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Large crowd farewells popular priest



Father Hugh Brown at his farewell with parishioner Tim "Spud" McMillan.

A large crowd of parishioners, representatives of the Co-operating Churches, school families and friends gathered last month to farewell Lumen Christi Parish Priest, Father Hugh Brown.

Father Hugh, who first came to Churchill some six years ago, is a member of the Carmelite order and has returned to Melbourne to take up a position as parish priest of Port Melbourne, one of the parishes run by the Carmelites.

His farewell on August 11, was marked by a special mass at which a number of gifts were carried in procession at the offertory to remember Father Hugh's many talents and gifts shared with various groups within the parish and the community.

The mass was followed by a shared lunch function at the Lumen Christi ECO Centre where a very large crowd gathered to say their goodbyes to a man who had impacted on many lives in the community, even outside his own parish.

Margaret Sunderland, representing the Cooperating Churches, said that Father Hugh had enjoyed a great relationship with their church community, sharing in ecumenical services and working with their ministers in a spirit of fellowship. She wished him every good wish in his new parish.

Chair of Lumen Christi Parish

Fr Hugh follows his calling

Council, Mike Answerth, said that Father Hugh had many strengths and talents including a remarkable memory for parishioners' names and those of their children, a deep knowledge of the scripture which he passed on to his parishioners, the ability to deliver outstanding homilies and eulogies but above all, a sensitivity to people no matter where they were at in their lives. He said many in the community would miss him a great deal.

In presenting Father Hugh with a travel voucher, Mike thanked him for his contribution to the parish over the past six years, and said that he would 'always remain in our hearts'.

In response, Father Hugh said that he had enjoyed his time in Churchill, Yinnar and Boolarra a great deal and had made more close friends in this parish than in any other he had ever been in.

Father Hugh will be replaced by Father Francis Otobo, who becomes Administrator of Sacred Heart Morwell and Lumen Christi Parishes. Father Francis was previously stationed in Morwell before being transferred to Leongatha earlier this year.

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Churchill Gardening Group

Welcome to Spring!!!!!!

September is the month to feed, prune, and water (if necessary). Make sure the water soaks deep to encourage the roots to go down deep. This will help when we get our hot, dry summer, although I think most people will have had enough rain now, to get by for a month or so. However once the weather heats up, things dry out very quickly.

Spring gardens are such a pleasure, with all the blossom trees, climbers, bulbs and annuals now doing their thing. The clematis in my garden is powering along and the crab apples are doing the same.

With all this new growth in the garden, the slugs and snails are saying PARTY! PARTY! so do keep a firm hand or foot in controlling them. A friend of mine places a shallow bowl of beer in the garden and the snails etc happily drown themselves in this. I take the approach of torch in hand and boots at night and squash them where possible.

Spring annuals are at their peak now, and to prolong flowering cut off spent blooms, this is vital for pansies and poppies (add them to the compost). Flowers bloom to make next season's seeds, and cutting off spent flowers makes the plant make many more new flower heads.

Check that the new growth on your roses is going in the right direction. If not cut back to a suitable bud, and keep a check on any insect invasion. Where possible remove by hand. Remove the mulch from around the roses, topdress with suitable fertilizer, water in and replace the mulch.

Dig over your veggie plot ready for planting around the end of this month. You can plant beetroot, brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, parsnips, peas, silver beet just to name a few. Frost - tender species such as beans, tomatoes, capsicum, cucumbers and pumpkins are best left until October.

As my garden is quite small, to allow for crop rotation, I am preparing an area in my front flower garden with compost etc and leaving it for a bit longer to plant my tomatoes, usually around Melbourne Cup Day.

Potatoes sown out this month will provide a Christmas harvest of "New" small spuds. Rotate your crops by putting leaf veggies where root crops or fruiting crops e.g tomatoes were last year.

If you like you can sow your own pest control. Make up a mixture of seeds and broadcast it to fill in gaps in garden beds and borders.

Try spider flower (Cleome spinosa) yellow cosmos, pink and



white cosmos, narrow leafed zinnia (Zinnia angustifolia), aquilegia, Tassel Flower (Emilia javanica), plus herbs like basil, coriander and dill. These plants will encourage beneficial insects, such as aphid eating hoverflies, ladybirds and a range of pollinators to improve crops.

That's all for this month - Happy Gardening.

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Churchill Rainfall August



By Bruce Stephenson
 Churchill had a total of 99.5 mil of rain to August 30. We had 13 days of rainfall for the month. The Churchill total for the year to date is 490.5 mil. July's total rainfall was 54.5 mil.

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Somaly Mam - Making a difference



'A Road of Lost Innocence' is the life story of Somaly Mam, a Cambodian sex slave. She freed herself and went on to rescue and rehabilitate other enslaved young girls. Upon reading her book, Laura Webster was shocked to learn that there are 2 million young women and girls sold into slavery every year. On average a girl's rescue and rehabilitation will cost \$3,000 so Laura decided to take action and aim to raise this.

In her words "One girl out of 2 million a year may not seem like making a difference to the world, but to that one girl, you've made a world of difference; the chance of having a life of her own."

She organised a charity event with the Victoria Rose Tea Rooms in Rosedale, and then put aside her timid nature to approach local businesses to donate to

a silent auction to be held at the high tea, all proceeds going to the Somaly Mam foundation. In addition to this, she began raising money selling homemade cupcakes and spent most afternoons for 2 months baking.

The Somaly Mam high tea was held on Sunday July 28, and was an incredibly successful afternoon with all who attended delighted with the exquisite finger food of the tea rooms, the free shoulder massage by Sherrie from Endota Spa and the perfectly pleasant ambiance of a happy, vibrant and well organised afternoon that is entirely to Laura's credit.

She has raised \$2,358 to date.

Well done Laura!

If you wish to learn more about this project, or donate to it visit www.somaly.org

Draft Children's Services Plan out for exhibition

Latrobe City Council has released its draft Children's Services Plan for public comment for six weeks seeking submissions from the community.

The plan has a focus on the current and future services that Latrobe City Council delivers to children and their families.

Latrobe City acting mayor, Councillor Sharon Gibson, said that the draft plan had been developed after a thorough community consultation process.

"The draft plan forms the basis of services we deliver to children and families in our community and looks at how we can best improve or enhance those services in the future.

This may involve looking at the structure of our child and family-focussed services such as childcare, preschools and maternal and child health services, the infrastructure we currently have or would like to have and the people who deliver our services.

The plan also considers Latrobe City's role in planning for the future of Early Years with a focus on partnerships and advocacy to minimise any gaps in services for the community.

"Having a draft plan for our children's services allows us to continue the great work we are already doing in the area.

Respondents to our surveys gave us a big tick for the work we are doing in maternal and child health, preschool and child care services.

These are core services for families and with the draft plan to guide us we can now improve on this suite so that children are put first in our community," Cr Gibson added.

The draft Children's Services Plan has been released for public exhibition and is available for viewing at Council Service Centres, libraries, children's services facilities and on Council's website.

Written submissions can be sent to Kate Kerslake, Acting Manager Child and Family Services, Latrobe City Council PO Box 264 Commercial Road, Morwell 3840 by 5pm on Monday 14 October; or by email at

kate.kerslake@latrobe.vic.gov.au.

Following the community consultation period a further report detailing all submissions will be presented to Council at a date to be confirmed.

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Northe's Natter

On Thursday, August 1, I had the pleasure of attending the 12th Churchill and District News Annual Writing Competition Presentation Night.

It was pleasing to see that over 200 entries were received with 152 entrants from local primary schools including Boolarra, Yinnar, Churchill and Hazelwood North.

There were a total of 76 prizes awarded across ten different age categories ranging from 7 years and under, to adults.

Congratulations to Churchill and District News on conducting a very successful evening and of course the generous sponsors for supporting this important event.

Seniors in Gippsland will be spoilt for choice with the 2013 Victorian Seniors Festival boasting a jam-packed program of entertainment and activities throughout October.

I invite all seniors and their families to take part in the festival. Whatever your passion, whether it is music, the arts, sports or learning, there is sure to be something for you. The Victorian Seniors Festival is a great opportunity for seniors in Latrobe City to enjoy a range of activities and performances in our local region or throughout Victoria. Key events run from Sunday 6, October to Sunday 13 October this year. Additional festivities also take place state-wide throughout October.

Free public transport will be offered to Victorian Seniors Card holders from 6 to 13 October on regional buses and from 8 October to 13 October (not including Friday 11 October) on unreserved Vline services.

Each of Victoria's 79 councils will receive a grant for events during the festival through a grant of \$208,000 from the Victorian Government.

Events taking place in Latrobe City in 2013 include:

Sunday 6 October – Come and try croquet - Morwell and Traralgon Croquet Club
 Tuesday 8th October – Grace Knight concert, Kernot Hall, Morwell
 Sunday 20th October – Come and try bowls - Traralgon RSL Bowls Club
 Monday 21 October – Come and try bowls - Yallourn Bowling Club

Churchill will host a "Come and try tennis" session each Monday in October at the Churchill Tennis Club, Manning Drive, Churchill. I encourage seniors in Churchill to get along and join in the spirit of the Seniors festival and what better way than to try a game



of tennis.

More information can be found at the Seniors Information Victoria hotline on 1300 135 090 or through the Seniors Online at www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au. The festival's program is available at all Coles Stores, Council offices or at my electorate office located at 66 George Street, Morwell.

As Patron of this year's Latrobe Relay for Life, I encourage individuals or

groupstoregistertoparticipate in this year's event. Last year over 800 locals participated in the 18 hour event. Planning is now underway for the 2013 event, to be held on October 19 and 20 at Gaskin Park, Churchill. Relay for Life is an incredible overnight event. It is an opportunity for family, friends and colleagues to get together with the community and celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer and raise money for cancer awareness.

The Latrobe 'Relay for Life' also encouraged local businesses to participate in "Paint the Towns Purple" between the 9th and the 14th September 2013. With purple the symbolic colour of Cancer Council's 'Relay

for Life' fundraising event, I encouraged local towns in the Morwell electorate to join in and dress their business shop fronts to help create awareness of 'Relay for Life'. For more information or to register a team for Relay for Life you can visit www.relayforlife.org.au or call 03 9635 5000. As part of the Healthy Together Latrobe initiative Jamie's Ministry of Food Mobile Kitchen will be visiting Latrobe City from 16 September to 25 November 2013. Jamie's Kitchen will be located next to the Traralgon Service Centre and Library in the Civic Centre East Car Park in Kay Street. The Victorian Government has committed funding of \$2.87 million to the Good Foundation to support the delivery of the program across Victoria. The Mobile program offers a five-week cooking course, comprised of one 90-minute cooking class per week with up to 12 participants in each class. The Mobile Kitchen will be open 7-days a week with hands on classes led by a team of dedicated Ministry of Food Trainers. Classes cost \$10 per session and \$5 for concession. Bookings are now open to Latrobe City residents through the following website: www.jamiesmistryoffood.com.

Churchill Town Centre Plan Update - Northern Car Park

Works are finally starting to happen at the northern car park in Churchill town centre.

