented on the trade mission, which I think is a product of the fact that in the Latrobe Regional Airport we have a truly unique offering and a vehicle by which to further diversify our local economy.

Being able to demonstrate the growth at Latrobe Regional Airport, the success of existing business there, the plans for expansion all added to the depth of discussion, and we are hopeful that we can progress these talks into the future," Mr Hill concluded.

Old Time Family Dance

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Please direct your interest in the above classes to the

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Email - churchillnc@bigpond.com

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(inside the Churchill and District Community Hub)

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We also have a Community Workshop (Men's Shed) where many wonderful items are made or repaired, or those attending can just enjoy the company of other participants.

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April 25 is an important day on the Australian calendar and I was pleased to attend a number of ANZAC day services across the Morwell electorate.

All ANZAC Day services across the Latrobe Valley were a fitting tribute to those who have served our country, and provided an opportunity for community members to demonstrate their gratitude and respect to our courageous service men and women. We must also pay due regard to our local RSLs who do a marvellous job in hosting various ANZAC day services across the region.

The Victorian Government has also committed \$550,000 to revitalise Neighbourhood Watch and to strengthen the volunteer organisation's role in preventing crime.

Grants of up to \$10,000

are now available for the implementation of locally based crime prevention projects through the Victorian Government's Community Safety Fund grants program.

Local government and not-for-profit community organisations and groups are eligible to apply for funding.

The community safety grants provide additional resources for local communities to support practical and locally relevant crime prevention solutions, which help prevent crime in communities, assist people to feel safer, increase knowledge about how to identify and best address local crime issues and enable communities to address local crime prevention issues.

The Victorian Government has



allocated a total of \$35 million to its Community Crime Prevention Program to make communities safer.

Program information, grant application guidelines and links to the application forms can be found

at www.crimeprevention.vic.gov.au/safetygrants

I am pleased to announce that concept plans have been developed for the proposed Eel Hole Creek Pavilion.

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

The concept involves a series of terraces to fit into the current steep fall in the land and will include a gathering place with seats, barbeques, tables and chairs as well as grassed areas.

The Government was pleased to contribute \$16,000 towards the development of a feasibility plan for this project through the ever popular

"Putting Locals First" program.

In closing, Latrobe's Biggest Ever Blokes BBQ will be held on Friday May 31, 2013 from 11am to 4.30pm at Kernot Hall, Morwell. Table Booking are now open, \$1100 per table of ten - all inclusive including food, drink, entertainment, monster auction, raffles and door prizes.

There will be special guest entertainment by Sam Newman, Gary Lyon, Greg Champion, Tommy Hafey and John Deeks (MC).

To book your table contact: Alf Prestipino 5133 0772 or 0412 747 476 or Mike Anwerth 0438 048 150 or email latrobbbq@lvexpress.com.au

Latrobe's Biggest Ever Blokes BBQ will help raise awareness and provide funding to assist research, diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer.

Darrell White



Latrobe City Council Budget - "Draft" Fees and Charges 2013/2014

As part of Council's annual Budget preparation process, Council reviews user fees and charges which are associated with Council operations across the municipality.

In order to incorporate any proposed changes to the fees and charges into the 2013/14 Budget from July 1, 2013, the adoption of the Fees and Charges is required ahead of the Council adopting the

2013/14 Council Budget.

For the next financial year, the "draft" Fees and Charges have been prepared on the basis of CPI increases and/or benchmark market rates and/or Victorian Government and statutory charges. A significant number of Council's fees and charges require notice to be given to users.

This notice can vary from one to two months depending upon the service.

Undertaking community consultation in May followed by adoption in early June 2013, allows the required notice to be given for any changes to fees and charges in adequate time for implementation from July 1, 2013.

Advertising to the community of the "draft" Fees and Charges 2013/2014 will include displaying at Council's Service Centres and libraries, placing them on Council's website and consulting with service

users. Community feedback through submissions is encouraged.

It is anticipated that Council will consider submissions in relation to the "draft" Fees and Charges 2013/2014 at a Special Council Meeting to be held on June 11, 2013; and will subsequently consider final adoption of the "draft" Fees and Charges 2013/2014 at an Ordinary Council Meeting to be held later in June 2013.

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As you are cleaning, just put the nozzle of the vacuum cleaner across the smoke detector to keep it free from dust and maintain its effectiveness.

Smoke detector checks have been carried out around Churchill for the senior citizens.

If you are a senior citizen and would like to have your smoke detector checked by the Churchill brigade members, please call Ruth 5122 1961.



Return of trains a top priority

Deputy Premier and Member for Gippsland South, Peter Ryan, is assuring Gippsland rail users that V/Line will return trains to the Traralgon-Sale-Bairnsdale line as soon as it can safely do so.

Mr Ryan said he understood the frustrations of rail users, however the safety of travellers, motorists and pedestrians remained the top priority.

"We cannot have a situation where train passengers and train drivers, along with motorists, motorcyclists, pedestrians and truck drivers, are at risk from boom barriers that fail to lower before the train passes," Mr Ryan said.

Mr Ryan said V-Line were conscious that not just locals, but also the tourism sector, want the trains back on the tracks as soon as possible.

He dismissed concerns that the Victorian Government was planning to close a number of sections of track east of Traralgon.

"The Government has spent at least \$6.5 million on rail maintenance and renewals between Pakenham and Bairnsdale during the past two years," Mr Ryan said. "We have also equipped further level crossings

between Traralgon and Bairnsdale with boom barriers.

This investment has been made because we will continue operating Gippsland line trains all the way between Southern Cross and Bairnsdale."

Minister for Roads and Public Transport Terry Mulder supported Mr Ryan's comments, and said Gippsland MPs, including Mr Ryan, had continually stressed the need for Gippsland trains to return as quickly as possible.

"We will get the trains back on track. Currently V/Line is working to source a newly built track grinding machine from the Pilbara in Western Australia, which will enable restorative work to be carried out," Mr Mulder said.

"The new track machine has to be commissioned, which will take about two weeks, and transported 4500 kilometres to Melbourne so that it can be regauged and modified to operate on V/Line's broad gauge tracks.

The track grinding will take place on each side of the 32 affected level crossings between Traralgon and Bairnsdale, a process which will take three weeks."

RSL Rose to feature in Morwell Centenary Rose Garden

A new rose developed at the request of the family of long-term member of the Morwell RSL, Robert 'Bob' Brown, will be planted in a garden bed in the Morwell Centenary Rose Garden.

Latrobe City Mayor, Councillor Sandy Kam, said that the rose bed was prepared for the launch of the RSL Rose at the recent Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show.

"This new rose has many connections with our area, the idea for its production having originally come from the family of a local RSL member; and of course with the Centenary Rose Garden in Morwell it is more than appropriate to incorporate the new rose into the display.

The initiative to develop the RSL Rose was enthusiastically taken up by the Morwell RSL community through the late president, Mal Bugg, supported by the RSL Victorian State Branch and subsequently the National Executive, who guided the project.

Sales of the RSL Rose will assist the RSL to promote and sustain their service to veterans and their families across the nation," Cr Kam said.

"Bruce Jeffrey, President of the Morwell RSL, approached the Rose Garden Committee to request

the introduction of the RSL Rose into the Rose Garden. The Morwell RSL, working with Corporate Roses at Myponga, South Australia, donated the roses which will be planted at the southern end of the garden, in front of the Morwell Senior Citizens Building in Maryvale Crescent. The Morwell RSL is also donating a seat for the bed.

As well as this garden bed, two other beds will be planted with additional roses to complement the RSL Rose.

The RSL Rose is a wonderful addition to the Rose Garden and appropriate with Anzac Day recently celebrated. Visitors can not only admire the beauty of the rose but can also reflect on the valuable contribution of our service personnel to our nation," Cr Kam concluded.

The RSL Rose features striking tones of regal burgundy and soft amber to stand out in any garden. Mirroring the colours of dawn and dusk, each classic shaped bud opens to produce an informal, petal filled flower borne on long stems, ideal for cutting. The bush is continuously in bloom, well rounded and clothed in glossy deep green foliage. Carrying a light spicy rose perfume, this rose looks brilliant planted singly, in large groups or in pots.

Scamming

Make yourself aware of scams doing the rounds.

Latrobe Police report people are still falling prey to the Microsoft Scam, where the victim receives a phone call from someone saying they are from Microsoft and had found a problem on the victim's computer, and then asks for remote access.

The victim gives the offenders access to their computer, enabling the

scammer access to all information on the computer, including online services such as banking and passwords. Companies like Microsoft and banks will never ring you out of the blue and ask for computer access or your identity and banking details. Remember, if you did not instigate the call, do not trust the person on the other end of the line.

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Lumen Christi Revue

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All money raised to be donated to the Carmelites for their ministry in East Timor.

Lumen Christi playgroup

Held fortnightly on Thursdays at the Eco Centre from 9.30 – 11.30am during school term. Contact Catherine Campbell phone 5122 2231.

Diocese of Sale – Gippsland Youth

Be still, slow down...Pause... Take a break... Chill. BE STILL is an overnight retreat for VCE students.

If you are in Year 11 or 12 come and join us for a night away from all the stresses of VCE – take a break, reconnect with your faith and have some fun!!

Where: The Summit – 21 Cemetery Road, Trafalgar East from 5 pm

Friday 21 to 4.30 pm Saturday 22 June 2013. Cost \$30 and includes all meals, accommodation and activities. Visit www.sale.catholic.org.au for a registration pack and more details or contact Cassie via email at cassieg@sale.catholic.org.au

Farewell to Father Francis

Father Francis, along with a number of other young priests within the Diocese, has been transferred to another Parish.

He went to the Parishes of Leongatha, Korumburra, Foster and Yarram from May 2. He has made a remarkable impact on both of our Parishes and in such a short time. He will be missed by all of us.

Father Danusz Jablonski will be replacing him here in Morwell and Churchill. He is known to many, especially the Polish community. He will be warmly welcomed just as Father Francis was.

Co-Operating Churches Snippets

Working Bee

A very productive working bee was held on April 13, where lots of cleaning up outside and inside was done.

The hungry workers were supplied with a well received BBQ lunch, cooked to perfection by Reverend Brenda Burney.

Thanks everyone for your fantastic efforts.

Margaret Docking

Margaret Docking of Wise Choices for Life, spoke to those gathered on Wednesday April 17, to hear about her efforts to educate the peoples of Uganda to help break the cycle of poverty.

Marg has over 25 years' experience serving as a Christian midwife from Yirrkala and Aurukan to Kenya and Uganda. She has seen firsthand the cycle of hopelessness and devastation that lack of education can cause. She passionately believes in training people with fundamentals of family planning and sanitation, so they may escape the poverty cycle.

Marg has recently returned from Uganda and works through the Wise Choices for Life, an organisation she helped set up. Further information can be obtained from the web site <http://www.wisechoicesforlife.org>.

Marg's talk was very engaging

and an eye-opener, when you realise just how little is known about reproduction due to lack of education opportunities. We wish Marg well in her endeavours.

Saturday Breakfast

Saturday Breakfast guest was Anna Larkin from SES. She spoke well about how important it is for everyone to have knowledge on what is happening around them concerning flood, fire, wind and storm etc. and to have thought out a plan of what you would do under the circumstances.

A more detailed report of the talk appears elsewhere on this page.



Helen Turi

With shock and great sadness we received the news of Helen Turi's death.

Helen has been part of our congregation now for just over twelve months, but in that time she endeared herself to us with her positive attitude and obvious pleasure at being part of our church family.

Helen's generosity and willingness to be involved in all that was going on, including helping at Easter Club and the working bee, was a tribute to her staunch character which had given her the perseverance to recover from a stroke, re-locate her home after many years interstate and walk each week to join us at church.

