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Hazelwood-Jeeralang Community Association's Track and Trails Project



The sun shone at the opening of the Hazelwood - Jeeralang Community Association's (HJCA) Track and Trails project. Saturday June 15, marked the official opening of the walking tracks and riding trails by Russell Northe, Member for Gippsland, at the Jeeralang North Hall. Over 90 community members attended the opening event, and enjoyed a very happy time reviewing the signage and maps over

a light lunch which followed the official proceeding. Many took the opportunity to talk with MPs Russell Northe, Darren Chester, and community leaders Deputy Mayor Sharon Gibson, and Cr Darrell White. Some braved the cooler conditions and tested the trails on horseback and bikes, returning to the hall to warm up. The Hazelwood-Jeeralang Community Association has been working with landowners

in the Jeeralang North area to develop a network of walking tracks and riding trails for recreational use. Financial support from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund has greatly assisted the project. The tracks and trails offer the opportunity to discover flora and fauna and provide wonderful views across the valley. The three key activities included as part of this project were:

- Identifying and signposting of the tracks and trails on land owned by Parks Victoria, Department of Environment and Primary Industries and HVP
- Printing a brochure detailing the location of the tracks and trails
- Installing a directional sign at the hall.

This sign shows the tracks and trails as well as a short history of the hall.
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Churchill Gardening Group

July can be a busy month in the garden for planting, including roses (mentioned below) and fruit trees. If you only have a small space, ballerina apples are a good choice, deciduous trees, perennials and summer bulbs e.g. agapanthus, crinum, day lilies, hippeastrum, lilliums, and pineapple lily just to name a few.

Roses - July is a very good time to plant new roses, and prune the roses that you already have.

Prune back as hard as you like, but make sure you cut to just above an outward facing bud. Cut out all dead wood, and old spindly growth. Bin any leaves that remain either on the plant or on the ground, to help prevent any spread of black spot etc.

A beautiful new rose that I have seen is Transplant Australia's "Thank You", a pink/mauve colour and growth habit similar to the iceberg roses.

Winter flowering japonica or flowering quince, add a great deal of colour to the winter garden and they are forgiving of any soil, drought, frost or wind.

Iceland poppies are now in their full glory - for flowers in the house, cut their stems as long as possible and dip the ends in boiling water to seal them.

Late winter, early spring sees the start of flowering of the beautiful magnolias, they flower before their leaves and now is a good time to choose one of a colour that you like while they are in bloom. I get a great deal of pleasure seeing them in other peoples' gardens.

Don't prune any spring flowering trees or shrubs as you will remove any flower buds.

Prune right after flowering if you wish, however summer flowering shrubs may be pruned now, like crepe myrtles, deciduous hibiscus and abelia.

Clematis should also be pruned back to just above the ground to the second or third set of buds, to give you a great spring/summer flush of flowers.

Top dress rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias and daphnes with specific fertilizer to suit, and a mulch of pea straw will do wonders for them.

Veggies that can go in now are broad beans, carrots, cauliflower, lettuce, onions (the birds are having a heyday with mine, scratching them out, I have resorted to gutter guard to cover them.)

Keep up the liquid feeding and harvest the leafy veggies often, a few leaves at a time.

Don't forget your herbs, such as rocket, parsley, coriander etc, they can be a tasty addition to winter soups and casseroles, and



cutting them gives them a light prune and stimulates a bit of new growth.

Rosemary and parsley are great for edging and the grey sage can look very pretty amongst the flowers, especially pink ones.

My young granddaughter brought home from school broad bean seeds growing in damp paper towel the other day. This brought back memories of my children doing the same and might I add, I did the same but I won't say how many years ago!!!!

That's all for this month, stay warm and enjoy the season.

Churchill Rainfall June



For June we had a total of 143 mil or nearly 6 inches in the old measure. It was the wettest June for at least 20 years, that is since I have been measuring rainfall in Churchill. The previous wettest June was in 2007 when 122 mil of rain fell. Churchill's total rainfall for 2013 is now 336.5 mil and the predictions are that it will be a wet winter and spring. So after a very dry start we look like getting close to our average rainfall for the year.

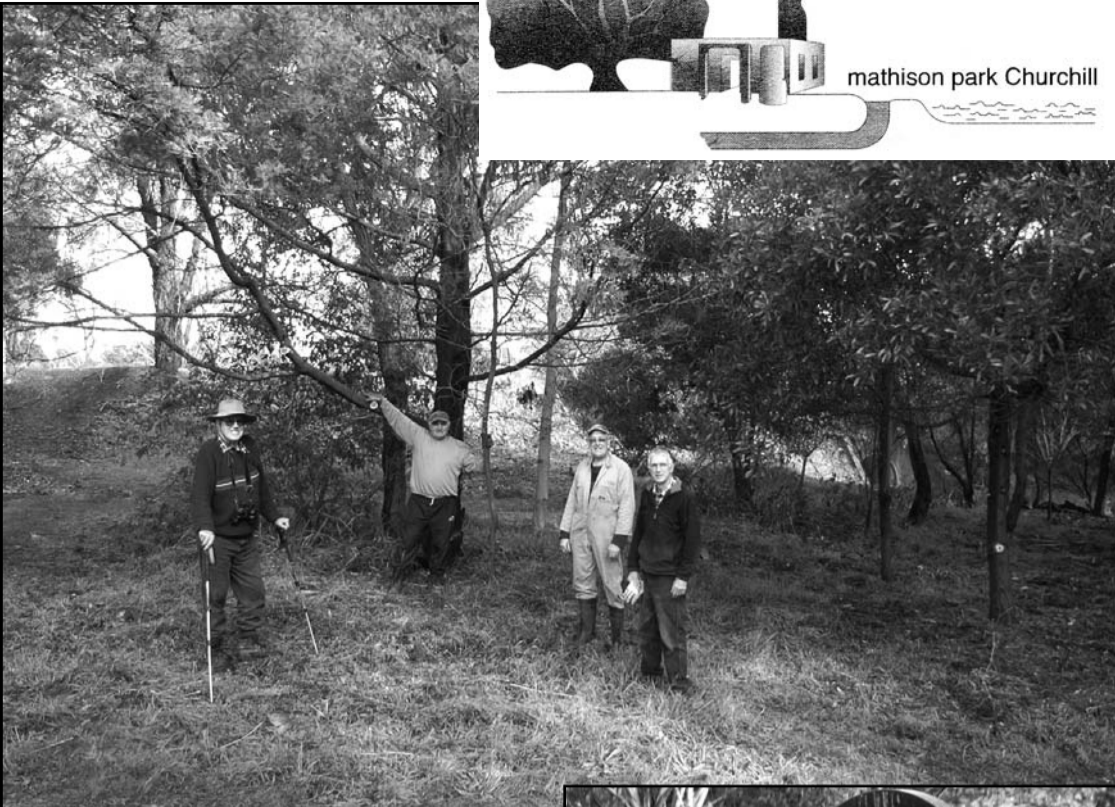
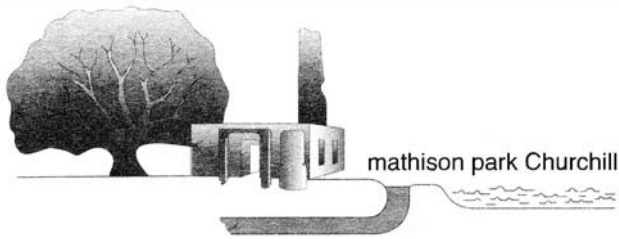
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Mathison Park



A small contingent turned out for the working bee in fair weather.

The task looked quite large, but between us a huge amount of debris was cleared, dead branches cut off and the area tidied.

With Chris and his chainsaw, and Dave and his trusty ute the job was made easier.

Everyone willingly joined in at full steam to finish the job.

There are many people who use and enjoy the park, but few who will lend a hand.

All the current volunteers are over 60 so some younger people are desperately needed for the maintenance of the park.

Many people walk beside the large sign which tells the history of the old house.

There has been a large egret keeping the sign company now for a couple of weeks.

Maybe he is fascinated by his reflection in the glass.

If you look closely, you will see the lovely fine white plumage from his back.

He is a magnificent bird and we are so lucky to have such excellent views of him.



Here comes "The Wedding Party"

Showing at the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre in Traralgon on Tuesday July 23, is the Australian movie "The Wedding Party" (MA15+).

Latrobe City Council's coordinator performing arts and venues, Kathleen Roberts, said that the film

Probus Club of Morwell and District

Meetings of the Probus Club of Morwell and District are held on the second Thursday of every month from February to December, in the Morwell RSL Club at 10 am.

Monthly activities include: guest speakers, day trips to places of interest, lunches and musical theatre outings.

Probus is a club for active retirees who join together to keep their



minds active, expand their interests and enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

Visitors are always welcome. For more information please contact Lucy on

5122 2485 or Wilma on 5134 6197.

was a laugh out loud crowd pleaser.

"The film focuses on Steve, the youngest son in the gloriously flawed Thompson family. In a bid to save himself from financial ruin, Steve agrees to marry Ana, a Russian woman seeking residency in exchange for a huge sum of cash. Behind closed doors the deal is done, a secret wedding is arranged and in no time life will be back to normal... Until a nosy family friend gets wind of the wedding plans and before sundown the whole Thompson family is gripped by wedding fever.

What was once a private registry affair is now a fully-fledged spectacle as Steve's lie takes on a life of its own, and he is more and more consumed by the fear that he has ruined his chance to be with his true love, Jacqui, forever," Ms Roberts said.

"The Wedding Party" features an all-star Aussie cast including Josh Lawson, Isabel Lucas, Adam Zwar, Steve Bisley and Essie Davis. It is a comedy caper with heart and ticket sales have been popular already, with the first screening on Monday July 22, sold out," Ms Roberts said.

The Wedding Party will screen at the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre on Tuesday July 23, from 7pm. The LPA bar opens from 6pm. Tickets available from the Box Office on 5176 3559.

Hazelwood – Jeeralang Community Association's Track and Trails project

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Dr Charles Uber was the Coordinator of this project from its beginning some three years ago, and with his team from HJCA has laboured so diligently and with huge enthusiasm, dedication and commitment, to bring it to this successful stage of opening.

Copies of the Hazelwood Jeeralang Tracks and Trails brochures have been distributed to local post

offices and outdoor stores.

To obtain your copy of the brochure, please contact the Hazelwood Jeeralang Community Association Inc by email secretary@hjca.org.au or visit www.hjca.org.au.

For more information about the tracks and trails, please refer to the Associations' website or contact Charles Uber on 5122 3668.

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I recently had the pleasure of joining with Minister for Crime Prevention, Edward O'Donohue, to announce a further Public Safety Infrastructure Fund (PSIF) grant to boost public safety in the Latrobe Valley.

The \$79,425 grant to Latrobe City Council will be used to install lighting at MERA Park in Morwell east and Monash Way, Churchill underpass.

The Monash way underpass is poorly lit, which has contributed to safety concerns for residents.

The Churchill and District Community Association have long advocated for lighting improvements in this area, and it's terrific to see this project now funded.

The Victorian Government is committed to making Victorians safer, as evidenced by our

\$35 million Community Crime Prevention Program.

For further information on the Public Safety Infrastructure Fund grants and other crime prevention initiatives go to www.crimeprevention.vic.gov.au

I also encourage the local community to head down to the reopened Churchill Hotel for a meal or drink with family and friends.

After a few minor liquor licensing issues, to which I was pleased to work with the hotel owners on a resolution, the Churchill Hotel is now again open for business.

The sports bar is open and fully operational along with the bistro for lunch and dinner 7 days a week.



The chefs have recently released a new menu based on what they think the local community want at

an affordable price.

So get down and support this important local business over the coming weeks.

I also want to make mention of the vital role that men's sheds play in our community.

The Victorian Government currently has grants of \$60,000 now available to redevelop an existing men's shed, or build a new shed in local communities.

Men's sheds are valuable community facilities that give men a place to meet, establish social networks and work on meaningful projects that benefit the community.

They also provide a place where men can discuss important wellbeing and health issues and develop new skills.

Men's sheds play a significant

role in their local communities through engaging a wide range of men, including those with a disability, farmers, war veterans, retirees and the unemployed.

The Churchill Men's Shed plays a vital role in the community and I encourage people to get along to the Churchill Men's Shed to witness and experience the range of initiatives on offer.

The Churchill Men's Shed operates under the auspice of the Churchill Neighbourhood House which likewise performs a wonderful service for our community.

If you would like to be involved in the Churchill Men's Shed or Churchill Neighbourhood House you can contact the Churchill Neighbourhood House on 5122 2955 or visit <http://www.churchill.org.au/>

Darrell White

Latrobe City Council "draft" Budget – 2013-2014

Latrobe City Council's 2013-2014 "draft" Budget has been released for comment.

The "draft" Budget incorporates a significant Capital Works Program whilst continuing to maintain delivery of quality community services and programs for Latrobe City residents.

