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There were 76 prizes given in 10 categories in ages ranging from 7 and Under to Adults.

Special guests Russell Northe Member for Morwell, Doug Day from I.P.R. Hazelwood, Margaret Palmer from Hazelwood Rotary Club, Bob Lowick from Churchill Lions Club, Sue Lowick from Churchill Lioness Club, Peter and Sherryn Gray from AMPWORKS, Ian Combridge, chairperson of the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill, and Reverend Brenda Burney, minister of Co-Operating Churches helped to give them out.

Darrell White tendered his apology. This is the first presentation night he has missed.

208 entries were received with 152 of them being from primary school age children from Boolarra, Churchill, Hazelwood North, Lumen Christi, and Yinnar schools plus several individual entries.

Thanks go to all the writers who entered, and to those who encouraged and mentored them. The judges were pleased with the standard generally, commenting about the range of creative ideas used. Well done everyone and keep up the good work.

Results, more pictures and winning stories, see Pages 9-16.

After many hours of accepting entries, cataloguing, reading, judging and preparation, the twelfth annual Churchill and District News, Presentation Night arrived on Thursday August 1.

The venue of the Co-Operating Churches in Churchill was full of people of all ages excited, in anticipation of learning who has won what.

After some opening remarks which included welcoming everyone, thanking the wonderful sponsors and supporters of this event and their representatives, thanking the Churchill and District Team, and inviting the Reverend Brenda Burney to say a few words, the presentation of prizes began.

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Churchill Fire Brigade



The Churchill Fire Brigade facilitated and hosted a Morwell Group training and information day with the Traralgon Ladder Platform Truck.

Captain of Churchill's brigade, Steve Barling, said that the appliance has a 45 metre reach with a cage at the top which can be used for fire fighting with water, for rescue, for lighting a scene and for lifting people or gear to heights.

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Another aspect of using the appliance is that safety can be improved, as members use the platform to assist with working on slippery or steep rooves or other locations where safety of firefighters is a consideration.

The training day was a lot about seeing how the appliance can be used so that fire fighters can consider its use on any future fire emergency or incident.

Leading Fire Fighter Julian Seri, was one of two career fire fighters stationed at Traralgon who came to demonstrate the appliance and its uses to members present.

He said it was really good to give

some hands-on training to the members of the Morwell Group of Fire Brigades.

He was pleased that the members had enjoyed the experience and learnt about the facilities available on the appliance.

He thanked Churchill for facilitating and hosting the day. Julian reported that the appliance has been operational since January 21 this year.

"This is a wonderful appliance for use by brigades anywhere across Gippsland, adding to the efficiency and safety of fire ground operations. It has already been enlisted to help around twelve times since January," he said.



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Churchill had 52.5 ml of rain to July 29, for a total of 389 ml so far this year.

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The Hazelwood Cemetery Trust – improving the environment

By Leo Billington



Over recent years, The Hazelwood Cemetery Trust has implemented measures to improve the environment making it cleaner and more orderly for everyone.

Last year, three new rubbish bin enclosures, manufactured by Morwell based Kiel Industries, were installed and have proven to be extremely successful.

Wheelie bins are securely housed in these enclosures preventing used and discarded items such as artificial flowers and wrapping paper, from being blown around during inclement weather.

Visitors now constantly remark about how clean the cemetery environs are looking.

Continuing with this task, the Trust will soon dispose of broken items – ceramic and glass

containers, toys – and unwanted flowers and wreaths. Unfortunately windy days provide a significant challenge distributing light-weight items across a large area creating an untidy vista.

Fresh and artificial flowers placed in containers provided by the Cemetery Trust may remain.

There are plenty of wheelie bins which are all used to their full capacity.

For this, the Trust extends its sincere thanks.

I will report on a significant development at the cemetery in September's edition of the Churchill and District News.

Meanwhile, visitors will notice a clean-up being started in the new adjacent area which will one day house a new extended section.

Lock Your Cars is the Message

By Phil den Houting
Sergeant 22664 - Station
Commander - Churchill
Police

Well, in overall terms, Churchill and district has been relatively quiet over the last few months, although there has been a dramatic increase in thefts from motor vehicles in the last month.

Unfortunately, there were 12 reports of theft from a motor vehicle between July 8 and July 25, and in all but one case, the vehicles were left unlocked.

I would urge people to lock their vehicles, particularly overnight, and to not leave valuables/purses/wallets and the



like, visible in the car.

This is just a temptation for an opportunistic thief. There has been an increase in reports of hoon driving, particularly in the Yinnar and Boolarra areas.

The damage that this behaviour causes to our roads and environment is such that it should not be tolerated.

The skid marks, or 'donuts' are unsightly and a blemish upon our community.

I would encourage any person with information about such behaviour, or if someone witnesses it, to contact their local police or Crimestoppers if they wish to remain anonymous.

As people would hopefully be aware, Chief Commissioner Lay, along with other high profile identities, this month launched the 'Take a Stand' campaign.

This campaign is all about MEN saying 'No' to violence against women, in all its forms, including verbal and psychological abuse.

I would encourage all men to 'Take a Stand' and not tolerate behaviour that endorses violence against women.

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Darrell White - Latrobe City Council – Churchill East West Link Draft Master Plan



Latrobe City Council, at its meeting on July 15, resolved to release for public exhibition, the Churchill East West Link: Draft Master Plan and Urban Design Framework and to seek public comment until Tuesday August 20, 2013.

The first part of the Draft Master Plan, the Key Directions Paper, has;

- Reviewed existing relevant studies
- Provided a summary of the community profile
- Analysed the site context, constraints and opportunities
- Summarised a community consultation program, and
- Developed a set of Key Directions for the Master Plan and Urban Design Framework.

The Draft Master Plan takes the information outlined in the Key Directions Report and

provides a design framework for a link between the Churchill Town Centre and the University campus.

It is intended to set an overall picture (Master Plan) which provides a basis for funding applications to a variety of sources for specific projects that go to make up the overall East West Link.

The plan covers three precincts:

- Precinct 1; Eel Hole Creek
- Precinct 2; Latrobe Leisure Churchill
- Precinct 3; Monash University interface.

The Master Plan aims to have a consistent and integrated approach to the implementation and achievement of an East West Link.

More details of the Draft East West Link Master Plan, and the details of when and how to provide submissions, are shown on page 17 of this edition.

A copy of the Draft Master Plan can be found on the Latrobe City Council website: www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/churchilleastwest.

For further information, or to obtain a hard copy of the Draft Master Plan, please contact Ian Gibson, Place Manager – Churchill Town Centre Plan, by phoning 5128 5444 or by email at ian.gibson@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Submissions, by no later than Tuesday August 20, 2013, on any aspect of the Draft Master Plan are welcome by email to ian.gibson@latrobe.vic.gov.au, or by mail to:

Ian Gibson - Place Manager – Churchill Town Centre Plan

Latrobe City Council
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Morwell. VIC 3840

Northe's Natter

As Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business and Tourism, I encourage small businesses in the region 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 Victorian Government understands that small business owners often lack time and work in isolation, which is why we host Victoria's Small Business Festival.

The festival is accessible to anyone wanting to start or grow their own business with hundreds of events offered free or at low cost throughout August, including the Morwell electorate.

For more information or to request an event guide you can visit

www.business.vic.gov.au/festival or call 13 22 15. Businesses and citizens can now access information about all Victorian Government grants through a new consolidated grants portal.

Grants Victoria provides a central source for people to access all grants available to them via www.vic.gov.au/grants.

Grants Victoria is easy to use and navigate and visual indicators clearly show if a grants program is open or closed. Victorians can search a comprehensive catalogue, currently with more than 130 grants.

Grants Victoria delivers on the Government's election pledge to incorporate grants and government support programs into the new Grants Victoria, a



one-stop-shop for information on a single, whole-of-government website. The Government is taking

action to make it easier for Victorian businesses and citizens to access government information and services.

For further information visit www.vic.gov.au/grants

Children and their families can now get out and catch their first fish with 750 rainbow trout being released into Lake Hyland in Churchill and Kernot Lake in Morwell.

Fisheries Victoria stocked over 60 lakes across the state throughout July as part of the Family Fishing Lakes program. The rainbow trout that were released in time for the July school holidays are advanced yearlings and suitable to be caught immediately. Anglers are reminded that a daily bag

limit of five trout applies, of which only two can exceed 35 centimetres.

Community sporting groups or organisations in the Morwell electorate can now apply for the next round of sporting uniform grants.

Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for sporting uniforms and sports-gear including jumpers, shirts, skirts, boots, socks and bathers.

Under previous funding rounds the Churchill Football Netball club was successful in receiving funding.

I encourage all eligible sporting and recreational clubs to take advantage of this program.

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Co-Operating Churches' Snippets

Coffee Connections

At Coffee Connections Russell Hadley spoke about his life-long interest in model making. Russell developed this interest from his father, who began model making with ships. Russell is now pleased to say his grandson has also become a model maker, particularly making models of aeroplanes flown by his great grandfather Eric, who was a bomber pilot in World War 11.

Russell derives much pleasure in researching background information about the particular model he is building. He has gained knowledge about famous airmen of the wars, including a famous French aviator who disappeared during the war in one of his planes. This topic appealed to all present, male and female.

Russell's wife Barbara led the devotions and prayers. It was a very interesting session.

Confirmation at Boolarra

It was good to have Bishop John and Jan McIntyre with us on Sunday, July 14 for the Confirmation service at Christ Church Boolarra.

About 30 people attended a most uplifting and joyful celebration, at which Bishop John confirmed two of the younger members of our Boolarra congregation, Matthew and Alexander Devonshire.

Lots of family and friends of the two boys gathered for the occasion. Bishop John preached a wonderful sermon on "Who is my neighbour?"

On the way home from the service, Reverend Brenda was encouraged by a parish elder to take Bishop John and Jan past Holy Innocents, Yinnar South to have a look at how fresh and bright it looks with its new coat of paint. Being the obedient person she is, she complied with this wish - but it wasn't long before she regretted making this decision! Five minutes into the visit the fence near the front gate was lying on the ground. The photo below demonstrates quite clearly that it couldn't have been Bishop John, Reverend Brenda or Rod as they are clearly "Holy Innocents". The culprit - by deduction - must have been Jan McIntyre!

PS - the fence was due to be replaced and parish council has now approved the plans for this to happen.

Farewell to the Campbells.

It was with a sense of celebration and sadness that we farewelled Bruce and Ruth Campbell from our congregation. We celebrated the wonderful contribution Bruce and Ruth have been as an integral part of the running of the church for over twenty years, serving in many capacities on rosters, with the musicians, as the person who takes the initiative and makes sure the roster and calendars are given out, provision of morning tea, serving as elder and parish councillor and numerous other things. We shall miss them but wish them every joy in their new setting. We are sure it won't be long before they are fully involved with things in their new community as that is the type of people they are.

Death of Reverend Dr Bob Brown.

We were shocked to hear the news of Reverend Dr Bob Brown's death. Bob had been our minister at Churchill, Boolarra and Yinnar for seven years before his retirement. Bob was enjoying doing a Masters study in co-operating parishes in Melbourne.

Winifred Keik Service.

The Ladies Fellowship held their annual Winifred Keik service on the last Sunday of July.

This service is arranged by the Western Australian Unit of Australian Church Women which was established in 1965. The theme of the service was "Love Never Fails".



The offering given during this service goes towards scholarships awarded to Christian women of member countries. The scholarship is awarded in honour of Winifred Keik, the first woman ordained in Australia.

The scholarship this year will go to support four women doing theological studies. The service included a challenging sermon based on 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8 and verse 13, some magnificent hymns based on the theme and as usual with things organised by the Ladies Fellowship, a lovely morning tea to follow.

Saturday Breakfast

The next Saturday breakfast will be held on August 25, at 7.45 am. The next Breakfast will give you something to get 'your teeth into'!!

Dr Leonardo Caprara, a Morwell dentist, will be the guest speaker on the 24 August at 7.45am. His topic will be 'Recent Developments in Dentistry' which should be very interesting as we all have teeth, even those with false teeth may learn something!

Please let me know by THURSDAY AUGUST 22, if you are attending.

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Co-Operating Churches of Churchill

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Prestigious Award to Ruth Place



By Leo Billington

Hazelwood Rotary recently celebrated its changeover dinner with over 50 guests in attendance. A highlight of the evening was awarding two prestigious Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) awards, one to long standing club member Heather Beaton, and the other to Ruth Place from Churchill.

In presenting the award to Ruth, outgoing Hazelwood Rotary President, Margaret Palmer, said that as a long time resident of Churchill, Ruth's exceptional volunteerism and enthusiasm is well known and admired by many.

"Following her retirement as a school teacher, time has allowed Ruth to unselfishly pursue a multitude of interests directed towards making Churchill a better place in which to live," Margaret said.

"These include founding team member of the 're-born' Churchill and District News in 2002. This publication unites Churchill's diverse community across all spectrums of social and cultural affairs. Ruth now plays an integral part of the paper's co-ordination team - and one of her roles is selling advertising space, as well as writing articles, helping

with production, sharing an administrative role, and other duties as a member of a great team.

Ruth's volunteer efforts have also been found in the wider community - actively supporting the work of her church, teaching Religious Instruction in local primary schools, organizer of the team involved in running the Churchill and District News (CDN) annual writing competition, helping with the (CDN) annual fishing competition, and a leader in organizing several Churchill Festivals in the past.

Ruth also loves being part of the team which works to develop and maintain Mathison Park, and she has a teaching role with the Churchill Fire brigade in a program called Fire Safe Kids for pre and primary aged children."

Hazelwood Rotary celebrates its 35th birthday this year and since being formed, has only awarded two PHF medallions to non Rotarians, both of whom are from Churchill - Keith Hamilton in 2004 and now to Ruth Place.

"The PHF award is bestowed for Ruth's overall commitment to galvanizing Churchill's community at a number of different levels," Margaret concluded.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

On the right path for - Adult Learner's Week September 1 - 8

Adult Learners' Week is a national celebration of the benefits of lifelong learning - in the home, at work and in the community - and a great opportunity to explore the many kinds of learning on offer to adults from all walks of life.

Every day in Churchill, at the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre - in the Hub - groups of local people come together to participate in adult learning, through discussion groups, courses, classes and training programs, being delivered to a range of learners in all sorts of formal and informal settings.

This year Adult Learners' Week is from September 1 - 8 and the theme is "Pathways and Learning take you places"

So allow your Local Learn organization - Churchill Neighbourhood Centre - take you on a journey, an experience that will change and enhance your life.

During Adult Learners' Week you are invited to come and experience lifelong learning, taste

what's on offer - FREE - and continue until the end of term 3 - FREE, meet and make new friends.

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Participating in learning as an adult at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre is indeed beneficial to your quality of life and health - you learn in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere, making new friends and best of all in a happy environment, a place of fun.

We all know if you are relaxed and happy, that translates to a healthier quality of life, and that's passed on to family and friends and perhaps even into your work place - so come in, join a class, course, do some training and spread the benefits of Adult Lifelong Learning.

Men's Shed - tools wanted

Any tools you no longer require, drop them off at the men's shed, we are there all day Monday, come rain, hail, or snow. We are also looking for a wood lathe, 1- 1½ HP motor and a jointer.

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Churchill Campus 2014

By Margaret Guthrie

Most of us have heard the news that Monash University is 'exiting' the Gippsland campus and that the University of Ballarat is coming here, under a new name – 'Federation University Australia'.

We might have heard some of the phrases being publicised: "an expanded regional university", "a broad range of pathways", "improved outcomes for students" and so on.

But what does this mean for the Churchill campus in 2014? What exactly will be on offer to students?

In a recent letter addressed 'to Colleagues', Pro-Vice Chancellor of Monash Gippsland, Professor Robin Pollard, states "Courses currently taught at Churchill have been accredited by the University of Ballarat, so that they can be offered under the newly named university to students commencing in 2014."

In addition, 4 new courses will be offered at the campus in 2014. These are:

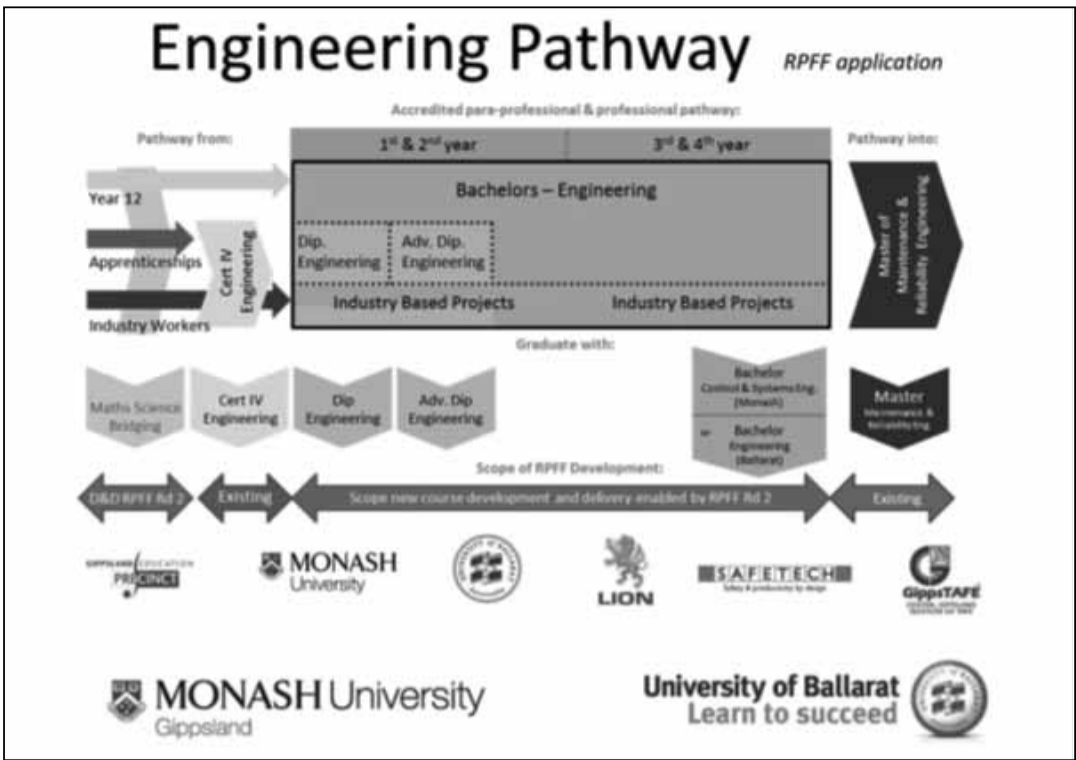
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Monash Gippsland's Director of Planning and Regional Partnerships, Ms Loretta Hambly, said "One of the benefits of joining a ready-made network of regional campuses (like the University of Ballarat) is the facilitated exchange of relevant degrees, support programs and systems, which will become increasingly evident to students and industry from 2014

onwards.

In addition to the two new Bachelor and two further Masters degrees on offer in 2014, a range of transition and study support programs will also be in place. Further new programs will be offered in 2015 and beyond," she added.

According to information being distributed to secondary students considering tertiary study next year, "In 2014 the ATAR will not be the only mechanism used for selection at the Gippsland Campus. A large number of



programs will use a range of other selection mechanisms such as interviews, assessment of folios and supplementary forms.

Entry into the Gippsland Campus will be based on the achievement of the prerequisites for your chosen degree.

Although your ATAR will be a consideration, the University will place more emphasis on your potential to succeed at university study and on your achievement of the entry requirements for your chosen degree."

Said Loretta, "Increased access also means a commitment to provide all the support required to help every student succeed in their higher education studies.

From 2014, every first year student will have a mentor to assist in their transition to university and access to a number of new (to the campus) study support structures."

These support structures include Peer Assisted Study Support (PASS) – weekly dedicated study sessions facilitated by a senior student excelling in the course, Uni Ready – a

free 4-day course aimed at students entering undergraduate degrees and Foundation Access Studies Program (FAST) – a free, one semester pathway course which aims to give students enough skills and confidence to undertake degree level studies in the following semester, providing alternative entry to tertiary study for people who have a disadvantage, including being from rural backgrounds.

Perhaps one of the most exciting developments for the region, amongst this talk of 'increased access', 'alternative entry' and 'pathways', is the announcement of a successful joint funding application by Monash and Ballarat Universities to design the first fully integrated program to 'bridge the gap' between Certificate IV and Masters Degree centred on Control and Systems Engineering.