Saturday Breakfast

By Heather Enders

Anna Larkin, who is the Community Education Co-Ordinator for the State Emergency Service, spoke at the Breakfast on Saturday April 27.

Anna's role, she explained, is to teach people to prepare and respond to disaster.

SES's role is to manage disasters other than fires, which is the responsibility of the CFA.

SES is involved in managing floods, storms, earthquakes and tsunamis.

Early preparation for floods can reduce losses by 80% or more if people are fully informed.

The role of the local radio is vital in informing the community, and Anna advises that households have battery

operated radios as well as first aid kits, water, food, blankets and mobile phones readily available.

Keeping calm and listening to emergency services is the key to survival.

However, Anna urged in a disaster to use common sense and be aware that disaster may be imminent, but if the authorities don't know about it, you may be closer to the action than anyone, and your information to the authorities may be crucial. The next Breakfast will be held on Saturday May 25, at 7.45am at the Co-Operating Churches.

The details have not been finalised but people interested can contact Keith Enders at ken.15967@bigpond.com for details.

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

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Rev. Brenda Burney
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Glenda and Ian Combridge

Tel: 5166 1819

Sunday Service: 9.00am

Boolarra/Yinnar Co-Operating Parish

Week 1 - 11am at

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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



Churchill Christian Fellowship

Maple Crescent, Churchill
Sunday: 10.00am

From the Chaplain

By Pene Brook

Both Easter and ANZAC Day are times to remember sacrificial love. But they have, at times, been celebrations of hatred and exclusion: the mentality of 'us' against 'them'.

In the April edition of the online magazine, Eureka Street, editor Michael Mullins addresses what he calls, 'Australia's Comfortable Racism'. Here's an extract from his article:

"In a week of racist and xenophobic reaction to the Boston Marathon bombings, 2GB broadcaster Alan Jones said he believed foreign students were responsible.

In the US, there was a series of racist smears on innocent dark skinned individuals sighted close to the finish line. There was no factual basis to any of the imputations, but certain media commentators and editors simply exploited the hysteria of the moment to make a facile link between dark skin, foreignness, and terrorism.

For Australians who abhor racism, this was another example of other people's prejudice. But this week, John Oliver, host designate of The Daily Show with Jon Stewart in the US, begged to differ. He talked about the easy racism he observed during a recent visit to this country.

'Australia turns out to be a sensational place, albeit one of the most comfortably racist places I've ever been in. They've really settled into their intolerance like an old resentful slipper.'

Mullins addresses the way we so easily judge

people negatively on ethnic or skin colour; how we love to deride those who are different. He claims that ethnic jokes are a way of life in Australia and that we are deeply racist and xenophobic without even realising it. In a political climate where racism is part of political discourse, 'stopping the boats' has become a political imperative. Mullins goes on to say:

Racism was embodied in the Australian Constitution in 1901, and it was officially mandated by the White Australia Policy. The policy was finally dismantled in 1973 but it remains in our psyche. "

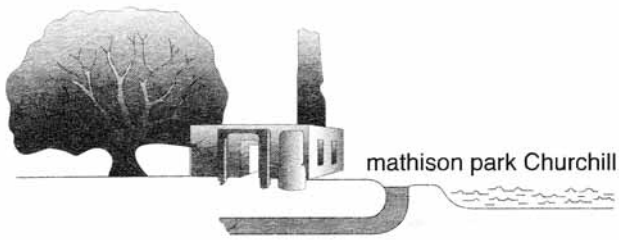
As Chaplain of the Monash Gippsland University, from time to time I hear of harassment of our international students within the local community. While such behaviour is usually confined to a small proportion of the population, it is a harmful and damaging behaviour that needs to be addressed by us all. Too often harm is caused not just by the perpetrator but also by those who tolerate or ignore it. Dealing with difference can make us uncomfortable but living out 'sacrificial love' means welcoming the stranger, reaching out to those who are different and including those who suffer exclusion.



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Mathison Park



Despite only four volunteers turning up at the last working bee, a great deal was accomplished, with fallen branches collected, some large logs dragged to the pile for burning, and a garden bed weeded.

Dave and his trusty ute saved us a great deal of effort.

Thanks guys for turning up and working so well. You earned that morning tea break.

Some special winged visitors have been to our park including a red-breasted robin, a night heron, a

white billed spoonbill, and some small grebes.

Bird watching can be very productive if you spend some time and go quietly and slowly.

Over 100 species of birds have been recorded in the park; an amazing number for a small area.

The next working bee will be Saturday May 18 at 9.00 am.

Meet at the Mackeys Road carpark.

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It is a guide as to where to find information to plan for emergencies of all types- flood, fire, tempest, storm, road blockages, and landslips.

For information you can access their web site www.hjca.org.au.

There is also a book outlining LEAP procedures, and a telephone and quick reference chart, with a pen and fridge magnet.

The LEAP document is currently being distributed in Jeeralang and Hazelwood districts by a team of volunteers.

More details can be obtained by contacting secretary@hjca.org.au.

For those without access to a computer, a full printed kit is available by contacting the secretary at P. O. Box 409 Churchill, 3842, who will put you in touch with the local coordinator for your area.



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LIFE AS A STUDENT AT MONASH GIPPSLAND

BY BEN YORK - MUGSU MEDIA DIRECTOR



Hi, my name is Benny York. I'm currently studying a double degree in Business/Commerce and Information Technology/Systems. I come from Trafalgar, and in light of the proposed changes to the university I'm grateful that I've had the opportunity to study at a prestigious campus like Monash without having had to travel to a metropolitan campus!

During my time here I've had numerous opportunities to get involved in the various aspects of uni life. I was able to meet new friends not just in class, but through various events and activities provided by the student residences where I currently live, and the student union (MUGSU). It was only through such activities that I was able to meet a stack of new friends and find people who study similar subjects (which has been extremely helpful to my studies!).

This year I have had the privilege of becoming a part of MUGSU as Media Director. I have been able to continue helping organise and promote quality fun activities for new and existing students, like Meet Eat and Greet, a table tennis tournament and our themed party night. I feel that this was especially important during the first few weeks of the year when new students come and settle in to uni! I have also been able to integrate my passion for photography into this position - I love taking photos at events, and being able to capture people having fun and enjoying themselves with their friends. This is something that I hope people will enjoy and can look back on in years to come.

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Churchill Gardening Group

Finally we have some welcome rain, Hooray!!!

Early jonquils, cyclamen and chrysanthemums (the traditional Mothers' Day flower of old) are now in flower. If your Iceland poppies are starting to flower, pinch out early flower buds, until the plant has grown bigger for much better flowers in the long run.

Prune off the old flowers on your hydrangeas and cut back to a nice fat double bud on the shrub. Tidy perennial plants with a trim back, but in frosty areas leave the dead foliage to protect the crown of the plant until spring. Divide perennials and select young outside growth to replant in soil well enriched with compost.

A complete all-purpose fertilizer like chicken pellets, spread all around the garden now over the moist soil and a covering of mulch e.g. sugar cane, pea straw, chopped lucerne, and autumn leaves, will help to keep the soil warm and encourage the worms to keep working.

Lawns will have slowed down with their growth, however a run over with the mower will pick up any autumn leaves which if left, will cause bare patches on the lawn. The clippings and leaves also make a handy instant mulch.

A top dressing of Blood and Bone spread over the lawn will give it a boost for winter.

Now is the time to order new rose bushes if you have a particular one in mind. Don't prune established roses yet - mid July or a little later is best. However,



gather up any leaves that have fallen from your roses, and bag and bin them to minimize any spread of disease.

Remove all runners from established strawberries and dress with well-rotted compost. Plant new strawberry plants about 30cm apart. Choose virus free plants, safer than free plants from another gardener.

In the veggie garden you can plant beetroot, broad beans, carrots, and winter varieties of lettuce; also seeds of the onion family.

An excellent small shrub to plant now is the daphne and who doesn't love its perfume? They can be a bit temperamental sometimes and may do better in a pot. Daphnes like an easterly aspect and no lime.

That's all for this month, enjoy the cooler weather and the rain.

Friends of Latrobe City Libraries Thank You



Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is into 2nd Term and with winter fast approaching how about coming to join our classes?

Monday morning we have a Craft Circle from 10 - 12. Bring any craft or UFO's (unfinished objects) and enjoy the good company.

Community Workshop- Men's Shed program. Enjoy the company and fellowship while you make something useful and enjoy a BBQ lunch.

Patchwork and quilting. Come if you have a passion for this pastime enjoyed by many in our community. Join our classes Wednesday evenings from 6.30 - 9.00pm for beginners, and Thursday all day (advanced)

We also have a variety of computer classes from beginners to advanced.

If you enjoy reading, then Chit and Chat on a Friday morning could be for you, with an opportunity to make new friends.

Ring Henry our Coordinator for more information on 5122 2955, all welcome.

By Jill Beck

The Friends of Latrobe City Libraries wish to thank the many volunteers who assisted in setting up Kernot Hall for their recent Book Sale.

At one stage there were 29 people busily sorting books into categories and moving them onto the tables.

Money raised from the sale will pay for forthcoming sessions of 'How to sell on eBay', which will be run in each library.

Thank you also to the Doc Shop for assisting with the transport of the stock.

Many people attended the sale on the Saturday and went home happy with their bags full of bargains.

It is planned to have the next sale in October.

For information about the Friends of Latrobe City Libraries contact Jill Beck on 5174 1005.

The Friends would welcome new members interested in the library service.

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Ros Carstairs spoke on behalf of Natalie Roy from Budgerie, who had been a member of the Women's Land Army. 2012 was the 70th anniversary of the Women's Land Army, recognised as the fourth service. Natalie along with other surviving women had been invited to Canberra to a ceremony to mark and honour their work during the war.

Wreaths were laid by the RSL Women's Auxiliary, Latrobe City Council, Department of Veterans Affairs, Red Cross, the Boolarra

Hall Committee and other personal tributes. The next day, children from Boolarra Primary School came and laid the wreaths they had made at school.

Colin Brick and Ray Stewart raised the flags.

A light morning tea was served in the hall following the service.

The Boolarra Community Development Group is looking for a successor to the current organiser, who wishes to retire.



Wreath laying at Boolarra



Councillor Darrell White and his sister Elaine Andrijczak, laid a wreath in memory of their grandfather who served in the Boer War. They are pictured with Trevor Burgess of Churchill



Members of the Latrobe Youth Council also laid a wreath



Morwell Caledonian Pipe Band led the parades at Yinnar and Boolarra



Two representatives of Hazelwood North School laid a wreath.



Three students of Lumen Christi laid a wreath



Bayley Charalambous, young speaker, Darrell White, Lyn Giles, and Bill Welsh, highly regarded well known local identity and World War 2 veteran.



Bayley, who was guest speaker at Boolarra and Yinnar, and Inspector Laura Callaway, guest speaker at Morwell.



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Jeeralang North Hall Community Fun Day Success



Many families, young and old, came to the Jeeralang North Hall to participate in the Family Fun Day, making it a success.

Judy Mele, secretary of the hall committee, said she was very pleased with the outcome of the aim, which was to provide a family and children's day.

Several people and groups took advantage of the opportunity to hold a stall. They varied from cakes and sweets to craft, plants, support groups, Latrobe City Council, and recycled treasures.

Generous buyers supported the stall holders well.

Lots of sausages were consumed with coleslaw and sauce in bread. The cooks were kept busy nearly all the time.

Popular activities for the children were face and henna hand painting. Many adults also decided to try the henna. Sack races and egg and spoon races also provided a laugh.

To finish the day the Disney movie "Zambesia" was shown to a good crowd of people.