To inform the creation of the 2013-2014 "draft" Budget, the Council has recently given extensive focus, time and deliberation to the development of a Four Year Council Plan in order to provide the basis for the new direction of this Council for the next four years.

Council has been careful to ensure that current service delivery levels are maintained in a financially affordable way, and that provision has been made for much needed capital works.

The rate increase is 4.51%. In addition, there is a 0.74% increase associated with waste charges and State Government landfill levies. Substantial effort has been undertaken to attain a low rate rise, despite some unforeseen burdens on Council's expenditure such as the Defined Benefits Superannuation Scheme payment and increased utility costs.

The "draft" Budget includes

a strong focus on capital works expenditure across recreation, community infrastructure, town centre works, parks and playgrounds and the environment. It has been recognised by Council that it is vital that funds are dedicated to these areas to maintain the existing infrastructure.

The 2013-2014 "draft" Council Budget is open for public submissions until close of business Wednesday July 24, 2013.

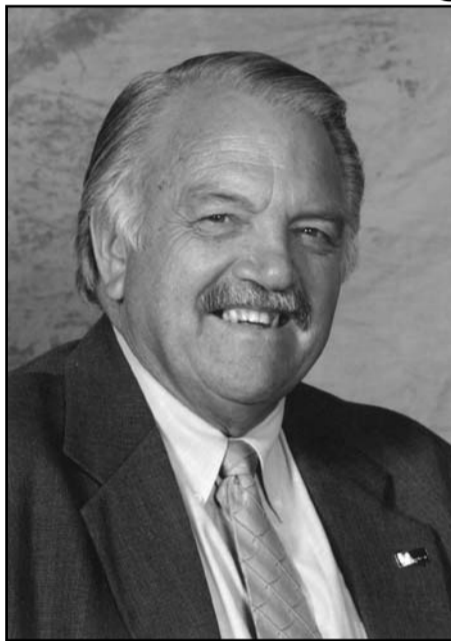
Copies of the "draft" Budget are available for inspection at Latrobe City Service Centres or on Council's website at www.latrobe.vic.gov.au.

Council will meet to consider any written submissions in relation to the 2013-2014 "draft" Budget at 5.30pm on Monday July 29, 2013 in the Nambur Wariga meeting room, at the Corporate Headquarters Morwell.

To read the full "draft" Budget and have your say, please visit <http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/budget>

Latrobe City Council - Community Grants Program – 2013/2014

Community Grants are available annually for not-for-profit, community focused groups in Latrobe City for projects that will



assist in the ongoing development or maintenance of recreational facilities; and meet the social and cultural needs of the citizens of Latrobe City.

These Grants are not intended to fully fund projects; groups need to demonstrate their commitment to their project, either financially, or with in-kind support. The categories available are:

Minor Capital Works – up to \$5000

For projects that will improve

community facilities, eg. renovations or repairs, or major items of equipment (with a value of \$500 or more).

Community Development – up to \$2000

For projects that support the community, eg. newsletters or community publications, community support activities or programs, development or coaching programs or, minor items of equipment (with a value of \$500 or less).

Events – up to \$2000

For sporting events, carnivals, festivals or cultural events where an audience is involved and local or regional promotion is an intended outcome.

Venue Hire – maximum amount \$500

For community-focused events/performances that are conducted in facilities/halls owned and operated by Latrobe City Council.

Venue hire grants are open throughout the year, until the funds "run out". There is no closing date.

Please note: Groups that receive an 'Events Grant' are not eligible to apply for a 'Community Venue Hire Grant'.

The Community Grants Program "Guidelines & Information booklet"

is available on Council's website which details the criteria and eligibility for a successful grant application. It is recommended that these guidelines be read carefully, in particular "What will not be funded" within the community grants program.

It is important to note that, for the first time, applying for a community grant is "online only" this year, hard copies are not available.

It is also important that grant applicants choose the category carefully prior to applying for a grant.

Applications in the incorrect category will "not" be accepted. If unsure, contact the Grants Administration Officer on

5128 5664.

To apply, visit Latrobe City Council's website on www.latrobe.vic.gov.au and complete and submit an application.

The 2013/14 Community Grants Program opened for applications on Monday July 1, 2013 and will close at 5.00 pm, Friday August 16, 2013.

Please note late submissions will not be accepted.

Successful applications will be announced following the October 7, 2013, Council Meeting.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for the wide community support for Bowelscan.

Rotary Bowelscan is a quick, simple test for bowel cancer, one of society's major killers, and was sold through local pharmacies during May.

This year the uptake more than doubled last year's total; a pleasing result.

All participants will be notified of their results as soon as possible.

There were two positive results last year and hopefully those lives were saved with early detection.

Annual tests are recommended and the program will be repeated next May.

The Rotary Club of Hazelwood has participated for some years. Again thanks for the positive support.

Ross Ollquist
Co-ordinator.

Help your school Get Water Smart with SWEP

Local schools have the opportunity to save water and money with the Victorian Government's Schools Water Efficiency Program (SWEP).

Member for Morwell, Russell Northe, said there were up to 500 places available on SWEP, and the program was open to all schools in Victoria.

"Already more than 190 Victorian schools have joined the voluntary program, which uses technology to detect and rectify leaks and, in most cases, reduce school water bills," Mr Northe said.

"SWEP schools are provided access to subsidised water data loggers, which provide teachers and students with daily water use information via a website.

Many schools have used this information to identify and fix leaks in their water systems, with one school reducing its quarterly water bill by 49 per cent.

The technology is also supported with teaching materials, which can be

incorporated into maths and sciences classes to help teach students about water efficiency in a relevant way."

Victorian Water Minister, Peter Walsh, says SWEP was an excellent example of an integrated approach to improving Victoria's water sustainability and resilience.

"SWEP provides an opportunity for Victorian schools to drive generational change in the way water is valued by our school students," Mr Walsh said.

"I encourage all schools in the Morwell electorate to consider taking up this great initiative."

SWEP is free for the first year with the following two years costing approximately \$150 per year for schools. Authorised school representatives can register by visiting

www.myswep.com.au

SWEP won the 2012 Victorian Australian Water Association Program Innovation Award and it was a finalist in the National Awards this year.

Hazelwood House



Hazelwood House celebrated its 16th birthday this month. We had an afternoon of entertaining by the "Chatelier Family". We invited three local hostels to join us and also invited families of our residents and

all our staff. We had an afternoon tea of sandwiches, a great assortment of cakes and our birthday cake. May Wilson, one of our residents, had the task of cutting the cake. Many thanks to all who helped us on the day.

Skate of Art

Over the coming weeks Churchill will feature a new piece of artwork that has been a collaboration between artists John Vukovic and Ian Mitchell, Kurnai students, Australian Group Training (AGA), Victorian Magistrate's Court, (who funded the project), and Latrobe City Council. The overall project was coordinated by the Gippsland Education Precinct.

John and Ian organised for apprentices with AGA to build six large metal panels and then worked with Kurnai students during seven art workshops to express their creative side and develop their own unique artwork.

The Executive Officer of the Gippsland Education Precinct, Mr Mike Answerth said "it was wonderful to hear and see the strong commitment the Kurnai students have had with this project."

The Kurnai art teacher who worked with students on the project, Ms Robyn Horvath, said "The students enjoyed the experience of working with the artists and learning about 'Street Art'.

It was also a great opportunity to work on a community project in a positive way. A very creative outcome, showing real evidence of artistic talent and effort."

The artwork is to be mounted on frames that will be attached to the existing fence between the Skate Park and the Churchill Fire Station.

AGA apprentices are about to commence work on the fabrication of these frames and it is anticipated that the frames and panels will be ready to put in place in the next two to three weeks.

Mr Answerth also said, "We are all very much



looking forward to the official opening in the coming weeks. The Skate Park is a wonderful space for young people and the new artwork installation will really make it their space.

This project has been a wonderful collaboration, but the congratulations definitely go to the Kurnai students and the AGA apprentices for all of their hard work and dedication."

Applications for Anzac Centenary Projects now open

Applications are open for the ANZAC Centenary Local Grants Program according to Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester.

Mr Chester said \$100,000 is being provided to support projects put forward by local community organisations which commemorate the service and sacrifice of Australian service men and women in World War I.

"Given the significance of the Centenary of ANZAC, there has already been strong interest in the program from local RSLs and historical groups," Mr Chester said.

"The program will help commemorate and honour the service and sacrifice of our ANZACs in a variety of ways across the whole Gippsland region."

Mr Chester has established an ANZAC Centenary Community Grants Committee for Gippsland, which will assess applications for funding and make recommendations about projects to be submitted to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for consideration.

"The committee's role will be to ensure that proposals meet the eligibility and assessment criteria and that they represent community views," Mr Chester said. Mr Chester said applications to the ANZAC Centenary Local Grants Program should be received in his office no later than November 30, 2013.

Further information and application forms for the program can be found online at

www.anzaccentenary.gov.au/grants. Mr Chester's office can be contacted on 1300 131 785.

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Church News

Lumen Christi Snippets

Food for Thought

Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you're praying but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row tickets to concerts or games but they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in Church?

Isn't it strange how we need to know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for

other events at the last minute?

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others, but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

Isn't it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say but we question the words in the Bible?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven but they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?



Co-Operating Church Snippets

June has been a very busy month with lots of exciting things to achieve.

Junior Youth Group: for primary school aged children in grades 3-6 began on Friday, June 21. It was held at the Cooperating Churches in Churchill from 5.30pm until 7.00pm. The program included games, a devotion, an activity and a light tea.

The program will run on a monthly basis to begin, and will increase to fortnightly if enough interest is shown.

Registration forms are available from the church and must be completed before children can attend the program. The program leader is Sharon Molkentintaylor. Sharon can be contacted on 0408 166 203, or contact Reverend Brenda Burney 5122 1480.

Welcome Information:

At the Co-operating Churches we have a fellowship of members from many different denominations, all of whom are welcome to share in worship with us.

This last month we have been putting together an updated version of what we do at the church. This will be available soon.

People are welcome to call in and collect one to see the diverse activities in which our parish is involved. A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon was held in

conjunction with the Latrobe and Francis Orchestras. The orchestras performed a variety of musical items including "Moon River", "The Dam Busters March", Minuet and Trio from the "Surprise Symphony, Symphony No 5 in C Minor, Opus 67", by Beethoven, "Pomp and Circumstance March No 1 Opus 39A" by Elgar, "Schumannesque Concert Mini Suite" by R. Schumann, "Celtic Moment" by J O'Clock and a wonderful duet "Romance in F Major Opus No 50" played by the Rouses, Gordon on violin and Rosemary on piano.

During the presentation scholarship awards were presented to several promising young musicians, courtesy of Dr Peter Kingsbury of Gippsland Dental Group.

The afternoon rounded off with a delicious afternoon tea provided by the Ladies Fellowship of the church. The church thanks the orchestras for being there and for willingly making this an annual event to which we look forward. It was a lovely value packed event.

Reminder re Saturday Breakfast:

There was no Saturday Breakfast this month, and none will be held in July. Keep a watch out for the announcement of the next exciting speaker for the August breakfast.



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Friends of Morwell National Park



Hello everyone and welcome to this month's article.

We have a few things to catch up with this month. At the end of the coming month we will have our Annual General Meeting. This has been brought forward so that hopefully all members can attend.

Friends of Morwell National Park - Annual General Meeting - Sunday July 28 - 1.30pm
At 10 Walker Parade, Churchill.

A committee meeting will follow the Annual General Meeting.

At the conclusion of both meetings we will have Afternoon Tea – Bring a plate please.

June Activity report

Stringybark Ridge track maintenance

At this month's activity we had Ken, Beryl, John, Margaret, Wendy, Mike, Cathy, Matt, Darren, and Craig. The group met in the Kerry Road car park to catch up on news and plan the day ahead. The turn up was really good since the day was wet and very overcast promising more rain to come during the day. While in the car park we had our first shower of the day. Ken reported about another wet night earlier in the week when he completed a moth survey in the Kerry Road car park.

The group walked into the west boundary and moved to the first cross track across the Stringybark Ridge track. Today's task was to reclaim the cross tracks which over the years had become overgrowth and difficult to traverse. A number of trees had also fallen across the tracks and these needed Craig on the chainsaw to clear them.

The first cross track required removal of undergrowth and a few small trees that had fallen across the track. The second cross track was more overgrown to the extent that the track was lost in the undergrowth. The fallen trees were larger and more numerous. One large tree had fallen many years ago making it impossible for vehicles and very difficult for walkers to pass.

Lunch was taken early at the centre of the second cross track. At the end of lunch a male lyrebird was seen for the second time that day. It was an opportune sighting since they are not common in this drier part of the park. During the day a wallaby was also sighted. After lunch the second cross track was completed and then the remainder of the track was checked and found to be clear of obstructions. When starting the walk back another light shower occurred, but considering the amount of rain over the previous week, we had come out of the day relatively dry.