This will be achieved through collaborative course design between education and industry partners for all prospective student cohorts – workers in industry, apprentices, TAFE, career change and school leavers (see diagram).

Professor Pollard went on to say "The successful Regional Partnerships Facilitation Fund bid to support the collaborative development of a comprehensive articulation pathway in control and systems engineering is the first of many, many opportunities to actively work together as educators and with industry to really focus on the needs of the Gippsland region."



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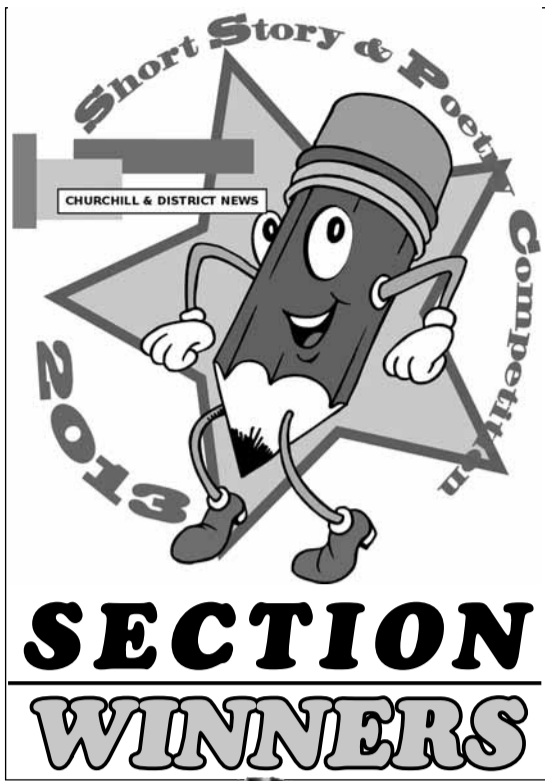
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7 and Under
Short story/poem or picture story
EQUAL FIRST

When I Got A Pegasus

By Bethany Daddo

Once upon a time there lived two special ponies. No-one ever knew what they were except one person called Ali. She owned them and they were twin Pegasus ponies. Her parents didn't believe her. They said to her every day, "your ponies are just ponies." But she did not listen to them. One pony was yellowy white. So she called it Ice-cream. And the other was brown white so she called it Cookie-dough.

She always went outside and rode her ponies, but could never fly them when her parents were around. She took Cookie-dough out during the day when her parents were at work and Ice-cream out during the night when she was supposed to be asleep.

One night she crept outside and didn't say a word. She slowly opened the door without a squeak. She wanted to ride Ice-cream before the morning came. When they were riding they heard a noise. Like an owl. It sounded sad but there was no time to waste.

She quickly came to her house and got in her bed and went back to sleep before her mum

woke her up.

The next day when it was Cookie-dough's turn for a fly, she flew to the same tree and heard the same sad sound.

They saw a bird. Its wings were stuck in twigs and it couldn't fly out.

Ali got the bird and took it home. She made a home for it in a shoe box and called it Stuekey. To help Stuekey get better and get his wings strong again he flew around the sky with Ali on both Ice-cream and Cookie-dough.

One day Ali forgot the time. She didn't get back from her night time flying on Ice-cream and her parents finally found out that Ali had two Pegasus ponies.

Her parents went crazy. She said "Why are you going crazy?"

"Because YOU HAVE TWO PEGASUS ponies and we didn't know."

"Finally you believe me," said Ali.



"What do you do with them?"

"I ride Cookie-dough in the day and Ice-cream at night."

"No wonder you're always tired," said her parents. "You don't need to ride at night any more. You can ride them both in the day."

"Also with Stuekey on one of the ponies," said Ali. "His wings are broken."

"Okay. That's kind of you. Now does any one else know about the ponies?"

"Nope," said Ali.

"Good."

"Now mum don't tell any one else okay?"

"Okay. It's our secret."

7 and Under
Short story/poem or picture story
EQUAL FIRST



In the middle of the night a zombie princess and a zombie prince came to the world and attacked everyone. One day they ran out of food.

The human pretty princess and handsome prince were still alive because they killed zombies.

The princess had a sister that died and her sister came to them but the princess could

not kill her. So the prince went outside and got bitten by the zombie.

He went inside and showed the princess. "What happened?" said the pretty princess. The prince said "I... well, time for bed," he

said. "But what happened?"

"Time for bed," said the prince, yelling loudly. "OK," said the princess, "Let's go to bed." Then at night, the prince turned into a zombie and went over to the princess bed and bit her. Then the pretty princess turned into a zombie princess like her sister. On their wedding day they were alone and they

kissed and turned into a human and they turned everyone into a human.

They had a party with everyone and had food and especially cake.

Then they kissed again and they never killed anyone ever again and they lived in a beautiful castle with her sister.

The Killers By Oriana Dale

SECTION WINNERS 2 0 1 3



Children 8-10
Short Story/Poetry
EQUAL FIRST (SHORT STORY)



Once upon a time lived four kids Jack, Kate, Elizabeth and Ben and an old crooked granny.

They were getting ready for their trip to granny's. She lived in a mansion in Melbourne. They loved her but she was a bit creepy with weird pets and her house was really dark with spider webs everywhere.

Before they went to granny's Ben wanted to make some toys. Jack, Kate and Elizabeth liked the idea but Ben failed at making toys all the time, tantrum, tantrum, tantrum. They rushed outside, got their tools and materials rushed in and started to create their toys. Jack made some figurines, Kate made a toy plane, Elizabeth made a toy phone and Ben tried to make a magic wand.

He made the magic wand and flicked it. It snapped but when he wasn't looking a special spell in the wand crept into him. He fell and went up into the air and saw someone flying on a broom stick. He looked away and looked back because he noticed her, he thought it was Elizabeth. She had long hair like Elizabeth, she had brown hair like Elizabeth and she had a long skirt like Elizabeth.

Ben fell back down head first with a bump. He got back up and sprinted to the car he told everyone he saw Elizabeth on a broom stick Kate and Elizabeth burst out with laughter Jack tried not to laugh but he couldn't help it. Ben got real embarrassed and started crying. They all got in the car to go to granny's house. Jack with his figurines, Kate with



The Wizard's Wand

By Jack Daddo

her toy plane and Elizabeth with her toy phone. All Ben had in his hands were two broken twigs.

When they arrived at granny's house, Ben saw the broom stick on the front step where it always is. How come he's never thought about the broom stick before? Does granny really use it to clean the spider webs? Granny opened the door to greet them. She always wears a hat, and always tells them to leave it alone. Ben saw a long strip of brown hair hanging down and he thought about the mystery person on the broom stick. Could it have been granny?

Granny saw their toys and congratulated them on their hard work. Then she saw Ben with his twigs in his hands.

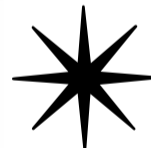
"You've made me some knitting needles!" she said and snatched them out of his hands. She found some wool and started knitting. The others laughed at him.

Ben ran into the garden. When he looked around weird things started happening. Plants moved, trees walked around and the birds were playing volley ball. He watched for awhile and he was confused. Then granny arrived behind him still knitting.

"I see you have found my magic garden Ben," said granny.

"So it was you I saw flying the broom stick. Are you a witch?"

"Okay, okay. I am but don't tell the others otherwise they'll start to tell other people and I might have to disappear."



I think these knitting needles are really a magic wand. You might have inherited my powers."

She stopped knitting and fixed his broken wand with her wand. "Once you break a wand their powers go into you. You can now fly like me but without a broom stick. And you can fix up all the toys you have tried to make before. No more tantrums."

Back inside the house the others were playing with their toys. Granny went to her room and knitted a wizard cloak while Ben played with his wand. He decided granny's weird pets needed a make over.

He started with the dragon, spiking up his ears and sharpening his spikes. Next he took the triceratops and brushed its teeth with his wand.

And finally he painted the T-Rex's eyebrows red! They all looked so much better.

Granny came back out of her room and gave Ben the wizard cloak. It had stars with a grey background. The hat looked the same.

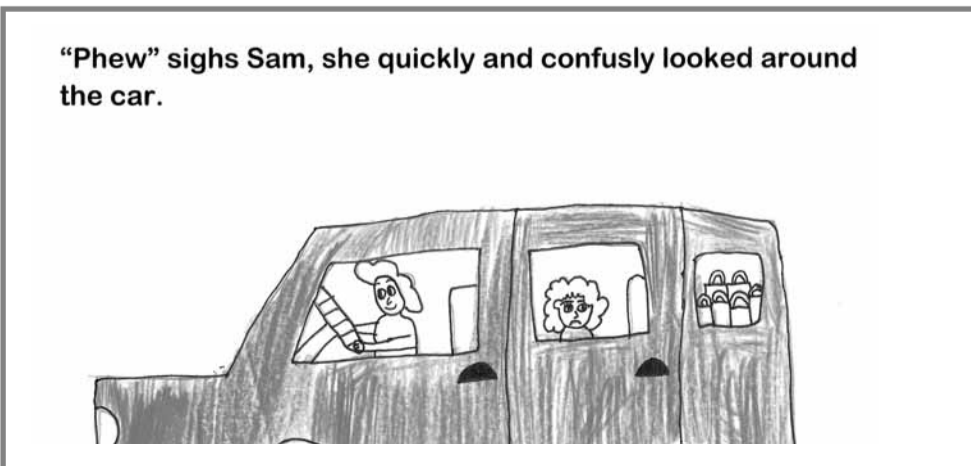
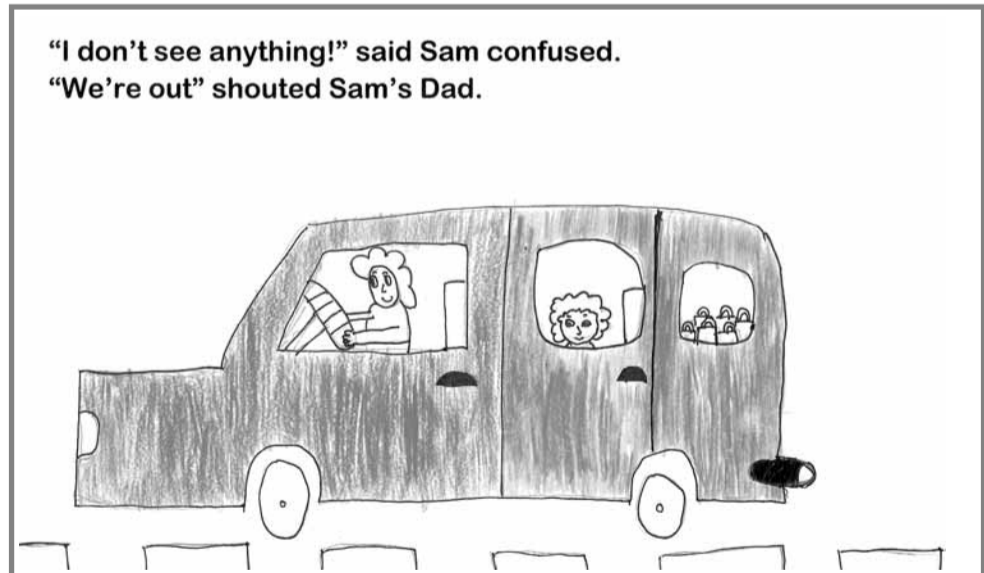
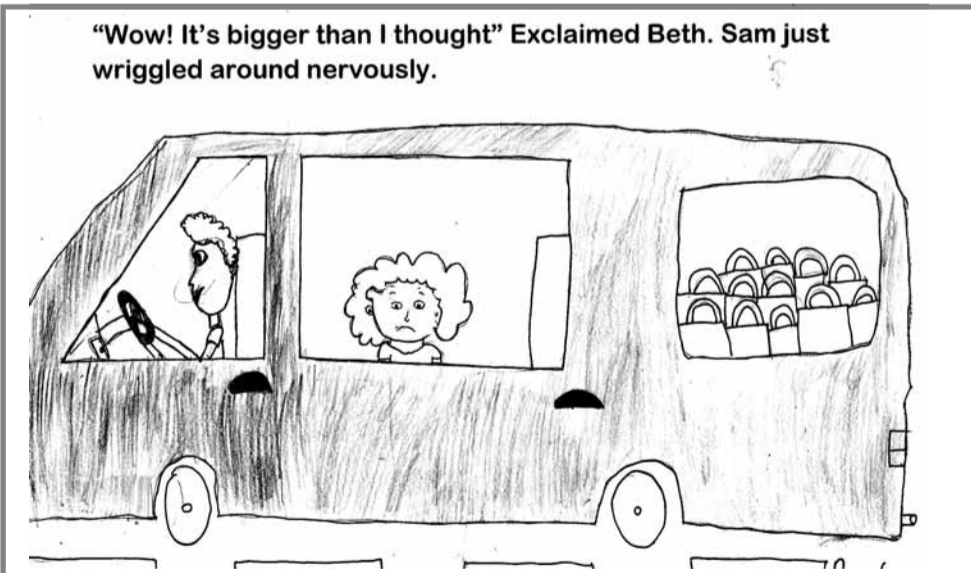
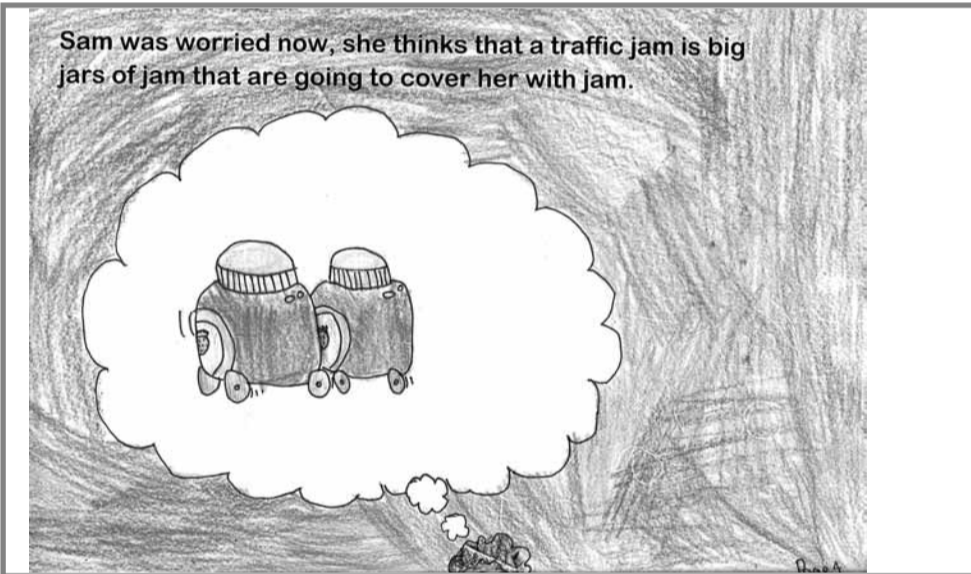
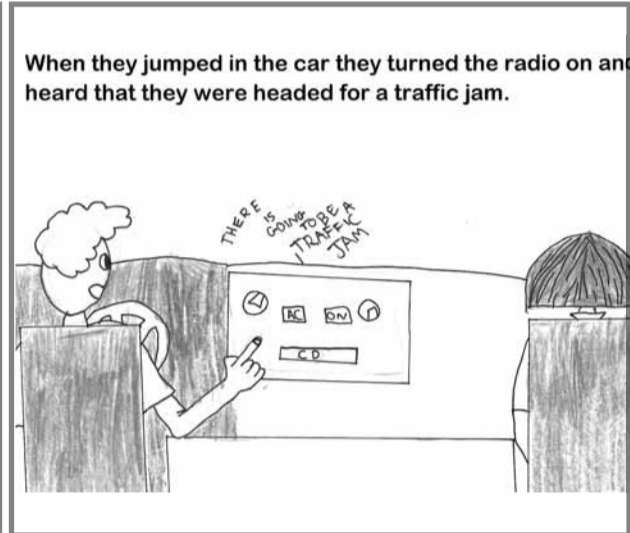
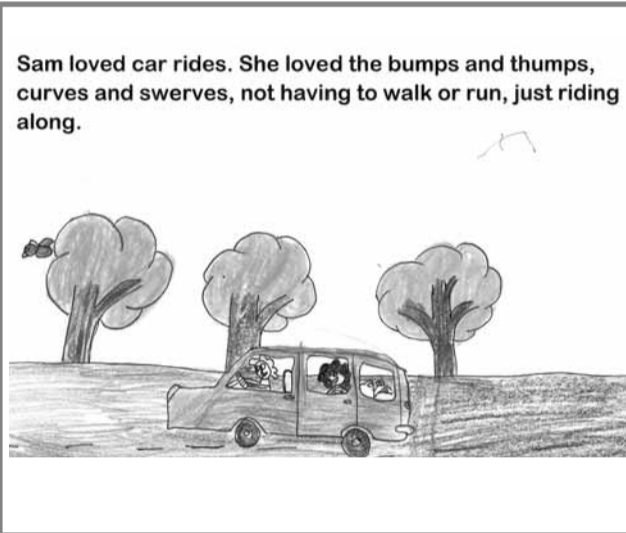
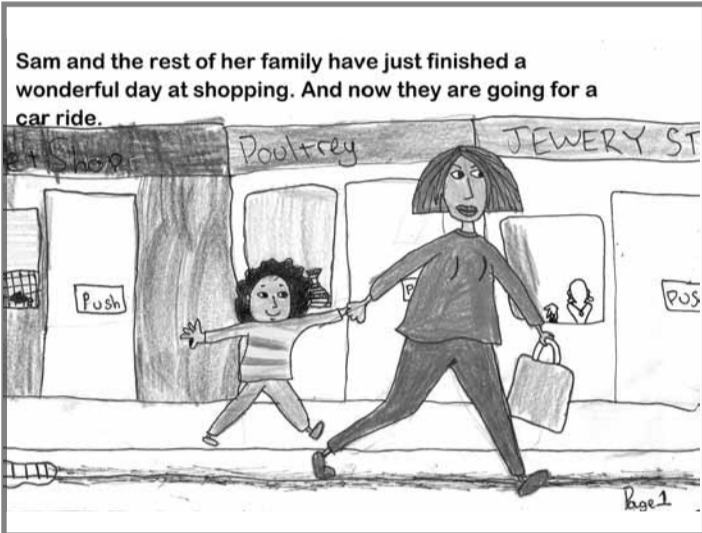
She told him to go into her room to start practicing his spells. He decided the first spell was to make his brother and sisters their own wands and granny got knitting some more cloaks and hats.



The Terrible Traffic Jam!



Sam likes car rides
But one day there is a
terrible traffic jam.
What is a traffic jam?
Wonders Sam.
She finds it is some-
thing horrid that
is best to be
avoided.....

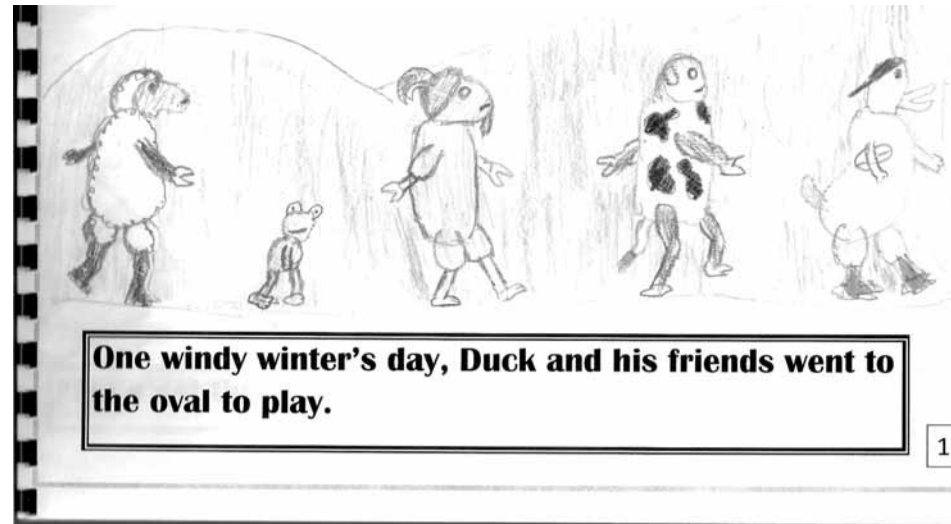


KICK THE FOOTY DUCK



By Nixon Hall

By Nixon



One windy winter's day, Duck and his friends went to the oval to play.