Preliminary work has begun on the removal of concrete to the west of the Churchill Chinese Restaurant, in preparation for construction of a new pedestrian concourse between the Hazelwood Village and West Place shopping centres. This will provide a safe area for pedestrians, and allow the remainder of the works to take place in stages.

Other works will include completion of the realignment of Georgina Place, extension of parking areas, planting of landscaping, and erection of new public lighting and street furniture.

These works involve cooperation between the three owners of land in the town centre – the Owners Corporation, 36th Penny and Latrobe City Council. While the mix of ownership in the town centre has made the

implementation of the Churchill Town Centre Plan more complex, the final result will make the town centre a safer, more accessible and more attractive place for our community and visitors alike.

Latrobe City Council - 2014 Music Exchange Program

Planning is now underway for Latrobe City Council's 2014 Sister Cities "Music Exchange Program" to Takasago, Japan and Taizhou, China.

The Council has accepted an invitation to attend the 60 year anniversary of the formation



of the City of Takasago, Japan, in late May 2014. In addition, this "Exchange Program" will also provide the excellent opportunity to officially open our Latrobe City "Australian Garden Project" in Taizhou, China – our other Sister City. Both events will provide a unique opportunity and experience for our Concert Band to deliver performances, whilst celebrating the on-going relationships between our two Sister Cities.

Council is now seeking expressions of interest from local musicians to take part in the 2014 Music Exchange Program. A Musical Director is required as Coordinator of the program,

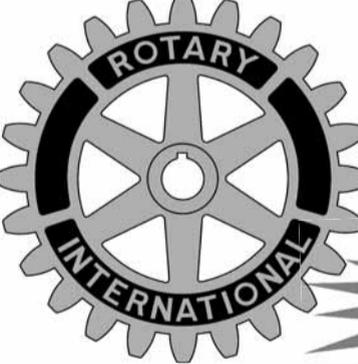
including assistance with the formation of a Concert Band comprising of 30-35 musicians aged between 15 - 21 years.

Expressions of Interest for the Musical Director role must be received by close of business on Monday 16 September 2013.

Expressions of Interest for Concert Band Members must be received by close of business on Monday 30 September 2013.

Written submissions should be addressed to Mr. Jason Membrey, Coordinator Events and International Relations, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell 3840.

For more information regarding the Music Exchange Program please contact Latrobe City, Coordinator Events and International Relations Jason Membrey on 5128 5604 or via email Jason.Membrey@latrobe.vic.gov.au



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Robbery

Nil for the month
(Nil for July)

Assaults

4 for the month
(3 for July)

In all four incidents an offender has been charged with assault related offences.

Arson

Nil for the month
(Nil for July)

Property Damage

6 for the month
(5 for July)

Two offenders have been charged with criminal damage during August.

Overnight August 17, unknown offenders have tagged jumps at the skate park as well as walls of businesses in the shopping centre.

Photos of the graffiti can be viewed at Eyewatch Latrobe Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/eyewatchlatrobe>) posted 27th August, 2013.)

Burglary

4 for the month
(1 for July)

One offender has been charged with burglary during August.

The keys for a motor vehicle were stolen from a second vehicle in a residential garage in Winchester Way on 3rd August.

The vehicle was stolen but later recovered in

Warragul.

Theft from Motor Vehicle

8 for the month
(11 for July)

Overnight August 21, three vehicles in Winchester Way were entered, with a GPS unit and coins stolen from one vehicle and various other items stolen from the other two vehicles.

In the second theft a large amount of the property was recovered.

Six of the vehicles were in driveways unlocked.

Theft of Motor Vehicle

1 for the month
(1 for July)

The only vehicle stolen during August has been recovered.

Theft

3 for the month
(2 for July)

One offender has been charged with theft during August. Overnight August 9, five standard roses were stolen from a garden in Heesom Cres.

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

Churchill & District Lions Club



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Churchill Fire Brigade



Fire Safe Kids.

In late August the two groups from the Churchill Preschool at the Hub paid visits to the fire station. The aim of the visits was to learn that firefighters need to be covered from head to foot to protect themselves when they go to fight fires.

Firefighters Andrew and Jess were able to demonstrate the breathing apparatus which is used to locate fire sources and to rescue those lost in a smoke-filled building.

They also learnt that in an emergency they can ring 000 for help.

Outside the building they were able to see and hold some of the equipment stowed in the fire truck. To finish, they were able to squirt water from a fire hose and see the lights and hear the siren on the truck.

Latrobe City Libraries School Holiday Program

Kids in the Kitchen Cooking Shows
Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 September

Join Chef Anton in his pop up kitchen in the library for some fun and to learn about eating for a healthy lifestyle.

Chef Anton's love of cooking is closely linked to his passion for a healthy lifestyle. When he's not in the kitchen, you'll find Chef Anton exercising in the park or at a local gym. Chef Anton will have some tips and hints for healthy eating for everyone.

Cost - This free event is brought to you by Latrobe City Libraries and Healthy Together Latrobe teams.

Tuesday, 24 September

Traralgon Library, 10am and 11am,

Churchill Hub, 2pm and 3pm,
Wednesday 25 September

Morwell Library, 10am and 11am,
Moe Town Hall 2pm and 3pm.

Duck Cameron Magician

Extraordinaire Thursday 3 October

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Cost - Children 2 years and over \$5 per child.

Thursday 3 October

Traralgon Library, 10am to 11am,

Morwell Library, 1pm to 2pm,

Moe Town Hall, 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Bookings are essential!

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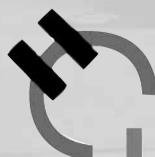


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Saturday Breakfast

Saturday Breakfast on August 24, was well attended with about 13 people enjoying a chatty breakfast efficiently prepared by Keith Enders

Among those present was Doctor Leonard Caprara, who came to talk to us about Developments in Dentistry.

He spoke mainly about the various types of crowns used for damaged teeth, and showed pictures on screen to demonstrate these.

Gold used to be used for crowns but now Vircona is used. It is very strong and is used combined with porcelain.

This has been in use for the past ten years.

Dentures are made of acrylic or cobalt chrome. Volplant is also available.

It has the advantage of being metal free, so that the clasps are not seen.

Implants can be used when a tooth is lost.

Partial dentures can also be used but an implant is the best way to replace a natural tooth.

Ozone is used in dentistry as an anti-oxidant.

It is used as a disinfectant during dental procedures and can be used as a gas or as a fluid, being dissolved in water.

This is a sort of anti- bacterial



mouth rinse.

It is a good disinfectant when root canal treatment is being done. It is also a way of treating dental decay.

After Doctor Capara's talk, questions were asked from the floor.

Someone asked him the cost of an implant and was told it could be \$4,500 or more.

I think I'll stay with my dentures!
Olivia Jackson

The next Breakfast will be held on September 28 at 7.45am at the Co-Operating Churches, Williams Avenue.

The guest speakers will be John and Margaret Sunderland who will talk about their recent trip to the United Kingdom.

People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders by Thursday September 26, on 5122 1148 or at ken.15967@bigpond.com.

Co-Operating Churches Snippets



It was wonderful to have the church packed for the Churchill and District News Writing Competition Presentation Night. Excited primary school age children with proud, supportive parents, 13-18 year olds, also with families and adults with family and or friends, came to collect their awards- 76 in all.

Rev Brenda Burney and Ian Combridge were present to represent the church congregation and to support the Churchill and District News team in their efforts.

Junior Youth Group was held twice this month. It is popular with those who attend between 5.30 and 7 pm with games, a devotion, activities and a meal being part of the time. If you would like to have your child in Grade 3-6 join, registration forms are available from the church and must be completed before children can attend the program. The program leader is Sharon Molquentin-Taylor. Sharon can be contacted on 0408166203, or contact Rev. Brenda Burney 51221480.

Coffee Connections was hosted by Barb and Russell Hadley. They called their session Genealogy and people who have influenced your life. Barb spoke about five generations of her English relatives who had over the years been an ongoing influence in their family and particularly for her.

Russell spoke of his Father who had been a special influence in his life. Both Barb and Russell acknowledge that influence upon their Christian lives. Other people were then able to contribute form their own stories of influence.

Saturday Breakfast guest was Leonardo Caprara, a dentist from Morwell, who spoke about developments in dentistry. A more detailed report appears elsewhere in this paper.

The Community Life Panel organised a very successful Magic and Munchies Night featuring Peter Cook, magician extraordinaire.

Peter's show was gauged to all age groups but particularly to the youngsters who attended and were very eager to be his assistants when requested. His tricks surprised and engrossed the audience. Thank you Peter for a great night's entertainment. A wonderfully delicious supper was consumed in record time to end the night.

Churchill hosted the UCA Pastoral Care and Spirituality Field Day on the last day of the month. Key Note speaker Alastair Macrae spoke about a famine in the land, not of water or food, but of the words of God. He said that people longed to be listened to, really listened to, and as pastoral carers that should be the number one priority along with prayer, which also has a listening aspect- that of being still and listening for God.

Being available and certain of the hope of Jesus promises, was a good way to build up the people of God showing them that God loves them and that they are valued by God, and that nothing can separate them from that love.

A series of workshops followed building on these ideas, and related to being pastoral carers in a variety of locations and circumstances.

Church Times

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Federation University, Gippsland Campus

By Margaret Guthrie

Legislation is currently before the spring session of the Victorian Parliament to amend the University of Ballarat Act.

These amendments include a change of name to 'Federation University Australia' which, presuming the amendments are passed, will take effect from the 1st of January 2014.

Professor David Battersby, Vice Chancellor of Ballarat University, was guest speaker at CDCA's quarterly community forum held in August.

He advised that the name 'Gippsland Campus' will be retained at the new University. Federation University will have three main campuses: Gippsland, Ballarat and the third (Horsham) likely to be known as 'Wimmera'.

CDCA's forum was an opportunity for local residents to ask a range of questions about plans for the 'new' university and the Gippsland campus.

Approximately fifteen people attended and, after hearing a brief and informative presentation from Professor Battersby, were able to ask questions and discuss matters in an informal and relaxed setting.

These included subjects as diverse as entrance requirements, the future of the Student Union and the continuation of Churchill's childcare facility 'Pooh Corner'.

An update was provided on the 'transition' to the new University.

A seven week process will be commenced to transfer all campus staff (approx 286 positions) to employment under Federation University.

A new 'Head of Campus' appointment is expected to be announced later this year.

All Monash Gippsland assets are being transferred to the new University, with the Medical School and Primate Laboratory to be leased back to Monash.

Recruitment of new students is underway, with the target set of 5% growth in enrolments over the next

five years.

An initial 'fall' in international student enrolments in 2014 is expected, but Professor Battersby believes this will only be an interim result, with long-term projections for growth.

Some seventy courses have been 'gifted' to the new University by Monash (representing approx \$35mil of intellectual property), allowing the continuation of courses currently on offer at the Gippsland campus to continue.

Additionally, new courses will be added annually. In 2014 these new courses at the Gippsland campus will be: Bachelor of Information Technology; Bachelor of Business (Finance and Investment); Master of Professional Accounting; Master of Geomechanics and Geohydrology.

Professor Battersby said that other courses that might be introduced in the future included Early Childhood Education and Sports Science degrees.