May Activity report

Weed Wars – Episode XXXX.....Written by Mike

We have been doing this so long now, I've lost track of which instalment in the series we are up to! It is disheartening to think that we may not be making much headway in our battle with tutsan, given the proliferation of this weed in the headwaters of Billy's Creek outside of the Park, but at least we are making the effort.

It was a bit of an effort to drag ourselves out of a warm bed on a cold, blustery Sunday morning, after a good drop of rain overnight. We arrived in the Junction Road car park to be greeted by Rob, yes Rob, not Craig as expected. Apparently, there is an issue with weekend work in Parks Victoria, whereby everyone except Rob may have used up their allocated quota, leaving us a bit unsure whether we'll have a ranger in attendance for future activities. Time will tell! Also waiting were Beryl and Matt, with Peter and Wendy Macdonald and John arriving soon after. Ken

was the last to arrive with his family in tow, but he was not planning to join us, instead heading off for a stroll with his granddaughter.

We knew Wendy and Marg were helping out with some catering elsewhere and Darren was having some time off, so we decided to head for the southern reaches of the Park, despite Rob's preferences for a more comfortable existence.

Just to labour Rob's point, a heavy drizzle set in as we were driving, making a couple of the creek crossings pretty interesting. To prevent further unnecessary damage to these crossings, we should probably opt for walking in to our weeding point in future. As it was, we only drove a couple of crossings beyond the Coprosma Track, before deciding to park the cars and walk the rest of the way. We decided to leave our lunches in the vehicles as the weather was not improving and we thought a couple of hours would be enough for the day. Of course, as soon as we left the cars, the rain stopped!

The weeding itself was pretty standard; some sections of creek were pretty good, others, particularly near the creek crossings, had lots of weeds, mainly thistles and teasels, but occasionally lots of tutsan seedlings. Every now and then we'd find a mature tutsan, with berries attached, and we were always on the lookout for the occasional pussy willow seedling. Water levels were a couple of inches higher than last month, but aside from making the rocks more slippery, it didn't hinder our progress. Leeches were the biggest concern; Cathy found 4, 2 of which were attached, while Wendy and Rob also provided some nourishment for the locals.

By 12.30pm Matt and John had to depart to other obligations, so the whole group decided to head back to the weir for lunch before calling it a day. Some tiny trout kept us entertained at the weir trying to jump their way upstream, but the huge tutsan plant with heaps of berries below the weir dampened our enjoyment. It will have to wait for another day!

July Activity

Sunday July 21

The group will meet at 10.00am at the Junction Road car park to undertake track maintenance upon the Blue Gum Hill and Blue Gum Hill spur tracks. You will need to bring your lunch and suitable clothing for the weather conditions on the day.

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BY DANIEL WHITTINGHAM - MUGSU ENVIRONMENT DIRECTOR

Hey readers! My name is Daniel Whittingham and I am the newly appointed Environment Director for the Monash University Gippsland Student Union (MUGSU). I am originally from Korumburra, a small town roughly 80km SW of Churchill and am currently in my second year in a bachelor of information technology and systems here at the Gippsland campus.

MUGSU is a major component of my university experience because it offers helpful services and entertaining activities. Some of the Services MUGSU offer are survival week, student orientation, academic support and most importantly an independent advocacy. Activities MUGSU offer include Wednesday night parties, lunchtime barbeques, weekly pancakes and a wide variety of clubs and societies. I am incredibly proud to be a part of MUGSU as I am able to offer this experience to the students to ensure they all get the most out of their time here at our Gippsland university.

As a passionate environmentalist I am ecstatic to be the Environmental Director. I plan to give the domestic and international students of this campus the opportunity to experience and appreciate the local natural surroundings. Trips to the seaside, bushwalks through the Morwell National Park and clean up of the neighbouring waterways are a few adventures I am planning to run throughout next semester.

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Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club "Birds, dams and conservation in China"



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A presentation on "Birds, dams and conservation in China" will be given by Dr Wendy Wright and Steb Fisher on Friday, 23 August at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club meeting.

Wendy is a senior lecturer in ecology at Monash University with research interests in conservation biology. Her partner, Steb Fisher, is a professional photographer with an interest in wildlife photography.

Steb and Wendy are working with colleagues from Sichuan University in landscapes threatened by the rapid development of dams for hydro power in China. The talk will deal with the ecology of the

Lower Jinsha Valley (a reach of the Yangtze River) in remote Southern Sichuan in China, and the photographic techniques used as a key part of this study.

The meeting at 7.30pm is at the Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Old Sale Road and Chamberlain Road, Newborough.

On Saturday there will be an excursion to Morwell National Park.

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

Latrobe is taking steps towards better health this winter

Latrobe City residents are being encouraged to start taking small steps towards eating healthier to beat the winter blues and end up feeling great with the release of the 'Start with' advertising campaign this week.

With close to 54 percent of the adults living in Latrobe City classified as overweight and obese, the 'Start with' campaign focuses on the little things we can all do to get healthier.

"Small changes have the potential to lead to better health, so I challenge all local residents to add a few extra veggies to their meals or snacks this weekend. Keep it up and you'll end up feeling great," said Latrobe City Council, deputy mayor, Councillor Sharon Gibson.

"The 'Start with' campaign is part of a comprehensive effort by Healthy Together Latrobe to create opportunities for eating healthier and moving more where we live, learn, work and play," continued Cr Gibson.

In Latrobe City, not getting enough vegetables is the number one predictor for locals to be overweight or obese. Research conducted by the Department of Health indicates that 87 percent of adults are not eating the five serves of veggies each day recommended for good health.

It's important to maintain a healthy eating regime during the winter months to help fend off those extra kilos. The recently updated Australian Dietary Guidelines recommends adults eat 5 to 6 serves of vegetables every day, so every extra veggie added to meals or snacks helps you to meet these guidelines.

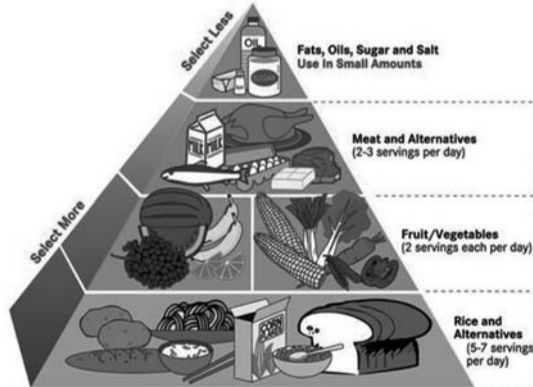
"It is time to make a change and start getting healthy together. We can do it in a way that is fun and social. Make a meal with the kids or invite a friend over for lunch. By making it fun, and doing it together, we can start to create healthy habits for the future," State Health Minister David Davis said.

"It is by placing good health at the centre of our everyday lives that we will create a healthier Victoria and reduce the rate of overweight and obesity," Mr Davis said.

Are you part of a community kitchen, garden or group that encourages healthy eating? Share your event or activity with others on the Latrobe City Council facebook page.

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Funds continue for libraries

Member for Morwell, Russell Northe, has welcomed the continuing support of the Victorian Government for our public library services.

"The Minister for Local Government, Jeanette Powell, has just reaffirmed the Victorian Government's commitment to our public libraries," Mr Northe said.

"Across the State over \$38 million has been committed to the Public Libraries Funding Program for the 2013-14 period."

Funding provided to library services in the Morwell electorate are –

Latrobe City libraries - \$480,957

"This funding is in addition to \$4.5 million provided to libraries for the Premier's Reading Challenge Book Fund for the purchase of additional resources, and \$17.2 million provided through the Living Libraries Infrastructure Program to improve library facilities," Mr Northe said.

"Our libraries are an important part of our communities and this commitment by the Minister is good news for all users of library services.

Importantly for our library service

providers, this money will be provided to them upfront at the start of the financial year allowing them to plan out their yearly budgets with greater certainty," he said.

Mr Northe said libraries across the Morwell electorate in the towns of Churchill, Moe, Morwell and Traralgon provide an important community service, and these services have been enhanced in recent years.

Libraries are more than simply a lender of books; they provide a number of different services including access to computers and the internet along with assisting rate payers with questions on Council activities.

Latrobe City Council's deputy mayor, Councillor Sharon Gibson, said that the funding was welcome.

"Latrobe City libraries cater to all members of our community from pre-schoolers to students to older residents. As such it is important that they are properly funded. Libraries are no longer just about books but they are a portal to all manner of information, resources and facilities for community use," Cr Gibson said.



Lighting Upgrade for Churchill Underpass



Latrobe City Council has secured funding to upgrade lighting at the Churchill underpass. Victorian Minister for Crime Prevention, Edward O'Donohue, and Member for Morwell, Russell Northe, made the announcement at Morwell Neighbourhood Centre last month.

The Public Safety Infrastructure Grant of \$79,425 to Latrobe City is to upgrade lighting at two sites – Churchill underpass and MERA Park in Morwell.

CDCA provided letters of support for Latrobe City's funding application. Representatives of the Churchill Town Safety Group were invited to attend the public announcement.

The Churchill Town Safety Group is a sub-committee of Churchill and District Community Association (CDCA). The Group's role is to address safety issues referred by CDCA, local residents and stakeholder organisations. Membership includes Churchill police officer-in-charge Sgt Phil den Houting, Churchill Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Peter Grey, Shopping Centre Manager Rob Whelan, LCC Town Centre Place Manager Ian Gibson and a number of others who live or work locally.

The Group has identified Churchill underpass as requiring improvement to address safety issues and public safety perception within the community. Investigation is currently underway regarding options for the installation of CCTV cameras at the underpass, which may act as a deterrent to crime and certainly assist in the identification of perpetrators.

Local residents have also suggested that a youth mural installation at the underpass may reduce the incidence of graffiti. The Town Safety Group is following up this idea by raising it with potentially interested key organisations.

CDCA Committee members recently had the opportunity to meet with a representative of Tract

Consultants Ltd, the developer engaged to plan a new residential area west of Gaskin Park. The land-owner also attended this meeting, which was to discuss the conduct of the community consultation for the proposed development. The large parcel of land is bounded by Gaskin Park, Switchback Road, Arnolds Road, and what would be an extension of Canterbury Way West (were it to be constructed).

Latrobe City Council, the land owner and the developer appear committed to 'good process' for consulting with the Churchill community, once the draft plans are finalised.

This new residential area is a significant project for Churchill – it is estimated that it will take some 20 years to complete and may add a further (estimated) 6500 to our population when all potential housing is constructed and occupied.

CDCA is keen to ensure that all residents and local organisations have the opportunity to participate in the consultation process and provide feedback on all aspects of the development, including vehicle access, road names, recreational pathways, housing density and green space.

Our June General Meeting and Community Forum hosted Mr Mike Answerth, Executive Officer from the Gippsland Education Precinct, as Guest Speaker. Mike provided a current overview of the planning for the Churchill Art and Culture Pathway, including the youth art project at Churchill Skate Park. This project will likely also see some art/mural work on the shopping centre 'wall' on the western side of Philip Parade.

Only a handful of local residents attended; perhaps many were deterred by the cold night weather. Our venue for these Community Forums – the Board Room at Green Inc in McDonald Way – is comfortable and warm, with parking 'at the door'. Our Forums are relaxed and informal, so that attendees have the opportunity to discuss matters of interest. Guest speaker presentations include sufficient time for a question and answer session.

Our Annual General Meeting and Community Forum will be held at Green Inc on August 28. We hope to secure a speaker from the University of Ballarat to update our local community on the progress of the Expanded Regional University proposal for the Churchill campus. All local residents will be welcome to attend.

CDCA's next meeting will be a Committee meeting and will be held at 7pm on Wednesday July 24, in Studio One on the lower floor of the Churchill Town Hall (Philip Pde entrance).

Observers are most welcome and may raise items of new business, time permitting. Alternatively, local residents may contact CDCA and request relevant matters be addressed at our next meeting.

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Hazelwood Rotary serves others by various projects, including:

Eradication of polio.

Like all Rotary clubs worldwide, Hazelwood Rotary supports the PolioPlus initiative, aimed at the eradication of polio. After 25 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease, but a strong push is now on to eradicate it once and for all. Removal of polio would be celebrated as a world – wide historical event.

Reaching the ultimate goal of a polio-free world presents ongoing challenges, not the least of which is a funding gap. As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high.

Joining Rotary in this objective is The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which has contributed over \$US1.8 billion to help eradicate polio. Also, in May 2013, the Australian Government's announcement of an extra \$80 million brings its total funding for the Global Polio Eradication

Initiative to \$130 million.

According to Bill Gates, "If we all have the fortitude to see this effort through to the end, then we will eradicate polio."

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If polio isn't eradicated, the world will continue to live under the threat of the disease. More than 10 million children will be paralyzed in the next 40 years if the world fails to capitalise on its US\$9 billion global investment in eradication.

Gippsland Rotary Centenary House Inc

Hazelwood Rotary is a significant contributor to Centenary House. This is a community owned facility that provides safe, supportive and affordable accommodation to patients and/or families of the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre at the Latrobe Regional Hospital.