Judy and Jen Dentoom, of the Salvation Army, put the day together.

The Salvation Army is managing a portion of

the funds contributed by Australians to the Bushfire Relief Fund after the 2009 Black Saturday fires, and funds from that money paid for the day's activities.

"Australian's generosity is continuing to support recovery areas like the Hazelwood/Jeeralang area as we continue to build community," said Judy.

"It was good to see the day had attracted some new faces and some good connections had been made," added Judy.

"I would like to thank everyone who came up to support the day, the media for promotion of the event, the committee who have been a wonderful support, and the Salvos for their funding of the day."

Jen Dentoom said she would like to hear from the other bushfire affected local communities if they are considering a project which will help build relationships and encourage friendships. The Salvos have supported events like a bus trip, surf trip, ski trip, Luna Park visit and a chocolate expedition. They would like to hear from you and are willing to help all age groups, male or female.

You can ring Jen on 0457 905 243 to talk and make an appointment.



Hazelwood Cemetery



By Leo Billington

Members of the Hazelwood Cemetery Trust have been overseeing a considerable number of projects within the cemetery precinct.

The garden shed project is now complete. This involved erection of a new shed, placement of a 22,550 litre water tank and plumbing to suit. The old shed, which once stood at the granite gates, and towed by tractor to its present location during the late 1950's will remain at this stage. Funding was received from the State Government with extra assistance from Hazelwood Rotary, Kiel Industries and the Mirboo North Bendigo Bank Community Bank.

Three new rubbish bin enclosures provided with assistance from the Community Bank and Morwell based Kiel Industries have proven to be a handy acquisition. The enclosures prevent rubbish from being blown around adding a great deal to the general appearance.

The Department of Justice work crews have been instrumental in cutting grass around the cemetery boundary. The Trust now proudly receives plenty of complimentary comments about just how neat the area looks since the long, untidy grass is kept down.

An Occupational Health and Safety works program to rectify a range of dangerous situations is scheduled to soon begin. Trips, slips and falls are major causes of injury, and the Trust is mindful of its responsibilities to our wider community who visit this public amenity.

Quite often, members of the Trust receive a variety of questions about the cemetery, one of which is about its history. The name of the cemetery comes from Hazelwood Station,

a squatting run first taken up by Albert Eugene Brodribb and William Bennett in 1844 on the eastern side of the Morwell River. In 1860, John McMillan took over the run and it was held by the McMillan family until 1919 when it was acquired by the Victorian Government for soldier settlement after the First World War.

From a north – eastern corner of the run, 10 acres of crown land was gazetted by the Victorian State Government as a cemetery on April 7, 1879. It's highly likely that there had been some earlier burials on the site before this date.

By 1890, the cemetery had been divided into denominational sections with the lawn section, children's section and remembrance gardens being relatively recent additions.

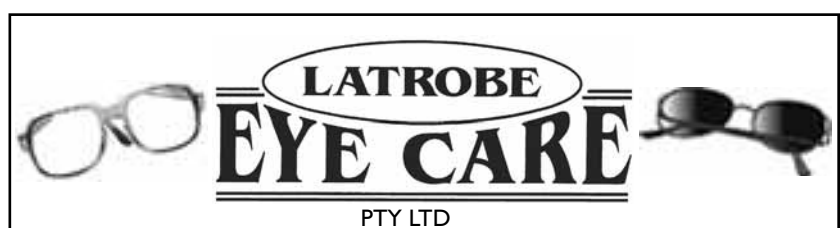
Hazelwood Cemetery, along with all other Victorian country cemeteries, is classified as a Class B cemetery administered by volunteer members (of the Trust). The Trust reports to The Victorian Cemeteries and Crematoria Regulation Unit, which is part of the Department of Human Services. Members of cemetery trusts are Ministerial appointments.

The large Melbourne based cemeteries are known as Class A cemeteries, also answerable to the same unit within DHS.

Because day-light saving is now finished, the new memorial gates at the Hazelwood Cemetery are open from 6.00 am to 6.00 pm.

When day-light saving resumes later this year, the gates will revert to the opening hours 6.00 am to 8.00 pm.

For any enquiries, please call Hazelwood Cemetery Trust Secretary, Gayle Kosakiewicz on 5133 9183.



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Grand Strzelecki Track Maintenance Report Sunday April 21

At this month's activity we had Ken, Mike, Cathy, Peter, Darren, and Craig. Apologies were put in by John, Margaret and Wendy. The group met in the car park to catch up on the news from the last month and plan the day ahead.

We organized ourselves into two vehicles and drove to the Grand Strzelecki Track. We drove to the first creek crossing on the Grand Strzelecki Track. Here we divided up, with Ken walking to the park boundary to complete his plant survey along the Grand Strzelecki Track. Most of us then donned waders and entered the creek at the first creek crossing. The creek level was still low and only in a few locations was the creek level high enough to require the rubber suits. Mike was able to navigate up the creek in gumboots without getting too wet.

I had brought my camera and when I went to take my first photo, found the battery to be flat. Craig was able to capture some photos for me, so for a change I was in a photo instead of Wendy or Margaret. We will need to get their photos next month.

Although the previous day had been wet, the day was pleasantly overcast with some periods of sunshine. For a period of time it was quite warm in the sunshine, while we worked on a stretch with many advanced tutsan plants.

We completed three creek crossings up to lunch removing many weeds, both small seedlings and advanced plants. This completed the section between where we completed last year and what was completed two months ago.

This made a logical time to break for lunch. We ate lunch on one of the many stony banks beside the creek. It was very peaceful eating with sounds of the creek in the background and two black cockatoos overhead. Ken did not join us for lunch so the group



again donned the waders and walked to where we finished last month. We walked about 800m to our new starting point. On the walk in, we passed Ken and some items of his clothing left beside the track. Ken updated us about his progress related to completing the plant survey.

We completed a few more sections of the creek, to have now completed between the first creek crossing and the twelfth on the Grand Strzelecki Track. There are only another 9 crossings to the park boundary! The number of weeds, especially tutsan we are locating is consistent. The only hope is that when we return in the future there will be less. We wonder whether this is a battle we will not win, or even make a large difference.

One positive we observed on the walk back is that the cattle had stopped coming into the park. Craig had previously erected some fencing where it appeared the cattle were entering the park. This fencing has been effective and stopped the cattle entering the park.

May Activity

Sunday May 19

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. Note that is a change from the calendar, since we don't need two months to complete the track maintenance in the Kerry Road part of the park. There are still many more weeds to remove from Billy's Creek, before the creek level rises. You will need to bring your lunch and suitable clothing for the weather conditions on the day.

Moe Alzheimer's Support Group

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Latrobe Police, in conjunction with Victoria Police's Safer Community Unit and Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Victoria, are excited about the launch of its new Eyewatch facebook page for the Latrobe Police Service Area.

Those who 'like' the Eyewatch - Latrobe Police Service Area Facebook page, will be able to receive and access local police information, breaking police news and crime prevention and safety tips in real time.

Officer in Charge of Victoria Police's Safer Communities Unit in Melbourne, Inspector Tony Langdon said, "We chose the Latrobe Police Service Area because of the close linkages with the community and the success of its modern NHW Program. Latrobe demonstrated its commitment to the program when it created its inclusive whole-town model for NHW meetings, which ensured no area misses out on the benefits of belonging to NHW. It then followed up with its whole-city Latrobe Crime Watch News, which sets the standard for NHW newsletters."

Victoria Police administrators from the Latrobe Area Police Command, Criminal Investigation Unit, Traffic Management Unit, District Information Unit and Community Liaison/Neighbourhood Watch will post information on missing persons, appeal for the public to help solve crimes and identify offenders, release images of stolen property, publish traffic blitzes and traffic issues and provide community safety and crime prevention tips.

This initiative is continuing the dynamic changes of the Latrobe Neighbourhood Watch Program which commenced three years ago when we started the electronic newsletter.

We are now bringing Latrobe NHW into the modern electronic world by offering the community the ability



to monitor crime trends through the Facebook social media phenomenon.

Local Area Commander for the Latrobe Police Service Area, Acting Inspector Jan McNally, stresses "Whilst we will be engaging with the Latrobe public through the Latrobe Eyewatch page, the public must not view it as a replacement for calling 000 (Triple Zero) in an emergency.

It is vital the Latrobe public continue to use 000 as the medium for reporting crime or if they are in danger.

Information on our page will mostly be posted during standard office hours and we will attempt to reply within a 24 to 48 hour time bracket."

Funding for the expansion of Eyewatch has been provided through the internal police budget and a \$5,000 contribution from Neighbourhood Watch Victoria.

To connect to the Latrobe Eyewatch facebook page visit: <https://www.facebook.com/eyewatchlatropepsa>

A public transport facebook page has also been established at:

<http://www.facebook.com/eyewatchpublictransportpolice>



Churchill Lions

By Sam Gillett

This month the Club ran a BBQ at Morwell to raise money for the Lion's biggest BBQ project, to raise money for childhood cancer research. Lions Biggest BBQ is an annual fundraising event undertaken by as many as 1400 Clubs across the country. Funds raised will be used to help to prevent kids with cancer from dying.

The funds raised spread help to provide the best scientific and clinical research that can be conducted right across Australia.

Churchill Lions Club has supported this great Lions project since 1966 because every child deserves the chance of a healthy life.

Who would have thought that the good old Aussie Barbie could raise over \$4.5 million for childhood cancer research.

More than 600 Australian kids are diagnosed every year with various forms of childhood cancer, and unfortunately we are still seeing around three kids dying every week.

That is what the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation was set up for, and why Lions passionately support childhood cancer research.



The Club is again fundraising for camp Quality which also helps kids with cancer and their families, and has raised in excess of \$4,000 so far this year.

This month we supported Yallambie Traralgon Elderly Village who required crockery.

Our Camp Quality Car was out and about on the Lions Ride for Sight, to assist with Eye Health research.

Our last meeting was a mixed Lions and Lioness meeting with Nicole Barina from the Leukaemia Foundation coming along as a Guest Speaker.

Nicole gave a very informative talk on the work of the Foundation.

This month we will have Janine Hays from Relay for Life to come along and speak on this year's event.

Beauty on a large scale at the Gallery

'Transcendence', an exhibition of large scale photographs by David Stephenson, one of Australia's leading contemporary photographers, is currently on display at Latrobe Regional Gallery.

Latrobe City Council's arts director, Julie Adams, said that for over 30 years, Stephenson had travelled the globe, producing startlingly beautiful images.

"They are remarkable in the way they literally transport you somewhere else. The works are very beautiful and being in this exhibition space will certainly lift your spirits. The images seem to take on an 'other worldly' quality.

For example, there are some images of Melbourne where the main landmarks of the city, such as the MCG and the Eureka Tower are clearly visible, yet the whole city seems to be like a sparkling jewel. In another series of works, time-lapse photographs of desert night skies transform stars into delicate organic patterns," Ms Adams said.

The exhibition's curator, Stella Loftus-Hills, describes the work as exquisitely crafted, large photographs that transcend their actual subject and open up to allow a reflection on abstract, often mysterious aspects of the natural and phenomenal worlds.

Ms Adams added that the Monash Gallery of



Art travelling exhibition is the first major Australian exhibition of photographer David Stephenson for a decade.

"It is drawn from the MGA's nationally significant collection of Australian photographs," Ms Adams concluded.

The exhibition will continue until June 16. Entry to the gallery is free.