Discussions are underway with TAFE providers and industry to develop courses and pathways to meet regional need.

In addition to his position with University of Ballarat, Professor Battersby is also the Chair of the Australian Regional Universities Network.

He spoke briefly of policies to address regional education, such as off-campus learning, 'local' course delivery via TAFE campuses in outlying areas (e.g. Bairnsdale and Orbost) and incentives for metropolitan students to attend regional universities (to counter the exit of regional students to metropolitan campuses).

He emphasised the need to view the expansion of regional tertiary education in the long-term, as for many families living in rural and remote areas, this is the first generation of students attending, or contemplating, university attendance.

One of the challenges for regional universities is to raise expectations within the region that university education is 'usual', desirable and achievable.

Strong turnout at Gippsland Campus Open Day

Monash University Gippsland campus welcomed the public to its annual Open Day event on Sunday August 25, providing an ideal opportunity to learn more about the merger with the University of Ballarat and the range of study options for 2014.

Approximately 4,000 people made their way to the campus, in line with last year's figure. The Open Day included exhibits, campus tours, presentation sessions, competitions and giveaways.

Visitors had the opportunity to speak with current Gippsland campus students and staff, and with the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ballarat and his senior colleagues.

Gippsland campus Pro Vice-Chancellor, Professor Robin Pollard, said the public support for the event was pleasing for both universities.

"We were happy to see strong attendance at this year's Open Day," Professor Pollard said.

"It indicates a genuine interest in what is taking place at the campus and support for what we are

all setting out to achieve – the delivery of high quality, accessible and supportive education here in Gippsland."

Pending final approval, the Monash Gippsland and the University of Ballarat will combine to create Federation University Australia on January 1, 2014.

A suggestion by a regional radio station that there might be confusion around the new university's proposed name was not supported by the high level of understanding of the planned changes.

Staff and student ambassadors received positive comments from parents and prospective students, with in-depth discussions taking place about course options and the wider range of entry and study support options that will be available.

The University of Ballarat has just been awarded the maximum rating of five stars for teaching quality for the fifth year in a row in The Good Universities Guide – the only Victorian university to have made this achievement.



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LIFE AS A STUDENT AT MONASH GIPPSLAND

SONIA ROWE - MUGSU WELFARE DIRECTOR

My name is Sonia Rowe and I am the Welfare Director for Monash University Gippsland Student Union MUGSU. I am also a full-time on campus student studying B.A Counselling and Welfare/ Associate Diploma of Drugs Alcohol & Mental health which works in well with my current position.

I have two children and returned to study in 2011 at UniSA in Mount Gambier S.A. Originally from Orbost, I moved back to the Gippsland area at the end of 2011 and started at Monash Gippsland in 2012.

In my role as Welfare Director for MUGSU I have been involved in the Media as we have been negotiating our way through the beginning of transitioning to a new entity which will be a strong regionally focused University. The role of MUGSU throughout this process will be integral to the wellbeing and success of students here in Gippsland and we will continue to provide all the support we possibly can.

As the Welfare director, I also run study sessions on a Tuesday afternoon that are set up so that students do not have to study alone if they are new to the University or do not have an established study group. This gives them a chance to join a group or just have a cuppa and a chat.

In my spare time, I co-run the Kiir Orphanage and Community Development Project Inc which is a locally based charity that runs in conjunction with South Sudan. We are currently fundraising in the hope to build an Orphanage in South Sudan that is equipped to provide, education housing and support to children in this region that have been orphaned as a result of civil war and persecution.

Should you require any further information about what MUGSU does for the university community or information about the orphanage feel free to email me on mugsu-welfare@monash.edu

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CDCA - Highlights of 2012/13

By Margaret Guthrie

CDCA's Annual Report and Financial Statement were presented to our Annual General Meeting, held in August. The following are some of the highlights for CDCA activities over the 2012/13 year:



meetings have included Hon. Russell Northe MP; Ward Councillor Darrell White; Officer-In-Charge Churchill Police, Sgt Phil den Houting; Latrobe/Baw Baw Safer Communities Officer, Leading Snr Const Brett Godden

- Committee 'Priority Items' for reporting, monitoring and discussion have been

1. Town Centre Plan, including the draft East West Link Concept plan

2. Christmas Activities, including financial support for community decorations and celebrations

3. Recreation Open Space, including Gaskin Park precinct, Bowling Club, Walker Parade parkland and Regional Hockey Field

4. Town Safety, including letters of support for funding applications for improved lighting at Churchill underpass and purpose-specific trailer for graffiti removal

CDCA members, although small in number, play a critical role in CDCA activities. CDCA appreciates the involvement of various individual members and their input into a range of issues that CDCA has addressed over the past twelve months.

Special thanks go to the volunteers who give so generously of their time to support CDCA, in particular, Committee members Margaret Guthrie (President), Rob Whelan (Vice President), Bruce Stephenson (Secretary), Charles Uber (Treasurer), Peter Gray (Minute-taker), Linda Reid and Ian Gibson.

Although small in terms of actual membership, CDCA continues to play a large role in the development of Churchill and is recognised by local stakeholders as one of Churchill's 'key' community groups.

Local residents are encouraged to become involved and may attend CDCA meetings, contact us to raise items of concern or request relevant matters be addressed at our next meeting. CDCA can be contacted at any time by writing to us at PO Box 191, Churchill, emailing mgcdca@hotmail.com or phoning 5122 2997.

Our next meeting will be a Committee meeting, to be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 17th September in Studio 1, Churchill Community Hub precinct, Philip Pde.

- Quarterly Community Forums, featuring guest speakers: Doug Day from GDF Suez, Hazelwood Power Station; Supt Mick West from Victoria Police; Professor Robin Pollard, PVC Monash Gippsland Campus; Mike Anwerth from GEP Art and Culture Pathway Project

- Completion of art project in partnership with Churchill Primary School for community Christmas 2012 display

- Commencement of new project with Churchill Primary School for Australia Day 2014 display

- Monitoring of planning for residential development, including submission to Council re extension of Township boundary to include land west of Gaskin Park and meeting with developer, Tract Consultants, to discuss conduct of community consultations pre planning application

- Discussion and submissions re current major issues, including establishment of new University at Churchill campus

- Support for public release and consultation re draft East West Link Master Plan

- Support for funding applications for projects identified as part of GEP Art and Culture Pathway

- Discussion of future priorities, including 2015 Churchill 50th Anniversary celebrations

- Progressive development of CDCA website, with support of Monash University Gippsland Student Union

- Representation on Churchill Town Centre Plan Implementation Group, Churchill Hub Users Group, Churchill Hub Advisory Board

- Bi-monthly Churchill Town Safety Group (CDCA sub-committee) meetings to address specific local safety issues

- Monthly Committee meetings, with regular participation by representatives of stakeholder organisations - Latrobe City Council (Township Liaison Officers Erin Gray, Teresa Pugliese); Monash Gippsland (Alan Scarlett), MUGSU (Dan Jordan), Churchill Neighbourhood Watch (Peter Gray)

- Occasional stakeholder attendance at Committee

Churchill Lions

By Sam Gillett

Churchill Lions are continuing their focus on Houses Fifteen and Sixteen in the Licola Lions Village, upgrading them for improved access.

A Bunnings Sausage Sizzle was held on August 30 with the proceeds going towards a charity bike ride.

Churchill Lions will be providing catering for all Football finals during the Gippsland Football league.

Donations have also been made to Lumen Christi to assist with the startup of a breakfast club.

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Lionesses are continuing support for a rose garden at Hazelwood House.

Churchill Lions Club meets every first and third Wednesday of the month.



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 September 25, 2013, 10am at Gippsland Disability Advocacy, 8 Hopetoun Ave, Morwell. People who care for a loved one with a

disability, mental illness, or aged frailty, are invited to attend, to share a cuppa and chat with others like themselves in a welcoming and non-judgemental environment. For more information, please ring Dot Kitwood on 0402 457 241.

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Hazelwood Rotary Is 35 Years Old



By Leo Billington
 Hazelwood Rotary officially celebrates its 35th birthday this year; a fine milestone to achieve. The club became official on August 1, 1978, being formed under the sponsorship of the Morwell Rotary Club. There were 25 charter members and two of these members are still associated with Hazelwood Rotary – John Breheny and Tom Thomsen.

speaker several weeks ago. John and his wife lost their house in the 2009 Traralgon South fires. “We lost everything” explained John except for “a watertank and the Hills hoist.”

We were challenged in life and it was extremely humbling to receive lots of assistance compared to what I did for a living - assisting and advising others.”

John explained the “Cycle of Help” – a concept he saw unfold as he received help, then switching to him helping others throughout the Traralgon South area, and then when an opportunity arose to assist others in Tasmania’s bushfire ravaged area on the Tasman Peninsula, he didn’t hesitate. Together with a small group of volunteers from Traralgon South, John went to the Tasman Peninsula on June 29 for a week’s work under the guidance of a local Rotary club.

Here he found what had been evident some years back at Traralgon South; a strong positive attitude to give “added spirit.” Gippslanders are remembered for assistance to Tasmania dating back to tragic bushfires in the late 1960’s. The “Cycle of Help” is underpinned by a preparedness to be humble when receiving help yet being ready and willing to give back. It’s a salutary lesson for everyone.

(During the same year, 1978, in Germany after nearly 30 years, the Volkswagen Beetle ceased production having manufactured 20 million cars, Japanese car imports accounted for half the US import market following the energy crisis, the Illinois Bell Company introduced the first ever Cellular Mobile Phone System and Space Invaders launched a craze for computer video games.

Films such as Grease, Saturday Night Fever, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, National Lampoon’s Animal House and Jaws 2 were highly popular. Music from the Bee Gees with “Night Fever” and “Stayin Alive”, Paul McCartney and Wings, John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, the Rolling Stones, the Commodores with “Three Times a Lady” and the Boomtown Rats was eagerly sought after. Popular television shows included Happy Days and Little House on the Prairie.)

During August, club members enjoyed an introductory lesson on how to play Bocce at the Gippsland Bocce Club in Morwell. Competition was rather keen between four teams with every member performing above their expectations.

Over zealous competitors such as Ian Wilson and Brenda Burney played as though they were trying for Australian Olympic team selection.



Locally based arborist, John Ruyg was a guest

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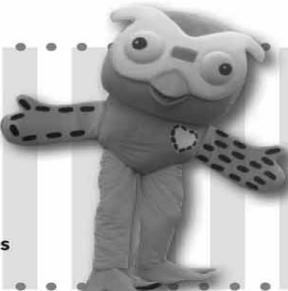
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Latrobe City Council, the Latrobe City Neighbourhood Houses & Learning Centres (Churchill, Morwell, Moe and Traralgon) and Department of Human Services are members of the Latrobe City Neighbourhood Houses Network.

Latrobe City acting mayor, Councillor Sharon Gibson, said that the network was established informally in 2007 and meetings take place on a quarterly basis.

“Since first signing an MOU we have developed a strong and long term relationship with the network and we are proud to continue this association.

The MOU formally recognises that the network

provides benefits to all parties and that there will be ongoing support to the network either financially or through other means.