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"We're here," shouts Duck, "I'll be ruck".
Then Frog jumped out with a thump and croaked, "I'll be ump."



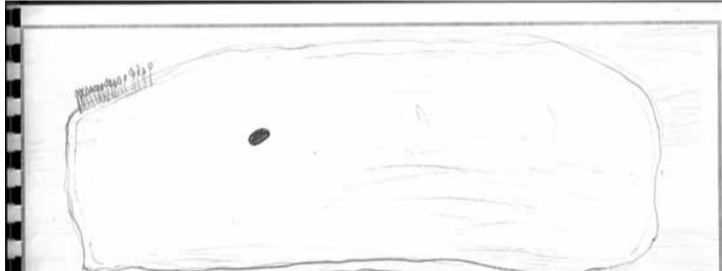
"Let's get this over, I'll be rover," bleated Sheep.

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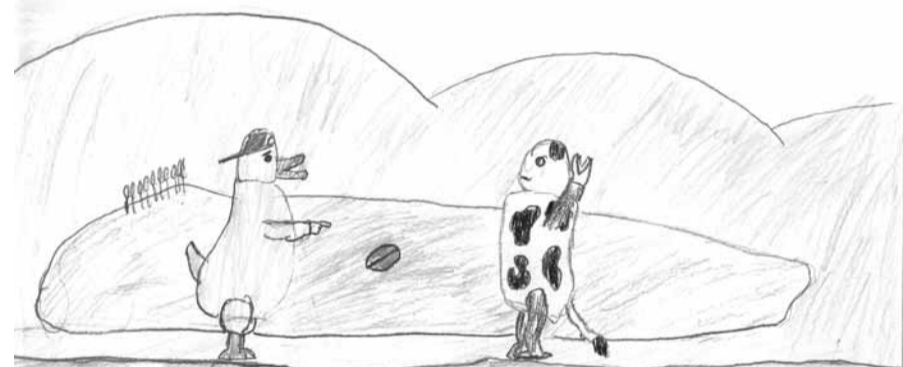
The game begins with the ball tossed high. Sheep picks it up and kicks it high.
It's Duck that takes a spectacular mark and boots the ball right out of the park.

3



Goat exclaims, "We need a plan, the ball has landed in the farmer's dam!"
"What shall we do?" says Sheep with a shout. "How will we get this football out?"

4



Duck suggests, "It's your turn to have a swim cow".
"I would if I could, but I don't know how."

5



"Grab a stick and give it a poke."
"I cannot reach," croaked Frog "This is a joke!"

6

"Let's try to blow it across the water."
"Great idea I think we oughta."



Not really sure on what to do, the animals said "Duck It's up to you."
Then Duck remembers about the boat, the perfect thing that would float.

7



All aboard the boat they hopped, to get the footy before it popped.

Duck reached across and grabbed the ball.

There were cheers of joy from one and all.

Duck quacked, "Let's get back to play." But all the animals, just walked away.



THE END

8

11-13 Short Story**SECTION WINNERS 2 0 1 3****EQUAL FIRST**

Hearing the desperation in Nicholas's voice call, "Violet." I slowly put my book down and listen for clues on what my brother and sister are up to.

We're in the middle of the bush and I really don't want to leave this awesome cubby we made together. It's made out of all the left over's from when we built the chook shed. It's under a willow tree, the branches droop down over the cubby, hiding Violet, Nick and I away from the world.

"May Bella!" I can tell it's Violet and she's in trouble. As I sprint towards the voices (hoping it isn't serious), I forget to look where I'm going and I trip, face first in the mud. As I rise and stumble towards

the water's edge I see Violet's head of thick brown curls just as it goes under the water.

Forgetting the pain of my fall, I run along the waterside towards the stepping stones that cross the quick running water. Nicholas is standing there, staring ahead with terror in his eyes.

I scan the fast moving water for Violet, 'Where is she?' It is then, that I see out of the corner of my eye, Violet; her petite body, dark curls and pale skin, floating face down in the freezing water.

I'm too late....

I feel my throat tighten and I swallow my tears. I have to stay strong for Nick.

2 weeks later....

Violet

By Phoebe Richardson

Nicholas and I are alone in the car while mum and dad are in the house talking. It has been 2 weeks since Violet's death.

The tragedy has not yet sunken into Nicholas's young mind. Every now and then he asks where she is, making mum break down crying uncontrollably, while Nick stares at her with a puzzled expression, as if to say... why?

Today is the day of the funeral. I am wearing a black dress with a white ribbon around my waist and a white bow in my hair to match. Nick is in a black suit and tie that mum made for him. We're all in the car, the silence is deafening. I hope it doesn't stay like this forever.

Mum has gone through most of

the stages people go through when someone close to them dies. She is currently in denial. She has blocked out all thoughts and memories of Violet and pushed them down to the bottom of her heart.

When someone asks her anything to do with Violet she ignores them and walks off. I can tell dad isn't taking it well at all, but he doesn't show it, he just keeps on working to support the family.

We are moving away, to start a new life. I feel like I can't leave Nick alone, because if I do something might happen to him. Then I would be alone with mum and dad with nothing to distract me. I think I would then go into denial like mum and disconnect from everyone.

11-13 Short Story**EQUAL FIRST**

As Wolfie was lying in her den, she heard Ginger howl for a gathering. Wolfie got up with a grunt and shook all the dirt off her grey fur. She then walked out of the den and shut her eyes for a moment from the moon's brightness.

Wolfie looked at her fur; it had turned silver from the moonlight. As she turned her head, she saw all the wolves gathering around Moonlight Stone. Wolfie ran quickly to the area and sat down next to a strange wolf she had never seen before.

"I've never seen you before," said Wolfie. As the wolf was about to begin speaking, Ginger walked up on Moonlight Stone and lowered her eyes to the stone.

All the wolves went silent. Ginger then began to speak.

"As you all know, Rose our nurse

died," said Ginger, "We are going

to be selecting a new nurse, wolves who want to be the nurse of our clan, please come up here." Many wolves and Wolfie stood up and sat under Moonlight Stone.

Wolfie heard two wolves whispering to another.

"She's too dumb to be a nurse," said one of the wolves. The other wolf laughed. Wolfie decided to sit back in her spot.

The gathering finished and a wolf with bright blonde fur was chosen as the nurse. Wolfie walked back to her den with her head hanging low. She sat there for a while. Wolfie then jumped up and banged her head on the roof of the den.

**The Lonely Wolf**

By Erin Tunny

"OWWW!" growled Wolfie. She shook her head.

"I shall travel through the forest to find another clan," said Wolfie.

As it was midnight and all the wolves were asleep, Wolfie snuck out of her den and found a path. Hours later she found Silent Creek.

"This must be the territory of the Ghostly Nights clan," said Wolfie. She walked through the forest for a little bit, until she saw light in the distance. Wolfie ran quickly but quietly. She peeked through the entrance of the Ghostly Nights clan home.

"Maybe I should join this clan!" said Wolfie quietly.

She heard a noise behind her. Wolfie turned around quickly and snarled. A wolf appeared out of the bush. She backed up and growled. "Who are you?" as the wolf snarled.

"Wolfie," said Wolfie, "I come from the clan Moonlight Glitter, I am not here to hurt you."

"I am Buster," said Buster, "Why are you here anyway?"

"I left my clan because my clan mates hated me!" said Wolfie, "So I finally decided to leave and join another clan."

"Follow me, I'll grab some food and find a place for you to sleep," said Buster.

"Wow, thank you!" said Wolfie.

She followed Buster until they found an empty den.

"Here" said Buster. Wolfie walked inside and sat down. Buster came in with a rabbit; he dropped it on the ground in front of Wolfie. Wolfie began to eat it.

As weeks and weeks went by, Wolfie was chosen as the clan leader.

2013 Writing Competition Winners List

Category 1: 7 and Under Short Story and Poetry

Bethany Daddo - Equal first, Oriana Dale- Equal First, Aiden Barrett - Equal Second, Blake Billing- Equal Second, Stella Voarino - Equal Third, Charlize Hayes - Equal Third, Niamh O'Kane - Encouragement Award, Riley Richardson - Encouragement Award, Jem Mills - Encouragement Award, Diesel Nievaart - Encouragement Award, Hayden Middleton - Encouragement Award, Sarina Shirreff- Encouragement Award, Vivian Huynh - Encouragement Award, Nina Flake - Encouragement Award, Isla Tomokino - Encouragement Award, Mitchell Berechree. Encouragement Award, Hayley Kamphuis - Encouragement Award, Ebonie Webb - Encouragement Award

Category 2: 8-10 Short Story and Poetry

Jack Daddo - Equal First, Nixon Hall- Equal First, Paula Hendrikse and Ruby Reilly Equal First (Illustrations), Amy Kuijpers - Second, Chloe Huizer - Equal Third, Breanna Ameerbeg -Equal Third, Emma Van Den Brand -Encouragement Award, Sophie Bellingham- Encouragement Award, Sydney Simpson - Encouragement Award, Bridget King - Encouragement Award, Monai Porykali - Encouragement Award, Ryan Gilpin-Gane - Encouragement Award, Hamish Sinclair- Encouragement Award, Jeremy Courtis - Encouragement Award, Shandi Sanderson - Encouragement Award, Sophie Kootstra- Encouragement Award
Category 3: Children's 11-13 Short Story
Phoebe Richardson - Equal First
Erin Tunny - Equal First
Teisha Selzer - Equal Second
Courtney Guce -Equal Second

Holly Buckley - Equal Third
Matthew Davison - Equal Third
Crystal Libreri and Georgia Martin - Illustration Award
Bridget Cain and Elly Walker - Illustration Award
Sophie Scholes and Bianca Kelly - Illustration Award
Emily Chessum - Illustration Award
Jaryd Downes-Smith - Encouragement Award
Emily Hayes - Encouragement Award
Lara Kuijpers - Encouragement Award
Courtney Guce - Encouragement Award
Category 4: Children's 11-13 Poetry
Holly Buckley - Equal First
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Category 5: 14-18 Short Story
Anastasia Richmond-Miller - First
Daniel Schneider - Second
Tessa Just - Encouragement Award
Kathryn Vosper - Encouragement Award.

Category 6: 14-18 Poetry
Grady Just - First
Morgaine Auton - Second
Meg Ruyters- Third.
Category 7: First Chapter of a Novel
Sharon Sandy - Equal First
Rosaline La Vie - Equal First
Jellie Wyckelsma - Third
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Category 11: A Children's Story
Carmel Lillis - First, Marg Wilson - Equal Second, Rosaline La Vie - Equal Second

11-13 Poetry

EQUAL FIRST

SECTION WINNERS 2 0 1 3

What a catastrophe!!!

By Holly Buckley

My house is packed with visitors galore
 From the African jungle to the Australian shore.
 There's a hippo, a penguin, a lion and giraffe
 A hyena and monkey that do nothing but laugh.
 The hippo is wallowing in the my bath
 And pruning the apple tree is the giraffe.
 I went to my freezer to take out a treat
 And what did I see but a penguin's feet.
 In front of the fire curled up in a ball
 Is the biggest cat of them all,
 Leo the lion is his name
 He is quite friendly and very tame.
 The possum's disappeared up into the roof
 And the deer is crying coz' he's split his hoof.
 The owl's asleep on my window sill
 I'll leave him there while he's quiet and still.
 The elephant has broken my very best chair
 It's now in a heap over there.
 "I've had enough, you really can't stay.
 Pack your bags and go away."



THE CHRISTMAS TREE

By Holly Buckley

The Christmas tree
 that's now taller than me

When I was a little girl of two or three
 I used to stand beside the Christmas tree
 To see who was taller, it or me.
 At that time it came up to my knee.

When I was older at the age of four
 I realised I'd grown a little bit more.
 Now the tree was up to my waist
 I have a dilemma that has to be faced.

Now I am six, two years older
 That Christmas tree is up to my shoulder.
 Believe it or not I am quite tall
 Yet compared to the tree I seem to be small.

At eight it reached the tip of my head
 And I noticed that its branches had spread
 Reaching out towards the sky
 It was now as wide as it was high.

I'm eleven now as I write this verse
 This tree's my favourite in the whole universe.
 It definitely has won the race
 I haven't a hope of matching its pace.

14-18 Short Story

FIRST PRIZE

Kelly The Magnificent

By Anastasia Richmond-Miller

When I was born, my parents didn't fancy me. They didn't want a child who looked like I do, who didn't resemble everyone else. I was an image of imperfections to them. Growing up, I never got much love. A smile here and there was all I got from them. I have Progeria, a rare condition that makes me age 8 times faster and makes me look 'Alien' like. No one sought to go near me. I was an alien to them. My mama used to cry "She's just like chalk and cheese... Right!?" Uncertainty of whether I am human. But then I think - mama, I'm like everyone else. God told me. I tried with all my might, to be mama's best chum. Daddy left us when I was 4 because he said "I don't want a daughter like you, Kelly." Mama would hassle over if she should just ditch me. Or donate me. And she would sob and ask God "Why God!? Why does Kelly have to be like this!?"

I felt miserable all the time. I was loathed and worthless. I thought - Mama and Daddy don't want me God. Why bother? But he answered. He answered with a stroke of fate. I met this weird kid Cracker at age 7. He had Down syndrome. He used to say to me "Kelly, I wish I were like you. I wish I had your brains." We laughed, he was my best buddy. We would go to the playground when mama went to the shops. He would help me up on the swings because I was so frail. And even though his parents called me a freak behind my back, I felt cherished. Cracker and I used to tell secrets to each other. When I was 9, he told me that he heard his parents talk about having another child. I was pleased for him, I really was. I thought to myself- I hope you're happy Cracker, you deserve it. He looked at me and smiled. And from that moment on, I felt infinite.

When I was 11, mama took me to the doctor and he vaguely asked "Kelly, are you happy?" Mama acted like she supported me. But at that moment, she was hesitant. I whispered to my doctor "God wants me to be, and I try." He just nodded, gave me a lollipop, and

led us into the waiting room. Some kid came up to me, nudged me and said "ew, an alien." It hurt, a lot. I was so young to even understand who I really was. It was just a terrible day I guess. Everyone has their bad days.

When I was 13, Cracker moved to London. I felt so dejected, and mama came home late. I wasn't cared for like I ought to have. I called Dr. Harris one night and I just whimpered in the phone. My joints hurt, I felt like an elderly person. I was just so dead beat.

He said "It'll be all right, Kels." I believed him. But, ever since he said that, I've come to apprehend it has never been alright.

I don't understand why God opt me to have this condition. I asked that to Cracker over the phone. He said "Why not you Kels? What makes you so much better than everyone else? Kels, you're special." I said that over and over in my head everyday. Truth is, I esteemed myself.

I felt no one else did, but after Cracker saying I was unique, I knew I was. I was superior at singing. My mama said so, and she never respects me. I smiled a lot. Even though I didn't have the most supreme life, I had the most amount of hope. And I felt obliged for that.

Doctor Harris and I went to the museum a month after that. It was in the metropolitan district of our state in England. I loved the boisterous sounds of cars and street chimes. It made me forget everything that was off beam. Dr. Harris had to stroll me around in a wheelchair I was so weak. We went for lunch in a little foxtrot café. The one phrase I remember from that day was "You are the most unique little person I know." He made out something about me was just so motivating. I was so cheerful that day, it was marvellous. But, when I came home that day, mama and Dr. Harris said that my Progeria Syndrome was affecting me to the peak where I was at a high risk of a heart attack. I was nervous, and that news had bankrupted my whole day. But I still had an upbeat attitude to be on this earth

longer, I wasn't giving in.

Cracker was 17 when I was 14. He had friends now, and even a girlfriend. He prized London so much, but I really missed him. I sang to him over the receiver one day. He said "Woo! Kelly the Magnificent!" It was the new nickname he called me, I had a label! A label that I was fond of. I told Dr. Harris about the name that week, and he just beamed at me. He asked "Kelly, are you happy?" I just reflected for an instant. I remember thinking that I was. But then that day, I remembered the day before when mama hit me because she was irritated. But I gazed at Dr. Harris and said "Yes, I'm very happy." I guess I sort of was. Because Cracker sent me a postcard from London saying he's coming to our town soon. I just wasn't too certain.

On January 21st, I turned 15. That was 2 weeks ago. I'm so astounded I have lived for so long. Dr. Harris says it was a phenomenon, and the name "Kelly the Magnificent" really matched me. I feel it was, God gave me a gift to live longer for having the heartiness to ram through the hard days of this life. I have learnt to overlook mama's neglect, but when she was drunk, she said "I'm going to freaking celebrate your death Kelly!" I just cried. Because I loved mama, even though she mistreated me. I'm just not sure why my condition and child abuse was put together, it's a dim-witted mix.

God sent me on this earth to conquer challenges. And even if I had to do things myself, I got through it. I don't know how much longer I have, but I'm relieved I saw Cracker a week ago. He graduated a few weeks ago and wants to be an engineer. I am so very joyful for him. That day, he said "Kels, if you die I will be very sad. But, I will see you again one day." I just felt really elated then. Nothing more.

SECTION WINNERS 2 0 1 3

14-18 Poetry

FIRST PRIZE



Percy The Parrot

By Grady Just

Percy's a parrot with a twinkling eye.

Digger the dog is terribly shy.

Together they live with their owner named Paul,

But hardly anyone comes to call.

One dark night, when their owner was out,
A rascally robber came creeping about.

Through an open window the burglar leapt,

Right into the room where the two pets slept.

Percy and Digger woke up with a fright,
Some unknown thing had gone bump in the night.

Percy felt brave. Digger did not!

With a yelp of surprise he was off like a shot.

He huddled in terror beneath an old chair,
While Percy, brave Percy, flew into the air.

The copycat king, halted briefly in flight,
Mimicking Digger he barked with his might.

The robber was terribly taken aback

At the thought of a watchdog about to attack.

The parrot's barking scared the man.

Without second thoughts he turned and ran.

To his horror he found his escape route blocked;

The window was closed and securely locked.

He pushed and he pulled but he couldn't get free,

For Percy had taken the window's key.

The thief turned to face the "dog" once more,

In time to see Digger flee out the door.

Thinking that Digger was the dangerous mutt,

The thief leapt forward and slammed the door shut!

Dog behind door; window stuck tight;

The bungling burglar couldn't take flight.

Percy perched on a ceiling fan,

His mind was hatching a clever plan.

Above the burglar, safe from harm,

He started to mimic a burglar alarm!

The noise was horrendous; it echoed around.

A hideously horrible ear-splitting sound.

The frantic thief could stand no more,

In a frightened frenzy he chanced the door.

His desperate rush availed him none.

For there stood a policeman with a very big gun!

Percy's still Percy with a twinkling eye.

Digger's still Digger and terribly shy.

They still live together, and best of all,

No more robbers have come to call.

First Chapter of a Novel

EQUAL FIRST

LONG LEAN STRING BEAN

By Sharon Sandy

LONG LEAN STRING BEAN - SYNOPSIS

Ten year old Lenny Bean is extraordinarily thin and has a greenish complexion, not unlike the underbelly of a snail. These are factors that lead the kids at school to call him Long Lean String Bean. Lenny Bean has a very poor view of his self worth.

On his journey to self discovery, Lenny brings all the children in his school together, teaching them a valuable lesson in acceptance, whilst Lenny's next door neighbour, New Age guru, Marjorie-Next-Door spins a mystical web, as she provides a great source of wisdom and comfort to her young neighbour.

Sharon Sandy

LONG LEAN STRING BEAN

Chapter 1

Lenny Bean was not much of a boy. In fact, he was not even much of a human being. Unlikeable. Invisible. Ugly. Different. Just wrong. At least, that was Lenny's opinion of himself. At ten years of age, he was already almost two metres tall, already the tallest kid in the school. He was a good 70 centimetres taller than the other students in his class...and still growing! Rapidly. By the day. Not only was Lenny Bean overly tall for a boy of ten, he was also overly thin. Almost string-like in fact. And he did not like it one little bit.

"Has to run around in the shower to get wet!" his dad would joke to anyone who cared to listen, as Lenny stood cringing nearby.

Lenny did not have a lot of colour in his face either. On a good day, you might say he had a pale complexion or that he was pasty faced. On a not so good day however (say if he had a terrible cold or an infected throat or a swollen epiglottis), his face would take on an almost greenish tinge, not at all unlike the colour you might find on the underbelly of a common garden snail.