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Don Di Fabrizio - Part Four

By Leo Billington

The Commonwealth Government, led by Robert Menzies, was re-elected in April 1951. The August 1951 Commonwealth Budget aimed to correct the “boom” time of rising inflation attributed to increased spending on post-war redevelopment. Severe restrictions on public borrowing were imposed. The State Electricity Commission (SEC) had plans to raise 52 million pounds in public borrowing in 1951 – 1952 to expand its program of works throughout Victoria. This was restricted by the Commonwealth to 44 million pounds.

At the SEC Morwell works site – development of the open cut, railway infrastructure and workshops for instance – plans were revised to fit budgets. Fortunately, the “progressive wind – down” of the Morwell project also afforded time for a re-assessment of forecasts for electricity and fuel demands from a rapidly developing Victorian economy.

In May 1954, based on encouraging signs from the national economy, the Victorian state government approved resumption of work on the Morwell project according to an approved modified plan.

Stage 1 of the plan incorporated 50 MW of generating power to be in service by 1958. Stages 2 and 3 included the first two briquette factories plus additional power generating plants to be in service by 1959 and 1960.

Don’s employer, Electric Power Transmission (EPT) was successful in winning a large contract to erect and fix steel for the new Morwell power station and briquette factory, including a conveyer system from the Morwell open cut and a raw coal bunker.

It was a four year contract therefore giving Don the break he so dearly craved. With an offer of more work, he arrived in Morwell on January 10, 1955. He arrived with others at a camp-site “on top of a hill” a short distance eastwards from Morwell’s fledgling town centre. The eagerly awaited first shipment of steel from Germany was behind schedule so the new workers spent about a month building the huts where the on-site workforce of approximately 100 was to live.

[Today, we know this general area as The Ridge and the excavated flat area immediately behind, and a fraction up the hill from the old dredger on display is where the huts were located. To many Morwell residents, it was known as the Ridge Hostel.]

With a friendly smile, Don recalls “the first few nights in Morwell were spent in tents but as the huts were progressively finished, we moved into them. It was about late February we started the proper work of erecting steel and I started work here in Morwell as a riveter.”

He worked in a forge “cooking” the rivets. This was the first stage in the riveting process involving a team of three – the “cook”, the boiler maker and his workmate. Don soon progressed from the forge to helping the boilermaker prepare the steel for riveting. Don had received his first ever promotion – and in Australia as well. And he was, at last, not living in a tent.

Don’s remarkable story culminated in eventually joining with his brother Giovanni (John) to establish D & G Di Fabrizio – Steel Fabrication and Erection. Later this company grew into the DIFABRO Group of companies which was closely associated with many major Victorian construction projects supplying, fabricating and erecting steel.

“I worked as a riveter, rigger and boiler maker, quickly earning a reputation as a good worker, Joseph was also in Morwell and I began attending English classes at night. It was important for me to learn English as quickly as possible. I also loved to go to the local cinema as well to the local RSL dances



The first workshop



The DIFABRO truck moving a structure to Loy Yang Power Station



These are the three Di Fabrizio Brothers who formed the DIFABRO Company

each Saturday night,” Don says as he smiles.

[There were two picture theatres in Morwell during the fifties, both in Buckley Street. Mr Bruce Vary constructed the Paramount “from odds and ends of discarded war salvage building material” which later took the Karma name. Across the street, the Maya Theatre was opened up by Mr Rex Hamilton on April 6, 1956. Additional to this was the Morwell Town Hall in which “flicks” were shown throughout a five night per week program. In 1956, the Morwell Panoramic drive-in opened in Latrobe Road with its 400 car capacity. In Hazelwood Road, the RSL Memorial Hall, built on land donated by the Billingsley family, was opened on September 20, 1953.]

Morwell was an entertainment Mecca for Don. Being at the picture theatre at least two or three nights a week assisted Don in his quest to learn English. Another venue for this was at the RSL hall – at this stage fast becoming a local popular social venue capable of holding a huge crowd.

“I met Maureen at one of these dances and a love match blossomed. We have recently celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with a large family celebration, which included our three children and 17 grandchildren.

I now realize my dream was achieved.”

Meanwhile, each month Joseph and Don continued to send some money from their savings back home. Their parents were then able to buy a small apartment in the centre of the village. When John arrived in Australia the three brothers continued to assist their parents and then their mother, until her passing in 1996.

Don’s younger brother, John arrived in Morwell in 1956. Recalling those formative years, Don makes reference to their combined efforts supporting each other to achieve a goal.

“We saved our money and purchased a block of land in Morwell subsequently over three years, building a large house using concrete bricks which we made on-site; all this without obtaining a loan.

The whole area was booming with many large projects in progress, largely financed by the Victorian Government. I could see a land of opportunity here and late in 1961, John and I saw a likely business opportunity. After work each night, we started manufacturing wrought iron in a shed in our backyard, for the many new homes being built in Morwell to accommodate new residents. This backyard enterprise was initially a part-time enterprise but it soon expanded and significant business decisions had to be made.

Following complaints from the neighbours about the noise at night, increasing demand for our steel products and being time poor, we moved to share a small block at the corner of Holmes

Road and Latrobe Road. We expanded even more and then we bought and moved into a very small old shed in Madden Street (our first workshop). As our business continued to grow we soon needed more space, so land was acquired next door and later we also bought another two blocks of land directly behind our workshop.

By 1970, we were employing 50 full time workers as we were successfully tendering for contracts, mainly for heavier steel construction projects. A new company was registered – D & G Di Fabrizio Steel Fabrication and Erection Pty Ltd. A larger (30 acres) site in Tramway Road Morwell was purchased, and the DIFABRO Group of companies was incorporated, of which I was the Managing Director from 1963 to 1993. Joseph joined the partnership in 1969 after running his own business.”

The family company expanded quickly, largely from work associated with all the major power stations in Victoria. “We fabricated, erected

and commissioned in excess of 150,000 tonnes of steel over about 29 years for power station construction related projects,” Don explained. “We were competitive, we invested in new technology and we concentrated only on fabrication. We were highly focused and we did our best. We could always boast of a 90 per cent success rate on jobs we priced.”

There were other memorable projects. Steel was supplied, erected and fixed for The Great Southern Stand at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Loy Yang “B” station was built in a joint venture with Lewis Constructions. Large prefabricated steel work was supplied for Esso’s offshore oil rigs. High Pressure Vessel Fabrication was undertaken and plenty of steel was fabricated for many bridges and large multi-level buildings in Melbourne.

The DIFABRO Group of companies worked in close cooperation with many high profile companies at the time, including Civil and Civic, John Holland and Leighton.



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Don di Fabrizio - part 4

Don's 30 years at the top guiding his family company represented a pinnacle of success, a long way from the earlier days of trying out as a bricklayer, labourer and learning to cook rivets.

"All this would have been impossible if I remained in Italy," Don says. "Because we (the three brothers) were here in Australia, we could help our parents far more effectively this way by sending back money to help them lead a more comfortable life."

Don modestly side-steps a question about whether or not he was ambitious. "Remember, I could have gone to America; and I always wondered how my parents must have felt knowing their three sons were so far away on the other side of the world. Yes, our company was successful and at our peak, we employed up to 300 people.

Trust and confidence is important in business and we had a good track record. You should only do the job properly once, and on time. That's my mantra."

But Don's community involvement must not pass by unnoticed. For 23 years, he was President of the Morwell Falcons Soccer Club, guiding the club from being a small country club to the Victorian Provincial League, then on to a Metropolitan Division to State League, to the Australian National League. He served as a Commissioner for the Australian Soccer Federation between 1997 and 2007.

"In 1969, my brother John was elected president of the Italian Australian Social Club of Gippsland. The club was founded in 1960 and soon acquired land in Morwell upon which two bocce courts were constructed. In 1961, some club members formed a soccer team and affiliated with the Latrobe Valley Soccer Federation. The team was a hobby for Italian-born migrants on a Sunday. A year later, the club adopted a new name – Morwell Falcons".

Don has written a detailed account about his 30 year involvement in soccer. Published in 2011, "My Years With The Falcons – Memories of a Morwell Soccer Supporter", provides an accurate account of trials and tribulations over this period. It is a compelling read, hard to put down and makes an invaluable contribution to Morwell's social and cultural history.

Taking up his story on how it all began, Don relates how his young son Steven was playing soccer in the Under 10's team at that time, so as a parent he was invited to the club's general meeting, "The next thing I knew, I was voted into the job of President." says Don. His predecessor had decided to return to Italy and the club was looking for a new President.

"I was President of a nine-person committee which included my brother, John. It was my first experience in running a club, our secretarial duties were shared by two 20 year old players – being the only two who could write English – and team discipline had to be improved to win games.

Over the following year, we started to win games, found new players and sponsors. At the end of my first year, we finished third and our turnover was \$5000. Our assets included two sets of cheap T-shirts.

I agreed to remain as President on the condition that we focused on building a winning team. From there, and with an enormous commitment from everyone (and long hours after work), we made our debut in the Provisional League at home to South Dandenong on Sunday, April 6, 1974. Unfortunately, we lost by a single goal".

The club was on its way upward and a new home ground was required. Following an approach in 1975 to the then Morwell Shire Council, and provided with three optional sites, a 10 acre site was selected at North Crinigan Road. In October 1981, the new clubrooms were complete and "the Morwell Falcons had by far the finest sporting complex in the Latrobe Valley. As for soccer clubs, our facilities were close to being the best in Victoria."

Don recalls the official opening where 600 people turned up and acknowledges the challenges encountered in balancing the club's attention to a large building program and the team's on-field performances. But it wasn't bad news because the Victorian Soccer federation invited the club to join the State League for the 1982 season.

Prior to this elevation, Morwell Falcons had made a successful bid to enter the Metropolitan League in 1976. Don describes this time as "it was all happening". Membership was 250, the team was winning games and a new ground was in its early stages of development.



Don in front of the stadium at Falcon's Park, which he organised to build

"Between 1988 and 1992, while balancing work in the family business and attending to my soccer commitments, our bid to join the National Soccer League had to be supported by improvements to our home facilities – new lighting, improved amenities, extra land and the list went on. Early in June 1992, a vacancy in the NSL was announced by the Australian Soccer Federation.

Our application was successful with a public media announcement made on June 25. Our soccer world was lit up; we were moving on to a national stage. One very important priority was to complete the grandstand to accommodate 2000 spectators. Over \$50,000 had been spent on the piling of the foundations. A State government grant of \$240,000 in May of that year was most welcome.

I was always very fortunate in my time at the club to have so many good people working with me as most of the work in building the club rooms, change rooms and the grandstand was done by volunteers."

The new grandstand was officially opened on January 28, 1995 and was named 'The Don DiFabrizio Stand'. "It was a

proud day for me and all members of the Morwell Falcons Soccer Club."

The attendance of about 5000 people at the opening ceremony was wonderful to see. While widely acknowledged as a fine tribute to Don's untiring efforts, all was not well in Don's life. Following a heart attack, Don chaired his last club meeting on August 29, 1994. For those who know Don intimately, he had given "his all" as he always does. But he remained driven.

"I joined the Australian Soccer Federation early in 1995 and was elected by the stake holders as a Commissioner / Director. I attended my first meeting in this capacity on March 2, 1995. One of my main portfolios was the amalgamation of (soccer) referee organisations Australia wide. Another responsibility centred on the integration of Women's Soccer to unify all players at national and state levels under the banner of Soccer Australia."

Don announced his retirement from Soccer Australia on February 28, 1999 and was asked to continue his connection as chairman of the Soccer Australia Honours Committee, a position he held until 2007.

Don's book describes his involvement in soccer telling all about the politics, lobbying and games that people played behind the scenes. The details underscore just what was involved as well as being taxing on Don's stamina and patience. He deserves every accolade possible.