“We are keen for the Houses to continue their valuable work and be inclusive and accessible for many people who often cannot afford other forms of education or social activity,” Cr Gibson concluded.

“Over the years Council has supported the redevelopment of Neighbourhood Houses with financial assistance and we continue to promote programs to residents to ensure they remain well supported within their local communities.

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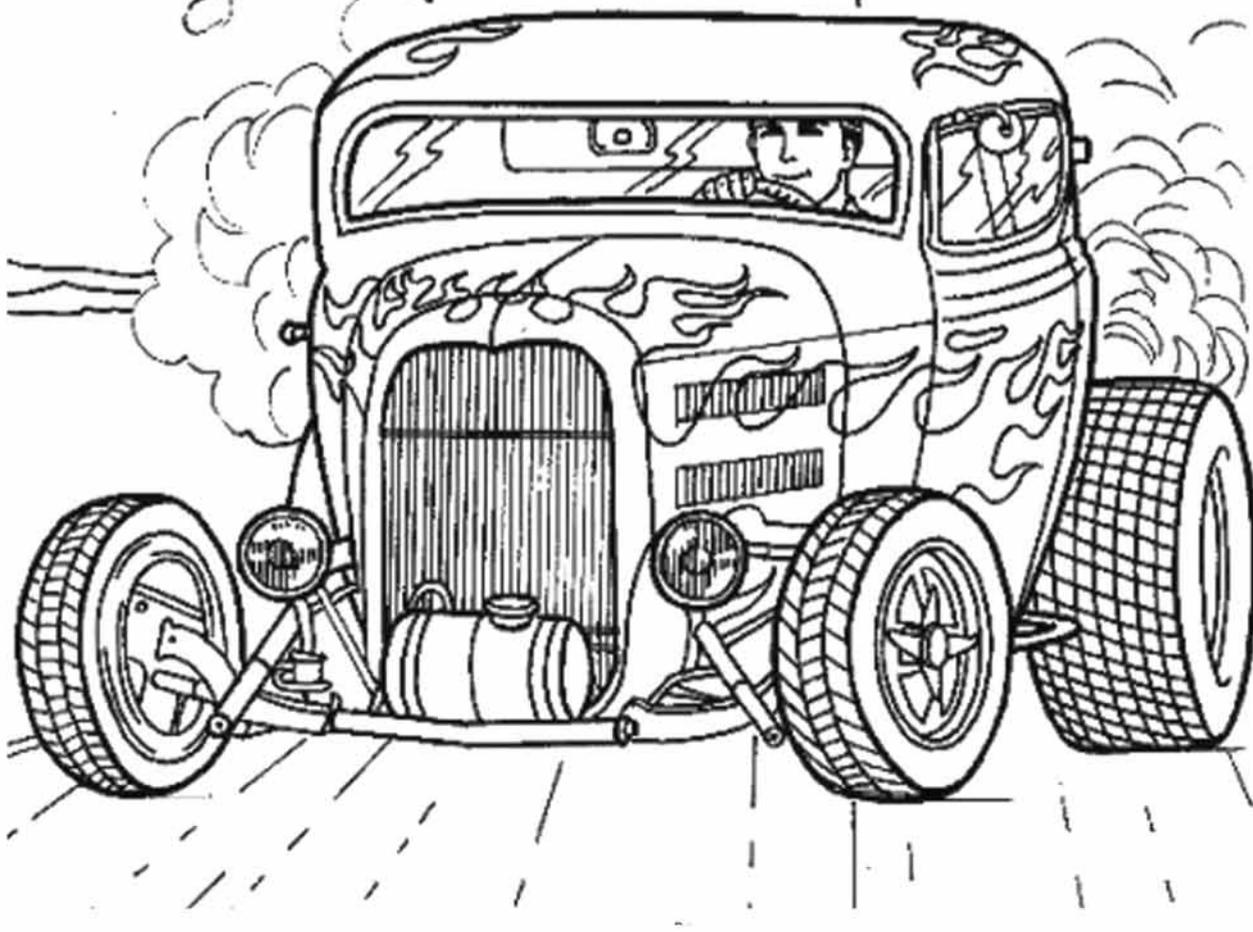
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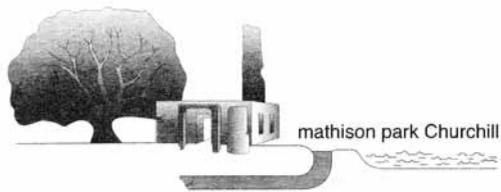
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It could be that in the near future we will be having to repair erosion damage. Next working Oct. 19.

Boolarra Cemetery Trust

By Glenys Morgan, Secretary

On July 18, 2013, members of the Boolarra Cemetery Trust hosted a dinner at the Churchill Hotel to honour Ross Hall for his 41 years of service to the community. The dinner was attended by Trust members, members of the Boolarra community and Ross' family members – his wife Daisy, his siblings – Gwenda, Alister and Bruce, Ross' children Leanne, Matthew and Russell, and his grandchildren.

On June 12, 1972, Ross Hall was nominated by the Boolarra Cemetery Trust to fill a vacancy on the Trust. His appointment was confirmed by the Governor-in-Council on August 30, 1972.

Ross' father, Alan Hall, retired from the Cemetery Trust on September 19 1983, after 44 years of service. Ross was immediately elected as Secretary/Treasurer in his father's stead, and continued in this position until May 9 1989.

Ross has now retired after 41 years of service to the community. His knowledge of local history has been invaluable in tracing the history of the cemetery, and in answering inquiries from people endeavouring to trace their family trees.

During his time on the Trust, Ross has been part of the following achievements –

The marking by a plaque of graves in the Monumental Section lacking a headstone.

The establishment of the Lawn Section.

The building of the Gazebo.

The establishment of the Remembrance Garden.

The building of the Enviro Toilet and the Storage Shed/Water Tank and the establishment of the Monumental Lawn Section.

Councillor Darrell White presented Ross with a Certificate of Service from the Department of Health, who administer the Cemetery Trusts in Victoria. The Manager of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Unit wrote as follows:

“Please convey my appreciation to Mr. Hall for the significant contribution and voluntary service that he has made to the community and the State of Victoria as a member of the Boolarra Cemetery Trust.”

The President, Ian Blake, presented Ross with a card signed by all present, together with an ABC Gift Voucher. The Secretary then presented Ross' wife Daisy with a box of Singapore orchids as a thank you for her years of support.

On behalf of the community of Boolarra, the Trust thanks Ross Hall for his dedicated service over 41 years, and honour him for his achievements.

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“Heart Morass” will be discussed by Matt Bowler on Friday, October 25th at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club meeting.

Matt Bowler manages the Heart Morass Restoration Project for the West Gippsland Management Authority.

A community project has developed to support the purchase of over 1000 Hectares of the wetland complex near Sale and undertake one of the largest ecological restoration projects on private land in Australia.

The flooding in the last two years has dramatically increased the restoration efforts, and the diversity and abundance of flora and fauna species.

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

On Saturday there will be an excursion to Heart Morass.

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



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Painter goes up to the country



Opening this week at Switchback Gallery, Monash University Gippsland, is the exhibition Kate Smith: a Country Practice, which surveys the current work of painter Kate Smith.

Presented by the Monash University Museum of Art (MUMA) and curated by Francis Parker, the exhibition is one of two guest-curated at Switchback by Melbourne's premier contemporary art space each year.

The artist undertakes a residency at the Gippsland Centre for Art and Design (GCAD), and then presents a MUMA-curated show at Switchback Gallery.

This exhibition showcases a major contemporary painter who is emerging in Melbourne.

"Kate Smith is an exciting painter whose work explores the possibilities of paint in daring ways, while at the same time having an approachable and comforting presence," said Switchback

Director Rodney Forbes.

"The show relives the artist's student years at the Australian National University with her attempt during the residency to cover all the media offered in GCAD's studios for painting, printmaking, sculpture, photography and digital media.

This sees her return to printmaking, or to her earlier desire to study photography and textiles, while also including the knowingly naïve abstract paintings and assemblages that are her principal form of expression."

The public opening of Kate Smith: a Country Practice is on Tuesday 3 September at 5pm and the exhibition will run from 4 September to 3 October.

Switchback Gallery is open Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm or by appointment at The Gippsland Centre for Art and Design, Building 6S, Monash University Gippsland Campus, Northways Road Churchill.

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Kernot Lake takes on a new appearance

By Leo Billington

The Gippsland Heritage Walk encompassing Morwell's Kernot Lake has taken on a unique appearance in developing a new tourist attraction in Latrobe City with increased visitation being noticed to the area.

Two new, specifically designed arches, each almost four metres tall, grace either end of the existing walkway. At about 500 metres in length, the existing walkway surrounds the lake and as part of an overall strategic development plan, various interpretative stations are also planned to be installed.

According to President of the Gippsland Immigration Park Inc Committee and long time Churchill resident, Don Di Fabrizio, so far the whole project, which consists of three stages, has been very successful. "With the first two stages nearing completion, I have been honoured to work with such an energetic and enthusiastic committee who always achieve positive outcomes."

"The first stage was construction of the walkway with an initial planting of 14 trees – the beautiful Pyrus Chanticleer which boast magnificent autumn colours – and designated locations for the interpretative stations," Mr Di Fabrizio said.

"Stage two involves erecting two grand arches, each signaling the beginning or end of the walk. More trees and specially selected wisterias have been planted so they intertwine eventually showing a portrait of autumn and summer tones which are colour-coded with the trees.

"We are aiming for a total, integrated ambiance for everyone to enjoy a chance to reflect and savor the tranquility of what we are creating at the Gippsland Immigration Park. Already, the plaques on the Gippsland Immigration Wall of Recognition reflect so many interesting stories able to be told by migrant families who came to our municipality.

"In stage three, the walkway will have 36 historical interpretative stations at clearly designated locations. These will feature granite panels with specific historical themes, screen printed on aluminum celebrating Gippsland's history. With 36 stations, this means 72 sides will be used – virtually 108 metres of historical information. We also have been mindful of ensuring easy access for every visitor to this area at Kernot Lake. There is plenty of seating available at the arches and elsewhere."

The committee has previously completed a significant task compiling a book, 'Stories From The Wall' which was highly successful. The Gippsland Heritage Walk is another project which is testimony to just how important migrants have been for our local history.

Mr Di Fabrizio recalls the extensive assistance and financial support received so far. "Funding has been received from Regional Development Victoria, the Latrobe City Council and the committee. We have all worked co-operatively together to achieve this goal. Extra funding was received from

GDF Suez, Australian Energy and Loy Yang Power Management Pty Ltd.

"Russell Northe has been a consistent supporter all the way. He was instrumental in guiding us toward a funding application for \$140,000 from the Victorian Government through the 'Putting Locals First Program' for the construction of the Gippsland Heritage walk," Mr Di Fabrizio said.

"Latrobe City Council cleaned along the banks of the lake, all the steelwork was purchased locally and all construction work has been completed by the committee. Members including Maggie Auciello, Ted Cowper, Graham Goulding and Serge Auciello have been instrumental in getting a wide range of jobs completed.