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This project was initiated by Gippsland Rotary Clubs to mark the Centenary of Rotary International, and has attracted broad community support and representation throughout Gippsland. Funds have been raised through community fundraising, applications to philanthropic trusts, sponsorship and donations in kind.

The first stage with eight rooms was opened in September 2006. A second stage, comprising an additional nine rooms, was



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Many of the local Sudanese children from refugee families attend Liddiard Road Primary School in Traralgon.

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Over the six years Sharon has been involved, she has been able to get to know the children and their families, and to learn of the specific hardships and struggles they suffered in South Sudan.

However the struggles continue as the families assimilate to Australia's way of life - so very different to the places from which they have come.

They now need to adapt to flushing toilets, water flowing from taps, cooking inside, electricity at the flick of a switch, supermarkets stocked with food, and going to school every day.

The village no longer belongs to everyone; they cannot play in their neighbour's back yard unless invited, and people may not say hello as they pass them in the street.

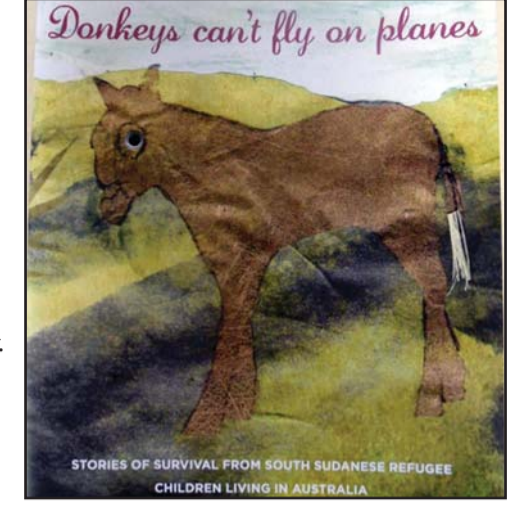
Life is very different, but Sharon is continually amazed at the children's resilience in coping with the traumas of their homeland and adapting to life in Australia.

Sharon has encouraged the children to write about their homeland experiences and has been successful in having published, a collection of their stories.

The book is called "Donkeys Can't Fly on Planes". Two short print runs sold out quickly. Another run has been produced for Refugee Week and is now available.

The publicist, Publisher 'Kids Own Publishing' and the artist (who travelled to the school to conduct workshops in collage with the young authors) and the book designer all worked pro bono to keep cost to a minimum.

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New members for Tourism Advisory Board



A new Tourism Advisory Board has been appointed with the aim of providing advice to council on policies and strategies furthering the development of tourism within Latrobe City. The Board will continue to work with the Latrobe City Business Tourism Association (LCBTA) as well as working collaboratively with other tourism bodies such as Destination Gippsland.

Members of the Latrobe City Tourism Board are: Latrobe City Councillors Darrell White (chair) and Christine Sindt; industry and community representatives Roger Chao, John Mackenzie, Matthew Addison and Christine Lee; representative of Latrobe City Business Tourism Association, Terry Sumner, Latrobe City Council's manager of Economic Development, Geoff Hill, Manager of Cultural Liveability, David Elder, Tourism Coordinator, Linda Brock and Team Leader Visitor Information Centre, Rachel Callus.

Chair of the Tourism Advisory Board, Councillor Darrell White, said that tourism was a significant industry in Latrobe City injecting \$83m into the economy.

"The Latrobe City Tourism Advisory Board may be involved in such activities as contributing to the development of a Tourism Strategy and Action Plan. The Board also provides representation for the Latrobe City tourism industry on a range of issues such as providing feedback to Tourism Victoria on the

Victorian Regional Action Plan," Cr White said.

"Many businesses and residents do not realise that Latrobe City is a tourism destination. It is positioned well in central Gippsland which lends itself to 'hub and spoke' touring, which means staying in Latrobe City but making day trips to the Lakes or mountains, for example.

It's also worth remembering that tourism can take many forms, not just tourists taking a holiday but there is also corporate tourism, conference tourism, visiting friends and relatives and event tourism which is a key form of tourism within Latrobe City," Cr White said.

Board member, Cr Christine Sindt, said that the tourism industry was very much alive in Latrobe City.

"Through the long-term commitment of a host of operators, networks and government agencies, tourism in Latrobe City has evolved into what is now an established and vital industry sector.

Council supports the tourism industry by providing visitor services, as well as participating in consumer shows, conference and events attraction and supporting events. We are committed to the long term future of the tourism industry here in Latrobe City and in the wider Gippsland region," Cr Sindt concluded.

Small business festival guide now available

Member for Morwell and Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business, Russell Northe, today encouraged small businesses in the Morwell electorate to make use of a new comprehensive 60-page guide to Victoria's Small Business Festival, signalling the staging of the iconic event in Melbourne and regional Victoria in August.

"The event guide is being widely distributed but small business operators and budding entrepreneurs can now also request a copy, and book events online," Mr Northe said.

"I urge all existing and prospective small business owners in the Morwell electorate to request a copy of the event guide and book events at

www.business.vic.gov.au/festival or call 13 22 15.

The Victorian Government understands that small business owners often lack time and work in isolation, which is why we host Victoria's Small Business Festival."

Mr Northe said the festival was accessible to anyone wanting to start or grow their own business with hundreds of events offered free or at low cost.

"Tens of thousands of people attended last year's festival, making it one of Australia's premium small business events, and we are pleased to expand the number of events into Regional Victoria including Gippsland."

Small Business Festival events in the Morwell electorate:

Small Business Big Future Exhibition

Inspiring stores and colourful images that highlight Victoria's

enterprising innovative and expanding small business community and how government has supported them to grow.

Location: Stockland Plaza, Traralgon, August 5 - 11, 9am - 5pm,

Mobile Business Centre

The Victorian Government's Mobile Business Centre provides free mentoring and face-to-face assistance to help start or build your business.

Front entrance Stockland Plaza, Traralgon, August 7, 10am - 4pm

Starting a Business

An informative event for people with a business idea. Learn the necessary knowledge and tools to make your business idea a reality.

Location: Latrobe City Council Business Service Centre, Traralgon, August 7, 9am - noon

Your Business Online

Gain insights into the importance of an online presence in today's business environment and compare the effectiveness of different websites and social media strategies.

Location: Latrobe City Council, Nambur Wariga Room, 141 Commercial Road, Morwell, August 16, 10am-1pm

"I encourage all small business owners and people thinking of either starting a business or growing their business in the Morwell electorate to get the festival event guide, find out what is on offer and be involved in this celebration of business excellence," Mr Northe said.

For more information you can visit www.business.vic.gov.au/festival or call 13 22 15.

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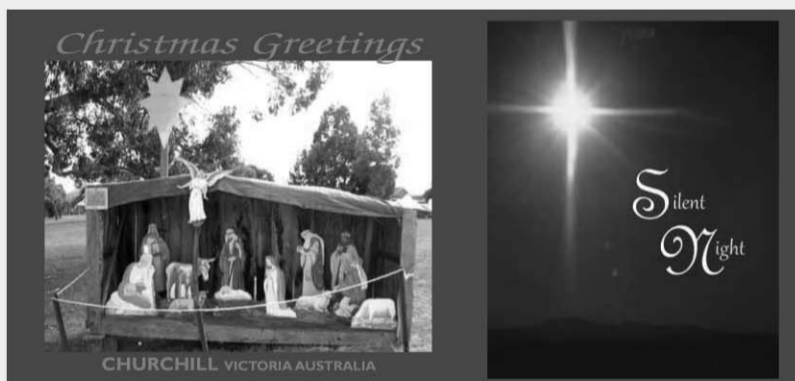
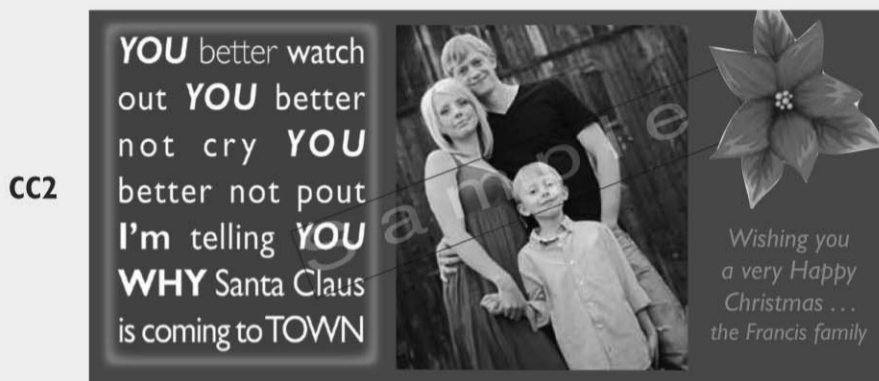
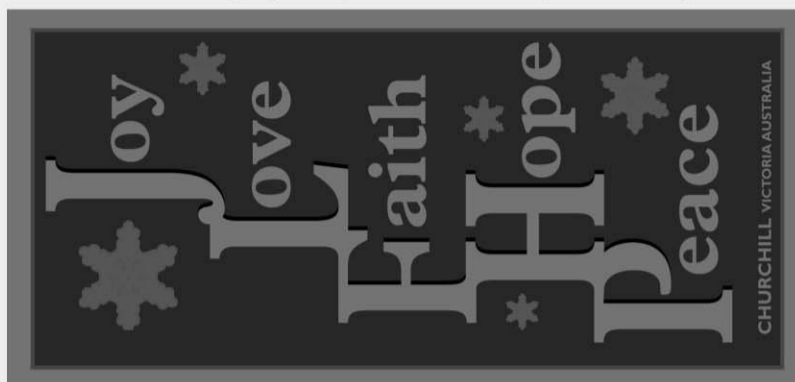
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Churchill and District Lioness Club



By Pauline Prowse
Media Officer.

On June 19 at the Morwell R.S.L. in conjunction with the Churchill Lions Club, we held our annual Changeover Dinner. This function is held to induct our new office bearers to their positions. We hope that a busy year lies ahead for them. Although our club is small in number we are kept busy helping to support quite a few charities. We supply rugs, beanies etc., to Open Family, an organisation in Melbourne which cares for the homeless youth. We supply emergency toilet packs for L.R.H and small knitted garments for the premature babies, also at L.R.H. We have donated over the past year to U.N.H.C.R - Funds for emergency medical supplies, You are my Sunshine Foundation, Need for Feed for Victorian farming communities- affected by flood, Churchill and District News writing competition, Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.



Churchill Lions



By Sam Gillett

Churchill Lions was presented with a cheque by Mr. Ian Nethercoat on Wednesday July 3, 2013.

The cheque was presented in thanks for assisting with the Latrobe Biggest Ever Blokes BBQ for the Prostate Cancer Foundation, which raised in excess of one hundred thousand dollars for prostate cancer research.

Churchill Lions has pledged a further \$1000 towards the event and

\$1000 to Latrobe Regional Hospital.

A Camp Quality family camp at Coonawarra Farm Resort was supported by the Churchill Lions club.

The new board of the Churchill Lions Club was installed on June 19, 2013 at the Morwell RSL.

Churchill Lions Club meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Enquires, suggestions and requests can be directed to churchill.lions@gmail.com

Gippsland Carers Association Carers Support Group

This is to advise that the Gippsland Carers Association Carers Support Group will meet July 24, 10am at Gippsland Disability Advocacy, 558 Hopetown Ave, Morwell.

This month's meeting will feature Reiki Therapist Angelika Lieshout who will discuss natural healing therapies.

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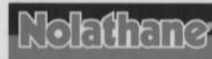
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Bill Welsh – Be “Forever Vigilant”

By Leo Billington

Popular Yinnar resident, Bill Welsh was working as a clerical officer with the SECV at Yallourn when World War 2 broke out.

He was keen to enlist in the Australian Army but because Bill worked for a protected essential service, his ambition was thwarted.

Being philosophical about this situation, he returned to work until an application to join the Australian Navy was successful.

Bill's initial naval training was at the Flinders Naval Depot, otherwise known as HMAS Cerebus at Westernport Bay, where the coat of arms motto is “Forever Vigilant”.

Bill Welsh's service to his local community personifies that motto. He always looked out for his community.

Bill's parents came from Thorpdale and bought the Yinnar butcher shop from the Budge family in 1926. Bill was two years old.

With a sharp memory, ready to tell his story, Bill explains that his mother was a member of the locally renowned Budge family who had widespread interests in meat processing and butchers shops.

His father was the butter factory manager at Thorpdale which had closed down. The new residents later moved into the Budge's Yinnar home after they moved into Morwell.

“I was born in the Trafalgar hospital 89 years ago. It was Thorpdale's hospital and I was then the sixth child to Mary and Thomas. My other siblings were Alwyn, Alf, Elsa, Hazel, Mary and Alma. There were six of us at the time of our shift to Yinnar, and at one time, there were six of us at school at the same time,” Bill recalls.