Don's list of awards recognizing his achievements is extensive. Notable awards include appointment as a Life Member of the Victorian Soccer Federation, being awarded Cavaliere Ufficiale Officer of the Italian republic of Italy (by the Italian government), being inducted into the Hall of Fame by Football Federation Australia and being awarded The Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).

Currently he is heavily involved in lobbying and driving public support for the Gippsland Heritage Walk at Kernot Hall Lake in Morwell. His vision here will complement the Gippsland Immigration Wall of recognition for which he is extremely proud of having been the Project Manager.

While Don acknowledges "a very fortunate life in my adopted homeland", it's his vegetable garden to which he turns for solace. "I grow nearly all our vegetables." This is his comfort zone.

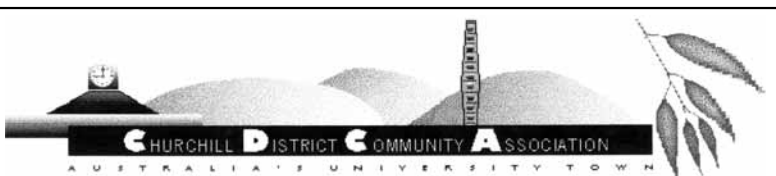
He shows me the framed picture of his "big toy". Depicted is a DIFABRO truck carrying a huge piece of fabricated steel construction starting its slow journey from Tramway Road to Loy Yang. The blue and white Kenworth has 132 wheels to carry the 10 metre wide, 8 metre high, 43 metre long construction "piece" which weighed approximately 270 tonnes.

One then acknowledges the soil around Lama Dei Peligni must have been fertile enough when it produced a fine citizen and successful business person known to all as Don Di Fabrizio.

Postscript – the author wishes to thank Maureen and Don for allowing access to a huge variety of personal material. It's been an honour to be allowed to enter your life for a moment in time.



Don and Maureen's 50th wedding anniversary



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Hazelwood House Happenings



Orange Day

Every year, all Benetas homes, including Hazelwood House, host an orange day. Hazelwood House decorated the home in orange decorations and served afternoon tea with orange food. We had a table with all orange items and an orange piñata full of lollies. The photo shows two of our residents who helped to make orange leis for everyone to wear on the day. A good day was had by all.



Above: Mossvale Park Trip

A few residents travelled to Mossvale Park to see the very old trees that grow there. The photo shows our residents feeling very pleased with themselves because the tree behind them is older than them!

Right: Easter craft

The photo shows one of our residents, Georgie, making an Easter basket filled with small chocolate eggs, a fluffy chick and a chocolate bunny. Much fun was had when making the bases. A lot of folding and tucking in, and voila! An Easter basket.



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Anyone who provides care for a loved one with disabilities, chronic or mental illness, or aged frailty, is welcome to attend for a friendly chat and support from others who understand the issues they may be facing.

For further information, please ring Dot Kitwood at 0402 457 241.

Update on Churchill Structure Plan

By Margaret Guthrie

In October 2007 Latrobe City Council adopted 'Structure Plans' for the townships of Churchill, Moe/Newborough, Morwell and Traralgon. These plans

are to "provide for growth and change in a planned and managed manner over a thirty year period".

The 'Churchill Structure Plan' identified the Town Centre and the University Campus as the two main activity centres in Churchill, noting that the main residential area lay on the western side of Monash Way.

This Plan was developed concurrently with the Churchill Town Centre Plan, which was adopted by Council in December 2008. Both plans recognised a need to improve the Town Centre and the 'East-West' connection to the University.

Stage 1 of the Town Centre Plan – the reconstruction of Philip Parade – has been completed and the works associated with the section of land between Philip Parade and Marina Drive are underway.

The shopping centre car park works and the reconstruction of the 'top' section of Georgina Place have been delayed by the complicated nature of the large number of land exchanges that must be dealt with in order for works to commence.

The initial section to be constructed will be the new pedestrian concourse linking the two retail areas (where the temporary fencing is in place). Council has already allocated funding for these works, but is unable to commence until this area is 'owned' by Council.

Whilst a concept plan has been drafted for a new 'East-West Link' between the Town Centre and the University campus, Council is yet to endorse the concept plan.

The next step would be to develop more detailed design drawings and costing, meaning that these works are a long way off. Once this occurs, the project is likely to be done in stages.

Also 'on the drawing board' is the reconstruction of Balfour Place, including improving the intersection with West Place and providing safe pedestrian crossing points.

These works will not be funded until after the Georgina Place works are completed.

Totally separate to Council's plans for Churchill, the Gippsland Education Precinct has developed the 'Art and Culture Pathway' project to introduce more artistic aspects to the Churchill landscape and complement other developments.

Initially, this project is focussing on introducing

Travel Counsellors hit Norfolk Island for familiarisation trip

Latrobe Valley based Travel Counsellor, Matt Schmitz, was thrilled to have the opportunity to head to the peaceful and picturesque Norfolk Island for a familiarisation trip, along with 14 of his colleagues.

The exclusive three night trip gave Matt an insight into the interesting history behind the island and the transformation it has seen over the years.

The group was able to fully discover all the Island has to offer, providing first-hand experience to pass on to their customers.

Matt said: "This was the first time I have been to Norfolk Island and I can see why it is a popular holiday destination for many Australians. As the flight from Sydney is only 2 hours it is the perfect retreat for anyone seeking a relaxing getaway in the most beautiful setting. I learnt so much from the friendly staff at the Norfolk Island Government Tourist Bureau about holidaying on the Island. It is invaluable information so I'm really glad I was given the opportunity to attend this familiarisation trip."

Matt added "The highlight of my trip was definitely the sunset dinner on top of one of the dramatic limestone cliffs, complete with island dancers and a breath-taking view. At Travel Counsellors we pride ourselves on our personal service and attention to detail. Offering this specific knowledge would really make a customer's holiday to Norfolk Island."

Priding himself on an excellent personal service, Matt uses Travel Counsellors' award winning technology, and is always available at a time to suit his

artwork to Philip Parade (at the Skate Park) and providing a cultural feature alongside the eastern side of Eel Hole Creek (the Pavilion/ Monument). Such features will improve the amenity of these areas and 'fit' with Council's plans for Churchill, including the East West Link. Probable funding sources for the GEP project are the State and Federal Governments.

Seems there are a lot of projects to be completed or still 'on the drawing board' for Churchill, especially when one considers that there is also the Gaskin Park Recreation Precinct to be implemented, including the construction of a lawn bowls facility.

However, this is how Churchill will continue to thrive – through the development of multiple projects to improve facilities. By having a number of projects 'on the go' at any time, we are ensured that Churchill is able to capitalise on any funding opportunities that arise – whether this be State Government sporting facilities or arts grants, Council roads and capital works budgets or Federal Government infrastructure funding.

When one considers that the Churchill Structure Plan is to guide development for the next thirty year period, we are making good progress!

Both the Latrobe Structure Plan and the Churchill Town Centre Plan are available on Council's website: www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/About_Council/Media_and_Publications/Planning_for_our_future

CDCA has a standing agenda item for Committee meetings: 'Town Centre Plan' and receives regular updates from Council's Town Centre Place Manager, Ian Gibson, who is also facilitating the development of the East West Link concept plan.

Our next meeting is a committee meeting and will be held at 7pm on Wednesday May 22, in Studio 1 (lower floor of Town Hall) in Philip Parade. Observers are welcome.

It is hoped that Guest Speaker at our June 26 General Meeting and Community Forum will be Mike Answerth from the GEP, who will provide an update on the Art and Culture Pathway project. More information will be provided in the June edition of the Churchill & District News.

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Hazelwood North Primary School



Anzac Day Assembly

From Shaynia and Sarah.

On April 24, Hazelwood North P.S. had a special assembly with family members to remember the brave diggers, nurses and engineers who were in the war.

At the start Mr Jorgensen had a little speech about Anzac Day. Les from the Morwell RSL came to award people the Citizenship Award. Mr Jorgensen read out the awards. The people who won were Meg, Maddi, Shaynia, Ryan, Tahlia, Bonnie and Isabelle.

The School Captains, Lara and Xavier, raised the flag while the last post was playing. After we had a minute's silence everyone stopped and behaved for the minute.

Some kids from 4/5/6 talked about what war/Anzac Day means to them. Some of the speeches were very moving.

We hope they continue with this every Anzac Day and the awards so that every fantastic person gets an award they deserve.

JSC Newborough East visit

By Emily and Blake, JSC presidents

The JSC students were very nervous because the JSC from Newborough East were coming, and also Natalie, our 2012 JSC President.

It was April 24 and they visited because they were looking for advice for JSC at their school. We gave them some tips and then we showed them what we look like when we're doing our meeting.

At the end of our meeting they asked us and Natalie a few questions then Mrs Duncan came out with cookies and icy poles, but I honestly think we shouldn't have had the icy poles, we were all so full.

Next term we are hoping to meet up with them so we can see what their JSC is doing and what they can teach us.

We hope they learnt heaps of things from us and we hope to learn more from them. Natalie shared her stories and great ideas.

I think everyone enjoyed the time we spent together, learnt new ideas and we hope to see them next term.

Buddies

By Bridie and Meg



This year we have a new buddy system. We do buddies every Thursday after lunch at 2:15. The grade 6's are the leaders of the program. The teachers are only there for back-up. The buddies are Preps and grade 3's, the grade 1's are with grade 4's and the grade 2's are with the

grade 5's.

The grades 6's are split up into groups of about 6, and they lead the program. We are hoping to change our age groups to get to know more people.

We have played a game where there is a balloon, and we needed to work as a team to keep the balloon in the air. Then we made a puppet show. The grade 2's and 5's made paper planes, when we were all finished we had a competition which plane could fly the longest. The preps and 3's did circus skills and they played tee pees and Indians with their buddies.

The buddies have enjoyed it so far and so have the older kids. The leaders have also enjoyed showing all their leadership skills

Champion's Day

By Emma and Ryan

Firstly we got on the bus and we went to Newborough for Champion's Day. All the people that showed great skills at Yinnar and District went. There were six sports and a relay team.

Secondly the 11 year old girls ran 1500m. After that the shot put and discus, high jump, long jump, 100m sprints competed. After that we had a break and had a snack.

Later on we went and did more sports and had lunch. We watched the other schools compete and after they competed we had another break. Then we had the relays and our school came 3rd.

Everyone was really tired and ready to go home!

Cross country

By Lara, Sophie and Patrick

We were all so excited, as

we raced onto the bus. It was April 23, and we all knew that today was the day of Cross Country.

On the bus we all chatted about the day that we were about to have.

First the under 10 boys raced 2 kilometres, it was an intense race. The class mates not racing cheered on the people that were racing, the racers all went a little bit faster. Next up it was the under 10 girls turn to run, they all tried their very best but it was a very challenging race.

Next up was the 11 year old boys, and that's when the rain started, it went on and off the whole time the boys were racing, but they still kept going. It was amazing! It was still raining when the 11 year old girls ran and they still did really well!

Then it was time for the 12-13 year old boys to run, but by now the heavens had really let loose, so they decided to get the 12-13 girls to go only a few minutes after the boys.

Some of the girls overtook the boys proving that girls are equal to boys.

All in all we had a very good day though we were all very tired. Everyone had tried their hardest and some people got to go to the divisions, which will be even harder because they are versing the best of the best!

What happens to our waste

By Lleyton, Ethan and Charlotte.

On Monday April 22, 2/3A went to learn about what happens to our waste.

First Peter showed us around the landfill site, and we learnt about what goes in each bin.

Then we went to the recycling plant where all the recycling gets sorted into different groups, such as green glass and brown glass.

Next we went to where all the green waste goes, we got to see what happens to it. There were green waste bin lids and Peter told us how it got there, the bins were too heavy and the lid snapped into the bin.