"We've also had assistance from Australian Group Apprenticeships, David Elder at the council and a local painter, Peter Marsh who also arranged for a registered rustic coloured paint for the two arches. Other local in-kind assistance was provided by Richard Mee assisting with erection and construction, Tony Lawless with earth moving, Domingo Afonso and Morwell based equipment hire company, ProRent.

"There is evidence of an increasing number of visitors to the park. Sporting groups use the area for training. Its educational value is being recognised. It's a lovely area for relaxing. It is a wonderful example of a community project made possible by many people working together. We are all so thrilled to achieve what's been possible and the end goal is to complete a commemorative area worthy of inclusion on Victoria's regional tourist attractions list," Mr Di Fabrizio added.



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Buckets, beaters and some hose. Horses and trucks came later . . .

By Leo Billington

On Friday, January 3, 1913 the Morwell Advertiser headlined, Disastrous Fire. In Morwell. Three Brick Shops Destroyed. Splendid Work By "BUCKET Brigade." The Need Of A Water Supply.

"The most disastrous fire that has occurred in Morwell for over twenty years broke out shortly after 1 o'clock on Tuesday morning last, in the terrace of fine two-storied brick buildings in the main street, and for a considerable time there was every reason to believe that practically the whole town would be reduced to ashes; but fortunately, by the splendid efforts of a hastily-formed but splendidly organised "bucket brigade," and a parapet wall, the damage was confined to three buildings and their contents."

The term "bucket brigade" refers to a firefighting technique involving passing water along a human chain to douse a fire.

It was a commonly used method before the advent of mechanized firefighting equipment and is known to be still used in some underdeveloped areas of the world.

The technique requires a person near a water source filling a bucket, which is then passed hand to hand until it reaches the last individual who throws the water on the fire. Empty buckets would be passed back to the water source to be refilled.

Water was only available from water butts at the end of shops and houses, collected from the run-off from roofs. Later, with the invention of the hand pumper, bucket brigades were used to keep the pumpers full of water. Hooks, ropes and chains were used to make fire breaks by pulling down walls of burning buildings to keep the fire from spreading. Swabs (mops), beaters and even small tree branches ripped from trees were used to extinguish embers on roofs and around buildings.

Basically, it was "all hands on deck" when it came to firefighting in the early days. Before water reticulation, a fire outbreak was extinguished by either bucketing of water from the nearest tank, dam or well, or pumping from these sources by the manual operation of the pump on the hose carriage and laying out hoses.

Scrub fires were generally extinguished by the use of fire beaters, wet bags or thrashing with clumps of ti-tree or other branches.

In Morwell and the surrounding district, it was no different to anywhere else in country Victoria. Some of the larger, well organised and financed fire brigades such as Geelong, Bendigo and Ballarat had slightly more advanced equipment but the objective was always to extinguish a fire, save what could be saved and assess the repercussions later.

Going back to the fire in Morwell's Commercial Road mentioned above, which took hold on December 31, 1912 at about 1.00 am, "the prolonged whistling of a midnight goods train that happened to arrive in the station yard at the time the fire started, disturbed people from their peaceful slumbers. In a moment everyone realised that there was another fire, and very hasty preparations were made. Soon there was a hue and cry of fire; the Presbyterian Church bell started ringing (by Mr. Clayton), and there was a general stampede in the direction of the main street, where smoke and flames were seen issuing in increasing volume." (Morwell Advertiser.)

The Advertiser certainly provided a comprehensive and thrilling report of the fire. "Mr. Wm. Tulloch pointed out that between Cooper's and Brown's shops there was a thick parapet wall, also a passage way. It was the only parapet wall in the terrace. Mr. Tulloch believed that with a fair supply of water the fire could be checked when it reached the said wall.

If it could not be stopped there, it would go to the end of the terrace. Mr. D. Dunbar, Mr. Hoyle and others were of the same opinion, and it was resolved to make the effort. Ladders were procured, and a "bucket brigade" hastily formed. Percy Norman and Col Davey were first to scale the wall to make investigations, and amid showers of sparks and intense heat they announced that if supplied with buckets of water they could beat the fire.

Then the work of the brigade began, and how the lads worked! They put the renowned Trojans completely in the shade. Percy Norman is a "fireman" (on railway engines), but he proved a fireman in every sense of the word in fighting the flames, and he was well backed up by Col Davey on top of the wall.

It is surprising how in the face of heat and fire they "stuck to their guns" and threw bucket after bucket of water upon the leaping devouring and merciless flames. On the top ladder were Percy Hopkins and Percy Kelly,

whilst Bill Miller, Rowell Bros., P. James, J. Bryden, G. Phillips, H. Cooper, and a host of others formed a chain and supplied buckets of water from an underground tank at rear of Brown's chemist shop. From the front Messrs. R. Noy and Steve Cooper kept a continuous stream of water going from two spraying pumps, which proved very effective, especially when the front window of Cooper's shop gave way, and great tongues of flames shot out and threatened to set things going on the opposite side of parapet wall. Jack Lowe, Stan McKay, Jack and Bill Rintoull and others battled hard on the west side, and so the fight proceeded; many working hard, some giving advice, and not a few watching the proceedings with anxiety."

The reader of this report is drawn into the excitement and tension of the moment. Also, it highlights typical firefighting methods and strategies so necessary in earlier times when technological innovation was slow to arrive.

There were a number of serious fires in Morwell before the eventual formation of a Volunteer Fire Brigade on Friday 20th November 1914. It became operational in January 1915. Mr. Richard Noy was the first Captain, and other officers were Lieutenant J. Bryden, Foreman W. Wilson and Secretary W. Milligan. The Brigade consisted of 25 men and initially operated from Gill's Gazette newspaper office in Station Street (Princes Highway).

Equipment was purchased from its own fund raising activities and from citizens' donations. Prior to the purchase of motorised fire vehicles the early brigade's equipment consisted of a hose carriage, ladder, hoses, beaters and buckets.

A common feature of early fire brigade photographs is a hose carriage, drawn by a team of brigade members carrying several lengths of heavy wire strengthened hose, a ladder and sundry equipment. It was slow arduous, physical work taking a hose carriage to a fire, particularly with the crudely made streets.

In early 1900, it was reported by the Country Fire Brigade Board Chief Officer, T S Marshall that "the hose reels when loaded with hose and other necessary equipment were very heavy, the wheels being of such abnormal height that the machine took some shifting,

but when started it covered the ground well." Early iron hose reels were extremely heavy but gradually iron-rimmed wooden wheels resembling those of buggies became more common.

The Country Fire Brigade Board (CFBB) purchased its first motor vehicle in 1913 and it was delivered to the Bendigo Fire Brigade in April of that year, after local citizens and the brigade paid a third of the cost.

This was the first "motor fire appliance" in country Victoria and was known as "The Horace Lansell". By 1915, despite the onset of the First World War, brigades at Ballarat City, Ballarat, Geelong and Bendigo had two trucks each.

Arguably the most

spectacular individual blaze to occur in Morwell broke out on the morning of January 10, 1935 in the premises of the Mechanics' Institute, located at the south-west corner of Tarwin and George Streets. The Morwell Advertiser carried the report of the disaster on their front page dated, Thursday January 17, 1935. "One of the main buildings in the town and an old landmark, in the shape of the Morwell Mechanics' Institute, was (totally) destroyed by fire during the early hours of Thursday last."

Once again, an animated, rather keen and enthusiastic reporter was on the job taking every reader along a journey throughout the fire and its aftermath. "Connected with the Institute were the Public Library containing about 2,000 books, Clerk of Courts Room in which were files of Government Gazettes for many years past, statutes, legal documents etc. also Lodge Room in which were honour boards, regalia, etc., Infant Welfare Centre Apartments with equipment. In the main hall were two talkie picture machines, piano, two marble memorial tablets, furnishings and many other things.

The first indication that something unusual had occurred was the ringing of the Presbyterian Church bell shortly before 2 a.m., followed a few minutes later by the vigorous ringing of the fire bell, which disturbed townspeople from their peaceful slumbers and caused them to jump out of bed to ascertain where the fire was.

It did not take long to locate the locality of the conflagration for dense volumes of smoke were soon issuing forth whilst large tongues of flame and showers of sparks were ascending skyward. For a time it was difficult for persons any distance away to say exactly where the fire was. Many at first thought it was Green's Drapery Emporium, others believed it was Jenkin's store, but it was not long before all realised that it was the Mechanics' Hall.

One of the first to notice the outbreak was Mr. Hore, who resides close to the Presbyterian Church, and he promptly rang the church bell. About the same time Mr. W. Jenkins, who was sleeping on the balcony above the general store, across the street from the Mechanics' saw the reflection of a fire, and at first thought the rear portion of the store was alight. As soon as he located the fire he ran to the fire station and rang the bell.

Two members of the local Brigade, who had heard the Presbyterian Church bell, reached the fire station about the same time as Mr. Jenkins. Other firemen were also promptly on the scene, and no time was lost in rushing to the scene with reel and equipment for fighting the flames.

Although no time was lost by the Brigade in getting to the fighting line, the fire had such a strong hold that it was utterly impossible to save the main hall from destruction. The flames spread very rapidly and in a twinkling the whole place was burning from one end to the other.

The firemen concentrated their efforts upon a gallant attempt to save the Clerk of Courts Room and Infant Welfare Centre Apartments. It was no easy task and considerable risk was taken by members of the Brigade in the strenuous battle. The heat was intense and the smoke suffocating.

Whilst considerable danger was added by burning timber and walls falling, another source of great danger was the fact that many electric wires were connected with the building, and there appeared to be no official present to disconnect the current, the wires were "alive" and firemen and others might easily have been electrocuted, as the wires fell to the ground and lay about the roadway.





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Eventually First Constable Gunn, who realised the danger, took steps to “chop off” the live current. The firemen, however, worked on regardless of heat, smoke, wires and other risks and although the flames won the fight for the Clerk of Courts Room, the firemen gained a victory in the battle for the Infant Welfare Centre Apartments, which in addition to scales and other equipment (none of which was insured) contained a billiard table.

By about 3 a.m. the fight was over, the hall together with the contents being reduced to smouldering ashes.

The firemen, among whom were Capt. Rob Watson, ex Capt. R. Noy, Lieut. W. Budge, Foreman W. Loble, Firemen H. Huguenin, J. Huguenin, C. Olver, G. Campbell, R. Keith, W. Uhrhane and L. Noy, who were tired and drenched to the skin with water, were taken into Jenkins’ store where they were kindly supplied with refreshing tea and given something to eat by Miss Jenkins.

The buildings and contents were insured in the Commercial Union Insurance Company for £2025 and we understand that Messrs. Verey and Cupit had a separate insurance of £600 on the talkie plant owned by them.

Among the contents of the Institute that were destroyed were two marble tablets erected to the memory of the late Private G. Bolding and T. Tose, who lost their lives whilst serving in the South African Boer War. Also an enlarged photo of the late Hon. T. Livingstone, who represented Gippsland South in the Legislative Assembly for some years, and to whose efforts is very largely due the development of the immense brown coal deposits at Yallourn.

Practically the whole town turned out to witness the fire, the majority being in night attire. The blaze was seen by people at Boolarra, Yinnar, Yallourn and Traralgon.