“John Quigley was the first butcher in Yinnar, followed by Budges and then us. Mum and Dad worked together in their business for 30 years. It was a peaceful little place, with a row of shops hugging one side of its main street – a former coffee palace, bakery (owned by Reg Baker who employed his brother, Ted in the shop), Post Office managed by two Miss Bolgers, Vinning's Store, the hotel, a blacksmith, a general store owned and operated by Elizabeth and Jessie Firmin, a saddlery and then the butchers, still in the original location as it was when we arrived.

There was nothing on the other side of Main Street except the Yinnar railway station. There was a train service between Morwell and Mirboo North three days a week – Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays with a postal mail motor service on Saturdays only. Being such a regular service the general community rarely became excited about seeing a train. It was a sad day when the last passenger train ran on Saturday, September 7, 1968.

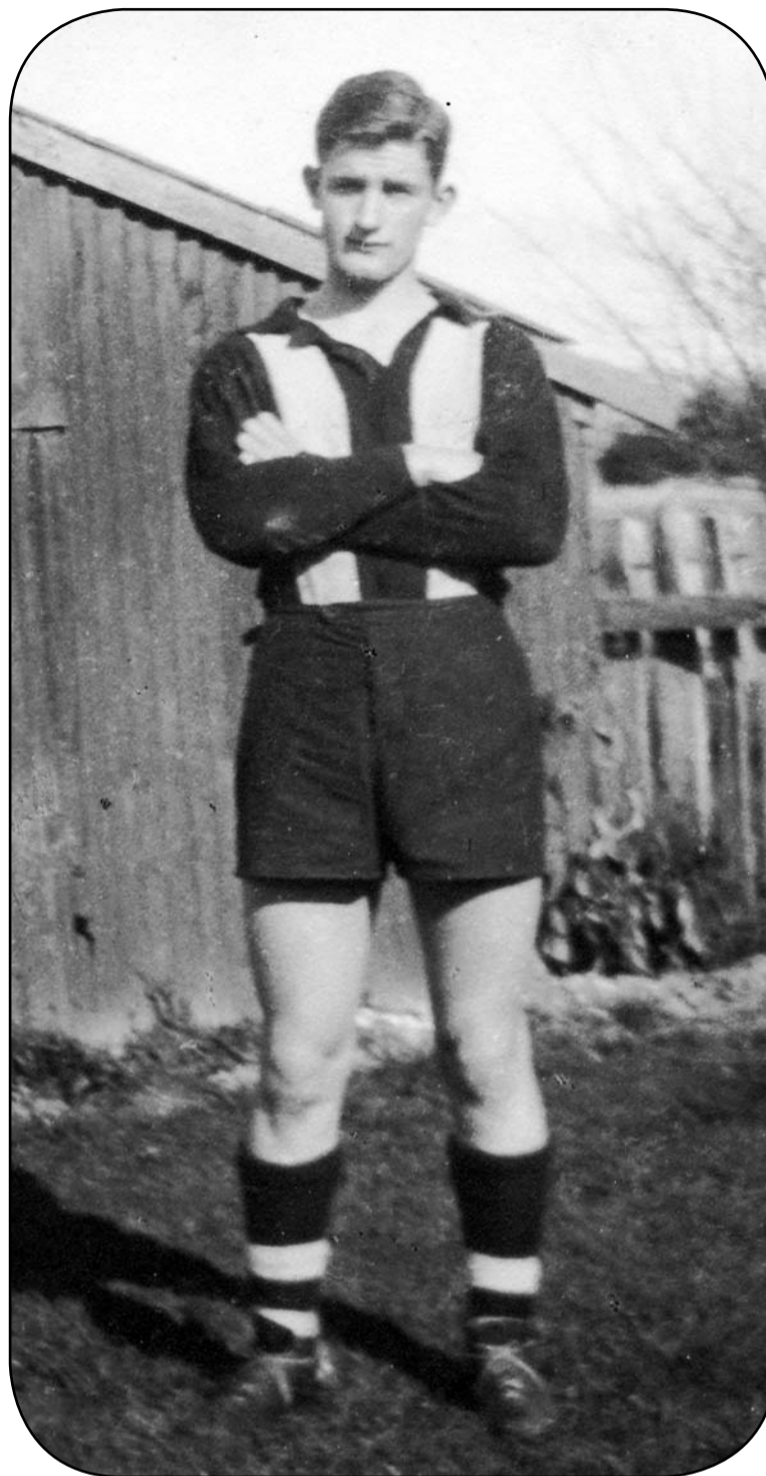
My childhood was rather idyllic shared with loving parents. At one shilling and sixpence a week, I was mail boy for Miss Bolger when I was about 11 or 12 and still at Yinnar Primary School. Then at night between 5.00 pm and 8.00 pm, I pulled newly baked bread from tins which I then greased ready for the next day's baking, all for a shilling a night. Mum made me bank half of my total weekly earnings but all this stopped when I went to Yallourn High School.”

After preparing his lunch, Bill would ride his bike every day from Yinnar to Yallourn, a return journey of 26 miles irrespective of the weather.

He hardly missed a day. This marathon went on for two years until a bus service was provided. Bill was one of the first Yinnar children to attend secondary school eventually completing his Leaving Certificate.

[It's worthy of note that Bill rode his bike from Yinnar via Hazelwood Road, past the cemetery, into Morwell. Then west along Commercial Road, over the railway line at the western end of town and on to the highway which went through Morwell Bridge, then to Yallourn. When the bus service started, it cost nine shillings a week – it was a private bus service operated by Maxfield's Motor (Bus) Service from Yallourn. The bus was a parlour coach, quite popular in those days.]

At primary school, children never heard much



Bill on his 16th birthday.

He played full forward for Yinnar in the MGFL Final against Morwell 2nds

about a high school. Most boys left school to work on their parent's farm.

That was the way it was. In 1941, Bill obtained employment in administration with the SECV at Yallourn.

With his pleasant grin and a sharp mind that's now bursting with memories, Bill takes up his story about living in Yallourn and how it was different to Yinnar.

“I was the town boy in Yinnar working for Miss Bolgers, the baker and anyone else I could help.

Also, Alf worked with the Budge family in Morwell and Alwyn was employed at Vinning's general store. At Yallourn,

I boarded in the staff mess and attended night school studying accounting.

At 18, I was called up for the Army but it was not possible to go.

All my mates from around Yinnar had joined up so I wanted to go and do my bit as well.

I'm not really sure why I chose the Navy but it did appeal, at least seeing I wasn't going into the army.

As the war had started, I remained keen to help those defending our country.

My application to join the Australian Navy was successful. I passed my medical in Melbourne and, at 18, subsequently received a call to go to the Flinders Naval Depot, catching a train from Flinders Street Station.

It was June 8, 1942, and I was very lonely. Yinnar seemed so far, far away. I didn't know anyone,” Bill remembers.

[In 1920, Flinders Naval Depot was commissioned as HMAS Cerebus although it would continue to be known to many as Flinders Naval Depot. The depot was established as the Royal Australian Navy training location after 1911 when the Australian Navy was formed. Williamstown continued to serve as the primary training depot until it was found to be too small and an alternative site was identified at Westernport.

From the Recruits Handbook 1943 recruits were reminded “that the Flinders Naval Depot has a tradition for smartness, discipline and efficiency. The purpose of your training here is that you may learn these qualities – and efficiency means knowing your job, so carry on this tradition of Flinders Naval Depot wherever you go.”

Recruits were also told that “naval discipline requires you to treat those in authority with the respect and good manners which are the established customs of the service. Always salute smartly and look the officer whom you are saluting directly in the eye.” Strict obedience was (still is) the essential of the navy.]

Bill picks up his story. “I joined a group of 40 young 18 or 19 year olds – from all over Australia - shoved into a dormitory which was a huge challenge for me. No-one knew anyone. Certainly sleeping in a hammock was initially a trial, especially in a cold June winter. We remained at Flinders (otherwise known as Cerebus) for three months. Getting a bugle call at 6.00 am each morning became rather testing. But we all messed in.

Eventually we all seemed to get on well together. We marched together, received gunnery training and did our seamanship training over about four weeks. I was trained as an Able Seaman,” Bill explained.

It's not easy to know whether Bill was all that excited at completion of training. It was alright “once I got to know some of the others.” There were two classes of 20 and Bill was elected leader of his class - number 41 - which provided every opportunity to break the loneliness that possibly eroded some excitement felt at the start.

Bill was deployed to Darwin for nine months after which he returned to Cerebus for training at the Gunnery School. Established in 1920 and up to 1992, the school was responsible for the specialist training of warfare officers and all gunnery sailors, plus the training of officers and sailors in ceremonial and parade training, small arms and internal security measures.

In Bill's case, his training prepared him for work in the turrets of HMAS Arunta to which he was drafted.

Bill was now moving further away from his beloved Yinnar. While at CEREBUS, he was entitled to weekend leave every two weeks, although it was a long return trip back home.

Once at sea, Bill could only return home every three months.

There was also another attraction back home – the Yinnar Football Club.

As recorded in the Yinnar Centenary History 1894 – 1974, “a star in the making was Bill Welsh.”

This was in 1940 and Bill was now on a boat somewhere around the islands surrounding New Guinea.

Next month, we join Bill in his wartime service, then his return home where he soon took every opportunity to serve his community through volunteer work across more than 10 organisations.

He was forever vigilant looking out for ways and means to advance Yinnar.



Bill's truck used in the hardware business in Yinnar

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Lumen Christi Primary School

Healthy Bodies, Healty Minds- Great Learners

Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School students have certainly been active in living the mantra 'Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds, Great Learners'. At Lumen Christi our PE curriculum is much broader than simply focussing on the health benefits of exercise. Students participate to improve their self confidence, have opportunities to practise cooperation, develop their willingness to accept new challenges as well as simply to enjoy having fun with their peers and teachers.

In 2013 Lumen Christi has continued to participate actively in inter school competitions and the BLUEARTH program, which coaches teachers to present high quality physical activities to students from Prep to Year 6. In addition to these programs Lumen Christi also offers a free after school sports program for students. On Wednesday June 5, the

school was thrilled to invite Hockey Victoria to present a hands-on experience for the Year 2/3 class. This was a fantastic opportunity to introduce students to a less familiar sport, yet one that is available to students right here in Churchill.

Exciting Developments

Sturdy black gumboots, floppy hats, high visibility vests, wheelbarrows and long handled shovels, looks like these two students are taking part in Time Team at Lumen Christi. However that is not a bad guess as Tim and Meg are doing a lot of digging and replanting, echoes of Gardening Australia too.

The Senior Block is about to undergo refurbishment and just like Time Team, Tim and Meg are working against the clock to transplant those shrubs that will be trampled underfoot and machine when the garden is transformed into a building site. So far they have transplanted daffodils, not yet in bloom,

and at present are replanting native shrubs into large tubs. Congratulations Tim and Meg for digging up the past so that it continues to thrive in the future.

New Building Under Way

Everyone at Lumen Christi is excited with a shock early start to our upcoming building program. The tendering process has happened for STAGE ONE with 5/6W the winning contractors to demolish and relocate the treasured Chook Pen under the supervision of Mr. Hamilton. The team has also sub-contracted out to school dad, Pat McAllister, to complete the rebuild away from the new extended Senior Learning Area. Next term when we all return we will hopefully see the arrival of the professionals, although I'm sure they won't look as classy in Hi-Vis hats, vests and gumboots as this work crew!

Prep/1 Science Expo

If you want to know "why a tornado

spins?" or "why does the weather change?" ask a weather expert in Grade Prep/One at Lumen Christi. They have spent this term discovering answers to their own "wonderings" about weather and have now got the answers. They were very excited to share their findings with family members at their "Science Expo"!

Family Visits

This term we have had some very special visitors in our classrooms - our brothers and sisters! We have an open invitation to all our brothers and sisters who will be our 2014 Preps, to come and spend some time with us in our Junior classrooms. These big "Kinder Kids" have enjoyed the chance to be a school-kid and this is a wonderful opportunity to start the important transition from pre-school to primary school. They are coming back again next term and are welcome to bring a friend, even if they do not have a family member at the school.



Principal Mrs. Jo Brewer presenting Kiera Johnson and Jack Dowd with their Outstanding Achievement Certificates for fantastic efforts in Mathematics for Term 2.



Time Team, Tim and Meg working hard in the gardens



Pictured is Zahra, with her big sister Karima, working on a problem solving task together.

Gippsland Education Precinct

GAT Misses the Mark

By Cassandra Hooimeyer

Year 12 student, Kurnai College Precinct Campus

In June of each year, VCE students statewide assemble for a test most of them didn't study for. Many of them couldn't tell you the purpose of it.

It is the General Achievement Test, known simply as the GAT. The GAT is an exam that tests students on their general knowledge in broad areas of: written communication, mathematics, science and technology, humanities, the arts and social sciences. It includes two writing tasks and 70 multiple choice questions. The GAT lasts three hours and must be taken by all students who are studying a Unit 3 and 4 sequence for VCE or scored VCE VET.