Finally we went to the transfer station where Rosa told us what the rubbish can be made into. We saw the machine that moves the rubbish into the big bins to be taken away.

We learned a lot more about what can be recycled, and what we can put into each bin.



Pre-Schools

By Sam Gillett

Churchill Hub and Glendonald Park Preschools have both been focusing on animals this month.

The Churchill Hub hosted an animal farm on April 24.

The children learned about caring for animals, what they eat and they were able to hold a range of farm animals including chickens, guinea pigs and a calf.

Both Preschools are setting up an incubator to hatch some chickens.

Xavier, from Wildlife Exposure, visited Glendonald Park Preschool bringing along a range of native animals and reptiles for the children to hold. These included a sugar glider, a lorikeet and a water dragon.

In keeping with the month's animal theme, the children moved their worm farm to a new position so they can see them every day.

As well as seeing birds feeding in their yard due to the seed they put out, Glendonald Park has a bird of their own, Mr Green.

Apart from all the fun with animals, Glendonald Park has also been focusing on writing and pre-literacy.

The program was successful and the children have embraced it.



Boolarra Primary School

Brilliant start:

We've made a fabulous start to term 2.

New improved toilets:

Our School Council arranged to have the students' toilets renovated and painted over the most recent holidays. The students are extremely impressed with the results.

New picnic tables:

We also have new picnic tables in our undercover, passive play area thanks to our parents' fundraising.

Tennis:

Mr Andrew Peavey will visit us on Mondays throughout term 2 to provide tennis lessons to all our students. Everyone is enjoying this opportunity, including Mr Peavey who tells us Boolarra kids are wonderful!

Champions Day:

3rd in her 1500m. Our 9/10 year boys relay team featuring Lachie', James P, Dublin and Jacob placed 4th, our 11 year girls' team of Grace, Emre, Jemma and Isa came in 2nd place and our 12/13 year girls' team comprising Ella, Tilly, Lydia and Emma came in 4th place. Some of these students will now be required to represent the Yinnar and District schools in the regional athletic finals.

ANZAC Day.

Our Junior School Council sold ANZAC badges throughout the week leading



up to ANZAC Day. School Captains, Lydia and Tilly placed a wreath on our behalf at the ceremony in Yinnar and some of our students attended the ceremony and joined in the march.

Working Bee:

We had a sensational roll up of our families on a recent Sunday. Lots of tidying up and grounds improvement was completed. It was wonderful that so many of our families gave up some of their valuable weekend to help make our school grounds safer and more attractive.

Cross Country:

A team of keen runners participated in the Yinnar and District run. They ran brilliantly and behaved in the exemplary fashion we're accustomed to seeing from our students. Nine of our students finished in the top 13, which was most impressive. Eve and Cater performed extremely well in their first ever District Cross Country placing 13th and 14th respectively in the 9 and 10 year age group. Emre placed

3rd, Ella 6th and Isa and Lydia 7th in their age groups. These girls are all likely to now go on and represent the Yinnar and District Schools in the Zone Cross Country to be staged on June 6.

Breakfast at School:

This is a very pleasant, social way to start the school day. Everyone makes the payment (the use of lovely manners) with very little prompting being required.

School Production:

Every second year we stage a musical production. We will put on a matinee and an evening show in the Boolarra Memorial Hall towards the end of term 3. The grade 5/6s play all the main parts and help to take responsibility for managing the sound, lighting, costumes, stage scenery and props etc. However, every grade is involved in performing some songs and dances. The grade 5/6s are currently assisting to choose which show we will perform this year.

Earn and Learn:

Last year we received some fabulous resources through this initiative. If you shop at Woolworths and don't have another school to support, please collect stickers and put them in the Boolarra box at Woolworths in Churchill, or deliver them to the school. We also received some great sports equipment though the Coles initiative last year, so hopefully this will run again. Meanwhile, if you shop at Ritchies in Churchill, and don't already have a Community Benefits Card, please collect one of our cards from the school, as the funds generated through this program buy books for our Library.

Pupil Free Day:

On Monday May 20, there will be no school as our staff will be undertaking professional learning with their colleagues



from other schools in our cluster. On this day, highly regarded British Educationalist, James Nottingham, will share insights into how to ensure we are really challenging and stretching our students' thinking.



Churchill North Primary School



Churchill North Primary School's Family Friendly Playgroup

Bring your children to Playgroup and connect with the local community in a friendly school atmosphere at Churchill North Primary. Our Playgroup sessions run every Wednesday and Friday during the school term, from 9-11am.

CNPS Playgroup provides from ages 0-4; babies are well catered for with their own play area, change tables, high chairs, baby bouncers, walkers and more.

The morning follows a set of Fine and Gross Motor Skill Development activities including;

- Painting and pasting
- Sandpit play
- Climbing equipment
- Play Dough
- Construction
- Home corner
- Music and movement
- Stories
- Water play
- Sensory Play such as; slime, shaving cream and pudding paint

Special Activities include the Teddy Bear's Picnic, Easter, Mother's and Father's Day and Christmas occasions.

Children bring a healthy snack and drink to have at 10am, which is followed by 45 minutes of free play in the Multi-Purpose Room. Playgroup allows children to have fun, inside



and out, make friends and develop new skills. Playgroup is integral in the lives of 40 families in the Churchill area and surrounding community. All are welcome in our friendly environment that has recently

incorporated a bilingual/bicultural program into the sessions.

If you are new to the area, are a new mum, or simply need to get out and about, come along and enjoy the benefits that CNPS's Playgroup gives children, parents and carers.



Woorabinda Trip of a Lifetime

Dear Mrs Edwards,

On Friday April 19, grade 4 and 5 students from CNPS went to Woorabinda. Us lucky students were able to do activities like the zip wire, initiative activities; working together as a group, mapping, survival, archery and many more awesome activities. It was such an amazing day, but only the grade 4 and 5 students attended.

I think all the other grades should be allowed to go to Woorabinda because it is a great place to be. You get to participate in activities and have lots and lots of fun. I think the whole school has been really well behaved so far this year, so they all deserve to have an excursion and have some fun. Could you please

write back to me to tell me if I have persuaded you to let us all go again.

From Hayden 4P

Churchill North Students go CRAZY for Cystic Fibrosis

On Friday April 26, students and staff at Churchill North Primary School held a Crazy Hair Day to raise money for the



Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This is the third year the school has participated in this event and we have raised a generous amount of money for the Foundation.

The student's love decorating their hair and showing their CRAZY styles to

everyone in the whole school parade. "Some students coloured their hair blue, pink, purple, red, yellow or all different colours. Other students wore wigs or stuck funny things in their hair, like feathers or FRUIT LOOPS!!!"

This is an event the staff and students always look forward to because they can be creative and silly with their hair. Crazy Hair Day is filled with lots of laughs and smiles, especially when it comes to recess and lunch time, and students are trying to fit their hats on top of their crazy hair! We loved crazy hair day so much that Miss Marino thinks she can now wear her hair crazy looking every day!

By Jarrah 4P

Kick-Starting our Day at Breakfast Club!

Each morning before school starts, there is a program called Breakfast Club at Churchill North Primary. Breakfast Club starts at 8.15am sharp and goes until 8.40am every school day of the year.

There are about 20-30 students that attend breakfast club each morning and lots of parents and staff help out too. Breakfast Club at CNPS is sponsored by KickStart Breakfast Club which supplies milk, break and cereal. Some winter mornings, the staff cook us a hot breakfast like scrambled



eggs or pancakes.

Some parents have told us that their children come to school on an empty stomach because they prefer to eat at Breakfast Club with their friends in such a social surrounding.

Breakfast Club is held in our new BER building in our beautiful kitchen, there really is a great atmosphere at Breakfast Club every morning. Thanks to all our sponsors and supporters for donating and helping out.

By Amity 2/3M

RACV Street Scene Program

On April 14, we had a very special person come to our school named Louise. Louise works for the RACV and taught us about Street Scene Safety.

First Louise went through an interactive book on her iPad, called "The Sounds that the Street Makes".

Secondly we played a game called "Terrible or Terrific



Traveller", where Louise read out some statements about travelling and we had to decide whether this was Terrible or Terrific travel behaviour.

We all decided that a person who was screaming in the car or having the music up too loud would make a terrible traveller!

It was a great morning and we learnt a lot about being safe on the road, looking out for traffic hazards, road signs and how to be respectful passengers.

By Hudson 2/3M



Kurnai College Junior Campus



Football trip

Kurnai (Churchill Campus) took around 40 students to an AFL football match on Sunday, to watch North Melbourne versus Hawthorn. The students were extremely excited with a number of them having not attended an AFL match before.

Students wore their favourite football colours and were treated to a gripping match with Hawthorn winning by less than a goal.

They arrived late having experienced traffic jams when they approached the city, and were seated on the top level of the Southern Stand to watch the game.

It was a long trip home with a stop at Berwick McDonalds



for dinner, arriving home about 10.00 pm back at Churchill.

Work Experience an

Experience for Year 10 Students.

For 2 weeks, Kurnai College Year 10 students experienced the world of work. Each students' experience was unique, yet some things were common. Most started work earlier than they were used to, and the days were long.

"It gave me an insight into what work was really like, and how easy school is".

Many students were hungrier, and tea breaks were eagerly anticipated. For some students it confirmed what they thought they might like.

"I loved it. People were grateful to be helped and it made

learned.

The world of work experience ranged from "wasn't too bad" to "great". Students should be encouraged to reflect on their experience.

What it did show them about their likes and dislikes, their skills or where they are lacking.

For some it confirmed a pathway, for others their path is not clear.

What was confirmed for me from my many visits and conversations with employers, is that our students are well on their way to adulthood. Work experience was certainly good for me; I never tired of hearing how well our students were participating and performing.

me happy". Others were not sure where to go for their work experience and so "I went there because Mum told me to. (I loved it, I think I would like to work there)".

Students still need our guidance. Students found out that "the days could be really long if you did nothing", that work can be in turns stressful or interesting when new skills are

Yinnar South Primary School



New Furniture

Students, staff and parents have been excited to see our new furniture start to arrive.

The Hokki stools, especially designed to encourage wiggly students to move their bodies while allowing them to concentrate better on their work, have proved to be a big hit.

The bright colourful tables will complement our flexible teaching and learning approach, by allowing us to re arrange the room easily and create stimulating environments in response to students' current learning needs.

Yinnar and District School Sports

We were all really proud to have come second by 1.9% at the Yinnar and District School Sports.

I was so proud of the way the students encouraged and supported each other on the day. They are fantastic sports.

Out in the Garden

When we came back to school after the holidays there were many comments about the spectacular colours of autumn at our school.

Many of the leaves of our deciduous trees have been falling. This has provided great material for our Sustainability Program. Coral, our Chaplain, has been out in the garden with the children, pruning our shrubs and composting leaves.

Everyone has enjoyed this very much.

The students have been learning about different tools and which tools are the most appropriate for pruning and trimming hedges.

This has also provided time, whilst working, to further implement the life skills we have been learning about in our Values Program, such as Friendship, Kindness, Sharing and Persistence.

Hard work in the garden with only a few tools available has required us to persist and share whilst developing friendship.

Raking up leaves has provided some great composting material which the students have been learning about.

Our chooks are enjoying scratching around in the garden and some are now laying eggs. The students



are very keen in the morning to let the chooks out and check for eggs.

Rex - Our Class Mascot (toy dinosaur)

Rex is our class mascot. He loves to visit the children at home.

The students are encouraged to be creative with their time with Rex as they take photos and write in the diary about his stay.

This further develops the students writing skills, oral language and confidence as they present to the class the adventures of Rex.