The committee of the Institute are Messrs. E. Pearson (president), J. Langdon (Vice-President), A. W. Ronald, W.S. Mackenzie, J. Sinclair, J. Bolger, and P. Brittingham, and the Trustees, Messrs. A. McDonald, G.P. Evans and G. Watson.

The trustees and some members met the adjuster in connection with claim for insurance on Friday last, when a highly satisfactory settlement was arrived at.”

In this report we note a combination of fire fighting techniques used to save whatever could be saved. A Fire Station bell ringing, the church bell used as well besides electricity being cut off and a reel and equipment – it was all there in a stress laden co-operative community effort albeit unfortunately the building was reduced to ashes.

Another report from the Morwell Advertiser on Friday March 4th 1927, described “the ringing of the local fire bell at 3 a.m. on Wednesday morning last, which disturbed residents from their peaceful slumbers and for some time much excitement prevailed, and it was not long before there was a large gathering of folk, the majority of whom were only partially dressed. It was soon discovered that the scene of the fire was the general store at the corner of Tarwin and George streets, directly opposite Mechanics’ Hall, owned by “Capads” Co-operative Company. The outbreak was first noticed by Mr. W. Jenkins from his bedroom window. He was awakened by a crackling sound, and on looking out of the window saw flames inside “Capads” store.”

The building, however, was an old one, and the fire had got such a hold, before the arrival of the fire brigade, that there was no hope of saving the place or any of the contents. The water pressure was also poor, and there were leaks in the hose which added further difficulty to the task.

One senses frustrations mounting at this stage in Morwell over a lack of appropriate firefighting resources when the same newspaper report added an addendum; “Members of [the Morwell] Water Trust consider the poor pressure of water was due to a number of householders leaving their taps turned on in their gardens and stated such offenders will be prosecuted in future.”

The Morwell Fire Brigade would always face adversity fighting town fires. Newspaper reports generally painted a picture of triumph if damage and destruction was limited as much as was possible. Morwell endured many serious fires, some of which threatened to wipe out the town’s central business district. One can only reflect on what may have been Morwell’s future development had the destruction from fire been far more serious and widespread.

During the evening of Saturday, November 16, 1929, another serious outbreak of fire occurred in Morwell’s main thoroughfare, this time totally destroying two business premises and severely damaging a further two. The Morwell Advertiser edition dated: Friday, November 22, 1929 published the following account of the events that transpired on the evening of the 16th.

“Quite a sensation was caused in Morwell, on Saturday night last, when at about 10 o’clock the fire bell rang and an alarm quickly spread that a fire had broken out in a row of shops in the main street, known as “Tulloch’s Buildings”, between Conlan’s Club Hotel and Barry’s “Murdoch’s” Hotel, and occupied by J. Jordan, saddler and harness maker; J.R. and F. Dow, grocers; Sharpe Bros., drapery emporium, and T. Furlong, fruiterer and confectioner. All the shops were constructed of wood with brick front, portions having been erected about 50 years ago, although some alterations and renovations have been made in recent years.

Pictures were being held at the Mechanics’ Hall and considerable excitement prevailed there when some one announced that half the town was on fire.

The outbreak occurred in Jordan’s shop, which is at the east end of the row, and adjoins Conlan’s Hotel. Although an alarm was soon raised and members of Morwell Fire Brigade were quickly on the scene, the flames soon got hold of the old wooden structure and there was every prospect of there being one of the most serious conflagrations that has occurred in the town for many years past. It was therefore deemed advisable by onlookers to solicit the aid of Traralgon and Yallourn brigades. Both these brigades kindly responded to the call as promptly as possible, but before their arrival on the scene the Morwell brigade, who distinguished themselves, had the fire under control, having effected a wonderful save by good work. Fortunately there was a splendid pressure of water available, and the fire was attacked from front and back and also from roof, volumes of water being poured in from all directions.

A great crowd gathered and much excitement prevailed as the battle against the flames progressed. The shops were all filled with smoke, and the flames not only leaped into the air but crept along the ceilings and sheets of iron had to be pulled off the roof to counter attack same. By degrees the firemen made good progress, and in their hands the water eventually gained a victory over the fire. Although Jordan’s shop and contents were reduced to ashes and Dow’s store and stock practically destroyed, Sharpe’s Emporium, carrying over £5000 worth of stock, including recent large consignments of Christmas goods, and Furlong’s well filled shop were saved.

Considerable damage was of course done

by the water, which under the circumstances was unavoidable, Mr. Norman Sharpe estimating the damage in this respect to his stock being about £1,500. A good deal of harm was also done in Dow’s from the same cause. Portion of Conlan’s kitchen at rear of hotel caught fire, but was soon extinguished.

How the fire originated is a mystery, Mr. Jordan closed his shop on Friday afternoon and went to Melbourne.

Mr. Norman Sharpe had quite a narrow escape. When he arrived on the scene his shop was full of smoke. He, however, had about £100 in money in the shop and resolved to try and secure it. After some difficulty he got the money but before he could reach the door he was overcome and fell to the floor. Fortunately he was rescued from his perilous position and taken outside, where he soon recovered.

A special word of praise is due to members of the local Fire Brigade, who responded so promptly to the call and worked so hard and successfully against the fire fiend that threatened so much destruction. Members of Traralgon and Yallourn Brigades are also deserving of praise for the ready response to the call for aid.

Unfortunately most of the firemen had their clothes badly damaged, some being completely ruined. We understand that firemen have no claim on Insurance Companies or others to make good any of their loss sustained in such a way.

We would therefore suggest that the Brigade form a fund immediately from which to make good, losses sustained by firemen (whose services are voluntary) whilst doing service in fighting any fire. The Brigade has proved itself well worthy of support by property owners and others and there should be no difficulty in securing funds for the purpose suggested.”

In the same edition, The Morwell Advertiser published the following letters written to the editor:

Dear Sir,

Could you spare space in your valuable paper that I may give full descriptions of Saturday night’s fire in Morwell. When dong, dong, dong rang out from the Morwell fire bell, I was talking to a friend in Mr. A. Martyn’s fruit shop. I made a run for the fire station to bring a reel on the scene and was met by a man bringing a reel to the fire. I lent him a helping hand. We then connected the hose to the plug near the post office and ran the hose to the burning building. Two men rushed in the doorway with hose in full force. I thought the fire was nothing after all, until the flames flew through the roof of Mr. Jordan’s

shop. There was only one hose in operation at the time, I then began to think, where can the brigade be, till it dawned on me at once. It is Saturday night and members of the brigade are at the picture hall. I rushed with great haste and on arrival met Mr. A. Martyn in the passage way, and asked him did he know anything of the town being in danger of fire. He said “No” and ran off at once to lend a helping hand. I then opened the hall door and shouted to those deeply interested picture patrons, “Are there any firemen here gentlemen, the town is on fire!” Then there was a rush, a roar of stampeding foot steps and a noise like thunder, ants could not appear from their nest as fast as the people left the picture hall. They seemed to be all firemen and firewomen too; in fact if the whole Australian army were in that hall, there could not have been more noise.

When the firemen arrived every hose was manipulated, and the fire brought under control in a very short time, considering they were handicapped by thick dense smoke. In my opinion you have tip-top fighters in Morwell, that the people should be proud of.

The reason of the few only hearing the fire bell was on account of the “ringer” not ringing loud enough. The ring was rather faint, and the Brigade should not be blamed for failing to hear it in the picture hall.

Yours sincerely,

A.E. Iland

In closing at this stage, local history is rather devoid about when the Morwell Fire Brigade obtained more sophisticated firefighting equipment. We do know that on Monday, November 22 1943, the chief of the Country Fire Brigades Board (Capt. A. McPherson) paid an official visit of inspection to the Morwell Fire Brigade, and with him he brought a new motor pump. “It is of the latest type, being quite a stream-lined affair. This together with further equipment should, according to all who attended the handover, make the brigade feel confident to combat any fires” (The Morwell Advertiser, Thursday, November 25 1943). This must have sounded most reassuring.

A whole new chapter unfolded with horse drawn firefighting equipment which was soon replaced by fire trucks. It is widely acknowledged that eventually, drivers of the horse drawn carriages did not conceal their hatred of the “new fangled contrivance” and refused to believe that it could ever replace their beloved horses. The horses, while they at first resented the intrusion of “the roaring, evil smelling monster, and reared at the sight of it, eventually accepted the innovation.”



Churchill Neighbourhood Centre Craft Bonanza



For a gold coin donation you could enjoy the colourful and engaging wares of the eighteen-stallholders who attended the bi-annual Churchill Neighbourhood Centre Craft Bonanza held at Green Inc on August 24, 25.

The committee had worked very hard to prepare for the event and were thrilled with the results which saw approximately 300 people come through the door.

Although mostly from the Churchill area, there were also folks from Tasmania, New South Wales, South Gippsland, Beaconsfield,

and Sale. Visitors enjoyed demonstrations from making butterflies with scrapbooking, discussions on sewing and quilting techniques, wool spinning and carding, felting and painting, not to mention candle making, woodwork, soaps, jewellery, henna painting and fabrics with stallholders in attendance.

A raffle which is still to be drawn, gave people the chance to win a small quilt and pillows made by Jess Koolan.

Proceeds of this raffle will go to the Pink Ribbon Day which

raises funds for the Jane McGrath Foundation.

Tickets are available by ringing the NHC on 51222955.

Food sales on the day were also very popular and included soup, sandwiches and scones. Proceeds from those sales went to the NHC for class projects.

The Committee would like to acknowledge and thank Latrobe City Council for the grants received to run these events.

They would also like to thank the stallholders who worked hard to make the Craft Bonanza a success.

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Melbourne Writers' Festival

This week 70 Year 7 students attended the Melbourne Writers' Festival where they got to hear renowned authors Morris Gleitzman and Deborah Ellis discuss the topic 'Stories from a War'. As authors of stories set in the backdrop of wars, the duo highlighted the impact wars have on children and how their lives are affected by the decisions made by adults. The discussion was highly relevant to students' learning as they have been studying Gleitzman's novel 'Once' in English. The first of a series of four books, 'Once' explores the lives of Felix and Zeld, two children struggling to survive in the midst of the holocaust.

Deborah Ellis is the author of the 'Parvana' series, the first of which has been studied by students in Year 8 over the past few years. The conflict in these books is set in Afghanistan. The two authors gave students insights into how the characters Felix and Parvana evolved and how decisions made about plot and characterisation impacted them personally. It was interesting to hear the comparison made between stories set in the past with stories set in the present. While Ellis was able to draw on her experiences from travelling to Afghanistan, Gleitzman relied on historical accounts of the holocaust to create a sense of authenticity of time and place.

At the conclusion of the discussion, students in the audience got to learn more about the authors through a student-led questions and answers. The excursion was highly beneficial to the Year 7s and they were very excited to see and hear these authors in person.

First Place In State Science Competition

Earlier this year a group of Year 10 students took part in the "Titration Stakes" competition, a practical chemistry competition conducted by

the Royal Australian Chemistry Institute. In groups of three, students were required to determine the exact concentration of an unknown acid, through a range of analytical chemistry techniques.