But many students don't even know what it's for.

"To be honest, I didn't really have a sufficient understanding on what the GAT was about and for," said Year 11 student Katelin Lugton, who studies Food and Technology units 3 and 4 as her Year 12 subject. "Out of the people I spoke to about the GAT, not many at all took it seriously. They were saying, 'It doesn't even count for anything'."

But the GAT does indeed count for something.

It is used by VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) to check that school-assessed coursework (SACs) and exams have been accurately assessed. The appropriate section of the GAT is used to evaluate the scores from the corresponding subject. As an example, a student's scores in English will be compared to how well they performed in the English component of the GAT. It is also employed in statistical moderation of school-assessed coursework results across the state, and can be used to attain Derived Examination Scores for those disadvantaged in some way during exams.

Even if they know what it's for, many students don't take it seriously. They may leave immediately after the first compulsory half-hour, only completing the sections they wish - or may not attend at all.

"It doesn't really show our subjects and our studying so it's probably not as accurate," said Shannon van Sambeek, Kurnai College's Precinct school captain, when asked if she thought the GAT was a good reflection of how she'd go in the end-of-year exams. "It involved a lot of

sciences and I don't do sciences so that aspect really made it difficult for me." She added, "But it is an insurance policy for the score, so that's always a good thing."

Her co-captain, Dylan Campbell, agreed. "I liked that you kind of have the backup," he said. "You know if you try hard at that, at least you've got something in case of a bad thing happening to you - not being able to do the exam."

As a general knowledge test, the GAT is almost impossible to study for. Mr Campbell admitted that this was probably the worst thing about the GAT. Ms Van Sambeek agreed: "Frustrating. It's frustrating."

Their advice to future students sitting the GAT is to read the papers from previous years (accessible through the VCAA website) to obtain a general idea of wording and requirements, and to turn up on time.



Churchill Preschools

By Sam Gillett

Glendonald Park Preschool received a visit from Pacific Smiles. Karen and Elise, two dentists, spoke to the children about the importance of dental hygiene and brushing your teeth. They brought along books, tools and a DVD.

The children have been focussing on textiles as they've been doing finger-knitting and making pom poms. This, and

board games, has helped them with working in small groups.

Glendonald Park also received a new shade sail over the outside area. The children watched the shade sail being constructed and quickly became "experts", re-enacting the construction themselves.

Miss Lauren, from Glendonald Park, has left on maternity leave. 2012 and 2013 parents and committee attended a surprise baby-shower for her at the Churchill Hotel.

The relief child educator, Cara, comes from New Zealand. The children have embraced learning about Maori culture, learning a stick song and Poi dance.

The Churchill Hub preschool purchased new teepees and tents. The children have taken to making and creating cubbies.

They've also been using clay to make mud pots and pies, and using shells to make wind chimes.

Churchill Primary School

NAIDOC Day

On June 26, we had a great day celebrating the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Yinnar South students and teachers joined us, as did a couple of students from Churchill North Primary School. We played indigenous games which included throwing spears (tennis balls) at the moving kangaroo (a very big moving ball). Each group participated in Aboriginal art sessions, rock painting, Aboriginal storytelling and learning to do some Aboriginal dances. We thank the Dedlee Kulya dance group from Kurnai College for their wonderful dance presentation, and their work with our students in teaching them some dances. We also thank Hollie Johnson for her welcome and for paying respect to the Aboriginal people of the Kurnai Gunai tribe. We thank the elders who gave up their time to help our students engage in the activities. We also thank Rex Solomon and Anne-Maree Stever for their organisation and planning of the day and the activities.

favourite part was not the snake, it was the magic, as was Campbell's. Ruby enjoyed the snake but really liked the dancing. Lola loved the whole of Possum Magic. Sarina and Courtney really enjoyed the music and Hayden liked the theatre when it was dark. Jaxon thought the snake was scary and Imogen liked it when Grandma Poss turned Hush invisible.

Grade One and Two Excursion to Gippsland Heritage Park

Grade one and two rounded off their study



of Then and Now by going to the Park. They went to the old fashioned school and loved seeing Mr Dubois get the "cane." They went on a tour of the General Store, the BlackSmith shop, the Police Station and the Bank. Several students were put in the "lock up". We have yet to find out what their crimes were. A highlight for all the students was the ride on the fire truck. The

section and had to play against a very competitive Churchill North team in order to play in the grand final. In this semi final, we drew at full time, we drew after a few minutes each way and finally we had to get 2 goals ahead. Immediately following this, we played a very hard team from Commercial Rd. They beat us convincingly, but we were very happy to come 2nd and we received medallions for our effort.

Despite the busy month, there has been lots of classroom learning going on as well. Many of our students have entered stories in the Churchill and District News Writing Competition. Several of our students have participated in the University of New South Wales International Competitions and Assessment tests. Our teachers have also been busy writing mid-year reports. Teachers have been involved in Professional Development in Mathematics, Positive Education and Autism.



Gunai Lidj

A group of about 15 students from CPS went on an excursion to Gunai Lidj in Morwell. We prepared for a few weeks by going onto the internet to find some engaging activities to run at the Day Care Centre. We tested these activities with the Preps to see if they were just right for small children. When we got there, we had morning tea and then we got to know the children by talking to them and playing with them. We set up our activities and they came in and chose which activities they would do. Four students and some little ones were making a humpy in the corner of the Day Care Centre, using sticks and hessian. The others were involved in painting, storytelling and making monsters. It was time for the little ones to go to bed so we came back to school. Thank you to Anne- Maree and Rex for helping us to prepare for this visit and spending their time helping us.

By Shelby Love and Tarley Frost (Group Leaders).

students really enjoyed the day and it was followed up by a walking excursion to the Churchill Shopping centre to compare and contrast the ways we do business. Thank you to our local shop keepers who were very helpful. Our students enjoyed the discussions with them.



Football

Our Churchill Primary School Football team represented the Yinnar and District Schools in the Latrobe Valley competition. They played very well and were the eventual winners. They will go on to the next level which is the Zone final in July. According to Cain Iorangi, they played well as a team and were determined to capitalise on really good first half play by defending their goal and powering on in the second half of every game. They played a number of local teams:

1st Glengarry, 2nd Tanjil Valley, 3rd Stockdale Rd, 4th Commercial Rd and 5th St Mary's. At the end, Churchill won with 15 points and Stockdale Rd came 2nd with 13. Ryan Lowrie and Cain Iorangi gave a speech at the end and they thanked all the teams for their competitiveness and complimented them for trying their best. They thanked Mr. Mahoney for his excellent coaching of the team. The team was presented with a trophy.

Netball

We entered a mixed team in the Bessie Froud Competition held in Morwell on June 7. The team won all 6 games in their



Open Days

We have had a number of families visiting on Open Days. We are always open for inspection and invite new enrolments for 2014. It is helpful for our school to have enrolments early, so that we can put our class and teaching arrangements in place. If you would like a tour of the school, please phone 5122 1343 to arrange a suitable time.

Prep Excursion to Possum Magic

The Preps had a thoroughly enjoyable excursion to Warragul to watch the show "Possum Magic". Here are some of their thoughts:

Vivian, and lots of other students, loved the snake. Diesel's

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Boolarra Primary School

Musical Talents being Fostered

Some of our students are now enjoying guitar lessons at school. Between this and our weekly key-board lessons, sweet music is making a pleasant addition to our school environment. Our keyboard students recently performed a lunch-time concert for their friends, which was enjoyed by all.

Girls' Footy

Nine of our senior girls will join with girls from Yinnar Primary School to form a combined team. We've done this in previous years and had great success and enjoyed the experience. We have a number of very capable football playing girls so we're glad to be able to give them this opportunity. As the only girls' team in Latrobe Valley, we've won straight through to compete at the Regional finals in Maffra on Thursday July 25. Training has already commenced with Adam and Jedd assisting Lydia and Ella to run some drills. The spirit of cooperation and the skills evident during this training have been most impressive;

Bike Ed Preparation

Some of our more confident senior cyclists offered to provide tuition during their lunch breaks to some of our less confident grade 3 students. This will help them to feel confident and ready for the Bike Ed program which will operate next term to build on our grade 3-6 students' road safety.



Nature Walk

Our General Studies Coordinator, Ms Finley Smith, linked in with the Boolarra Landcare group to arrange for the prep, one and two students to visit the Old Mill site. The students thoroughly enjoyed this venture. Ms Smith was very impressed with the site and plans to return for a family outing. We are grateful to Boolarra Landcare and many of our parents who accompanied the students. Below is a report provided by Quin of grade two:

All the P/1 /2's went to visit the Old Mill Site. First we got our name tags and then we had lunch.

After lunch we got to know Luke, Renee and Geoff. I went with Luke. I think Luke's was the best group because he showed us a wombat skull and an automatic camera. Luke also showed us some pictures on a lap-top. They were of animals at night. The camera was cool because it was silent.

After Luke I went to Geoff. Geoff said "Does your group have a name? We said "no", so we thought of one. We were the Grass Kings. With Geoff I learned that when a tree needed leaves a little branch would come out of the trunk and it would grow some leaves. After Geoff we went to Renee. Renee told us that seeds come from flowers. I didn't know that but now I do. Renee asked us what our favourite plant was. I said a cactus. We went back to the meeting place. There was a board there and I think it said that the wood mill was taken down in 2009. After that we all went back to school.

Fundraising

Our parents undertook a successful pie drive and catered at a recent movie night. Thanks to these ventures, along with a donation we received from one of our parents, we have now met our target this year. This means that work will soon commence on the school cubby-house requested by our Junior School Council. Our School Council decided, in recognition and appreciation of the great support we receive from our families, we will suspend all fundraising for the remainder of the year.

Tennis Challenge

Following another request from our Junior School Council, we will stage a staff versus students tennis game early next term. As the staff will be out-numbered by the students, we will be recruiting as many parents as possible to assist them.

Out Of Uniform Day with a Difference

On the last day of term everyone dressed as something that started with the same 1st letter as their first name. It was a lot of fun guessing what people were dressed as. Donations were collected for Cystic Fibrosis research. Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic condition which currently has no cure. It significantly impacts on the life of many people.

Art Awards

A number of our students received special awards and prizes from the SuperPages drawing competition. Talented drawer Emre, of grade 4, received \$75 worth of art equipment as she was placed 2nd overall in her age group. Some of the artwork our students submitted will now appear in the next edition of the SuperPages directory.

Breakfast at School

We seem to have more and more students enjoying socialising and having breakfast at school. Even younger siblings and Mums and Dads are joining in the fun, which is lovely but we might need to extend the staffroom to fit everyone in!

Whole School Production

Next term all of our students will be involved in our performance of "Murder Most Fowl", a play written by our principal, Ms Leanne Emond. The grade 5/6s will take responsibility for playing the main characters. Our dance teacher, Ms Tanya Chalmers, will assist with the choreography whilst our singing teacher, Ms Heather James, will help all the grades to perform their songs. The show will be staged in the Boolarra Memorial Hall during the final week of term three. There will be a matinee and an evening performance.



Hazelwood North Primary School

Inquiry at Hazelwood North Primary School

All the 4, 5, 6's are doing an inquiry on 'How can we make a difference?' to our community. All the topics included are part of our inquiry. We have started on planning our activities and now we've put it into action and going to make a difference to the community.

Hazelwood North Primary School did a Whole School Clean-Up day on Thursday June 27. We did it because people are littering our school. Students are dumping rubbish in our school so we are coming together to make our school cleaner and make it a happier place. We are working on a unit of work on making a difference to our community.

We came together in our house colours to clean up our school. We have split our school into 4 sections - every house colour took a part. We had groups and we are working towards trying to make a difference to our school. In our inquiry we had an idea of a clean-up day in our groups. We have gathered some more ideas of how to do this and who will do what. There are Yellow, Blue, Red and Green houses. Yellow house went over to the hall, Red house went on the oval, Blue did the Grove Building, and Green did the basketball court and playground.

Some students have been organising and preparing to have a school op shop in the Grove Building on June 27. Students, teachers and parents have brought in old clothes and toys and other things they don't want. Then they sell all the clothes and toys and other things to everyone. The left over clothes were given to the "Salvos". The money that we raised was given to the Boolarra Wild Life Shelter.

Green Dress Up Day was also held on June 27. We are raising money to buy more trees for our school and make more wild life and animal life. Students were dressing up in green or if they don't have any green, in casual clothes.

Power Free Day is a day when our school power is off when school starts and there are no heaters and technology. It was on June 27 as well as all the other activities. Power free day is a day to stop pollution and make our earth a better place.

The day went well. We were all very happy that we achieved our goal and went home feeling that we had done a good thing to our community!!

By Emma, Matt and Alyssa

Power Free Day

A group of 4/5/6's have been planning a Power Free Day for June 27. The Power Free day was at Hazelwood North Primary School. We are doing this to raise awareness, and help reduce greenhouse gases by saving some power.