ANZAC Day Preparations

The students have enjoyed learning about ANZAC Day.

Some of the students attended local services and enjoyed sharing their experiences.



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Churchill Primary School



Anzac Day

Churchill Primary School students participated in the Anzac Day March at Yinnar on April 25. It was a privilege to honour veterans and our war dead by laying a wreath. Tom Severson laid the wreath on behalf of the school and 2 of our preps, Tahli Schmidt and Lucy Booth, placed poppies on the cenotaph. Tahli wore miniature medals representing service by her grandfather, Bob Lowick. Bob marched with the students as did Mrs Gilmore, our Principal.

Champions' Day and Cross Country

Champions' Day was held in brilliant weather at Joe Carmody Oval in Newborough. 33 students represented Churchill Primary School in track and field events. We now have 18 students who will go on to represent Yinnar and District at the Zone finals. Our school was also well represented in the District Cross Country. Churchill Primary School finished

News from the Prep room

All the preps have settled back into 2nd term after the holidays. They had a busy term one learning the routines of the school and the classroom. The preps are always a special part of Churchill Primary School. The prep parents have become involved in class and the school community and we thank them very much for their contributions.

Our prep students worked with their 5/6 buddies involved in making Easter baskets. The prep parents came in to help with Easter Hat making for their Easter Hat parade. The prep children have been using box construction as a stimulus for independent writing. The preps made Chinese dragons with their buddies after learning about China from Miss Huang, our 4th year advanced practicum teacher. The preps have joined the rest of the school for celebrations such as certificates for home reading.

Open Days

Churchill Primary School is open every day, if prospective parents would like to visit. Please phone ahead and we can make an appointment to show you around. Phone 5122 1343.

It is coming to the time when parents of kindergarten children will be making decisions about where their child will attend school next year. To help parents make an informed decision, Churchill Primary School will have 2 open days for parents to look around the school. They will be held on Thursday May 16 from 9am - 11am and Tuesday June 11 from 11.30am - 1.00pm.

If these dates or times do not suit you, please do not hesitate to ring to arrange visits on other days.

Apart from the full range of curriculum learning areas and specialists in Art, PE and ICT, Churchill Primary School offers:

*School Wide Positive Behaviour Support - which is a framework based on our shared values, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Understanding and Be Your Best. What these values look like at CPS is explicitly taught to the students and role modelled



by all adults within the school community.

*Breakfast Club happens each morning when students gather in the canteen area to eat a healthy breakfast or just enjoy a milo with friends to start their day. This is organised by our Primary Welfare Officer and Chaplain.

*Active After School Program is held 2 afternoons a week. These activities include dance, tennis, football, gym, games, and many more physical pursuits. The program starts with fruit for afternoon tea.

*CPS has support for families, students and teachers. We have a fulltime Primary Welfare Officer and a Chaplain, who provide hands on learning, small group activities and several accredited programs, as well as individual counselling. We have Education support staff in every classroom, and learning support for students and teachers is provided by a leading teacher, a literacy support teacher and a maths specialist teacher, working with teachers and students in the classrooms and in small targeted groups each and every day.

*Playgroup takes place on Fridays 9:00 -11.00 am. Mums, Dads and children to 5 years old are welcome.

Professional Learning for all

On May 20 this year Churchill Primary School teachers along with other schools in our cluster area, will be attending a special day with world renowned presenter James Nottingham, on Challenging Learning. This provides practical suggestions to support teachers' work with students in an effective and enjoyable way.

Nottingham explores five essential aspects of an education that leads to self-reliance: feedback, application, challenge, thinking and self-esteem. This forms the framework for the Learning Challenge model, which is based on extensive research indicating that students succeed in school and in life when they are treated as intelligent and are used to being challenged as learners. Nottingham will work with and give teachers rich examples of classroom interactions, and provide useful lesson plans to implement the Learning Challenge model in the classroom assisting all students to embrace their learning.

Churchill Primary School provides a rich learning environment for all students, staff and wider school community in a collegiate and engaging way, where challenge and support to "be your best" go hand in hand.



second overall. Well done to all our students for "being their best" in the sporting arena. About 10 CPS students will go on to represent Yinnar and District in cross country.

Farewell to Joy Hurenkamp

Joy Hurenkamp worked at Churchill Primary School for 20 years and recently retired. We celebrated this wonderful achievement with her at a retirement function earlier this month, to thank her for her tireless work on behalf of our school community. Joy outstayed many staff members and hundreds of students and we all know Churchill Primary School will not be the same without her friendly smile, kind words and wicked sense of humour. We wish Bill and Joy a happy retirement and pleasure in doing chosen activities.



Yinnar Primary School

Easter Fair

On Wednesday March 27, Yinnar Primary School held their annual Easter Fair. This event was organised entirely by the Junior School Council. The day began with an egg drop. Students followed a design brief to construct a parachute, which would hold an egg. The parachutes were then dropped from the roof holding the egg. Many parachutes were successful and many were not!!

The Junior School Council then ran some fun activities for students to participate in. The disco, sticks in the sand and musical blackboard were popular activities. There were also lots of raffle prizes won on the day.

All money raised on the day was donated to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

There were loads of fun activities for all ages.

This was a great day and all the students won heaps of chocolate and other prizes!

Champs Day

On March 17 we had Champion's Sports Day. This day was held in Newborough. Yinnar had a number of students who participated in the day. These are all the students who went and what events they were in:

9/10 yr olds

100m: Sam Walsh, Tristen Waack, Chloe McCulloch (1st) and Georgia In Der Maur.

200m: Sam Walsh (3rd), Bradley Scholes, Chloe McCulloch (1st) and Georgia In Der Maur (3rd).

800m: Sam Walsh (2nd), Harri McColl (3rd), Sophie

Koostra (1st) and Emma Walker (2nd).

1500m: Sam Walsh (1st), Blake Van Der Meer (3rd), Claire Irving and Chloe McCulloch (1st).

High Jump: Blake Van Der Meer, Jye Wilson (2nd), Georgia In Der Maur and Charlotte Kanavan (1st).

Long Jump: Tristan Waack (4th), Zac Schill, Chloe McCulloch and Charlotte Kanavan (1st).

Discus: Tristan Waack (1st), Jye Wilson (3rd), Jessica Houghton and Hayley Shaw.

Shotput: Tristan Waack (1st), Jye Wilson, Georgia In Der Maur (2nd) and Hayley Shaw.

Relay: Tristen Waack, Sam Walsh, Blake Van Der Meer, Tige Renwick and Sophie Koostra (2nd), Claire Irving (2nd), Chloe McCulloch (2nd) and Georgia In Der Maur (2nd)

11 yr olds

100m: Hayley Sheers (1st) and Georgia Martin (2nd).

200m: Hayley Sheers (3rd) and Elly walker (Sophia Scholes - absent).

800m: Nixon Hall (1st), Elly Walker (2nd) and Georgia Martin (4th).

1500m: Nixon Hall (1st), Georgia Martin (1st) and Elly Walker (2nd).

Long Jump: Hayley Sheers (1st) and Elly Walker. (Sophie Scholes - Absent.)

High Jump: Nixon Hall (1st), Georgia Martin (1st) and Elly Walker.

Discus: Nixon Hall (1st), Brodie Cook, Hayley Sheers (2nd) and Ruby Reilly.

Shot Put: Cody Sacco (1st), Brodie Cook (3rd) and Ruby Reilly (3rd) (Sophia Scholes - absent).

Relay: Hayley Sheers (1st), Georgia Martin (1st), Ruby Reilly (1st) and Chloe McCulloch (1st) (Elly Walker - twisted ankle and Sophia Scholes - absent.)

12/13 yr olds

100m: Matthew Ounjit, Jacob Lawless (4th), Bianca Kelly and Bridget Cain.

200m: Jacob Lawless (3rd), Tobie Hill (4th), Paula Hendrikse (2nd) and Ally McGown (3rd) (Bianca Kelly twisted ankle).

800m: Brad Scholten, Jacob Lawless (3rd), Bianca Kelly (2nd) and Bridget Cain (1st).

1500m: Matthew Ounjit (3rd), Brad Scholten and Bridget Cain (1st).

Long Jump: Matthew Ounjit (4th), Billy McCulloch, Paula Hendrikse (4th) and Ally McGown.

High Jump: Jacob Lawless (3rd), Tobie Hill, Paula Hendrikse (2nd) and Amber Jones (4th).

Discus: Billy McCulloch (4th), Bradley Scholten, Paula Hendrikse and Bianca Kelly (3rd).

Shot put: Bradley Scholten, Billy McCulloch (4th), Brodie Marino (2nd) and Courtney Guce (3rd).

Relay: Bradley Scholten (3rd), Nixon Hall (3rd), Matthew Ounjit (3rd) and Jacob Lawless (3rd). Paula Hendrikse (2nd), Bianca Kelly (2nd), Bridget Cain (2nd), Ally McGown (2nd)

So congratulations to all those people.

By Hayley Sheers and Paula Hendrikse.



Gippsland Carers Association's Carers Support Group

Gippsland Carers Association's Carers Support Group will meet on Wednesday May 22, 2013 from 10am-12pm

The meeting will take place at Gippsland Disability Advocacy, Inc, 8 Hopetoun Ave, Morwell. Anyone who provides care for a loved one with disabilities, chronic or mental illness, or aged frailty, is welcome to attend for a friendly chat and support from others who understand the issues they may be facing.

For further information, please ring Dot Kitwood at 0402 457 241.

Community singing!

at Lumen Christi School Eco Centre
Williams Avenue, Churchill

Please note changes of dates and times for
COMMUNITY SINGING at the ECO CENTRE, Lumen Christi, Churchill
19th MAY - SUNDAY 3 - 5.30 pm Sea Shanties.

Please bring any recording gadget you may have at home eg. Mobile phone
No PRACTISE FOR A CAPELLA FESTIVAL in May.

2nd JUNE - SUNDAY 3-5 pm A CAPELLA PRACTISE.

You will definitely have some recordings to work from by now!

16th JUNE - SUNDAY 3 - 5.30 pm ABORIGINAL SONGS Regular Community Singing.

A reminder will go out to everyone on the mailing list. Sorry to change dates and times but we're still evolving as a group; so please bear with all this for a short while. I'm sure we'll find our feet soon!

Hope to see you for the BIG SING at Mirboo North!

Please mark September 15th in your diaries - The 25-30 strong BRUNSWICK WOMEN'S CHOIR will be our guest at LUMEN CHRISTI for possibly a workshop and concert. Stay tuned for more information once the details are finalised.

Information: Yvonne 5122 2573 or Michelle 5122 2635

Email: my.matthyssen@gmail.com

Remember to invite friends and family members to join in the fun and power of community singing.

Churchill Neighbourhood Watch/Safer Community Group Crime Report for period 01/04/13 to 30/04/13

Robbery

Nil for the month (1 previous month)

Assaults

2 For the month (10 previous month)

In both incidents of family violence an offender has been charged with assault related offences during april.

Arson

1 For the month (2 previous month)

On 25th April unknown offenders have collected a small number of branches and after placing them on the skate park concrete set them alight.

CFA attended and extinguished the fire with police investigating.

Property Damage

15 For the month (12 previous month)

Two offenders have been charged with property damage offences during april with one facing nine counts of damage which had been committed throughout churchill.

On 8th April two premises had windows smashed by rocks in cutler cres.

Burglary

5 For the month (5 previous month)

One offender has been charged with two counts of burglary during April.

The Churchill Football Club was once again targeted overnight 25th April with alcohol stolen after a barrel was thrown through a glass door to gain entry.

Police ask those who live around the Gaskin Park

area to be vigilant about reporting suspect vehicles or people around the club.