Now as everyone knows, fashions and fads come and go. Who would ever have thought that the ghastly purple paisley patterned shirt Lenny's dad was wearing in the photos in Granny's album would ever come back in fashion? Not Lenny Bean, that's for sure. He would almost wet his pants with laughter when he looked at those fuzzy 1960's photos that Granny had snapped some twenty years before, using her old Brownie Box camera.

With his long brown sideburns and the swirls on his shirt, Lenny thought his teenaged dad looked like a very poor imitation of a 60's era movie star or rock star. Yet, just a few days ago, Lenny had actually seen a man wearing a paisley patterned shirt in the Plaza. Not a purple one. A blue one; but it was a paisley patterned shirt all the same. Lenny was surprised to see the swirly shirt wearing man had teamed it with a suit and tie. He actually wore it with pride. Lenny could hardly believe his eyes.

Fashions certainly do come and go but no matter how far back you go in history, a green face has never been particularly in vogue, which was rather unfortunate for Lenny Bean. Because he was so tall and so thin and so...well, green, the kids at school had nicknamed him Long Lean String Bean. He really did not mind the nickname terribly much, as Lenny had never met a bean he did not like!

Strange though, to think that Lenny

was of the opinion that he was not much of a boy, when in fact, the opposite was true. Lenny Bean was a whole lot of a boy! Almost two hundred centimeters of a boy at his last measure. More of a boy than any other ten year old.

Lenny's great height however, did have most people perplexed. His parents. His Granny. His teachers. The family doctor. And the specialist paediatrician he and his parents travelled on the train to visit in the City twice yearly. Almost everyone had their own theory as to why Lenny was so unusually, if not abnormally, tall.

"I'm afraid it's my fault" said his dad. "I may have swung him around one time too many when we were playing aeroplanes. Stretched the kid. That's what I did!" He hung his head shamefully.

His mum insisted she was the one to blame.

"It happened in the womb! I stretched him each time I hung the washing on the line. I should have stood on a box, instead of reaching up and standing on tippy toes". She wiped sad tears from her eyes.

Granny didn't think too much at all about Lenny's height. In her eyes, he was perfect just the way he was.

"Chewing gum" she joked. "Little boys who chew gum will also come to a stretchy end...I mean sticky end!"

Dr Connors, who had taken care of the Bean family's health since before Lenny was born, nodded wisely and scratched at his balding head.

"Hmmm", he said. It is possible young Lenny here has a growth disorder but his problem, whatever it may be, is out of my area of expertise," he confessed, before referring Lenny on to the specialist paediatrician.

Even the paediatrician, Dr Jordan, could not be sure of the reason for such extraordinary growth in a young boy. He had treated plenty of children who were too small and lots of children who were too tall and all manner of children in between but he had never before come across a child quite like Lenny Bean.

"Most children who are tall have parents who are tall", he said, peering over the top of his glasses at the Bean family.

He could see that Lenny was already much, much taller than both his mum and his dad, who both happened to have come from the short end of the gene pool.

"Lenny's height clearly is not genetic."

"You can say that again", Lenny said to himself as he thought of his granny, who was positively tiny.

Last time Granny had come to visit, Lenny had to kneel down to give her a hug. It had made him feel rather silly. He had thought about asking her to stand on a chair but old ladies do not tend to manage too well standing on chairs.

Lenny pictured her falling ungraciously from one of their wobbly kitchen chairs and breaking her leg. Several times. And perhaps a hip as well. And quite likely the chair to boot! It didn't bear thinking about really and besides, kneeling down, Lenny was just the right height for a great big Little Granny bear hug.

Dr. Jordan had made the decision that it might be a good idea to monitor Lenny's growth for awhile. "I think he may slow down soon, perhaps even stop growing. That sometimes



happens. If not, then I may need to prescribe a hormonal medication to stop him from growing any taller."

Lenny knew that there were professional footballers as tall as him. Even taller.

He imagined it was most likely very useful for basketball players to be overly tall. Theoretically speaking, a two metre tall basketball player had only to stretch out an arm and drop the ball through the hoop. Easy peasy! A sure thing! Or so it seemed. Lenny however, could not shoot hoops for nuts. It wasn't that he hadn't tried because he had. He had tried very hard in fact. He even had his own basketball hoop attached to the front of the garage.

"I had visions of you becoming a star Lenny!" his dad had said as he bolted the hoop in place. "A big, tall, basketball star. You, Lenny Bean, are gonna capitalize on that height of yours and make a whole load of money!"

Day after day, Lenny stood before his new basketball hoop. He threw ball after ball at the hoop. Not once did that ball pass through the hoop. In fact, the ball went everywhere but through the hoop. It landed on his head. On his toes. It landed in the garden, breaking every single one of his mum's prized petunias. It went up and over the hoop, finally coming to rest on the roof of the garage. Many times over.

Lenny's dad, exercising more patience than he thought he possessed, would drag his ladder out from inside the garage and retrieve the basketball from the garage roof. Mr Bean did this time and time again, instructing Lenny to "have another go!" "You're getting better, Son", he encouraged.

And so Lenny went right on practising. Each night after school, he would practice throwing the ball in the general direction of the hoop, stopping only when it became too dark to see the hoop. All day Saturday and Sunday, Lenny practised, stopping only to eat, drink and go to the toilet. Lenny exercised more persistence than he knew he possessed. Still he did not get any better at basketball. In fact, the more Lenny practised, the worse he seemed to get!

Then, one day, disaster struck. Lenny broke the bathroom window with the basketball. That was the final straw. His dad, patience finally exhausted, had stormed from the house, picked up the basketball from where it now lay, resting in the bushes outside the bathroom and screamed at Lenny at the top of his lungs.

"No more basketball! You are not a basketball player!"

Lenny, who thought that was probably a fair statement, decided he would never again hold a basketball in his clumsy hands. The basketball hoop remained in its place at the front of the garage, never to be used again, except by the migrating birds, who used it as a resting place and birdie toilet. To Lenny Bean, it was a stark reminder that indeed, he was not much of a boy.

First Chapter of a Novel

EQUAL FIRST

My Meeting with Melanie.....

By Rosaline La Vie



My Meeting with Melanie.....

Synopsis

The Overlander from Adelaide is delayed, leading to a long wait at Spencer Street Station. Yet, Melanie and her daughter, Sarah, use this time well and are observed by a mysterious, young man, returning from the United Arab Emirates.

Four hours later, they stumble into him, sitting opposite them on the Bairnsdale train.

This begins a ceaseless conversation that changes the course of Melanie's life, leading to her own journeys to the Middle East. Two decades later, this man begins the story of her Middle Eastern sojourns, by narrating his own story of their first meeting.

My Meeting with Melanie.....

If you wanted one word to describe her, you could use the word "kind". Or maybe the word "caring". Even thoughtful. But probably the best word, would simply be love, or suffering, or a mixture of the two. For both seemed indicative of that special aura she lent to her surroundings....

It was a love born of suffering and a suffering borne up by that love, that made her stand out from other women.... for me at least.

Some would even have gone so far as to call her beautiful. Many did. Particularly old ladies and children. But it was not her physical appearance that was beautiful. Rather it was an inner quality, or once again, an aura.

Aura.... that was the word one could use. And if one could afford a phrase – she had about her presence a love–suffering or suffering–love aura, that seemed capable of suffering all.

No. One could never call her beautiful in the contemporary sense of the word, graceful would be better; and in the everyday sense – alert, alive but not quite vivacious. For "vivacious" seems more a word to describe those who pretend to be alive, by assuming a mask of mere social gaiety. Her joy had a depth to it, that "vivacious" seems to somehow contradict.

Probably you would not forget her, if you met, for she stood out from the ordinary sameness of others....

Sometimes she would just sit there, quietly writing, with a light and gleam to her eyes, that signalled to others to keep away. Her eyes were a lighthouse for she used them well. Kept the inner mechanism ship-shape. Her lamp was always burning. Not necessarily brightly, but steadily.... Sometimes even sadly.

We first met at Spencer Street Station. I was on annual leave from Saudi Arabia. She sat opposite me, on the far side of the lounge.... munching an apple.... one leg splayed comfortably across the other. Semi-buddha like.

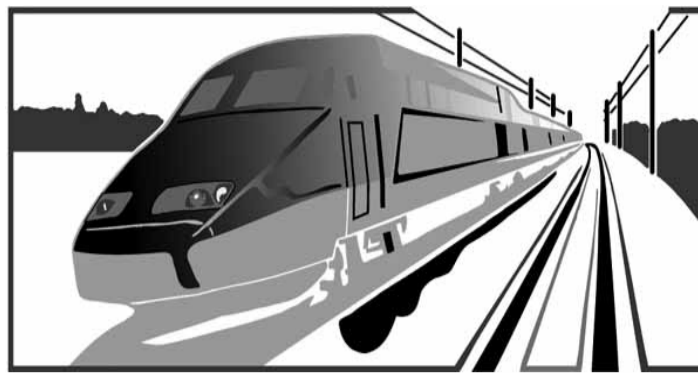
It was the interaction between her and her daughter, that first made me watch her more closely. There was a closeness between them, that I rarely see in my travels.

I suppose the next thing I noticed was her inner calm, that moved beyond her joy, making it a more concrete thing. More durable.

In the midst of the hustle bustle of activity, of luggage, frayed tempers, porters and passengers.... she just sat there, watching all the activity, with a detached sort of amusement. Every now and then, pointing something of particular significance out to her daughter.

Her daughter was ten years old and a pretty child, with large blue eyes like her mother. She had a sense of fun and adventure about her, similar to her mother's too. I could see though, that she wasn't as relaxed. Since she was young, dark skinned or older men that looked her way, made her wary – whereas her mother seemed to like everyone.

Unafraid. Now that's another word. She had no fear



of other people. I think she saw the core of evil, but it never stopped her from liking them.

That was nine years ago now. Later she smiled at me and then completely forgot I was there.... till some twenty minutes later.

In fact she confessed to me once, that it had taken her two days to realise that we were one and the same person.

Moving down the corridor, luggage swaying this way and that, Melanie and her daughter came to a thudding halt opposite me. I don't think she remembered me then either. But I politely looked up at her and offered to help her place her luggage on the rack above me. She declined. Independent and cheerful.

Hannah, the daughter, excitedly claimed the window seat, and it wasn't till both of them had regained their regular pattern of breathing, that I once again asked her, if she'd like me to close the curtain. The sun was streaming in, it's January rays, and they were making a direct pathway to her hotly perspiring face.

"Thank you" she gasped in a very relieved tone, and breathed a long sigh of relief.

So from such humble beginnings, our conversation began....

It was a conversation that was to set both our feet walking down paths we'd never known before. A conversation that jolted both of us, from our complacent tracks.

She told me how she'd got saved, half a lifetime ago, in 1971. Gone straight out of following Jim Cairns and the anti-war effort, into following Jesus. Not that there was much difference.... It was all aimed at change – creating a better world, she said.

"Tell me about the Pentacostal Church. What was it like?" I asked. My mother had recently had a renewal experience herself. But I remembered only five years ago, when I'd brought an old friend out to dinner one evening, how adamant my father had been that the devil must have gotten a hold of him, to have taken up talking in tongues, or gibberish, as he had said.

"It must have been difficult, back then. What with all the rubbishing you got from the mainline Churches? It must be better now that you are accepted...."

"It's still not accepted. Not really...." she replied.

"Yes, sure people can pray in tongues now, jump up and down in joyful worship, slap each other on the back and shout, Hallelujah, or Praise the Lord, if they want to, in most Churches.... But is that all Pentecost was about?" she asked me, fixing me with a long, hard gaze.

"What do you mean? I said, "Wasn't that what the Churches made all the fuss about?"

"No," she said, "Not really. It went much deeper than that."

"Really," I said. "How deep?" wanting to keep her talking. For she talked like no other person I'd talked to before. She spoke with absolute conviction, or certainty. Or a knowing that didn't have to prove anything.

It was as though she'd seen it all in her heart, before, time and time again.... and seeing it, remembering, always made her sad.

"It went to the very core," she said. "They were scared, and in a way, they had a right to be.... for we were as bent on change within the Church, as Jim Cairns was, in Government!"

"Really, you were THAT different?"

"Not only were we different, we tried to

be different and stay different. Promoting our difference nearly became an art form....

But that is where we failed. We really weren't that different at all. We merely ostracized ourselves."

"HOW were you the same?" I queried.

"Well you can only be different to a degree, and after that you become the same.... especially, when they accept you."

I laughed. "I remember when I thought I was different – standing for election as a prefect – on moralistic grounds. Yet when I was elected, I had no choice but to become a bureaucrat. A yes man of the system!"

"Yes," she trailed on sadly. "When you're persecuted you know you are different. You know you are probably doing something that is right.... You are probably on the right track. But it's when they speak well of you, without a reason, that you've got to wonder why. MAYBE it's because you're really one of them."

"You don't like them – the Churches?" I said.

"You see," she went on, "It's not the Churches that are the problem, it's people.... None of us REALLY want to change, and when you get some people who seem to, then the rest get very worried...."

"Yes," I said, "I can see your point."

"So the only way to stop real change, when it starts to happen.... is infiltrate."

"Infiltrate?" I questioned. She was talking like it was a cold war, or something....

"That's right, you infiltrate and then you imitate; but you don't really believe.... You just copy others.... and before you know it.... the Pastor's got a swollen head, the size of a five ton pumpkin and the true believers are like Cinderella, bossed around by a lot of nasty step-sisters."

We had a laugh at that one! She knew how to laugh, too. But I couldn't help but see her sadness.... and then she started to question me. About Saudi Arabia, the people, culture, employment situation, their customs and beliefs and my job as a nurse.

As we talked and unravelled our lives – our legs instinctively stretched towards one another. I'd never met a woman who could hold a conversation and draw so much out of me. Not that it was all one way. Melanie told me about her failing marriage, their garden, her children and her calling. Now that was fascinating. She was a very committed person.... maybe too much so.

She really wanted to save her marriage, I could see, and I told her, that with her faith, maybe she could.

She looked at me sharply, when I said that, for she was seeking answers, and although I didn't want to hurt her, I had to add for her own good: "But, you really have to do what's right for you. You have to think about what's best for yourself."

Melanie gave a start and I could see my words had hit the mark.... although it was not till a week later, that the full impact of my words hit her, and she decided to seek a divorce.

As she told me later, in a letter, her husband had planned to leave her in two years time anyway.... so she'd just brought the date forward. His planned year of study in Melbourne, doubled for a trial separation period, and when he returned, she moved to Ballarat, with two of the children and some of the furniture.

She said it was hard, the separation, particularly on the children and that Peter was a bit like Pharaoh. For after he said she could go, he chased her and wanted her back again. They even had a week together, just before the divorce – that no one knew about – but it was just like a last spurt of candle light, before the flame finally died, and she's been divorced from him now, for seven years....

SECTION WINNERS 2 0 1 3**Magnets** By Carmel Lillis**A Children's Story**
FIRST PRIZE

Charlie's legs buckled. Her bottom lip trembled. She sat down at the top of the pedestrian overpass, wedged her knees under her chin and cried. "My legs won't work any more, Jack. I can't go. I won't go."

A couple of blue uniforms skidded past on bikes. Their "Hi ya, Jack," calls were swallowed by the whoosh of wind as they sped round the corner for the descent along the concrete ramp. Far below, trucks thundered along the highway. From every direction, Jack could see blue dots being drawn towards school like metal to magnets. How must he and Charlie look from a distance? Two glued-on blue dots. Stuck.

The sun already hit with a sting. Charlie's pony-tail was falling out; her new socks were falling down.

Jack squatted beside her. "Charlie, you can do it," he said. He rummaged about in his lunch-box. Fruit and sandwiches. She'd have the same. No lollies or chips, nothing that he could use as a reward if Charlie would only start walking. He put his frozen drink against her forehead. The bright pink faded from her cheeks and a little of her chattiness returned.

"Carry me," she pleaded. The school bell echoed up. Jack sighed.

After a couple of muddled tries, he hoisted Charlie onto his back, hoisted his own black, and her pink, back-packs over his shoulder, and staggered down the ramp.

They lined up at the office for late passes. The receptionist frowned, "You need to start from home earlier, Jack."

He opened his mouth to say, "It isn't my fa..." but shut it again when he saw tears seep into Charlie's eyes. "We'll get here on time tomorrow," was all he said.

Charlie cried again at her classroom door. "I can't go in, I won't go," she said.

She clung to Jack while the teacher said gently, "Charlie, all the kids are waiting for you." Finally, they had to prise Charlie's fingers off Jack's arms. Her teacher carried her, weeping, into the Prep's room.

Jack could still hear her as he dashed along the corridor clutching his late pass. He felt his heart swell as if it would burst out of his chest. Oh Charlie! How different it had been when he'd started school. Mum and Dad had stood together every day of that first week, taking photos and smiling encouragement. Dad didn't even know how Charlie looked in her uniform, or where her classroom was. When Mum rang him, her voice was brusque like she was delivering a work report. "Yes, some tears... They will have to walk... Two kilometres. We've measured it... unavoidable consequence. The only way..." His mother's eyes were sparkles of tears in circles of soot.

When it was his turn on the phone, Jack spoke sternly. "No Dad, I won't come and stay. I won't leave Mum alone."

Charlie sobbed, "I can't go to Dad's without Jack."

But Jack repeated, "I won't go."

And so it was decided, even though Mum had said, "You should go. Dad misses you. And I'll be OK." She'd even tried a joke: "I'll be able to stay in the bath as long as I like – read a book – without kids banging on the door calling, Mum, hurry. I'm dying to go to the toilet." Jack could see her mouth stretched into a smile, but her eyes had none of the twinkle that danced there when she used to make jokes.

Jack sidled into his classroom just as his teacher was describing their first excursion for the year. But he hardly heard. Charlie's cries were still bouncing around in his head. It felt as if someone was striking a gong against his eardrums. Over and over.

Perhaps she had settled. Perhaps her teacher had read a story that carried Charlie all the way to her favourite place, Fairyland, where the worst problem was a mischievous pixie who tweaked the fairies' wings. Perhaps if he could creep back and peep through the glass panel of her classroom, he would find her laughing.

No, he shouldn't be worrying. She couldn't cry all day.

When his mate Ned whispered, "Count you in for cricket?" Jack felt the day brightening.

At recess, they had just paced out the field and lined up a bin for a wicket when Jack spotted a teacher, holding Charlie's hand. She

was striding towards them calling, "Charlie says she needs Jack."

Jack handed the bat to Ned. Charlie clung to him as if she was velcroed on. When her teacher took her back to class, his t-shirt glistened with a wet patch of her tears.

Lunch-time, same story. Except he sat on a bench in the junior yard with Charlie, watching a game of Mothers and Fathers. "Wouldn't you like to join, Charlie?" he begged.

She stamped one shiny new shoe onto the concrete. "I never want to play that game. Mothers and Fathers is the worst game ever."

"This is my little sister," he tried many times, scanning the playground for the friendliest faces.

"Come and play, Charlie," several kids called. But she only buried her head into his side and said, "No, I won't." "No" to sandwiches, "no" to watermelon, "no" to games and "no" to friends.

After school, Jack and Ned collected Charlie. She dawdled home like a little robot whose battery was almost flat.

Electric fan on, and an orange juice in hand, Jack felt like they might be able to make something of Ned's visit. "Let's cook pancakes," he said. "Break the eggs, Ned. Charlie, here's the wooden spoon for you to stir with."

Charlie began to cry. "No. I want to break the eggs."

Jack groaned, but Ned laughed and said, "Cool, Charlie."

In the garden, they ate the pancakes lathered in maple syrup. As they washed their sticky hands, they licked their lips,

"What d'ya wanna do?" Jack asked.

"Skateboarding?" suggested Ned.

But Charlie whined, "I want Ned to play magnets."

Jack groaned and rolled his eyes – again. Ned laughed and said, "Cool, Charlie" – again. How Jack wished he could dance to the tune of his little sister's mood changes as happily as his friend did.

Jack fetched his box of magnets. "To keep drawing you back to me," Dad had said when he gave them to him for Christmas. "Although I've left, I still love you kids."

Horse-shoe shaped magnets, solid blocks, thick and thin, large and small.

They held mini-competitions, and laughed while they counted the nails their magnets attracted. They measured how far back they could

stand from metal objects before the force began to pull them in.

When they'd played all the magnet games they could think of, and completed all the experiments they could devise, the boys looked about for something new.

"Ned's choice next. He's the visitor," said Jack. But when they got out their skateboards, Charlie clung onto Jack's t-shirt.