It was with great delight the College was informed two of our student groups finished first and second in the state for the Year 10 category. The winning team, Jessica Fossati, Bronwyn Slater and Madeline Young, had experimental results which were within 0.0051M of the exact concentration of the acid – an incredible result. Second place went to another Kurnai group – Rhys Hooimeyer, Molly Hillenaar and Cooper Brown. Congratulations to all of these students on an absolutely outstanding effort on such a competitive stage.

Thinking Championships

Students in Year 7 are currently participating in the annual Thinking Championships at Kurnai College Churchill Campus. Held over two weeks, students compete in teams representing different countries from around the world, as they battle through a range of problem solving type activities. With four or

five students in each team, one of the main objectives of the championships is teamwork and co-operation. Previous championships have shown that the most successful teams are the ones that work cohesively, support and challenge each other respectfully, and think openly and creatively.

Each day, students rotate through activities that challenge their thinking in all areas of the curriculum. The varied nature of the activities means that there is something for everyone's abilities and interests. Some of the activities include Flag Making, Master Chef, Marble Track design and construction, TV advertising, sporting competitions and the Maths Pentathlon.

Official medal presentations take place each morning prior to the commencement of the competition. Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded to the top three teams at the conclusion of each activity and a medal tally is displayed throughout the competition. Early leaders in the competition are Kiribati, Papua New Guinea and Kenya with three medals apiece.



Year 9 Melbourne Camp

The aim of this four day stay in Melbourne was to experience a variety of recreational and educational aspects of Melbourne, gain confidence in moving around the city using public transport, and practise good team work.

Much prior preparation in the form of information briefing was given both to the students and the parents. Items covered included administration, safety, dealing with personal issues when on camp, behavioural aspects when in public, public transport etiquette, an overview of the CBD street layout and how to get around the city using public transport, including how to use their own personal Myki Card, and how to download a transport app on their mobile phone, to ensure the parents were happy with the arrangements and the students knew what was expected of them, and they were thoroughly prepared.

Each group of 3-5 students, some with mobile phones, had an assigned teacher who also had a mobile phone. The teacher was responsible for the students' safety and well-being when the students were out and about. Each student was expected to be within sight and sound of their group at all times. They were also expected to behave with courtesy and respect to all members of the public, including giving up their seat on a tram to the elderly.

Day 1 of the program consisted of ice-skating, then half went to the Eureka Skydeck and half went to the Old Melbourne Goal for the Night Tour which focused on crime and punishment in the nineteenth century and featured Ned



Kelly and others.

Day 2 was a visit to the zoo followed by Bounce in the afternoon. Bounce is a huge warehouse full of trampolines. Here they received coaching, and participated in organised activities for an hour, learning how to use a trampoline safely and how to play games on them, with free time thrown in at the end. According to the students they loved it.

Galactic Circus was the afternoon event with laser tag and two hours spent on various arcade games.



Day 3 morning was spent at Parliament House where they saw part of a debate about Ballarat University merging with Monash Gippsland name change and discussion about the disadvantages of country students in accessing tertiary education opportunities. A tour of the MCG filled the rest of the morning.

The afternoon was taken up with the 'Race Around the City' exercise. With a start in Federation Square, each group, without a teacher, had to find their way to four locations- The Shrine, Etihad Stadium at Southern Cross, Parliament Station and the State Library in the set time of three hours, with smiles. At each venue there were questions to answer, a signature from the teacher located there to obtain, and a photo to take which contained all the group members at the venue. These were all safety measures put in place to ensure the student's safety. They were also in mobile phone contact at all times. There was also a photographic competition. The groups had to find at the various places set items to photograph.

It was while one group of the boys was photographing a 'cow up a tree', that they met Tony Jones, sports presenter with Channel 9. They had a good chat with him, telling him what they were doing. He asked if they would like to visit Channel 9 studios. When the boys sought and were given permission to go, Tony arranged the visit. There they met Peter Hitchener and Rebecca Judd. Speaking to Luke and Jacob, two boys of the group, it was evident that they thought the experience was fantastic.

Luke said it was an amazing experience. Jacob said it was fabulous to see how friendly and patient everyone was as they showed them around.

They stayed for an hour, but would have stayed longer if time hadn't been against them.

Both of the boys commented on how cool it was to see Rebecca Judd do the weather which went straight to air.

Peter Hitchener also showed them Kids WB studio. That was really cool, they both agreed, adding it was very lucky that they had been able to have such an experience.

Day 4 was a visit to RMIT, where they had a tour of the campus. Then it was on to Victoria Market where some currency was exchanged for a variety of goods.

The teachers were 'over the moon' with the attitude, and behaviour of the students and of the learning which they gained from the camp. For Almuth Otten, the high point of the camp was seeing how confident the students became moving around the city in those four days.

Year 8 AGL Loy Yang student visit

A local major employer AGL Loy Yang, invited our Year 8 students to tour their local electricity generation facility.

After a briefing about safety, each student and teacher received a safety vest, hard hat, earplugs and visitors pass. We then boarded the bus for the start of the tour.

First stop was the mine lookout, which is located on the far side of the mine. From the lookout we could see the plant's dredges and the vast size of the plot. We were then taken back around the mine, to the main buildings where we were shown the turbine room. We then walked up 14 floors, to view back over the mine towards the lookout – some of us struggled with vertigo!

Also in front of us was the 19 story chimney. We went and looked at this chimney from the bottom and it appeared to bend in the clouds.

Our tour was conducted by Greg who was a retired Loy Yang man. He was very knowledgeable and provided a very interesting commentary all the way around.

Kurnai College's Year 8 students would like to thank AGL and Greg for this fascinating field trip.

Julie Garden Year 8 Team Leader



Gippsland Education Precinct

Students leading the way

The Kurnai College Years 11 & 12 Precinct Campus has a well-established Student Representative Council.

The Council's representatives are nominated by their peers and meet monthly to discuss new ways to improve their learning environment.

A member of the Council, Hayden Stephen, said: "We run a range of events to raise money for various student activities and equipment.

At the moment we are fund raising for a 3D printer – which will be available to all Precinct classes that would benefit from

using this equipment."

We hold a number of fund raising events throughout the year including pancake days, sausage sizzles, even a uniform day."

Students at Kurnai College's Precinct Campus do not have a uniform.

Hayden said "The uniform day is a funny day for Precinct students, as we don't normally wear a uniform on this campus. It's a real novelty and some people go all out – wearing all sorts of wacky costumes."

The Council also gets involved with improving services for the students at the school. A key goal they are discussing at the

moment is the opportunity of forming stronger ties with people from the new Federation University, which is currently Monash University.

The student representatives on the Council regularly support students and love to hear their suggestions and recommendations on how to make the campus a better place. "We are very lucky we have very supportive students. I'd definitely highly recommend anyone who would like to get involved on the Council to give it a go. I've found it very rewarding," said Hayden.

Churchill Preschools

Churchill Hub Preschool celebrated Father's Day with a Special Person's Day visit to the local fire station. Children were able to squirt the hose while they and their special person learnt about dialing 000 and what to do

if there is a fire. Glendonald Park Preschool will be visiting the Fire Station in October.

Glendonald Park Preschool hosted a Father's Day night where they sang songs and gave presents to their special person.

The Latrobe City Council donated seedlings to both Preschools.

This allowed the children to learn about planting seedlings in their yards.

Also decorating Churchill Hub's yard are

some new picnic tables that they received off one of the fathers.

Yinnar Primary School

Tournament Of Minds Yinnar Primary School

A group of very talented grade 5/6 students competed in the Tournament of Minds region final at Monash University. Tournament of Minds is a problem solving competition for teams. The team of seven worked for six weeks on a Long Term Language and Literature Challenge. The students wrote their scripts, made costumes and props necessary to demonstrate how their team solved the given problem. Students presented their challenge solution to a panel of judges. The teams also

participated in an unseen Spontaneous Challenge, which required rapid thinking and the ability to think creatively.

Tournament of Minds gives students the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant way.

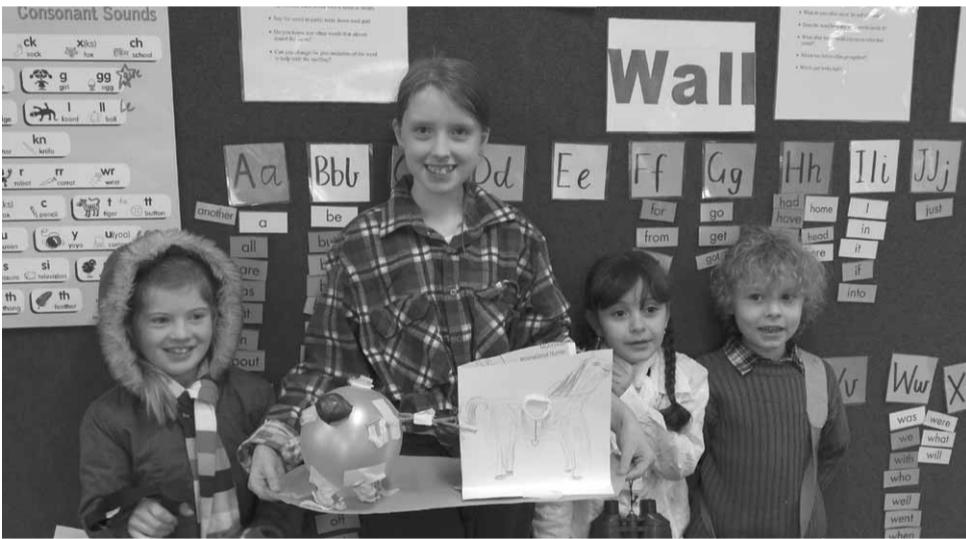
All the students involved in the competition are to be congratulated for their fabulous work and excellent performances.

Book Week Celebrations

This year's Book Week theme was 'Across the Universe'

and Yinnar Primary School students had a special day, crossing into many universes. Students and teachers came to school ready to explore. There were a number of challenges for students to complete in order to cross from one universe to the next. It was an exciting day filled with great learning opportunities.

Book Week is celebrated each year in mid to late August. This annual event highlights the importance of reading, and draws on the joy of stories and creativity of Australian books.



Yinnar South Primary School

Term Three has been flying by. Our current focus is Australian History and we have been very busy learning about our own family histories, and about other events in history. The younger students have been finding out about differences between the olden days and now. Older students have been working extremely hard on Individual Research Projects based on a variety of historical topics.

We had a fantastic time exploring the Melbourne Museum and finding lots of ideas and information to support our current learning.

Melbourne Museum - Phar Lap

I can hear trotting feet. I wonder what it is. It is the sound of a horse. It is a horse. It's Phar Lap.

In the 20th Century he was a great race

horse. He was poisoned because he was famous. He won the championship. I reckon that it was a cruel thing to do to the horse. They say his heart is in Canberra Museum.

Phar Lap is a very tall horse. He is the greatest horse of all time. Phar Lap is a fantastic horse. I wonder how many races he had to do to get to the championships. This horse had a story behind it, I think.

We all had a fantastic day on Friday. It was a big day for everybody.

Melbourne Museum Excursion

We all said goodbye to our Mums and Dads and got on the train to Melbourne Museum. We got off the train and walked for a while. Just outside the Museum, in a tree was... a possum curled up sleeping.