Theft from motor vehicle

4 For the month (5 previous month)

The offender who was charged with burglary during April has also been charged with two counts of theft from motor vehicle. A vehicle with its window down in fraser cres was entered overnight 29th April with the victim's purse stolen. Two other vehicles parked at the residence were stolen and located a short distance away.

Theft of motor vehicle

4 For the month (1 previous month)

All four vehicles stolen during April have been recovered. The offender charged with burglary and theft from motor vehicle will also face two counts of theft of motor vehicle.

Theft

2 For the month (3 previous month)

Overnight 21st April food was taken from a freezer in a car port of a premises in Phillip Pde whilst a white budda statue was stolen from a garden in Switchback Road overnight 26th April.

Police remind the community if they see something suspicious they should ring 000 or if they have information in relation to an offence contact crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or www.Crimestoppers.Com.Au.

SPORT

Brave's Baseball Season Starts

By Sam Gillett

Churchill Baseball Club played their first game of the year on April 21 in a fierce triple header against Traralgon.

Due to having no junior games that weekend, the C-Graders played in the morning in a rematch of last year's Grand Final, which saw Churchill come out on top.

The Braves couldn't make it a repeat performance and bowed out recording a 10-13 loss in a hard-fought contest.

B-Grade was another close game which saw Churchill lose again with, this time 7-8 in a tight lead-switching contest which came down to the final moments of the game.

Churchill were hoping to make up for the prior games and deliver them their first win of the season.

Traralgon were able to score two runs in the second and kept adding to their lead. Churchill left it too late and despite attempting to rally in the seventh, ended the game with another loss, this time 5-10.

The next week, looking to avenge their five-run loss, A-Grade headed to Morwell to once again take on Traralgon while all other grades had a bye.

At the end of the first, the scores were tied at 1-1 and it looked to be an exciting contest that could go either way.

The Redsox scored two in the third and one in the

sixth and despite some good hitting the Braves could not push runners across the plate.

The final score saw Traralgon come out victorious again, this time 4-1.

In their first home game, Churchill took on Sale. With Sale not having enough for a T-ball team, the juniors ran some game-day practice while the two Under 16 teams battled it out.

Sale's pitcher was too good for the young Churchill side. He only let two runs across the plate, while Sale was able to score 11 off a combined effort from Churchill pitchers Bradley Gill, Bailey Ludgate and Kaidyn Howard.

Churchill played well in C-Grade and took the win. Their hitting, including a triple by Hayden Jarrett, allowed them to get a total of eight runs across the plate. Their fielding was able to limit Sale to only four runs, thanks to the pitching efforts of Rob Mongan and Dylan Eldridge as well as a good double play.

B-Grade also picked up their first win of the season. Cameron Cooen and Shane Gill pitched well and the final score was 6-14.

In A-Grade, after Sale brought three runs across in the first inning, Churchill answered with 3 runs of their own in the second, tying the score. Churchill eventually ran out victors 5-15 with an impressive home-run from Matt Prior.



Churchill Hosts Gippsland Baseball Championships

By Sam Gillett

On April 6 and 7, Churchill Baseball Club co-hosted the Gippsland Championships.

After a bye in the first round on the Saturday, Churchill came up against Berwick, who had won four of the last six Championships.

Thanks to a debuting Brad Warton hitting a double, the Braves were able to get a 2-1 lead at the end of the first inning.

As the game progressed, Berwick kept bringing runs across the plate and their pitcher John O'Connor, kept striking out Churchill batters – a total of nine by games end.

Going into the fifth inning, Churchill were down 4-7 but could only muster one run, not enough to win them the game.

In their next game, Churchill Braves played off against Sale Rangers.

A first inning with a number of errors, saw Sale take the 4-3 lead. Although Churchill scored consistently, a large 7-run haul in the third-inning by Sale was too much to compete with, as they came out victorious 11-6.

In Saturday's last game, the Braves fought out a close game against Moe/Newborough Dodgers.

Runs didn't start crossing the plate until the bottom of the second inning once Tim Bellerby hit a double to score Ash McKay. Mat Prior followed this up with a sacrifice fly to center-field in order to bring home

another run and give the Braves a 0-2 lead.

The Braves kept the Dodgers scoreless until the fourth inning but by then it was too late. Heading into the fifth, Churchill were leading 2-5. After another two runs by the Dodgers, Churchill pitcher Floyd Haines struck out Roy Simpson, leaving two on at the change and giving Churchill the victory.

On the Sunday, an early start for Churchill saw them playing against Mornington. With neither side able to make the final later that day. The game had a relaxed, fun vibe to it.

With Braves' Matt Hardie playing for Mornington during the Championship, was placed on the mound to pitch against his LVBA club.

New recruit Brad Warton debuted his pitching ability when he started for the Braves.

Lachie Banks, originally playing at Morwell Cougars, started his 2013 season for the Braves. He relieved Warton and also took the mound against Mornington.

After a great game, the end result was Mornington coming out on top.

Overall the weekend was a success with coach Shane Gill impressed by what he saw "The weekend was about seeing how players had progressed from last year, and a chance to look at our new players. I think we will be in for another successful year".



Churchill Junior Basketball Association

In April, Churchill Basketball Association entered two teams of under 12's into the Future Stars Tournament (State Basketball Championships).

Under the coaching of Bronwyn Joyce and Mick Tomkins, the children from Churchill Basketball had the opportunity to develop their skills and present teams to compete at a state level.

The teams played exceptionally well against some of the state's best in this age group, and learnt so much from their experience.

Having only formed 12 weeks before from a selection process, these teams were able to form solid bonds together, even though they play in different domestic teams on a Friday night.

Churchill Basketball Association is in the process of developing its Association further and we encourage you to give us a call if you have children interested in playing basketball.

Contact Churchill Basketball President – Tricia Hicks on 5163 1771 or 0412 071 371

We are also starting an Aussie Hoops program for children aged 5 – 12 who wish to begin basketball and learn basic skills to play. This commenced on Friday May 3, from 4:45pm – 5:30pm.

Cost is \$50 (this includes a pack with a singlet and ball) entry to the stadium is \$2.90.

Aussie Hoops runs for 8 weeks and then children are formed into teams to play round-robin games until the end of term.

Thomas Ware and Barry Herbert will be coaching these children and have a vast amount of experience in junior coaching between them.

For more information please contact Linda Welsh on 0401 844 629 or Andrew Tomkins 0478 734 710.



SPORT

Hazelwood-Churchill Past Players and Officials Association Reunion



Past Players

This year our Past Players and Officials Association is holding their annual reunion on Saturday May 18, 2013. This is a home game against Glengarry. The function is for all past players of our Club (football and netball of all grades and eras).

It is a day function commencing with a get together at 11:00am in the social club rooms. At 12:30pm the past players will enjoy a luncheon and be entertained by guest speaker, Paul Dear. Paul was a past premierships player of our club, a multiple Hawthorn premierships player and a Norm Smith medallist. He has had a career that every footballer would envy. Paul has worked the speaking circuit with other

AFL legends over a number of years, so will be entertaining and have many experiences to share.

The Past Players Association will also be making special mention of the clubs achievements across all grades of football and netball in the years ending in 3 (e.g. the Club Premierships in 1953, 1983, 2003 and League best and fairest and goal kickers of 1973 and 2003).

All past players will gather at the players' change rooms to enjoy the pre-match preparations, and watch the current day players enter the arena for the game. Our current day players should get a real buzz seeing their old counterparts giving them support. Hopefully,

the presence of these past club legends will spur our current day players on to wins across the board.

The heritage of our Club is remembered and continues to be built on occasions like this. Not only do the past players enjoy the day themselves, but they get to meet the current day players, an important part of club evolution. Additionally the current day players meet those that have paved the way and helped develop the Club they work so hard to represent today. It's a great day for everyone and all are hoping for a strong attendance.

After watching what they hope is a great win, all will be welcome to stay, mingle and enjoy the usual after-match get together.

The Hazelwood Churchill Past Players and Officials Association now have their own website (www.hcppo.com). Visit it and enjoy the old photos, articles and contacts you can make.

You can also register yourself as a past player on this website. This way you can check and update your personal contact details, and by doing so will ensure you receive future past player correspondence, notifications and letters. The site will also provide regular postings on events and various interest articles. Members of the website can also submit photos and articles for publishing on the website.

Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

27/4/2013 Men's Monthly Medal A. Grade D. Ellwood (13) 67 (Medal Winner). B. Grade J. McCafferty (17) 71, C. Grade V. Monument (24) 74 c/b DTL G. Beyer 72, F. Peel 74, F. Keighran 74, H. Speake 75, B. Kilday 75 c/b NTP 3rd D. Ellwood, 5th A. Casey, 12th G. Beyer, 14th R. Welsh

Birdies G. Beyer 12th Scratch G. Beyer Count Putts J. Barnes 22. Ladies Winner V. Verheyen (25) 75.

30/4/2013 Ladies 4BBB Drawn Partners Winner S. Jeffery (33) M. Munckton (31) 41 pts, DTL L. Casey 34) M. Munckton (31) 40 pts.

Nine Hole Competition Winner - M. McQuillen 21 pts, DTL S. Cooke 11 pts NTP S. Cooke 5th/14th 2nd shot. 13/4/2013 Men's Par Winners A - Grade A. Sharrock +1, B. Grade J. McCafferty +4, C. Grade B. Rowley +3 DTL G. Walsh +2, R. Welsh sq, J. Thornby sq, D. Randell -1, A. Casey -1, D. Ellwood -2 NTP 3rd P. Coad, 12th G. Beyer, 14th G. Spowart Birdies J. Thornby 3rd, G. Beyer 12th.

14/3/2013 Stableford Men's Winner T. Collins (23) 37 pts Ladies Winner M. McConville (20) 37 pts.

16/4/2013 Ladies - Stableford Presidents vs Captains Captain Team Winner S. Jeffery (33) 32 pts, President Team Winner E. D'alterio (20) 31 pts Silver Spoon Winner D. Judkins (26) 27 pts NTP 3rd V. Verheyen, 5th 35-45 D. Stait President's team won 163, Captain's team 150.

20/4/2013 Men's Stableford - Winners A. Grade J. Thornby (12) 35 pts, B. Grade J. McCafferty (17) 31 pts, C. Grade L. Oates (28) 32 pts DTL D. Elwood 34 pts, R. Scurlock (4) 34 pts, H. Martin (12) 32 pts, A. Sharrock 13) 31 pts, D. Taylor (15) 30 pts c/b NTP 3rd H. Martin, 12th P. Shields, 14th P. Smart.

Churchill Bowls Club

By Sam Gillett

Latrobe City Council has given approval for the Churchill Bowls Club to construct an amenities block at their Gaskin Park clubrooms. The extension will consist of a kitchen, and toilets for ladies, men, and the disabled.

The new extension will allow better access for the disabled and frail aged. It is planned to have these facilities finished and refurbished in time for the new synthetic green, planned for early 2015.

The Thursday night indoor-bowls program, open to the public, is going well with an influx of keen new players since the start of the new season. Anyone wanting to play can turn up on the night. Games commence at 7:30pm with teams picked at 7:15. Cost is \$4 to play and a light supper is served.

The Ladies Indoor Pennant team commenced their bowls season on April 29, playing their first game at home. They have recruited well and if last year's result is an indication, they should have a successful year.

Not to be outdone, the men will once again compete in the Traralgon lawn bowls Winter Competition. They will strive to play better than last year where the Club performed very well, culminating

in a finals playoff.

The club will be conducting a sausage sizzle at Woolworths on Saturday July 6, with everyone welcome to come by and have a chat and support the local bowls club.

A trivia night is also being planned for later in the year.



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