Ned said not unkindly, "I reckon Charlie wins the prize for strongest magnet, Jack. She can pull you back no matter where you are."

Brother and sister stood together watching Ned exhibit his mastery of the Indy Grab. Leap and slide, leap and slide. Jack's feet itched with longing even as they remained stuck to the path.

Next day, Charlie didn't stage a sit-in on the overpass, but Jack still had to carry her fairy back-pack. He felt his chest tighten every time Charlie slowed down. Between her moans of "I can't," and "I won't go, Jack" he encouraged her with, "Remember how you're going to show the magnets for News."

"Just in time, Jack," said the principal as she pulled the gates shut.

At her classroom, a boy said, "Come sit with me, Charlie."

"I don't want to. I won't leave Jack." Oh, how closely Charlie's words parroted his own reply to Dad. How was it he hadn't noticed? Charlie was mimicking him.

At recess, Jack said, "Ned, can you help me check on Charlie?"

"Look!" Ned pointed to two little boys testing Jack's magnets against a drainpipe; another held a magnet against a teacher's skirt.

Children surrounded Charlie. "They promised to give them back. They promised," she called when she saw Jack.

"Don't worry if you lose some." He smiled. "Cos we'll ask Dad to buy a box of magnets for you – when we visit him this weekend."

"This weekend," she repeated. "Really?"

"Yes, really."

Charlie's face lit up with a smile brighter than the glint of sunlight on the magnet she clutched in her chubby fist.



Churchill East-West Link Draft Master Plan

Churchill East West Link | Master Plan



The Churchill East West Link is a central part of the Churchill Town Centre Plan, which was adopted by Latrobe City Council in 2007. The East West Link aims to improve the current unsatisfactory link between the university campus, Latrobe Leisure Churchill and the town centre.

The preparation of a Master Plan for the East West Link in the Eel Hole Creek and University Campus precinct was identified in 2011 as the final step in implementing the town centre plan.

The East West Link involves the establishment of a major pedestrian and cycle link across Eel Hole Creek, connecting the town centre with the university campus.

The purpose of the Master Plan is to provide a basis for funding applications and to guide capital works decisions. The implementation of the Master Plan will involve a number of projects over several years.

There has been other planning and construction activity in the precinct in recent years, including the redevelopments around the Churchill and District Community Hub, expansion at Latrobe Leisure Churchill, development of a Draft Master Plan by Monash University consultants for the university campus, and the initiation of the art and culture trail under the auspice of the Gippsland Education Precinct. The East West Link Draft Master Plan takes account of these activities and updates the Churchill Town Centre Plan.

CPG (since renamed "spiire") was appointed as consultants to carry out preparation of the Master Plan, which involved a series of steps including the current Draft Master Plan. Following consultation, a Key Directions paper was exhibited for comment in August 2012. The preparation of the Key Directions report followed

discussions with main stakeholders including CDCA, Churchill and District Community Hub Advisory Committee, CFA, Monash University, MUGSU, Latrobe Valley Hockey Association, Latrobe Leisure Churchill, Lions and Rotary Clubs. It was also put on broader exhibition through Churchill News and newsletters on the Churchill Town Centre Plan.

Following submissions on the Key Directions report, the consultants developed a Draft Master Plan and Urban Design Framework.

Key features include:

- A new pedestrian link between the campus and the town centre, including a new iconic bridge over Eel Hole Creek
- The Eel Hole Creek Pavilion, which is a heritage and cultural pavilion being proposed as part of the art and culture trail
- A redesigned car park and pathway at Latrobe Leisure Churchill
- A new fence between the skate park and Hub car park
- A new street linking McDonald Way with the Hub car park
- A clean-up of Eel Hole Creek and construction of pondages
- Missing sections in footpaths addressed
- Improvements at Latrobe Synthetic Sports Field.

Latrobe City Council is now seeking comments on the Draft Master Plan.

All submissions will be taken into account when the final Master Plan is prepared for the consideration of the Council.

Ian Gibson

Place Manager - Churchill Town Centre Plan
Latrobe City Council

Churchill East West Link Draft Master Plan

Still open for comment

The Churchill East West Link: Draft Master Plan and Urban Design Framework will be open for public comment until Tuesday 20 August 2013. The Draft Master Plan is a long-term plan aimed at improving links between the Churchill town centre and the university campus, including the Churchill & District Community Hub, Eel Hole Creek, Latrobe Leisure Churchill and the Latrobe Synthetic Sports Field.

You can read the Draft Master Plan on our website:
www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/churchilleastwest

For further information and to submit your feedback, please contact Ian Gibson at
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An invitation to join Rotary

By Leo Billington

Several weeks ago, a conversation was overheard in which a person proudly announced they were about to turn 42. Another person laughed and suggested that at this age, one was eligible to join Rotary. There was instant laughter all round.

Funny as it was, there is also a serious side to this conversation. Being 42, or 50 or 60 may represent a personal achievement, or even a big bash birthday - all great fun.

In the case of Rotary, a worldwide organization which was founded on February 26, 1905 in Chicago, there is not a specific age for joining. Generally, 18 is the earliest age although this may clash with many of life's commitments including establishing a career. Rotary is not gender specific; dual gender membership is promoted across all Rotary clubs.

Rotaract is a Rotary initiative aimed at promoting opportunities for young adults to enhance their knowledge and skills to assist in personal development, address the physical and social needs of local communities and promote better relationships between all people world-wide through friendship and service. Rotaract clubs are composed of young adults ages 18 - 30 who live, work and/or study in the local area. Rotaract clubs are sponsored by an existing Rotary club.

Hazelwood Rotary is currently in discussions with other local Rotary clubs investigating a possibility of establishing a local Rotaract club.

Hazelwood Rotary celebrated its Presidential changeover early in July - outgoing President Margaret Palmer welcomed incoming President for 2013 - 2014, Leo Billington.

A highlight of the evening was awarding of two prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship awards - to club



member Heather Beaton and well known Churchill resident, Ruth Place.

In accepting his new position, Leo referred to the Rotary 4-way test:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

This test has been translated into more than 100 languages, giving a base for all Rotarians to commit to (community) service above oneself. Leo pointed out that the 4 - way test is equally applicable to every employer and manager in their dealings with employees. Rotary and other service clubs are therefore best placed to lead the way in local communities.

An invitation is extended to those interested in learning more about either Rotary and/or Rotaract.

Hazelwood Rotary meets each Monday evening (except public holidays) at the Italian Australian Sporting and Social Club in Morwell. Meetings begin at 6.30 pm, finishing by 8.00 pm.

For more information, contact Leo Billington on 0458 661 848.

Friends of Morwell National Park



July Activity report Blue Gum Hill track maintenance

At this month's activity we had Ken, Beryl, John, Margaret, Wendy, Darren, and Craig. We had apologies from Peter, Mike and Cathy. The group met in the Junction Road car park with Beryl, Wendy and Ken riding in the ute with Craig while John, Margaret and Darren walked in.

After the first creek crossing, Craig needed to cut a tree which had fallen and was blocking the track.

The vehicle did not make any more crossings since the creek crossings were difficult to get through with the silt build up from the changing creek levels.

The group collected all of the required gear and walked in to the beginning of the Blue Gum Hill Spur Track. We started at the beginning of the Blue Gum Hill spur track where it meets the Grand Strzelecki Track. The track was overgrown with many trees down across it. The going was all uphill and steep. As a result our progress was slow, as Craig used the trimmer or chainsaw and the rest of us cleared the debris. Only two larger trees remain across this track.

These were too large to remove with the chainsaw we had. This photo only give you an indication of how steep it was.

As we approached the top it got windier. On the walk up we located an old fence line, and found the test plots put in many years ago. These areas still have the best tree growth on the hill.

Near the top there is large group of fallen trees, but we were able to make the track go around this obstruction.

We stopped at the top of Blue Gum for lunch. Over lunch we enjoyed the wonderful view. Definitely the best place around to have lunch. It was windy but dry. The forecast had promised rain, but we received none over the day.

After lunch we worked our way down the main Blue Gum Hill track clearing as we went down.

August Activity Sunday August 18

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

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School holiday sessions a laugh



There was lots of laughter in the Latrobe Regional Gallery during the recent school holidays with children participating in the gallery's holiday program for kids.

Latrobe City Council's arts director, Julie Adams, said that one of the current exhibitions on display, Laugh out Loud (LOL) provided the inspiration for participants.

"The children made their own models after they looked at the 'crowd' of clay figures by artist Jim Cooper. These figures proved to be very popular, particularly with the many families that have visited in recent weeks. The staff at the gallery have a suspicion that when the gallery closes and the lights are off, this wonderful crowd of characters comes alive and gets

up to no good!

Another favourite work in the exhibition, with adults and children alike, is the 'Hawaiian Sausages' by Gippsland artist Colin Suggett. It is very hard not to grin when you see sausages dancing on a barbecue! We are very lucky to have this work as part of the gallery's own collection," Ms Adams said.

"Whether your visit to LOL is on your own, with a friend or family member, whether it takes five minutes or an hour, it is sure to brighten your day," Ms Adams concluded.

LOL continues until September 15, and the gallery is open seven days a week with free entry.

Mathison Park



What a wonderful surprise we had on Saturday morning at the working bee last month.

First of all, the rest of the state seemed to have dreadful weather, but here in Churchill we had a warm, sunny morning without wind and rain.

Secondly, there were ten willing people who turned up to work. Welcome to Paul. He is a friendly newcomer to town, who came and joined in wholeheartedly.

Two teams were formed which achieved twice as much work.

Ken had picked up twenty-three new conifers which the first team planted. The second team were able to cut up and dispose of the fallen trees and branches which seem to be

continually falling after high winds and grub infestation.

With a start at 9am, morning tea at 10.30am was well received. Thanks to Faye and Chris for preparing the morning tea provisions and Faye for the delicious cake. It was good to have Faye back with us. We missed her happy smile and presence.

Thanks to everyone for a great job.

On Wednesday morning following, further tree planting occurred in the Tramway Road plantation, replacing diseased trees from our previous planting and adding to the collection. We had a turn-out of seven willing planters.

The next working bee will be held on Saturday August 18 at 9am.

Gippsland campus Open Day

Monash University Gippsland campus advises that its annual Open Day will take place on Sunday August 25, 10.00am - 4.00pm.

Traditionally the Gippsland campus Open Day was held

earlier in the year. This year, the anticipated approval of Federation University Australia provides the campus with an opportunity to explain changes planned for 2014 through the Open Day. All interested people are welcome to visit.

Open Day is the ideal opportunity to find out about the new university, new courses, work placement opportunities, pathway and transition programs, study options, and much more.

Details are being posted at monash.edu/gippsland/openday.



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Sea Otters



By Ruth Place

On a recent trip to the remote location of Kamchatka Peninsula in far east Russia, on a Heritage Expedition by ship and zodiac, I had the delight of seeing, though at a distance, some sea otters hauled out on the kelp.

Later in the voyage, one of the staff on board, Katja Ovsyanikova, gave a lecture about these special marine animals.

Katja spent two years of her undergraduate years on the Commander Islands in the Bering Sea, and lately on the Kuril Islands, studying sea otters.

Sea otters evolved two million years ago. They are related to river otters and other otter species, wolverines and martins.

Sea otter's back feet are webbed, they have a long body and their prey is marine invertebrates. When they dive their small ears and nose close. Their fur is the thickest fur among all mammals with 150,000 hairs per square centimetre. Most of their lives are spent in the water, swimming on their backs, but they do haul out to rest and give birth, but this is not necessary. Diving down to one hundred metres, they bring up their food on their chests to the surface. They have devised the use of tools to help them manage their food for example rocks to crush shellfish or to detach food from rocks.

Prey is mostly sea urchins, mussels, crabs and clams. Daily, they need to eat twenty percent of their body weight.

Pups stay with the female for five to six months until they are the same size as her. Kelp forests are of great importance to the sea otters. Usually they live a solitary existence, but can congregate in the kelp in groups for safety.

They do not maintain a stable social relationship.

Mating males can be quite aggressive, as they hold the female by the nose. Thus females carry scars of

these encounters, some even having their noses bitten off, which can lead to infection.

Females have one pup. They have very dense fur and therefore float on the top of the water. Females have two nipples to allow them to nurse for a long time. Eventually pups are weaned; some leave the mother, others cling. The mother can get tired of this and send them away.

In 1741, Georg Steller visited the area and discovered "a land of plenty" creating a fur frenzy hunting craze. The Russian American Company reduced the numbers of seals and sea otters, and by the beginning of the twentieth century, only 2000 sea otters remained world wide.

There are now 90,000 sea otters remaining, after two centuries of recovery. However, recent surveys show that populations at locations, especially the Aleutian and Kuril islands have decreased dramatically. It is considered that orcas may be responsible for Aleutian Islands decreases, but insufficient data has been collected to say the same about the Kuril Islands.

Their distribution is over a large isolated area, and therefore accurate counting is difficult. The Kuril Islands are 600 nautical miles in length and would take a long time to survey properly. Heritage Expeditions has teamed up with researchers like Katja, to help preserve the environment and facilitate research.

Funding is required, and previous funding sources have ceased.

Other threats to sea otters are pollution, disturbance, diseases, parasites indirect impact by changes to the eco system, human fishing, harvesting, and poaching.

Fortunately hunting is generally illegal world-wide. Hopefully through funded research and rescue efforts, these special creatures will regain their previous large numbers.

2013 SPRING SOIREE – A Collection of Art from Gippsland Artists

The Latrobe City Brass Band (Morwell) is busy organizing an ART SHOW.

Opening night will be 7.30pm on Friday August 30, 2013 with music from the Alan Clark Trio - a Jazz group, lots of great works to view and supper to enjoy. All in the comfort of the Town Common Pavilion Bandroom. The event will continue over the weekend – open on Saturday from 11am to 4pm and then on Sunday open from 11am with a concert at 1.30pm. This concert will feature Latrobe City Brass Band musicians and some junior entertainers. Entry on Friday night is \$10.00/\$7.00 concession and over the weekend \$2.00 or donation. So don't forget to put this date in your calendar.

The Band has just received a welcome gift – a donation of new music scores – thanks to Manzo Engraving for this generous donation. Come along to the Town Common Pavilion Bandroom on the corner of Chapel Street and Elgin Street Morwell from 7.30pm on Tuesday nights to hear this and other music being played, led by our excellent Music Director Alex Wilson.

Visitors are welcome to come along and listen or join in. Instruments, tuition and low cost membership available, all levels of experience welcome. Supporters membership is also available for \$10 per year.

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CDCA Professor David Battersby

By Margaret Guthrie
The Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of Ballarat, Professor David Battersby, will be the guest speaker at the next CDCA Community Forum and General Meeting.



Professor Battersby will be providing information about plans for the Churchill campus of the 'Expanded Regional University', or 'Federation University' as it will soon be formally titled.

This will be a great opportunity for local residents to learn about what will be on offer at the Churchill campus in 2014, transition plans as Monash exits and what the current University of Ballarat proposes to offer to Churchill and the Gippsland region.

An informal 'question and answer' session should prove a highlight of this forum. Our guest speaker presentations invariably provide a chance for discussion and commentary.

The Forum will be held at 7pm on Wednesday August 28 in the Board Room at Green Inc in McDonald Way. This is a comfortable venue and car-parking is available 'at the door'.

CDCA's Annual General Meeting will be held on this night. The presentation of our annual reports and the conduct of our 2013/14 committee elections will occur during the second half of the meeting.

A special report - 'Update on the Churchill Town Centre Plan' - will also form part of the night's proceedings. Good news is at hand, with an agreement signed between land-owners to allow the construction of the pedestrian concourse (between West Place and Hazelwood Village shopping centres) to commence.

All local residents are invited to attend our Forum and AGM on August 28. However, only CDCA members are eligible to vote or nominate for Committee. Annual subscriptions (\$2 for single membership) fall due at the AGM.

A light supper will be provided for attendees at the

half-way point of the meeting.

The new (2013/14) Committee will meet in September and elect office bearers from within its ranks (as per CDCA Rules). The CDCA Committee meets monthly and conducts quarterly General Meetings and Community Forums for local residents.

Committee meetings cover a range of topics and items of interest put forward by local residents or stakeholders. At our July meeting, the issue of graffiti was raised and a request for a letter of support for a funding application to resource graffiti removal was tabled. CDCA agreed to provide a letter of support for this funding application.

The draft East-West Link Plan has been released by Latrobe City Council for public comment. This was tabled at our July CDCA Committee meeting and the Committee will provide comment on the plan to Council. All local residents are encouraged to view this plan, which is available at the Service desk at the Churchill Community Hub or on-line at latrobe.vic.gov.au and participate in the public consultation process.

Local residents may contact CDCA at any time and raise items of concern or request relevant matters be addressed at our next meeting. CDCA deals with local matters affecting residents of Churchill and district. We are a non-political organisation and are not affiliated with any political party. We do, however, regularly invite both our local ward councillor and State Member of Parliament to our meetings in order to inform them of local concerns.

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

Churchill Lions

By Sam Gillett
Churchill Lions have had a busy time in these cold months.

Lions have been busy refurbishing Houses Fifteen and Sixteen in the Licola Lions Village; the focus on outfitting the two localities with disabled facilities.

A Bunnings Sausage Sizzle was held on July 28, 2013 with proceeds set for local projects and supporting local children and their school camp expenses.

Churchill Lionesses have taken their green

thumbs to the rose garden at Hazelwood House.

Both Lions and Lionesses provided prizes for the Churchill and District News Short Story Competition, held at the Churchill Uniting Church on August 1, 2013.

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

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



Gippsland Carers Association Carers Support Group

This is to advise that the next meeting of the Gippsland Carers Association Carers Support Group will take place on August 28, 2013 at Gippsland Disability Advocacy, 8 Hopetoun Ave, Morwell. People who care for a loved one with a disability are invited to attend, to share a cuppa and chat with others like themselves in a welcoming and non-judgemental environment.

This month will feature Myki Support

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Looking Back...

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Bill Welsh - Part 2



By Leo Billington

Last month, we left Bill's story as he was just drafted to HMAS Arunta. Prior to this, he enjoyed coming home to Yinnar every two weeks. That was his "leave ration" and he still remembers the long return trip from HMAS Cerberus (the Flinders Naval Depot) to home.

Bill describes HMAS Arunta as "a lively ship" during its service attached to the American 7th fleet in and around New Guinea and the Philippines. This time leave to return home was every three months.

Bill picks up his story recalling attacks from kamikaze fighters and seeing damage inflicted on the larger ships. "We were mainly bombarding areas captured and held by the Japanese from earlier in the war.

It was always a near miss - there were two killed on our ship - and I certainly thought about Yinnar a lot then," Bill recalls. "There was

only half an inch of steel between us and the bottom of the sea. We finished our service in Borneo subsequently returning to Sydney (for a refit at Cockatoo Dock) and then by troop train straight home to Yinnar.

My brother Alf had initially joined the Army before moving to the Air Force and was still in

training when the war finished. This period of leave was enjoyable, seeing family and friends and playing a bit of football for Yinnar."

Bill returned to Sydney but unfortunately broke his leg while running to catch a tram. After hospitalisation in Randwick Hospital, he returned to Melbourne (to Flinders Depot Hospital) in August 1945 and was assigned to naval clerical work at HMAS Cerberus. Eventually, he joined HMAS Bataan as a gunner enjoying visitations to Australia's eastern ports. HMAS Bataan was a newly commissioned vessel doing demonstrations for visitors (who had purchased 100 pound war savings certificates) keen to witness its new innovative technology.

At 21, Bill received his notice of discharge and returned home to Yinnar. It was 1945 and home beckoned.

"I was always a country boy," Bill remarks and "home I came and returned to the State Electricity Commission at Yallourn doing clerical duties for 12 months. I resigned to enter a business partnership with my brother Alwyn running the Yinnar Hardware store, and we stayed there for 37 years.

I didn't want to hang around those cities. I was football mad and, together with Maurie Selwyn, re-started the Yinnar Football Club which had disbanded during the war years. Alwyn was a barber so our small business catered for customers in more ways than one. Every one of those 37 years was most enjoyable; you couldn't wish for a better area in which to live and serve.

In the meantime, I married and that tied me down a fair bit. Jean (Perkins) was from Morwell Bridge and attended Morwell Bridge State School followed by Yallourn High School. We first met at a dance in Yinnar and married in 1951 in Morwell's St Mary's Anglican Church. After living in Hoyle Street, Morwell for four years, we moved to Yinnar to a new house which is our home today."