We planned this day brainstorming some ideas in a big group, got into smaller groups and started to plan the day. We were running quizzes and a presentation in each classroom to inform them about how using power effects climate change and global warming! We also made posters that we have put all around the school.

On the day the power was out in all the classrooms, library and the art room. Students and teachers needed to remember to rug up because the heating was off as well!

We hope that having a power free day will encourage everyone else to save power, reduce greenhouse gases and to help climate change!

By Chloe and Kiara

Making Paper

This term 2/3A and 2/3B made recycled paper. The mums who helped us were Bronwyn and Jo.

We started with ripping the paper into strips then they put the paper into the tub.

Then we put hot water into the tub and waited for 24 hours.

The next day we got the paper out. It was all mushy and wet. Then we got the blender and mixed it around for 5 seconds then we poured it into the tub.

Then we got the sieves and we put the sieves into the paper mash. Then we carefully took the sieves out and we put a towel on it. We turned it over and left it to dry in the sun for a few days.

When the paper was dry we looked at the fibres and drew on our paper.

It was very interesting and really cool making paper. We had never done it before.

By Alison Heffernan and Sophie Rose McKenzie



Our Excursion to Healesville.vv

On Tuesday June 25, Hazelwood North Primary School's Grade 1's and Prep students went to Healesville Sanctuary. In my group was Mrs Potts, Jarrod, Olivia, Troy and Shanae.

My favourite animal was the talking bird.

By Riley Alko

Hello my name is Tahlia. I live in Hazelwood South and I am a girl.

On Tuesday June 25, 2013, Hazelwood North Primary Schools Grade 1's and Prep students went to Healesville Sanctuary. We went there to understand how lucky we are to have such beautiful Australian animals.

First, we got off the bus.

Next, my mum counted us and there were 5. Ally, Jessica, Jacinta, Melina, me and my mum.

Then we went to the Wildlife Hospital. Last of all we saw the wombat.

I liked the pelicans.

By Tahlia Runge.

On Tuesday June 25, the Grade Ones and Preps from Hazelwood North Primary School went to Healesville Sanctuary. We went to Healesville to see and learn about animals. We learned that some birds and other animals are endangered.

I was with Miss Symons, Cody, Robert, Max and Ryan.

First we saw emus and platypuses. There were two emus. They were quite tall and fluffy.

Then we saw the bird show. My favourite bird was the wedge tailed eagle and the lorikeet and the talking parrot and the other parrots.

Then we had lunch.

Next we saw the other birds and more emus and the dingoes. When we saw the birds there were all sorts of birds.

Last of all we went on the bus. I had lots of fun.



By Connor McKenzie

On Tuesday June 25, Hazelwood North Primary School's grade 1 and Prep students went to Healesville Sanctuary. In my group was Isabelle, Alyssa, Alira and I.

We went to see the emus. Next we went to see a snake. Then I went to the platypus. It was fun.

After, we had lunch.

Last of all we got on the bus and went home. I had a great day.

By Olivia Short.

Power free day!!!

People didn't use power at Hazelwood North Primary school.

On June 27.

We had a power free day to reduce greenhouse gases from our school.

Entering the school was no different until the power went off.

Rain didn't come so the day was okay.

For entertainment some of the 4/5/6s went to the classes and ran quizzes on why we're having a power free day.

Rotations were involved in the power free day.

Electricity is hard not to use

Exciting things happen when you least expect it, like on a power free day.

Daring to be caring for our environment.

An awareness day on how much power we use.

You can do it too!

By Amy

People shouldn't litter!

Is litter a problem in your community? Well it is in ours! This is our land, our property. Do you want to fight for it? Well we do!

Our local area looks dreadful because of the amount of litter! We need your help to make it look tidy! Some people just don't care!

It hurts our farm animals really badly. It also hurts our ocean and river animals! Turtles, sea birds and some fish think litter is food and they eat it! So of course they die! We think it should be fixed! But we can only do that with your help!

Our bush looks bad because people dump furniture and cars! So it's like a secret place to dump things! We think it should be fixed but it's hard because we know we will clean it up and then people will just start dumping again!

We think litter is disgraceful. Please stop littering, and make a difference to our world!

By Charlotte Di Toro and Georgia Grieve!
Clean-up day!

On Thursday June 27, 2013 the whole school of Hazelwood North Primary School had a clean-up day at the school and the hall across the road. We had a clean-up day to make the school cleaner and to make them both a better place.

First we had to split into our house colours, Yellow house went across the road to the hall, Blue house did the central area, around the art room, and the investigations area, Red house did the oval, and Green house did the playground and the basketball court.

Next we started to clean up our areas and getting the wheel barrows out from the sports shed. When we cleaned up our areas we also cleared the leaves.

Finally prep, 1, 2, and 3s went inside while the 4s, 5s and 6s finished cleaning up. Then everybody went inside after cleaning up.

We liked having a clean-up day because our School has made a great improvement and everybody enjoyed it.

By Lara and Emmerson

Green dress up day

Over the last few weeks at Hazelwood North the grade 4/5/6s have been doing an inquiry on making a difference.

People have done fundraisers such as an Op Shop. Our group did a Green Dress Up Day to raise money to put towards buying trees to plant around our school. We raised an amazing \$170.35 to buy the trees.

We raised that money by having a Green Dress Up Day where kids dressed up in green or casual clothes which was a gold coin donation.

We have learnt a lot of things like how to organise a special event. Now we just need to ask a specialist on trees to see what would be a suitable tree to plant around our school next term.

By Xavier and Byron



Guest speakers

Mr Russell Northe gave a speech about volunteering. We learnt a lot about making a difference to our community.

We were lucky to have Bronwyn, Monica and Kate, (parents and a student from our school), to come and talk to us, about the Relay for Life. It is held in Churchill footy ground and it is \$25.00 to register.

We were also very lucky to have Ashleigh (a past student) to talk to us about her volunteer work at the Boolarra Animal Shelter. She helps animals and cares for them. If she wasn't there it would be a lot more work for the shelter.

By Bridie and Aston.

Grade 5/6 Urban Camp

It was an exciting day for all the grade 5/6's seeing they were all going to camp.

Our first stop was at the Melbourne museum. We got into four groups and we all saw amazing things. We saw dinosaurs and more animals.

We went to Science Works and went to the sports section and played so many fun games.

Next we went to the lightning room to watch the show, it was fantastic.

Next we went to the universe room and saw the planets that they had on display. It was so awesome.

On the first night we went to the Eureka Sky Deck. IT WAS SO AWESOME! Some people wanted to go on the edge and see what was down on the ground. We saw the people walking down the street and they were so tiny. The people who went on the edge were Tika, Mr Jorgensen, Adrian, Regan and Riley. We went to a place called ACMI and it was embarrassing. We had to make up a little play and they made them into a movie. We had to dress up as the person that we were in our play movie, edit the movies and put fire and lightning and other affects.

We played outside on the Polly Woodside Ship. We looked inside the ship. We rocked the ship when the other group were down in the cabin. They needed to come back up. Then we went to the back of the ship and watched a movie - what it is like on a pirate ship and to be a pirate. Pete talked about the ship. He was funny, he scared the boys and Mrs Duncan. The girls knew that what he was doing was funny. We held the rope, Pete said that was toilet paper, in the toilet was a bucket.

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Churchill North Primary School

Why is our School Awesome?

Here's why!

Our school is awesome because the teachers put in all their efforts to help us learn and give us the best education. Each morning at school Churchill North offers breakfast in the breakfast club kitchen. We are starting to get fresh veggies from our veggie garden and for a couple of days during the term, we garden with our Principal, Mrs Edwards. We help weed, re-plant trees and shrubs and generally make the school look beautiful, so that when people come to the school they see how beautiful and loved it is. At our school, the students are doing gardening groups, basketball games and art and crafts. Some students are enjoying school and learning so much so that they have started playing Times Tables Basketball before school starts. Our Junior School Council sells cold or warm milos and icy-poles every Tuesday lunch time. At school the teachers try and make sure we have a fun time. We get to play fun sport in BluEarth, like Moveopoloy and we get to experience lots of different sport at our school and around the local area. Our school is awesome because we get fun days like DVD and pyjama day on the last day of term, class parties and crazy hair day. All our students get along very well because we make friends in a kind and caring way, we are becoming more independent by thinking for ourselves and looking after electrical things like lap tops and computers in the school.

By Danielle, Alyssa, Cameron, Tahlia and Ebonie 5/6 and Tayeisha and Elli-Rose 2/3.

Bessie Frood Netball Competition

On June 7, we went to take part in the Bessie Frood Netball competition. Nine of us went to represent the school. They were Shaylah, Tahlia, Tammy, Jayden, Jakob, Jake, Skye, Danielle and Chloe. Our teachers Mr. D and Mrs. Sharp came too. We had to go to Morwell Park Primary School to play at their courts. In total we played about 6 games against lots of other schools in the Gippsland area. We all did a great job and came third overall. The two teams that played in the final were Commercial Road and Churchill Primary and Commercial Road were the final winners. We all had a great day even though it was pouring with rain and we all got soaked. We are very proud of our achievements.

By Chloe and Tahlia



Winter Athletics Day

On a blistery cold morning in June, all Churchill North students competed in the annual Winter Athletics Day. All students were in age levels with mixed house colours and competed in challenges such as: obstacle courses, shot put, discus, high jump, tug of war, relays, sprints and long distance running.

"A really fun today, because we competed against our friends, which made it exciting and great team work. It was the best day so far this year because I really tried hard and challenged myself physically", Amity 2/3M.

"We tried our hardest and gave every activity/event a go, it was great to see that everyone won points for their team and participated", Ethan 2/3M.

"We shared some of our physical strategies with friends" Freya, Brandon and Alma 2/3M.

"The big kids were really helpful and made sure we were okay if we looked a bit down", Seth 2/3M.

"We cheered our teams on and really got in the house spirit today", Lucas 2/3M.

"Today was fun, challenging and exciting all mixed into one day. It was really fun playing against each other and playing against friends", Ben 2/3M

Hovercrafts and a Party

In grade 4P we have been making Hovercrafts. The reason we have been making Hovercrafts is because we have been learning about Force and Motion. The first thing we had to do was get the materials and they were a balloon, pop top lid, a hot glue gun and a blank disc. We had to use the hot glue gun to stick the pop top lid in the middle of the disc. Then we had to blow up a balloon and quickly put the balloon on the pop top lid. Then, with a little push, the hovercrafts glided along the tables. On the last day of term we challenged 2/3M because they were making and exploring Hovercrafts too. 2/3M's class won the Hovercraft-Off on the day with Riley's Hovercraft gliding the furthest, measuring 4.74m and James was second, measuring 4.2m.

The Sound Way Party

On Tuesday June 25, grade 4P finished The Sound Way Program for the term and to celebrate we had a party. For the people who don't know what the Sound Way is, it is an interactive program that teaches kids to read and write. We all are very happy that Sound Way is over as it was intense. We learnt so much, but needed a break, so we had a party. First we had a few games; the first game we played was popping the balloons. There was also a phonic communicator inside each balloon. Then we had to stick them on The Sound Way chart. After that we had to turn around so Miss Pearce could stick a phonic communicator on our backs. Then we had to find a partner by matching the phonic communicator and make a word. We also had to find the matching language fact for the word. After that we ate delicious party food.

By Hannah 4P

Basketball clinic with Russell Permenter

On June 18, Churchill North Primary had a visitor from the Latrobe Valley Energy men's basketball team, his name was Russell. He came across from Texas America. He taught us some basketball skills such as dribbling and shooting and we played some games. It was very wet and slippery, and we had a few slipping accidents. We did lots of dribbling relays and played a game of elimination.

We would like to thank Russell for coming and teaching us some skills.

By Shaylah and Mekaela 5/6H

Grade 5/6 Awareness Day

At the beginning of June, Grade 5/6 students went to Kurnai College for a Secondary School Awareness Day. The idea of it was to get us ready for High School, like reading timetables and introducing us to all the different subjects that will be on offer. During the day we participated in activities such as woodwork, cooking, maths, science and sport. Some of Kurnai's year 7 and 10 students showed us around and helped us with the activities. We met lots of the teachers, including Miss Hardy who is one of the maths teachers at Kurnai. At recess time, the year 7 students dressed in costumes and performed a Chinese dance for everyone that wanted to watch. At lunch time we had a BBQ and the Kurnai Concert Band played to us and there were also some singers. At the end of the day we all played a game of Pony Express, which was great fun. A big thanks to Kurnai College for having us on the day and showcasing your school.

By Tahlia, Danielle, Alyssa and Ebonie 5/6

Grade 2/3M

In grade 2/3M we have made a Time Table's ladder to create some competition in multiplication. Each day we practice our times tables and then verse someone in the grade who is higher than us on the ladder. If we win, our name goes to the top of the ladder.