In business, according to Bill, "we had very few bad debts coming from the close knit dairy farming community surrounding Yinnar. Customer service was paramount; we wanted customers to come back to us.

I remember the Yinnar Butter Factory (later owned by Nestle) being built - the owners were Stephenson, Morley and Keat - and it gave a huge boost to our local economy. At its peak, 45 people worked there when Nestle operated it."

Meanwhile, the lure of football was beginning to make its indelible impression on Bill. He had played for Yinnar - he started when 14 years old - before the war years and on his return, with others, instigated a massive revival in the club. As recorded in the Yinnar Centenary History 1894 - 1974, "a star in the making was Bill Welsh." That was in 1940 and Bill was on a boat around the islands surrounding New Guinea.

(The Yinnar Football Club closed down following the 1940 season. Bill played in 1939 and 1940 before his war service.)

Now back home and busy establishing a business, Ted Baker, the local baker had a quiet word with Bill - "have a go down Melbourne with Collingwood." A seed was successfully sown.





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Bill Welsh - Part 2

At this point, your scribe's bias is unabashed, Bill Welsh was about to join a magnificent football club.

Ted Baker played 43 games for Collingwood between 1922 and 1932 and his brother, Reginald Baker, who was a baker at one time in Morwell, played 60 games between 1922 and 1928. Ted encouraged Bill and so began a new chapter in his life. Actually, over a period of years, Bill had invitations to try for Carlton, Fitzroy, Hawthorn and Essendon (where he trained only once). But Bill soon saw the light.

(A photograph of the Collingwood team is proudly placed on the table – showing Bill with his team mates ready for their game against Fitzroy in the second round in April 1950.)

"I would leave work each Saturday at 11.00 am, drive to Victoria Park or wherever we were playing. I'd return home later the same night. The agreement was that I was allowed to train twice weekly at Yinnar. Under the Coulter Law, I was paid three pounds each game - which I saved – win or lose."

(Introduced in 1930, the Coulter Law set a maximum wage for VFL players and prohibited the payment of signing on fees and other bonuses. In reality it was a set of Victorian Football League (VFL) recruiting and payment rules that operated from 1930 to 1970.)

Bill's first game was against Fitzroy in 1950, second round, and Collingwood won, 16.11 to 9.11. Phonse Kyne (245 games with Collingwood) was coach (1950 – 1963 inclusive). Gordon Hocking was captain, and according to football historian, Brian Hansen (The Magpies; The Official Centenary History of the Collingwood Football Club) "their first home game netted a satisfying win over Fitzroy, having the game under control from start to finish."

In that game, Bill played with other new players which included Collingwood luminaries such as Frank Tuck, Ron Kingston, Thorold Merrett. Bill's prized photograph shows other champions – Bob Rose ("he was a great friend"), Neil Mann, Lou Richards, Bill Twomey, Jack Hamilton, and Len Fitzgerald.

Unfortunately, business and burgeoning community commitments placed a massive pressure on Bill's weekly regime – training twice weekly at Yinnar and then that journey to Victoria Park or wherever – and he gave it away after eight games.

History may record Bill had to farewell his highly coveted ambition to play league football although he did barrack for Carlton as a kid. His "liking for Carlton took a dive" during his second game played against Carlton.

Bill's handsome facial features "met" Carlton's Vice – Captain Ken's hands and the stars twinkled awhile. And, Carlton's win by 11 points didn't ease the soreness either. But it's marvellous what a week's rest does and Bill returned for his third game against Hawthorn, which Collingwood won.

Yet it's equally important to spend time recalling Bill's football record as a player and coach.

On his return from war, Bill coached Yinnar in 1946 before transferring to Morwell where he played for four years – 1947, 1948, 1949 and in 1950 after being cleared from Collingwood.

Morwell won the premierships that year so Bill was on a real high. In 1951, he joined Morwell as Captain – Coach. From there he went to Traralgon as Captain - Coach for three years – 1952 to 1954. In 1955 he returned to Yinnar as a player for four years. Over that decade, he also managed to coach the Mid-Gippsland football team for three years running. In 1956, he was also club President at Yinnar. Bill's dedication to his beloved sport was capped with life membership of the Mid-Gippsland Football League.

In the History of Yinnar and District 1874 – 1974, it is written "...he (Bill) has always been keenly interested in the welfare of the Yinnar club and finished his football there in 1958. With his brother Alwyn, who is also a life member, he has rendered great service to the Magpies."

Last month I wrote that once Bill returned from wartime service, he quickly took every opportunity to serve his community through volunteer work across more than 10 organisations. In fact that list exceeds 10.

In addition to football, Bill has played cricket, tennis and bowls. It is reported Bill was a handy batsman for the Yinnar Cricket Club (a Past President as well) and both he and Jean played tennis for a while, albeit it was a challenge for the Yinnar Tennis Club as there was only one court with rather a poor surface. He was a championship winner in bowls and is a Past President of the Yinnar Bowling Club. He is a Past President and a championship winner of the Boolarra Bowling Club as well.

In 1946, he joined the Yinnar RSL, was President in 1950 – 51 and was awarded a life membership in 1996. Bill also joined Morwell Masonic Lodge No. 202 in 1946, and later transferred to the newly formed Yinnar Masonic Lodge No. 660, of which Bill still remains an active member (65 years continuous membership). In October 1957, Bill became foundation President of the Yinnar Recreation Reserve, which was officially opened on October 3, 1958.

He remembers the opening as a grand occasion representing a massive volunteer effort from local people. "It was a marvellous achievement of what can be accomplished with mostly volunteer work. We didn't receive any government grants like what is available nowadays; money was raised from a variety of local efforts. Local farmers for instance made a generous contribution with their machinery. Our new facility was opened by the Victorian Governor, Sir Dallas Brooks and Lady Brooks who also planted a commemorative tree. A half –



day town holiday was proclaimed and a large crowd thoroughly enjoyed themselves."

For 10 years between 1964 and 1974, he was Yinnar's government nominated Commissioner on the Morwell Waterworks Trust and was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1964, retiring at 80.

And the list continues; Bill played a key role in the Yinnar Ratepayers Association up to 1958, with the local scout group particularly in helping secure and transport the current scout hall from Jeeralang to its present site. He was also President of the Yinnar Centenary Committee (Jean was Secretary of the catering committee) leading up to the Labour Day celebrations in March 1974.

Recalling the Centenary Committee, Bill points out with much pride, "it was a big job. The organising committee started 18 months earlier on and there were 15 sub-committees. Everyone pulled together, their teamwork culminating in a highly successful occasion with people coming from everywhere."

Jean and Bill have two children, Peter and Kerrie. Kerrie embarked on a teaching career and Peter (now deceased) excelled in football. He played with Yinnar and was a member of their 1970 and 1971 premierships senior team before playing at VFL level with Hawthorn (where he was a member of the Hawthorn seconds 1972 premierships team) and then Richmond. Peter was accorded life membership at Richmond in 2002 and he was one of nine best on field in Richmond's 1980 premierships winning team. Ironically, on that Saturday, Richmond triumphed over Collingwood by a large winning margin of 81 points.

These days, Bill leads a quiet life relishing every opportunity to watch Collingwood win. There doesn't appear to be much sentiment shown towards Carlton, which I think is alright.

Yet, when asked about his life's endeavours, it's immediately obvious he was forever vigilant looking to advance Yinnar. "Volunteerism is around us all the time," he says. "Yinnar would not be where it is without volunteers; they are worth their weight in gold."

Yinnar's future is as a residential place, managing to escape the irrational pace and impersonal side of larger suburban communities. Its rural atmosphere with an ingrained friendly, neighbourly disposition so eagerly sought by many who can only wish for something similar, makes other communities rather jealous."

As I farewelled Jean and Bill, a Collingwood game was being televised. They were winning but they weren't playing Richmond or Carlton. One last glimpse of Bill's 1950 team photograph showed a strong determined man about to enjoy a huge experience. Yinnar was to become the main beneficiary in the longer term.

Thanks Jean and Bill. C'arn Pies.



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DIONA CHU - INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

My name is Diona, president of International Students' Association (ISA) Monash University Gippsland Student Union. On behalf of current Monash members and the Churchill residents, I would like to welcome all international students who recently joined us at our community.

An independent Student Union has been serving the Gippsland campus for over 40 years

This semester, we are lucky to have over 20 new students coming from various countries of the world. Being part of an association which dedicates to the welfare and support for international students at Monash, we commit to enrich their experiences through a myriad of engagement activities and cultural events, and provide them with a "home away from home".

In order for our students to appreciate the diversity of different cultures, as well as to embrace community life in Churchill, both on and off campus, I encourage members of the community to include international students in your events, join us at our annual Culture Night, and organise functions in conjunction with ISA.

Should you have any ideas or suggestions on activities that you would like our International Students to be involved in, please share with us at mugsu.isa@monash.edu. We hope to hear from you soon.



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Hazelwood House Happenings



Elva Broadbent celebrated her 80th birthday at Hazelwood House with a birthday cake and family, staff and residents wished her a happy birthday. Elva spent her day with family, going to a show and having lunch out. Elva spent the afternoon at the hostel and then went out for tea. A very busy lady indeed!



Residents visited the Alpaca farm at Nickleby's in Darnum. The owner gave a lengthy talk about the alpacas and told us all their names. Afterwards we had a lovely afternoon tea and had the chance to purchase some alpaca wood products.



Residents took part in an in house carpet bowls league for 2013. Our winners were presented with certificates, ribbons and a trophy. 1st place was Josie Smith (3rd from left), 2nd place was Georgie McGlade (middle) and 2nd place was Elva Broadbent (left). It is now game on for the next competition!



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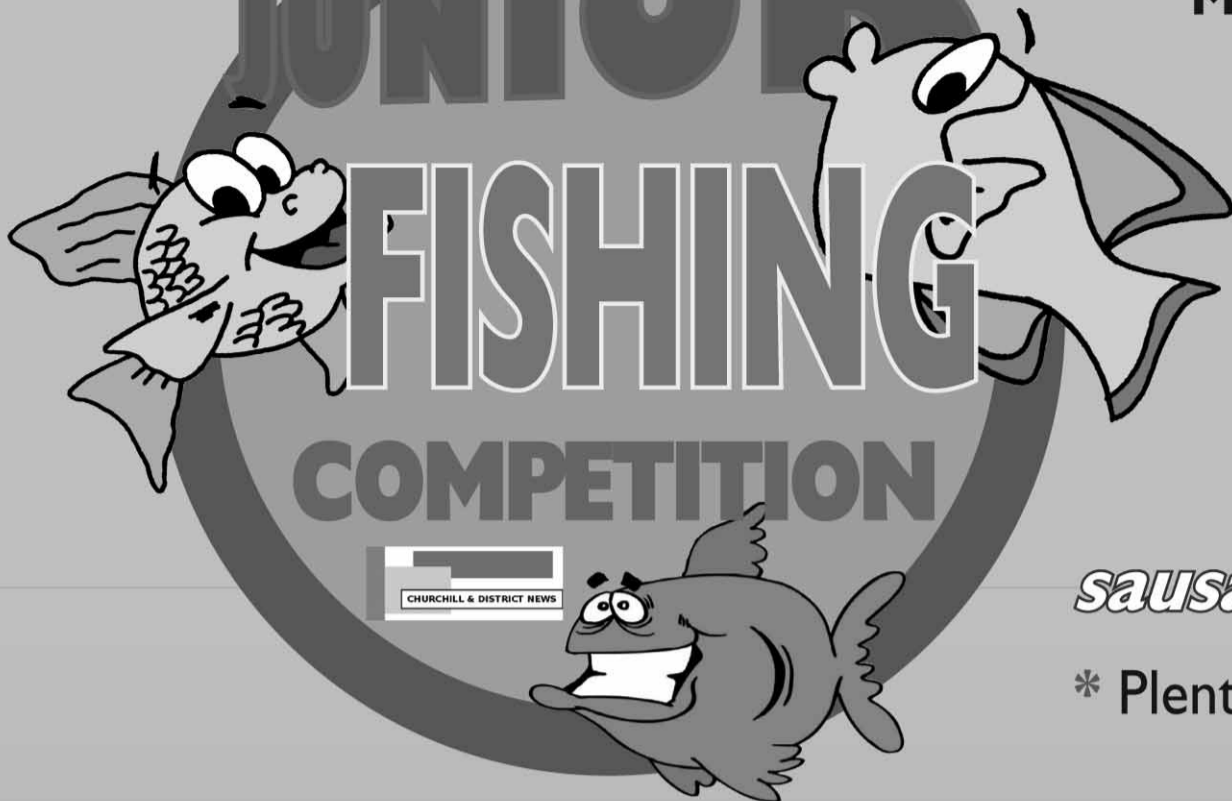
The group has toured in New Zealand and Central Australia and this year is getting ready to tour Regional Victoria. Five CDs have been produced with the most recent recording 'Sing Anyway' launched in September 2012.

September 2013 will see the choir sing in the Dandenong Ranges, LATROBE VALLEY, Bairnsdale, Yackandandah, Albury, Wodonga, Beechworth, Maryborough, Castlemaine, Bendigo and more.

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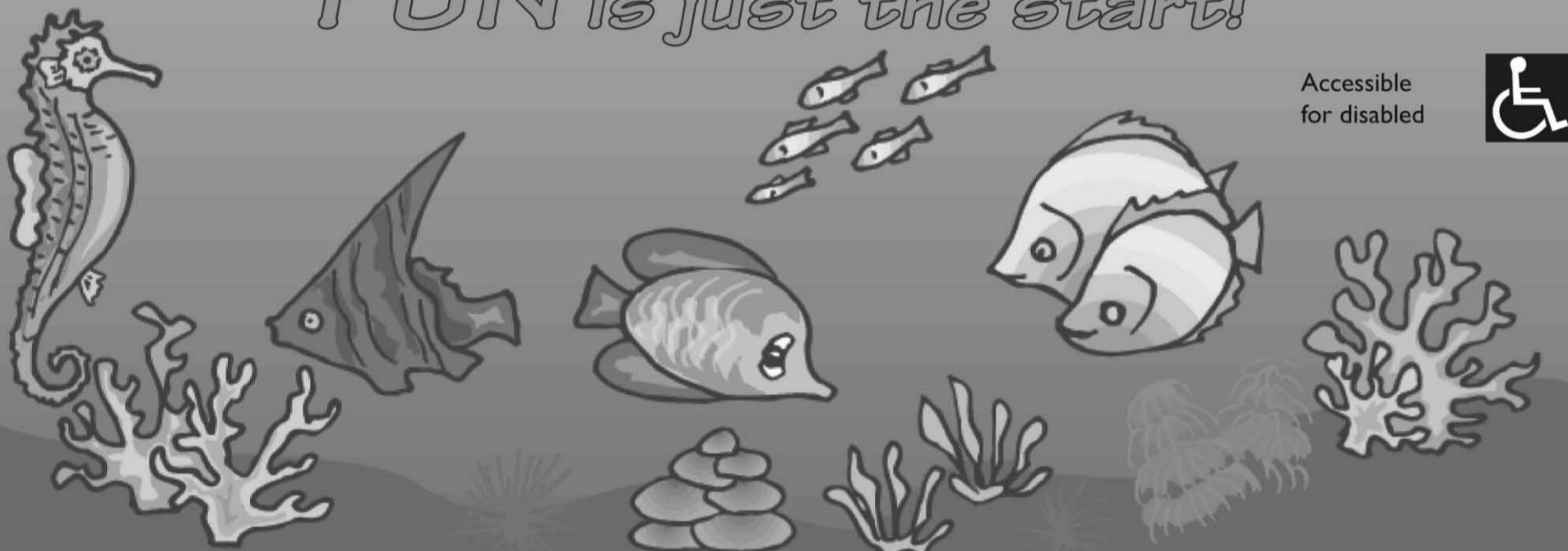
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Churchill Primary School

July had only half the amount of days at school, but we packed some great happenings into the 15 days.

Thank you to parents who have enrolled their children for next year.

We look forward to a great partnership. Please do not hesitate to phone for a tour of, or information about, Churchill Primary School. Ph 5122 1343.

Churchill Primary School participates in The State School Spectacular!

Thursday morning we had to get up at 6:00 and be at school by 7:00. We packed all our things into Derek's car and got into the bus.

At about 7:50 we left, Mrs. Gilmore drove us to Melbourne. At first everyone was quiet but then the bus turned into a party, everyone was loud and practising for State School Spectacular.

When we arrived in Melbourne we had to go straight to Hisense Arena for rehearsals.

Well, some of us had been there before but there was no other way to explain it than absolutely SPECTACULAR!! The lights, music, singers and dancers - everyone was over the moon.

We had a conductor in front of us. Her name was Penny and she was really good. She told us when to sing and dance.

It was so cool, Miss Woodman's sister's boyfriend (Rob) was working in the lighting and Miss Woodman was texting him and he kept putting different colour spotlights on us.

Some of the performances were circus acts, cheerleading, skipping and ribbon gymnastics. Dakota, Alysha, Shannon, Eliza, Hayley and I were inspired by the cheerleading so we tried out some of the things that they did. We did it pretty well, but not as good as them.

Finally the rehearsals finished so we walked back to the bus and Mrs. Gilmore drove us to Urban Central Hotel which was where we were staying.

We unpacked our things and got ready for dinner. We went to a restaurant close by and had a lovely meal, either fish and chips, nachos, or a burger and chips.

After dinner, we headed back to our accommodation and because we were so tired, we slept well!

Friday morning saw us at the Arena at 9.30am. We had to listen, sing and practice our songs and dance moves all day.

Poor Derek had to pick up our lovely Subway lunch, but chose to walk to get it and boy was it heavy to carry back all by himself - especially as it was 20 minutes away from the Arena!

It was a long day that ended up with us ordering pizza for dinner as we were too exhausted to go out again! Again we slept well - all excited about our two performances the next day.

Saturday came quickly and we were

very nervous about getting it all right for the concerts. We had worked really hard to make the Spectacular event the best it could be.

We looked good in our spectacular t-shirts and our nerves were in check!

The first performance was at 11.00am and Mrs Dyson and lots of our parents and families came to see us perform.

It was a scary thing to do but it went really well and we all had the best time! Mrs Dyson said we looked great in the mass choir and that made us feel like we could even do better in the second show!

The Choir was really awesome - our singing was great to hear, but the main dancers and singers were incredible and it was wonderful to see such amazing talent.

Our second show started at 5.00pm but we had to be inside the Arena and seated ready to start by 4.00pm - such a long time to wait!

The last show was fantastic, even better than the first. We are looking forward to seeing it on TV on Sunday October 20 at 2pm. We hope we get to see ourselves on telly!

It was tricky getting out to our bus as we had to pass through 10,000 people who had come to see us perform.

We were really hungry so Mrs Gilmore stopped for us at McDonalds so we could eat. Our parents were waiting at school for us when we arrived back at 12.15am, very late but what a great experience!

We hope we can do the State School Spectacular every year and we must thank Jacki Comber, Miss Woodman and Mrs Gilmore for organising and taking us to this event.

By Hannah Dal Pozzo - CPS School Captain
Gippsland Regional Football Finals:

The boys' team travelled to Maffra to play in the Gippsland finals. They played 4 games and were able to be competitive in all of their games.

They played against Bairnsdale, Leongatha and Sale, but those teams were too strong for our boys. They won a hard fought game against Warragul North.

This makes our team 4th in the whole of Gippsland. Parents helped to transport the boys and helped out on the day and we thank them very much.

Our grade 5 /6 teacher, Brandon Mahoney was a terrific coach for the team and is very pleased with how good they made him look.

All of us at Churchill Primary School are extremely proud of the boys' efforts both on and off the field. We congratulate the boys, and Mr Mahoney, for making it to this level.

Richard Galbraith Visit

Cartoonist, Richard Galbraith, visited the school this month.

He ran 4 one hour sessions for the day and all the teachers and students were enthralled by his ability to draw amazing cartoons.

He managed to get everyone drawing and producing some very passable cartoons as well. This skill has been followed up in the art room with great success. He was impressed by the students' efforts before his visit, and we are really impressed by the quality of the art work, now that he has been.

He teaches a technique using step by step instructions, starting with a basic shape such as a square. He adds expressions in the eyes and mouth to show feelings and then adds arms, legs and shadows.

He created stories as he drew the pictures. He engaged the students in literacy and art, through questioning, and the enthusiasm has carried over into the other areas of the curriculum.

His books lend themselves to retell and feature Australian animals.

To promote our School Wide Positive Behaviour Messages, Richard drew a bee on our wall and signed it.

Richard came back the next week to sign books.

He generously gave 2 sets of his books to the school and we are sure these will be favourite books in the library.
Staff Professional Learning

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Team attended a training day with Ms Louise O'Kelly at Regional Office on July 16.

We are 4 years into the SW- PBS journey now and it is always good to learn more about what we can do to make our school a better place to be.

Even though we have put strategies in place, we always need to be learning new ways to promote positive behaviours.

Living up to our values, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be



Understanding and Be Your Best is a challenge we set for all of our school community.

As a follow up to James Nottingham's visit in Term 2, our teachers had a half day with teachers at their grade levels from the 6 other cluster schools.

George Telford from Yinnar Primary School facilitated these sessions, which the teachers found very helpful.

The discussions were productive and the



sharing of ideas for challenging our students to strive for excellence was really positive.

Our teachers also met with the 6 cluster schools when they attended an after school Professional Learning session at the University facilitated by Narissa Albon.

This was based on the new AusVELS curriculum and the General Capabilities in Creativity and Design.

We welcomed back Mrs. Gilmore, who had a week of leave after the holidays. She was able to visit her son in England.



Boolarra Primary School

Learning Chinese (Mandarin)

This semester classes in Chinese (Mandarin) will be conducted with our P/1/2 students. We are grateful to Kurnai College for releasing our instructor, York to lead these sessions. York will be focussing on teaching basic social interactions, counting, colours and using songs and chants to develop our young students' skills.

The grade P1/2s are already demonstrating a good capacity to greet and farewell in Mandarin. This is an exciting opportunity as research shows that learning another language opens up thinking pathways that enhance all other learning. It also consolidates our understanding of our own language.

Parent Teacher Interviews

These important meetings were well attended during the first week of this term. This is pleasing as it is imperative that we keep the channels of communication between the school and home open, so we work in partnership to achieve the best possible outcomes for our children.

Special Assembly

Each grade recently performed a song about animals at a very special assembly attended by lots of our parents and other family members. Ms Heather James worked with the students to rehearse the songs which all sounded wonderful.

Adults versus Students School Tennis Game

Despite being badly outnumbered, the adults' team were able to stay in long enough for every student to have at least one attempt to return the ball. However the weight of numbers and the talent of the students proved too much and they were victorious.

Clearly Mr Andrew Peavey's lessons have developed everyone's tennis skills. A game of tennis involving 76 students would not work without the excellent behaviour and attitude shown by our students

Girls' Aussie Rules Football

The team comprising senior girls from both our school and Yinnar Primary School has made it into the State finals. These are set for August 19 in Ivanhoe when our team will play a series of three matches against teams from all over Victoria. This will be an excellent experience.

Training is regularly occurring to ensure that our girls are well prepared for this challenge.

Bike Ed Program

Some of the roads around Boolarra are narrow with log and dairy trucks regularly passing through our town. On this basis it is imperative that our students are equipped to enjoy the health benefits of cycling without coming to harm.

Our intensive bicycle education program will commence later this term. We work hard with our students to ensure that their bikes and helmets are safe, that they have a strong understanding of the road rules and to ensure that safe cycling habits are embedded.

Fundraising

As our parents raised the required money, work will soon commence on the new Cubbyhouse that the Junior School Council requested.

Breakfast at School

Our Junior School Council is currently surveying the students to see if they would eat wholemeal toast as it is a healthier option.

Visiting Show

Our students were brimming over with enthusiasm following our most recent visiting show which had a "Crazy Science" theme.

Murder Most Fowl

The main roles have been cast for our whole school production and our students are busily learning their lines, some of which are very complex!

During Art classes props and scenery are being created. Costumes are currently being sourced and sorted using any bits and pieces we can glean! We will be staging two performances in the Boolarra Memorial Hall.

There will be a matinee on Wednesday September 18 from 1:00 pm and an evening performance on Thursday September 19 from 7:00 pm.

No tickets will be sold at the door; they must be purchased in advance from the school.

Tickets cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for children / concession card holders, and can be arranged by telephoning the school on 5169 6471.



Yinnar Primary School

Trip to Melbourne

During the first week of term all children from grades 3 to 6 went on an excursion to Melbourne. Everyone had a great time at the museum but our main reason for going was to see an IMAX film that dealt with Natural Disasters. All the children in our upper classes are involved in project work on Natural Disasters this term, and the film was a perfect way to introduce the topic and provide a real stimulus for our children to become involved in some great learning.

Naidoc Day

We had a wonderful day learning about and celebrating aboriginal culture on Wednesday July 24. Nick Johnson started the day with a Welcome to Country and then the Dedlee Kulya dancers from Kurnai College put on a wonderful display of authentic dancing for us. After that all of our children had the chance to learn dances for themselves, listen to and help create a dreamtime story, play some indigenous games and do some art work on jumping frogs. It was a wonderful day and it was completed with a yummy BBQ lunch, cooked for us by Ruby's dad, Laurie. But this was a BBQ with a difference- after we had all enjoyed sausages Laurie also prepared some kangaroo, emu and crocodile. We'd like to thank all of the indigenous people who came along to help, with particular thanks to our Koori educators, Anne-Maree and Rex. Thanks for providing our children such a wonderful day of learning- and what can be more important than the history and heritage of our country?

Science Show

The following day the good times just kept rolling as we were all enthralled by the Science Show. We saw snow being made, we saw the biggest bubbles that any of us had ever seen, we saw what it is to be hypnotised, we now understand why a baby stays drier than what we might think in a nappy, and there were many other highlights to this show. It was fabulous!! It's the sort of show that all children (and adults!!) should see

and we highly recommend it to any other school that might be thinking that a science show could be a good idea.

Table Tennis Competition

During Term 2 the Yinnar Primary School Junior School Council held a table tennis competition.

The games were played at lunchtimes. There were two sections in the competition, a junior and a senior section.

All games were played in good spirit, with many students playing table tennis for the first time.

The Junior Champion was Oliver Mc Coll.

The Senior Champion was Hayley Sheers.

School Disco

Yinnar Primary School students danced the night away at their end of term disco. The disco was held at the Yinnar Recreation Reserve. The theme was 'Pyjama Party'. The JSC organised the disco and the music was provided by DJ, Ashley Scott. The students wore many different styles of pyjamas and bedtime hair. There were fun prizes for best dancers and best dressed.



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Churchill North Primary School

Awesome Concert Band

In the Music Band there are two groups, one of them is the original group and the other is the new group. The new group is starting to read music notes so they can play music, Ethan is new to the trumpet and Gabrielle is new to the trombone. The original group is learning new songs for our end of year concert. Some students have been learning an instrument for more than one year, our youngest student is in grade 1 and our oldest is in grade 4. Sometimes the groups combine together for a Jam Session, which is awesome fun!

By William and Ethan

Lifesaving lesson put into action by Churchill North Grade 4 student

Grade 4 student, Shania, was presented with a Life Saving Victoria Certificate of Commendation at her school assembly by Churchill North Primary School on Monday July 29, for being an 'Everyday Lifesaver'.

Shania demonstrated bravery through her quick actions to get help for her friend Madeline, who fell from a bridge and was knocked unconscious while the girls were walking home from school last month. Remembering LSV's Resuscitate a Mate session, which her class had participated in on Tuesday May 28, Shania applied her newly acquired skills to check for dangers and try for a response. When Madeline didn't respond, Shania ran for help and her friend was taken to the Royal Children's Hospital with a fractured skull. Fortunately, Madeline has made a strong recovery; she has since returned to school and was at the assembly to see Shania recognised for her brave actions.

School Principal Debbie Edward said that without Shania's quick thinking the outcome of Madeline's accident could have been much worse. LSV Community Education Services Coordinator, Melissa Laird, said that Shania's actions been instrumental in the chain of survival, demonstrating that everyone has the potential to become an 'Everyday Lifesaver.'

"Shania has shown maturity beyond her years," she said.

"Her quick thinking to apply the skills she had learnt and seek help for her friend, really shows the value of educating children in the emergency response sequence (DRSABCD) at an early age; they are important skills that can help in an emergency." The Resuscitate a Mate program equips students with the knowledge to be able to save a life, which has proven to be an invaluable skill for all ages.

For more information about the Resuscitate a Mate program, please visit: <http://www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au/www/html/1694-resuscitate-a-mate.asp?intSiteID=1>

SEDA Sport Excitement at CNPS

Again this year we are lucky enough to have Will Flanagan, who is studying at Sports Education Development Australia. Will is here to help at our school every Tuesday with improving their skills in a variety of sports, including football, soccer, basketball and general fitness. Will works closely alongside our sport teacher and coordinator, Mrs Nicole Bond.

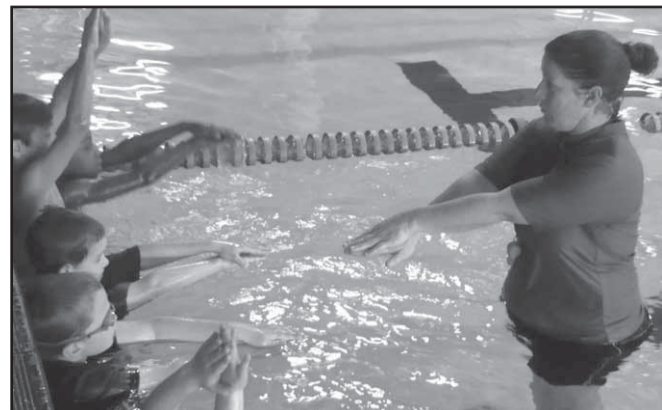
It's great to have such a good role model for the students to be able to relate to. There is always great excitement when Will arrives on the school grounds. Will even spends his lunch time kicking the football or having a game of basketball with some

of the students.

2/3M Swimming

Kids in grade 2/3M have been swimming at the Leisure Centre. Some of us have learnt how to swim. Before we started some of us could not swim, now most of us have learnt how to swim. For some of us it was not as simple as it was for others to learn how to swim. Some of us are still learning and are in training and most of us still learning the rules at the pool, such as no running or diving into the water.

The skills we have learnt are: floating on our backs without a kick board, diving to the bottom of the pool to collect objects, how to swim under water and torpedos. By Brandon, Krista and Ethan 2/3M



Hazelwood North Primary School

Girls Soccer Regionals

Last Thursday the Hazelwood North girls' soccer team went to Sale to represent the Latrobe Valley Region in the school soccer regionals. We had very tough competition playing against people from Wonthaggi, Bairnsdale and Maffra.

The first game we played was against Wonthaggi North. They were tough competition, but we ended up beating them 3-0 with a great first game to give us a boost of confidence for our next 2 games.

After a short break we had our second game against Maffra. They were a good team but we ended up winning against them 1-0, another good win! We had a rest to get ready for our last and most important game against Bairnsdale.

We needed to score against them to go through to the next round and go to Melbourne. It was a very intense game and there were no goals scored before half time. We had a 3 minute break at half time and then back on the field. Bairnsdale got a corner and a goal was scored and then we had no chance of winning, but we still did a good job. The final score was 1-0.

After the final game we had a presentation! We came over all 2nd and got a medal. We are all very impressed with our efforts and are happy about where we came.

By Chloe



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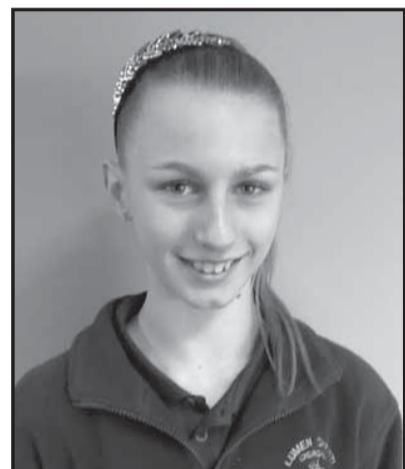
Lumen Christi Primary School

Semester Two School Captains

At the beginning of term three, our Grade 6 students again presented Leadership speeches in order to secure the coveted roles of either School or Vice-Captain for Semester 2. Both staff and the students were very impressed with their speech content, their sincerity towards all the expectations that the role will bring and their willingness to work hard for the general school student body. Our outgoing leaders, Patrick Ryan, Chelsey Van Rossum and Chloe Answerth have thoroughly enjoyed their experience in Leadership and they welcomed the opportunity to proudly represent Lumen Christi at various public functions as well.

Class Assembly

Our school has welcomed the return of



weekly class assemblies and Grade 5/6W presented a humorous poem by Pam Ayres titled "Building Sites Bite", as we are currently having our senior classrooms (MacKillop Block) refurbished. Then the Environmental Team presented a powerful PowerPoint on the effect rubbish has on our sea life. They reinforced our responsibility in keeping our environment free of waste and how so much of discarded rubbish reaches our waterways and has a dire effect on the sea life. They finished up with a dramatization of the song "Two Little Boys".

Vicspell

Students in both senior classes have been working hard on practising for the school VICSPELL Final. This is an oral spelling bee using previously unsighted words drawn from language suitable for each year level, commencing at Year 5.

Students have 60 seconds to complete the spelling of a word. The competition is conducted in rounds with a speller being given one word per round. Once spellers begin spelling, each letter they say, including stumbles, is then committed to the spelling word and cannot be changed. Upon correct spelling of the word, the student progresses to the next round of the competition. Spellers are eliminated from the competition once they spell a word incorrectly. However, should all students incorrectly spell their words in a single round, that round will recommence.



Lumen Christi has been involved with this program for many years and is proud to provide a challenging avenue for those students who excel in their spelling accuracy. Our school finals were held on Monday, July 29, and the next stage was the Latrobe Valley Regional Final held at Lowanna College on Monday, August 5.

National Classical Dancing

On July 19 and 20, Year 6 student, Skye Trotter-Wilson, took part in the Australasian Classical Dance Scholarships held in Brisbane. To qualify for this she had to place first, second or third in the A.T.O.D State Scholarships. But to be eligible for the States she had to have completed three of the exams set by the A.T.O.D (Australian Teachers of Dancing) and achieved the highest mark possible.

On Friday July 19, Skye had to complete a class at Mad House Studios in front of three examiners. Then on Saturday July 20, she had to complete a minute and a half of a classical routine in front of those three examiners again. While she didn't place in the top three she was proud of her efforts and so is Lumen Christi. Congratulations Skye.

Where Did You Get That Hat?

As the old music hall song goes:

Where did you get that hat?

Where did you get that hat?

Isn't it a nobby one?

And just the proper style?

More to the point, why are these students not wearing the school hat? No need to panic, it is all in a good cause. Like all students at

Lumen Christi the students from Gr 5/6w are preparing for the school concert and that involves dancing, singing and the best part.... dressing up and being someone else for a short period of time.

The school concert is on Thursday August 29. For more information contact the school on 5122 2231 and be on the lookout for advertising posters around the town.

Senior Science

This semester the senior classes have been regularly gathering to complete a series of chemistry lessons. The school is using these lessons as part of our focussed efforts to provide an excellent transition to secondary school program.

Students have been investigating and growing bacteria in their rooms, and as a result we are sure not many of them will have fond memories of chicken stock. As part of this task we have also been looking at the properties and uses of vinegar and salt.

The students also made a connection to nursery rhyme characters Jack and Jill, who were onto something when they mended poor Jack's head with 'vinegar and brown paper'!

Prep/One Mathematicians

Our Prep/One's have done some clever work in maths. The students were given the task of showing 'half' in as many different ways as they could think of. Congratulations to all these fantastic workers - The Junior Numeracy teachers were thrilled with the outstanding work all the students are consistently producing.

Keep it up everybody!



Churchill Preschools

By Sam Gillett

Glendonald Park and Churchill Hub preschools have both introduced fifteen new guests each. On Monday July 29, chicken eggs were introduced to both preschools and the children are able to watch them hatch.

Churchill Hub already have six hatched chicks and are waiting on their remaining nine to break from their eggs and say 'hello'. Glendonald Park has passed the halfway mark as they have eight hatched and are only waiting on seven. Once the chicks are older, families will be able to take them home.

The Preschools have adopted three breeds of chick; Australorps, Light Sussex and Lohmons.

Through this program, pre-schoolers have learnt about the life cycle of a chicken and have been doing artwork to match.

Churchill Hub preschool has also looked at volcanoes. Using food dye, vinegar and bi-carbonate soda they erupted big, colourful volcanoes in their sandpit.

All children are really settled coming into the third term.



Kurnai College

Chinese delegations.

Over the first two weeks of term 3, Kurnai College has been host to two delegations of students and staff from China.

During the first week, students from the Jiyun Experimental School spent the week attending Kurnai College Precinct senior and Churchill junior campuses to gain experience in Australian schools. Jiyun Experimental School is to the Southwest of Shanghai.

The visitors also visited local sights, including Woodside beach, a dairy farm in Yarram, a tour through the Strzelecki ranges and visiting a local cattle farm. They also went to the Morwell ten-pin bowling and toured the local Monash University.

Whilst the delegation was attending Kurnai College, the visiting students and staff stayed with local families. This provides an excellent experience for the visitors in becoming aware of the lifestyles of Australian families – the food we eat, how we travel about, the way our children entertain themselves, and what our home life is like. This is also a fantastic experience for the host families and the students, as they are able to experience firsthand another culture, to help them to be at ease and become familiar with our lifestyles.

The Presentation Evening from the students of both schools was a big hit for all attending. Churchill students from our music department provided entertainment by singing and the Chinese students sang and danced, and demonstrated Chinese Calligraphy. The Principal of Jiyun Experimental School entertained with two excellent solo songs whilst playing the guitar, and the evening concluded with Mr Rodaughan,

Principal at Kurnai College, leading a song of farewell.

The Chinese students attended classes at the Churchill junior campus participating in language classes, hands-on mathematics, PE and art classes.

During the second week of term, a Chinese delegation visited from Chouzhou Middle School. Chouzhou Middle School is in a town to the west of Shanghai. Again the students from this school have attended both the Precinct senior and Churchill junior campuses to participate in similar activities as the students in the first delegation.

Both delegations will leave Australia with a positive impression of Churchill, Kurnai College and Australia.

Year 8 Enterprise Project.

Once again, the Year 8 cohort has been developing their business skills. They have participated in classes learning about budgeting, organising a business, profits and losses, and making choices. The students then, working in groups, have decided on a product that they thought could sell to the Campus community, organised the purchase or production of the product, the advertising of the product and finally selling of the product on 'Market Day'.

This year there has been an assortment of stalls selling products such as; film and popcorn, cupcakes, chocolate crackles, apple bobbing, Bar-B-Q sausages, accurate football kicking, fingernail painting, and throwing water-balloons at teachers in stocks.

The Year 8 cohort has been extremely enthusiastic regarding the project and supportive of all the participants. This year the project has run over Thursday and Friday of



weeks 2 and 3 of the term. All of the participants, students and staff need to be congratulated on their efforts.

Year 7 News

Year 7 students have settled in well into Term 3 and continued to maintain their strong focus on learning across all their subjects which is incredibly pleasing. In English, students have continued their reading of the novel "Once" by Morris Gleitzman, a great story told by a young Jewish boy in the early stages of World War Two. Students incorporate the

context of the novel into their writing, spelling and grammar lesson each week. In mathematics, students continue their work on fractions, and in science students have started a new area of study – physics. As part of their introduction to physics, students are learning about forces and how they influence motion of objects.

Learn to Learn

Replacing the Peer Support timeslot will be the subject Learn to Learn. This subject teaches students explicitly about what it looks like and feels like to be learning. It aims to put students in control of their own learning, to give them greater responsibility and confidence in learning new things, and challenges them to push themselves further in their learning.

For their first Learn to Learn lesson, students collaboratively thought back to a time when they learnt something challenging, such as learning to ride a bike. Students reflected on all of the things that helped them learn this skill, such as trying hard, focusing, persisting and asking for help. Each class has made a visual wall display of all these attributes.



Yinnar South Primary School

Fun for All

Yinnar South Primary School students had great fun last term when the children from Yinnar Preschool came to visit. Principal, Katy Grandin said "I was so proud of our students. They were wonderful hosts. It is great seeing them using their leadership skills."

The older students were group leaders and gently organised their groups making sure they knew where to go and assisting them with any questions. The preschool children joined in with four rotational activities; Music, Sustainability, Sport and Cooking.

In Music they had fun making lots of noise and trying out a few instruments, in Sustainability the children made little window green houses where they could watch a seed sprout. Sport lead to some fun with an obstacle course and in Cooking they made fun little healthy rice cake faces.