We also have been doing a Spelling Bee ladder too. We challenge each other and we have different words every time we get it right.

We also have been doing science and one of the experiments was testing the strength of egg shells. We had to break four eggs apart and then put a brick on top of the egg shells. We thought that the eggs would break but they didn't because of the dome shape of the egg shells that supported the bricks.

By Amity 2/3M



SPORT

Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

8/6/2013 Par Men's Winner A. Grade D. Byers (13) +2, B. Grade D. Randell (34) +1, DTL K. Hills +1, P. Sheridan sq, B. Kilday -1, G. Blizzard -2 NTP 3rd P. Coad, 12th D. Byers, 14th P. Sheridan Birdies D. Byers 12th, P. Smart 5th, E. Hayes-Hills 12th Ladies Winner V. Verheyen (25) -6

9/6/2013 Stableford Ladies Winner M. McConville (19) 24 pts Men's Winner D. Ellwood (12) 34 pts, DTL J. Robinson (5) 32 pts NTP 3rd P. Smart, 5th J. Robinson

11/6/2013 Ladies Stableford Winner D. Judkins (28) 30 pts, DTL S. Jeffery (33) 28 pts, B. Beebe (29) 26 pts Silver Spoon Winner D. Judkins - 30 pts

22/6/2013 Mens Stableford Winner - A. Grade J. Thornby (12) 39 pts, B. Grade G. Spowart (19) 30 pts, DTL G. Beyer 38, R. Dent 32, P. Coad 31, K. Hills 31. D. Byers 30 c/b NTP 3rd W. Peter, 5th A. Auld, 14th I. Wilson Birdies J. Thornby 5th

25/6/2013 Ladies Canadian Foursomes Stroke Drawn Partners - 14 Holes Winner D. Judkins (28) A. Chapman (25) 84 - 15.46 = 68.54, DTL E. Leggo (45) J. Timbs (45) 96 - 26.25 = 69.75

29/6/2013 Monthly Medal A. Grade R. Dent (10) 76, B. Grade F. Keighren (15) 73, C. Grade P. Jordan (26) 70, DTL C. Hogbin 74, G. Miller 74, G. Spowart 76, R. Welsh 76, J. Thornby 77 NTP 3rd P. Smart, 5th B. Kilday, 12th P. Smart, 14th



D. Byers Scartch P. Smart 84, Count Putts R. Scurlock 27 Ladies Winner V. Verheyen (25) 85.

30/6/2013 Winner A. Auld (15) 36 pts

2/7/2013 Monthly Medal Scratch J. Blizzard 104, Medal Winner J. Blizzard (25) 79 c/b, DTL D. Judkins (28) 79 Count Putts J. Blizzard 31 putts NTP V. Verheyen 3rd

6/7/2013 Stableford A. Grade G. Spowart (19) 31 pts, B. Grade T. Collins (22) 28 pts, DTL T. Sterrick 30 pts, H. Martin 29 pts, G. Beyer 29 pts NTP 3rd T. Sterrick, 5th C. Hogbin, 14th R. Welsh Birdies P. Jordan 3rd

9/7/2013 Ladies 3 Person Dropout Ambrose Winners M. McConville 19, D. Thomas 27, M. McQuillen 44 = 15, 72

Alma Pepperell Day

By Jill Beck
Secretary

The 2013 Alma Pepperell Day was held at Garfield on Monday July 1. This Encouragement Trophy is for lady golfers who have never been below a 36 handicap. The winner on the day was Emily Leggo from Churchill and Monash Golf Club with a score of 35 points on a handicap of 45. This event was also the very first competition Emily had entered after only completing her cards the week before. Her success has now lowered her handicap to 41.



Emily Leggo

Drouin Club was very successful with Runner-up Audrey Farthing (45) with 30 points, Nine Holes Out Pat Alexander (45) with 16 points, Nine Holes In Margaret Murray (45) with 11 points. Nearest the pins were won by Leah Barker from Pakenham and Audrey Farthing from Drouin. The longest drive was closely contested and won by the 2012 winner Kaye

Rollinson from Warragul.

Altogether, a very enjoyable day which both challenged and encouraged the high handicappers, and provided the opportunity to foster new golf friendships.

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Never Played Before?

Come along and have a go in a relaxed and friendly environment
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9.00am - 11.00am

Non Competition Players

(have never played competition before or played Section 8 and 9 in Latrobe Valley Tennis Association or C Grade and B2 in Loy Yang Tennis Associations)

11.30am - 3.00pm

Competition Players

To Register: Fill in the Entry Form and Mail to
PO Box 270, Churchill

by Monday, September 16, 2013

Entry Forms also available online at

www.cdnews.com.au

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Churchill Tennis Club Get Fit Play Tennis/Tournament Monday September 23, 2013: 11.30am - 3pm Beginners Entry Form

Players Name:

Phone Number:

Date Of Birth:

(Tick the event you would like to enter. Age as of September 23, 2013)

Under 8	Under 10	Under 13	Under 15

Conditions of Entry

*Players enter at their own risk

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Section Played

Latrobe Valley	Loy Yang	Other

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SPORT

Latrobe Valley Hockey Association



Ed Long (Moe) traps the ball. Falkirk Janssen (Churchill), Alistair Milne (Moe) and Shane Midgley (Churchill, on right) run to intercept.

Round 10 played June 29/30

The end of the financial year heralded another great round of hockey. Even the weather cooperated and all games were played in bright sunshine. The great conditions produced a lot of top quality hockey and many goals were scored.

In under 8's, Yallourn/Traralgon were too strong for Churchill and produced a 7 - 0 victory. Best players for Traralgon/Yallourn were C. Bolton, R. Richardson and B. Wilson. Best for Churchill were T. Reid, S. Almond and W. Dibben. Goals for Traralgon/Yallourn were scored by B. Wilson (3), R. Richardson (2) and C. Bolton (2).

In the under 12's, Churchill defeated Moe 5 - 2. Best players for Churchill were C. West, D. Petrinchuk and T. Janssen. Best for Moe were D. Jeffs, H. Cake and C. Cake. Churchill's goals were scored by C. West (3) and T. Janssen (2), H. Cake and C. Cake both scored for Moe.

In the second under 12's game, Traralgon comfortably defeated Yallourn 8 - 1. Best players for Traralgon were H. Hooimeyer, L. Gilbert and S. Poole. Best for Yallourn were H. Van Breugel, L. Griffiths and J. Pisani. Goals for Traralgon were scored by H. Hooimeyer (3), S. Poole (2), Z. Bolton, A. Bolton and L. Gilbert. H. Van Breugel found the net for Yallourn.

In under 16's, Traralgon were too strong for Churchill and defeated them 5 - 1. Best players for Traralgon were M. Coughlan, A. Hooimeyer and A. Ravenshall. Best for Churchill were B. Kemp, C. Medew and A. Raza. Goals for Traralgon were scored by M. Coughlan (2), Georgia Thompson, Harry Broad and Ali Ravenshall.

In women's Division 1, Rovers Thunder was too strong for an undermanned Yallourn side and defeated them 7 - 1. Best players for Thunder were Mandy Hourigan, Penny Kerr and Corinne Metcalfe. Yallourn's best were Kahlia Hillbritch, Jess Parker and Kate Charalambous. Goals for Thunder were scored by: Corinne Metcalfe (2), Allison Claridge (2), Penny Kerr, Ruby Callaghan and Jasmine Langstaff. Kahlia Hillbritch scored for Yallourn. In the second match, Traralgon Yellow comfortably defeated Latrobe 5 - 0.

In the first of the women's Division 2 games, Traralgon Blue proved too strong for Rovers lightning and won their game 8 - 0. Best for Traralgon Blue were S. Poole, Ali Ravenhall and Carly Gilbert. C. White, L. Mitchell and A. Mitchell were the best for Rovers Lightning. Goals were scored by Carly Gilbert (3), Steph Nichols (2), A. Tratford, Lynne Broad and Ali Ravenhall.

The second game was a hard fought game with neither side really able to take the upper hand. Moe were eventual winners with a narrow 2 - 1 victory. Best players for Moe were Ash Vuillermin, Gill Massey and Jenny Massey. Best players for Churchill were Nicole Ypelaan, Katie Stewart and Isobel Stewart. Both Moe's goals were scored by Ash Vuillermin. Taryn Dibben scored for Churchill.

An almost full strength Yallourn played an undermanned



Gail Harding watches as Tanya Thompson takes a free hit for Churchill.



On the left is Azzan Zaffar, with her back to the camera is Sophie Almond and facing with the headband is Tiarna Reid

Traralgon in the first of the men's games. The Yallourn side were too strong for the struggling Traralgon side and won the match 7 - 0. Traralgon tried hard all day and as usual were very tough in defence but were overwhelmed by the strong Yallourn side. Harry Broad played a very good game in goals for Traralgon and was well supported by Andrew Edgar and John Wilkie in the field. Yallourn had stars all over the ground but their top three were probably Chris Liddle, Chris Thompson and Tom Supplitt. Yallourn's goals were scored by Chris Thompson (2), Chris Liddle (2), Tom Supplitt (2) and Luke Wilson.

Traditional rivals Churchill and Moe played off in the second men's game. On this occasion Churchill were too strong for the Moe side. Matthew Taylor gave the Churchill side great drive and was well assisted by Mathew Wells and Jason Robson. Greg Wood tried hard all day for Moe as did B. Wynne and Ed Long in the forward line. Churchill's goals were scored by Mathew Wells (3), Matthew Taylor and Jason Robson. Ed Long scored for Moe.

Churchill Baseball

By Sam Gillett

June was a tough month for the reigning premiers, as Churchill's A-Grade struggled to snap a losing streak.

Coming off of two losses to Moe and Traralgon, Churchill travelled to Sale for what should've been a victory off of the fourth placed-Sale team. At the end of the fourth innings, Churchill were up 6-0 but Sale scored consistently from that point to only trail by 1 run coming into the bottom of the ninth. A single from Sale's Nicole Garner allowed the winning run to score and Churchill went down 6-7.

They followed up with a journey to Moe. Churchill was out-hit 16-9 and lost the game 5-14 despite a competitive match at the start of the game.

A home game against a yet-to-lose Traralgon side played in Traralgon saw another tough challenge for the premiers. Traralgon piled on the runs consistently, including six in the ninth, to run out 16-3 winners despite a home run from Tim Bellerby.

June 30, Churchill travelled to Traralgon once more to make up for their loss.

At the end of the sixth, Churchill were down 1-6 and appeared they were going to go the same way as the week prior. Churchill then piled on seven runs in the eighth and a further four in the ninth to lead 12-6 from fourteen hits, a great result. Traralgon couldn't get the

runs necessary, only scoring three, so Churchill handed Traralgon their first defeat 12-9.

For live A-Grade game-day play-by-play and results follow Churchill Braves on Gamechanger.

Churchill's B-Grade performed in similar fashion.

Playing against ladder leader, Moe, Churchill lost 20-6. They took it to Traralgon the next week and after four innings, scores were tied at 5-5.

Churchill then allowed eight unearned runs to cross the plate and went down 12-5.

In the next game against Traralgon, they played a much better game of baseball, not allowing as many errors but still going down in a spirited defeat.

In Moe, C-Grade had a hit-out which saw Gary Larkin hit the first club home-run since the players auction.

No one bought him which allows the money pool to all go to the club. Hayden Jarrett and Matt Allan also had home runs as Churchill won 21-12.

Churchill lost the first game against Traralgon in a high-scoring event. Churchill's attempted comeback fell short and they were defeated 17-10.

The following Sunday, Churchill took it to Traralgon again. After starting seven runs down, Churchill turned it on and was able to pull off a 12-12 draw as hitting from Churchill,



including a home-run from Ash McKay, allowed Churchill runs to cross, while Dave Haines' pitching halted Traralgon.

In a struggling Under 16s side, Churchill was defeated by Traralgon.

In Under 13s, Churchill defeated Moe 12-3; lost to Traralgon, then defeated Traralgon by two runs.

In T-Ball, Churchill defeated Moe 31-17; defeated Traralgon 28-21; and lost to Traralgon 27-28.

Upcoming Games

July 28 - Moe at Churchill

August 4 - Sale at Churchill

August 11 - Moe at Moe

August 18 - Traralgon at Traralgon

(A-Grade only)



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The Fiddlehead Festival



The Fiddlehead Festival Organising Committee is delighted to announce they are now an Incorporated Association, known as the "Yinnar and District Festival

Management Inc."

The Fiddlehead Festival has previously been managed by Community Music Victoria, through a band of dedicated local volunteers.

The new Association is currently applying for an ABN and opening its own bank account, and is already planning the 2014 Fiddlehead Festival to be held on Saturday

March 15, 2014. The Committee meeting was held at the Yinnar Pub on Monday July 8. New volunteers are most welcome. Contact Carolynne on 0419 526 709 for further details.

Pictured are Committee members Gary, Gavan, Christine, Penny, Anthea and Matt with the Certificate of Incorporation.



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