It was a busy morning squeezing all this into the time we had, but the student leaders did a wonderful job guiding their groups between activities.

During snack break our students entertained the pre-schoolers by singing to them in Chinese.

We all enjoyed our special little visitors and we were pleased to have had positive feedback that the pre-schoolers had fun as well.

21st Century Skills come to Life

We have been having fun using the Polycom (Video Conferencing Unit) to share experiences with other schools.

We have done several Maths sessions with Upwey South Primary School, and had a few joint Chinese lessons with Hazelwood North Primary School.

Next term we are excited to be working with Jackie French (author) and several schools on a joint project to discuss the novel, "Nanberry".

The older students are currently reading this book in readiness for the project.

NAIDOC - Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Day

Yinnar South Primary would like to thank Churchill Primary School, the KESO (Koorie Engagement Support) staff, local elders and the aboriginal dancing group from Kurnai College for hosting a fantastic NAIDOC day.

The students participated in six rotational activities including,

r o c k painting, cultural painting, dancing, dreamtime stories and

kangaroo hunting with a ball.

They also joined in the creation of a collaborative story. The students enjoyed the visit very much.

Wicking Beds and Sustainability

The chooks are laying, the worms doing are their job breaking down our food waste, and now we are very excited that three of our raised beds have been irrigated to operate as wicking beds.

This system draws water from below the plants and greatly minimizes water usage. We hope that this will help us to sustain our crops more efficiently particularly over summer and holiday periods.

2014 Prep Enrolments are now open.

The Pre-school to Foundation (Prep) Transition Program will be starting soon. Please call the school on 5169 1540 to arrange a school tour.



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The Hazelwood and Churchill Past Players reunion

The Hazelwood and Churchill Past Players and Officials Association (HCPPOA) held their 2013 reunion on May 18.

Around eighty attended the luncheon, and thoroughly enjoyed catching up with old mates while watching the current seniors team win their game against Glengarry. Barry Whitehead for the second year in a row was the MC, and he again (as always) ran a fast flowing, professional and entertaining event.

The day celebrated anything ending in 03; football and netball. This included the 1963 reserves (MGFL), the 1983 seniors and thirds (MGFL) and the 2003 seniors and seconds and premierships sides (NGFL). We also acknowledged individual awards; 1973 League best and fairest for the seniors, Ken Jennings, thirds, Phil Thompson and fourths, Dale Foster (MGFL). In netball we had the 2003 NGFL best and fairest, B Grader, Kylie O'Brien and C Grader, Helen Lancaster. Seniors league goal kicking was won by Steve Sanders (MGFL 1983) and Tim Dearby (NGFL 2003) with seconds taken out by Warren Whykes (NGFL 2003).

The highlight of the day was a humorous and interesting talk from Hawthorn legend Paul Dear about his football career. Paul also played in Churchill's 1983 Senior Premiership team as a 16 year old, holding down centre half forward.

Our major fund raiser for the day was a monster raffle which had over 40 donated prizes. Thanks again to all the businesses and individuals for their contributions; with a special mention to Chairman Rob Annells and Liaison Officer Bob Thompson of Lakes Oil. This has made a great start in raising funds for our Club's electronic scoreboard.

These days don't just happen, we have a hard working committee that put many hours into making it a great day. We would also like to give a special thanks to our sponsors who have been invaluable and very supportive. Overall the day was a great success and look out for the 2014 reunion. In closing, we would like to remind all the Churchill News readers of our past players web site www.hcpoia.com; it is easy to register and is a great way to keep informed of all upcoming events.



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Players Name:
Phone Number:
Date Of Birth:

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

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Conditions of Entry

*Players enter at their own risk
The referee's decision will be final
I understand the conditions of entry
Signature of Parent/ Guardian
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Churchill Braves Baseball

By Sam Gillett

Churchill started July with a triple-header against Morwell and Sale. As Morwell were fielding no juniors teams for that weekend, and their lack of an A-Grade side had Sale travelling for the afternoon, they came in strong.

Morwell and Churchill fought a tough match in the C-Grade competition. With Morwell fighting against Traralgon for top spot and Churchill fighting against Sale for third, and a chance at finals, this game was must-win for both teams. Despite their efforts, Morwell got up and travelled home to a win.

The B-Grade game went a little differently. Churchill's hitting and fielding were much improved over recent weeks and they dominated the contest.

The A-Grade team, played strongly against Sale, picking up 11 hits and capitalising on Sale's six errors to make 11 runs. Churchill's Pitcher, Matt Prior, picked up ten strikeouts and it looked as if Churchill were going to have a shutout win. Sale managed to score a run in the eighth innings. The final score was Churchill defeating Sale 11-1.

After a competition bye the next week, Churchill's A-Grade side travelled to Morwell to take on the Moe/Newborough Dodgers.

The rest of the club had a bye, and therefore two weeks off. Churchill was unable to do much in a tight contest. Moe's Simpson brothers, Nathan and Dale, led the charge against the Braves making a combined

six hits and six RBIs. The final score saw Braves going down 7-3.

The next week, Churchill played against Moe/Newborough once more. The A-Grade game changed the lead multiple times during the match. With Moe/Newborough and Churchill likely to play off in the semi-final, Churchill needed to win to gain some ground on second position and claim the home-team advantage in that contest. Unable to be separated, the game went into overtime where the Dodgers were cruelly beaten by the clock. The allotted match time expired and the result reverted to the last complete innings with Churchill taking the win 8-7.

Churchill's B-Grade side had improved their hitting prowess but some mistakes defensively allowed Moe/Newborough to get ahead. Final result saw Moe/Newborough take the win 17-9.

The C-Grade team travelled to Moe to play as ground conditions weren't suitable. Great batting by the Braves lead them to a 25-3 win over Moe. The win helps solidify third spot but the fight isn't over as Sale is still right behind them.

The juniors played their first game of the month, as Under 16s went down 13-2.

In their first draw for the year, Under 13s tied 7-7.

Under 10 T-Ball played strongly against Moe coming up winners 34-14, only not making the 7-run/inning cap once.

Churchill Bowls Club

By Sam Gillett

There is a lot of interest surrounding the Churchill Bowls Club at the moment, as to who will take out this year's indoor bowls singles and pair's championships which take place in August.

Last year's singles winner, Glenda Thompson, is the favourite at the moment and is playing good, consistent bowls which will make her hard to beat. Last year's pairs winners, Janice Whelan and Lorraine Van Den Ham, are also playing excellently and will be in contention again this year.

The ladies conducted the club's indoor bowls tournaments on July 11 and 25 with excellent results. Teams from across the Latrobe Valley competed over two days for the right to take the prize money. Mark Furlong, manager of the tournament sponsor Bridges Gippsland, presented the winning teams with their prize money.

The club would like to thank Bridges Gippsland for their generous financial support, the hard-working ladies who put in the hard yards organising and running the event, and Latrobe City Council for their on-going support.

The club has applied for a building permit to start

construction of a new amenities block which will incorporate a new kitchen, male/female toilets and a disabled toilet inside the clubrooms. The amenities block will be situated on the same floor level as the rest of the clubrooms making it a more user-friendly facility for all members and guests.

The club will be conducting a Trivia Night at the Top Pub in Morwell on Saturday, October 5. There will be ten tables with teams of ten at \$10 per player. A finger food supper will be served with drinks at bar prices. Excellent prizes will be won.

The Club will be hosting a Monster Garage Sale at the Gaskin Park Club Rooms on Sunday October 20, commencing at 8:30am. Tables are available for stall holders at \$10 per table. All stalls will be undercover. For further information contact 5122 1860.

Anyone wishing to play indoor bowls is welcome to attend Thursday night bowls at the Gaskin Park Club rooms. Teams are selected around 7:15pm with games starting promptly at 7:30pm. A light supper is served with tea or coffee. Cost for the night is \$4. If interested just turn up on the night or contact 5122 1860.

Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

13/7/2013 Stroke A.Grade B.Kilday (16) 69 c/b, B.Grade P.Shields (22) 69, DTL A.Auld 69, G.Beyer 72, K.Hills 73, NTP 3rd M.Dear, 5th A.Auld, 12th A.Auld, 14th B.Kilday Birdies A.Auld 12th, Eagle G.Beyer 18th Ladies M.Dear (21) 78

16/7/2013 Ladies Stableford Winner M.Dear (21) 31 pts, DTL B.Beebe (29) 26 pts c/b, E.Leggo (41) 26, NTP 5th M.Dear, 35-45 E.Leggo, 12th M.Dear, 14th 35-45 E.Leggo

20/7/2013 Men's Stableford Winners T.Sterrick (17) 38 pts, DTL D.Coldwell (21) 35 pts, D.Byers 13) 34 pts NTP 3rd D.Ellwood, 5th J.Thornby, 12th T.Sterrick Birdies D.Ellwood 3rd, T.Sterrick 12th

23/7/2013 Ladies 3 person Ambrose Winners B.Beebe (29) M.Dear (21) H.Croft (33) - 13 5/6 = 69 1/6



'Local Talent Proves Strong'



Local talents Georgia Hutchinson and Charlotte Hicks have recently proven their capability to play netball in the Big League. Both Georgia and Charlotte represent and play with Gippsland Storm Under 13's elite development netball side each Thursday night at the Waverley Netball Centre, competing against other Metropolitan and Regional teams from the eastern side of Melbourne.

Both of these players were recognised for their efforts last Sunday night at the Club Presentation night, Georgia winning her second runner up best and fairest in successive years, and Charlotte winning her first, third runner up best and fairest for the club, which is a fantastic effort considering the calibre of not only the other players in their side but also the other players competing

in this competition. Both Georgia and Charlotte also play in the local Under 15's Mid Gippsland Football league competition, representing the Yinnar Football Netball club and previously the Churchill Junior Indoor Netball Association competition.

This is a fantastic result for junior netball in this area and greater Gippsland, which is further bolstered by news at the Gippsland Storm Presentation night in Pakenham, informing that the Club will be amalgamating with Melbourne Monash University to become Monash University Storm in 2014.

This is considered a huge win and will now provide a greater opportunity for other promising young local netballers in the region to find a pathway to the Victorian Netball League.

Churchill Tennis Club

Annual General Meeting, Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 7.30pm at the Clubhouse, Manning Drive.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on TUESDAY AUGUST 20, at 7.30pm and current and prospective members are invited to attend.

In addition to election of office bearers, discussion will be held on the forthcoming tennis season and number of teams to be entered in both senior and junior competition. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to enquire about playing competition, please phone: Juniors - Sally Kirstine 0403 282 630, Seniors - Carol Scott 5183 6168 (by September 1).

The Club also has a Social Membership and enquiries can be made to Carol on 5183 6168. Social tennis is held on a Monday at 1pm (varied in summer months) - enquiries again to Carol. Play is just organised on the day for those who can attend - if you have previously played and would like to enjoy tennis again, give Carol a call.

For any enquiries regarding coaching, you can contact Sally on 0403 282 630.



The Club is looking forward to hosting the Round Robin and Tournament to be held on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 at our Tennis Club in Manning Drive, during the school holidays.

Further details and entry forms are included in this edition of the Churchill News.

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Results LVHA Round 10

July 13/14, 2013, Under 8 Churchill 2 d Traralgon/Yallourn 0. Best: Churchill: Azaan Zafar, Sophie Almond and Jasmine Thompson. Traralgon/Yallourn: Riley Richardson, Charlie Tratford and Chris Bolton. Goals: Azaan Zafar (2). Under 12 Traralgon 4 d Moe 2 Best: Traralgon: Damon Groves, Jenna Gilbert and Callum Lipinan. Moe: Jenna Gilbert, Carli Gilbert and Susan Poole.

Churchill 4 d Yallourn 0 Best: Churchill: Cameron West, Eeman Zafar and Azaan Zafar. Yallourn: Lily Griffith, Azriel Halge and Jess Pisani. Goals: Ihraam Zafar (2), Azaan Zafar and Cameron West.

Under 16 Churchill 4 d Moe 2 Best: Churchill: Georgie Thompson, Anthony Ernst and Ihraam Zafar. Moe: Hayley Cake, Damon Groves and Nick Broad. Goals: Churchill: Ihraam Zafar (3) and Alicia Hooimeyer. Moe: Harry Broad and Jared Cake.

Women - Division 1

Rovers Thunder 1 drew Traralgon Yellow 1 Best: Rovers Thunder: Ruby Callaghan, Mandy Hourigan and Rebecca Cheater. Traralgon Yellow: Kahlia Hillbritch, Jess Parker and Kate Charalambous. Goals: Rovers Thunder: Penny Kerr. Traralgon Yellow: Jo Wade. Yallourn 13 d Latrobe 2.

Division 2 Traralgon Blue 4 d Moe 2 Best: Traralgon Blue: Damon Groves, Jenna Gilbert and Callum Lipinan. Moe: Jenna Gilbert, Carli Gilbert and Susan Poole. Goals: Traralgon Blue: Callum Lipinan (2), Damon Groves and

Jenna Gilbert. Moe: Kate Wiltshire and Jared Cake.

Churchill 8 d Rovers Lightning 0 Best: Churchill: A. Stewart, G. Harding and T. Harvey. Rovers Lightning: S. Langstaff, E. Mitchell and L. Mitchell. Goals: G. Harding (3), T. Harvey (2), A. Stewart, S. Jensen and T. Wangman.

Mens

Churchill 10 d Traralgon 2 Best: Churchill: Matt Taylor, Robin Wells and Mark Phoenix. Traralgon: Andrew Edgar, Rhys Wall and Harry Broad. Goals: Churchill: Mark Phoenix (4), Matt Taylor (2), Mathew Wells, Jason Robson and Craig White. Traralgon: Jared Wright and Andrew Edgar. Yallourn 4 d Moe 2 Best: Yallourn: Chris Liddle, Hayden Wise and Jake Snip. Moe: Mick Smythe, Hew Graves and Callum Robertson-Duncan. Goals: Yallourn: Luke Wilson, Chris Liddle, Oliver Pritchard and Hayden Wise. Moe: Dave Donaldson and Callum Robertson-Duncan.

Results LVHA Round 13

July 27/28, 2013 Under 8 Churchill 2 d Traralgon/Yallourn 0. Best: Churchill: Aiden Barrett, Tiana Reid and Azaan Zafar. Traralgon/Yallourn: Riley Richardson, Charlie Tratford and Harry Poole. Goals: Churchill: Azaan Zafar and Aiden Barrett.

Under 12 Moe 5 d Churchill 1 Best: Moe: Dylan Jeffs Ihraam Zafar and Stuart Mulray. Churchill: David Petrinchuk, Cameron West and Eeman Zafar. Goals: Moe: Ihraam Zafar (2), Dylan Jeffs (2) and Claire cake. Churchill:

Eeman Zafar. Traralgon 2 d Yallourn 1 Best: Traralgon: Lachie Gilbert, Charlie Tratford and Sebastian Poole. Yallourn: Hannah Van Breugel, Malachi Hanford and Owen Proctor. Goals: Traralgon: Sebastian Poole (2). Yallourn: Malachi Hanford.

Under 16 Traralgon 3 d Churchill 1 Best: Traralgon: Alicia Hooimeyer, Harry Broad and Callum Lipman. Churchill: Cameron West, Gabrielle Medew and Ihraam Zafar. Goals: Traralgon: Harry Broad (2) and Callum Lipman. Churchill: Cameron West.

Women Division 1

Rovers Thunder 11 d Yallourn 8 Best: Rovers Thunder: Penny Storey, Rebecca Cheater and Ruby Callaghan. Yallourn: Claire Prior, Marion Vince and Kahlia Hillbritch. Goals: Rovers Thunder: Penny Storey (6), Corinne Metcalfe (4) and Allison Claridge. Yallourn: Marion Vince (3), Kahlia Hillbritch (2) and Caitlin Frisina (2). Traralgon Yellow d Latrobe (forfeit)

Division 2 Traralgon Blue 6 d

Rovers Lightning 0 Best: Traralgon Blue: Susan Poole, Carly Gilbert and Alicia Hooimeyer. Rovers Lightning: Leesa Lawrence, Di Mitchell and A. Mitchell. Goals: Traralgon Blue: Susan Poole (2), Jenna Gilbert (2) and Callum Lipman (2).

Churchill 2 d Moe 1 Best: Churchill: Sara Janssen, Alice Stewart and Nicole Ypelaan. Moe: Emma White, Ainsley Verhayan and Ashleigh Vuillermin.

Goals: Churchill: Alice Stewart and Tiffany Harvey. Moe: Kate Wiltshire.

Mens

Yallourn 7 d Traralgon 2 Best: Yallourn: Oliver Pritchard, Chris Liddle and Jake Snip. Traralgon: Peter Nightingale, Andrew Edgar and Val Orchard. Goals: Yallourn: Chris Liddle (4), Luke Wilson (2) and Oliver Pritchard. Traralgon: Alana Tratford and Andrew Edgar. Churchill 10 d Moe 0 Best: Churchill: Folkert Janssen, Mathew Wells and Lachlan White. Moe: Mick Smythe, Hew Graves and Paul Cake. Goals: Churchill: Mark Phoenix (3), Craig White (2), Robin Wells, Mathew Wells, Zafar Iqbal, Dean White and Matthew Taylor.



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Tuesday, 20th August 2013 7.30pm

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To help aged persons in the community remain at home, LCHS offers a range of services including homecare packages to support clients.

Ms Nancy Oosterhof, Acting Manager Aged Care Services, said the service also included developing a care plan to help meet specific needs.

"The Homecare packages can help fund activities,

respite and aids needed to help our clients remain living at home," said Ms Oosterhof.

"With the introduction of Consumer Directed Care funded by the Australian Government, clients are in an even better position to decide on their Homecare."

To receive a Homecare package, an Aged Care Assessment is needed, which is also carried out by LCHS.

For carers of an aged person, Aged Care Services at LCHS also offers a respite program.

"Our Respite Coordinators are experienced in providing support to carers of the aged



in our community," said Ms Oosterhof. "There may also be funding available to carers for respite care."

For more information on Aged Care Services, phone LCHS on 1800 242 696 or visit www.lchs.com.au

Services for people with a disability

Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) offers a range of services for people with a disability who live in Gippsland.

Ms Denise Bromiley, Manager Disability Services, said it was important to empower and support both the person with a disability and their carer.

"We support people to identify their future goals through individual care planning. We can do this by assisting clients with accessing the information and services they require," said Ms Bromiley.

Anyone that may meet the criteria of the Disability Act 2006 can enquire further about our services by phoning Service Access on 1800 242 696.

Service Access will provide information on a range of services offered by LCHS and within the community:

Planning and Case Management

Planning staff can assist in developing a goal focus plan for you and your support network.

This will include information on how to achieve your goals.

Disability Support Packages

Disability Support Packages fund a range of services to help you live as independently as possible.

These packages are flexible and can include support for carers, equipment, or respite and are tailored to meet your needs.

Respite for Older Carers

This respite program is specifically for carers who are over the age of 60 years and who care for a person with a disability.

For more information, phone Latrobe Community Health Service on 1800 142 696 or visit www.lchs.com.au

Become a trained traveller

Finding your way around the public transport system alone can be a daunting experience, but a new Travel Training initiative can help people learn to travel independently, safely and confidently.

The Travel Training program is a collaboration between Latrobe Community Health Service and Latrobe City and is proudly supported by the State Government and Latrobe Valley Bus Lines.

Under the Travel Training program, people who need help using the bus or train systems within the Latrobe Valley will be matched to a trained volunteer who can



assist with understanding public transport.

"With Travel Training, people will receive one-on-one training with their Travel Buddy, who will help them learn how to read and understand route maps and schedules, plan their trips and pay fares," said Joanne

Creighton, LCHS Volunteer Coordinator.

"Individuals who have physical disabilities who use mobility aids, people who have mental or developmental disabilities as well as those who are economically disadvantaged may find this training helpful."

Older people and people new to the area who are unsure of using public transport can also access this free service.

The trained Transport Buddy will help create a special training program for the client after identifying their needs and assessing their abilities.

Travel Training is available for people aged 16 years and above. Preference will be given to the aged, frail or persons with a disability. Acceptance into the program is subject to volunteer availability.

To find out more about Travel Training, phone 5128 5452 or visit www.lchs.com.au

Learn how to travel safely, independently and with confidence

Free supported Travel Training is available for independent individuals who wish to use public transport services

Call today and learn more about Travel Training

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