When we got inside we went to the Forest Gallery. We saw some fish in a pond, plants and two bower birds, a girl and a boy. They were collecting blue lids.

Then we went to the human body area, There were mirrors to make you look funny and there was a machine that had a button. If you pressed the button it would make a farting noise. It was so funny.

Then we went to see the dinosaur skeletons. There were little TV things with a movie about a dinosaur.

After that we went to the Marine Life area. There was a movie about a squid and the squid that was in the movie was in a case. I watched the movie about the squid. I found it interesting.

Then we went to the bugs and insects

section, I was interested in the spiders. Even knowing that I hate them, I was interested.

Alyssa (Stamina Writing) (Stamina Writing is a speed writing task with a time limit of approx 1/2 hour.)

The preps loved the dinosaur fossils.

Values for Life School Seminar

Yinnar South Primary School would like to thank Morwell Primary School for our recent visit to their school. We enjoyed sharing your Values for Life School Seminar incursion with you. We would like to thank your students for being wonderful hosts and making our students welcome in your classrooms. It was a great experience visiting and participating in your programs for the morning.

Thank You.



Hazelwood North Primary School

Hazelwood North Primary School participated in the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod.

On Thursday August 22, the Prep, 1s, 2s, 3s, and some of the 4/5s went to the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod.

The 4/5s sang the Adams Family, the 2/3s sang Hey Yo, and the Prep/1s sang My Car. We all tried our best and all had a red hot go. The grade 4/5s received an honourable mention, and the prep/1s came 3rd.

The 4/5's dressed up as scary monsters, it was very funny, and the 2/3's dressed up as cool kids.

We all had a great day.

Lara and Calista

Basketball.

On Thursday August 22, some of the grade 5 and 6's went to the Churchill Basketball Primary Interschool competition. Both the boys and girls team for Hazelwood North played 3 games, against Churchill Primary, Yinnar and Lumen Christi. All of the scores were very tight. All teams had very good skills and strategies. The girls team won 2 of the 3 games they played. Unfortunately the girls' team lost to Yinnar, so that meant Yinnar is into the next round. The boys' team won 1 out of 3 and lost to Churchill and Lumen Christi. Churchill Primary got into the next round for the boys.

All teams should be proud of how they played and we congratulate the people who got into the next round. It was loads of fun and inspired some of the Hazelwood kids to play basketball.

Thank-you to the people who organised it. It was great fun

experience.

By Alisha and Meg.

R.E.D. Day and Dress-up Day at H.N.P.S

Hello. We are the Grade 1's and Preps from Hazelwood North Primary School.

On Thursday August 29, we had a R.E.D. day to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis research. Our school raised over \$200.00 and we hope this helps the doctors to find out what causes the sickness and what can cure it.

We also had a Book Week Dress up Day on the same day. We had a parade at the start of the day to show off our costumes and our red outfits. Our Junior School Councillors organised activities about the short listed books. The activities were AWESOME and lots of fun.

Our J.S.C. did an AMAZING JOB!

2/3s Eisteddfod

On Thursday August 22, the 2/3s went to the Eisteddfod in Traralgon. We sang Hey Yo. We practised the song and soon Mrs Alexander and Miss Waite thought we were good enough to create some actions to go with the song. On the last day of practice we sounded like we would win the next day. Mr Toomey and Mr Wall watched us as we sang. Sadly Mr Wall couldn't be there for the performance, so we tried our best for him. Finally the day came and we got on the bus at 9.30am. We all looked like real cool cats! Then we got off the bus. We had 1 more practice to make sure we were good. Then we went to the little stage and we had to wait a really long time for our

turn on stage. Finally, it was our turn. We went on the little stage and went through a door to get onto the town hall stage. We sang our song loudly and clearly. Unfortunately we didn't get a prize but we still had a good day! We are looking forward to participating in the Eisteddfod next year.

Bonnie and Niki
Hazelwood North Primary School's Special Awards

At Hazelwood North Primary School we had a special award ceremony. We also had a special visitor, Mr Darren Chester. Before we had the ceremony he talked to us about his role in the government and how the government works.

Mr Chester talked to us about what he does as a member of government. He is a Federal Member which means he works at Parliament House in Canberra. He represents us in Gippsland. He talks about what we need in Gippsland and makes decisions about things such as main roads and hospitals.

After our talk we had a special Award Ceremony for Civics and Citizenship and Achievement Awards. All of our students were really excited because we want to win. The winners receive a medal and certificate.



To be nominated by a teacher for an award students need to be a self-manager, respect others, look after our school and always try their best.

We learnt a lot from Mr Chester and it was very helpful for our inquiry and learning.

By Sam and Ryan

Lumen Christi Primary School

Confirmation

On Friday August 16, our Year 6 candidates received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Mass was beautifully celebrated by Bishop Christopher Prowse and our local priests Father Francis and Father Darek. All the children were just wonderful in the way they participated in the ceremony and the Bishop commented on the outstanding way they read and actively participated. They deserve our congratulations and we wish every blessing over these very important members of our school community.

Congratulations too to all their families and teachers. We would also like to acknowledge the terrific support we received from our wonderful parish community who offered so much support to us. Nothing was too big of an ask - Thanks to Paul Devlin and the men's choir MEN IN BLACK and to all those

quietly behind the scenes making our sacred space look so beautiful, and also catering for the priests. What a wonderful example of the Holy Spirit at work in Lumen Christi Parish.

It's Snowing, It's Snowing



With Winter giving us a blast of wild, wet and windy weather, we were excited to come to school one morning to find snow in our playground.

Mrs Moss was lucky, or unlucky perhaps, to wake one morning at her home in the hills to find that Jack Frost had done more than just paint the grass white. Mrs Moss was nice, or silly perhaps, enough to gather buckets of snow before work and bring them into the classrooms for us to investigate and discuss. Thanks Mrs Moss!

Building Update

The final classroom refurbishment is well underway and on schedule. The builders have been busy and we are enjoying watching the 'new' building take shape out of the 'old' building. Hopefully as we finish this term the senior block will be at lock-up and then the fit out can happen ready for us to move in some stage during the final term. We just can't wait to have all our classrooms completed, renovated and looking absolutely sensational.

Eisteddfod

Our Year 2/3 and 4 classes participated in the LV Eisteddfod in late August. The students presented two choral speaking items and should be very proud of the efforts they have all put in to rehearsing for this challenging experience. The high levels of discipline and teamwork have seen the group improve their presentation remarkably over the time they have been practising. Well done - We look forward to reporting in the next edition of how their performance went.

Churchill News in the News

We receive terrific feedback each month about Churchill News and we all enjoy looking for our school's section in our local newspaper. In our school foyer we have set up a bulletin board of articles from Churchill News so that visitors can read all about us. With some of our school community members outside the publishing area this board is a fantastic way to share all news and achievements.

Stalactites Experiments

In our grade we have been learning about stalactites and stalagmites. Over two weeks the stalactite experiment has been sitting in the classroom of 5/6W. The requirements are, two glass jars, baking soda, wool, water, a plate and screws. Learning about stalactites made me remember about my trip to the Buchan Caves. Our grade looked at photographs of stalactites and stalactites and also viewed some beautiful examples of stalactites on David Attenborough's Planet Earth.

(Kiera Johnson Grade 5/6 w)

Going Back in Time

The Grade 4's at Lumen Christi Primary, have been really busy going back in time to the 1700's and learning about The First Fleet. They have worked hard on: creating Timelines, writing diary entries based on what life would have been like on The First Fleet and drawing their interpretations.

Creating a Safe Supporting Environment

At Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School, we take pride in Creating a Safe Supporting Environment (CASSE) for students. That is why Lumen Christi have implemented a CASSE team that involves students gathering together, discussing issues surrounding the feelings in the playground and school. CASSE members made up role plays during their Wednesday weekly meetings, to teach students what it looks like to be an up-stander and by-stander.



Churchill North Primary School

Churchill North Mentoring the Upcoming Teachers

Over the last few weeks, Churchill North have hosted 5 pre-service teachers, 4 of whom are in the first year of studies as a Primary School teacher, and 1 who is in her third year of studies. Pre-service teachers have gained a lot from observing how schools and classrooms run, working with small groups of students and being out on yard duty. Pre-service teachers have watched and listened to teachers and how they communicate with students and parents, how they question and challenge students to encourage their thinking. They have watched how a lesson unfolds, how teachers engage students in learning and the lesson intention. They have observed teachers supporting those who are struggling, how students are assessed and how teachers plan for the next step.

It is a complicated and multi-tasking career of choice but our pre-service teachers are even more enthusiastic about becoming a teacher and spending more time at Churchill North.

Student Voice to Update School Policies

Junior School Council students and School Captains, together with Principal Debbie Edwards, attended an informal meeting to have their say about the Student Code of Conduct Policy recently. Students identified that the Policy needed to be re-written in "student-friendly" language and that "all students need to know this and be reminded of it".

There was also a consensus to transition from "classroom rules" to "classroom behaviours" and rights and responsibilities of students, parents and teachers.

The Code of Conduct Policy has been updated and approved by School Council. Leaders once again enjoyed the opportunity to have their say about their school and what matters to them.

Roll in the Red Army from SEDA

Once again, Churchill North was lucky enough to have been occupied by the great SEDA youth who provided a Soccer Clinic to all grades.

The Soccer trainer Heath, along with Mrs Bond, coordinated the fun filled day of drills, new skills and expert advice. Students at Churchill North who play soccer learnt great new skills, and those who played soccer for the first time developed new skills to add to their motor skills.

Kindergarten to Prep Transition Day at Churchill North

On Wednesday the 28th August, 14 Kinder students came to visit their new school for the year of 2014. Ms Dunne said all students came very excited about starting school next year and that their learning attitudes were very cooperative.

Kinder students participated in lots of engaging learning activities, including listening to stories, which they showed great enthusiasm for, Dinosaur activities in Art and they also

participated in different BluEarth games which encourage team work, having a go and persistence.

The school community is really looking forward to the new preps starting in 2014. Hopefully anyone who missed out on the special day, will attend our next transition day.

Waratah Bay Camp for the Senior Students

Students in grades 3-6 had the opportunity to go on a school camp to Waratah Bay last month. Waratah Bay is situated near Wilson's Promontory, which was just a short bus trip from school. Although the cold and wet winter weather was not on our side, students and staff still managed to get the most out of the annual school camp! Activities included being harnessed up to a giant swing, being hooked on to ropes, being pulled up by team mates and then let go to drop and swing from a height of their choice!!!

Students also made damper from scratch and realised how much patience was needed to complete this task; the damper needed to be cooked inside and out, which was difficult to see. Students cooked the damper on a large bamboo stick and had to rotate this around to make sure they damper was cooked.

Volley Ball on the beach was another highlight, although even with all students joining forces, they still couldn't beat Miss Pearce....solo!

A low ropes course was another activity that required focus, balance and lots of practice. Students completed the course with a spotter, and then completed the course again, blindfolded!

Students also went on a long walk along the coast to find rock pools full of beautiful star fish and crabs. Students learnt how to hold a crab without being nipped and learnt about the different species that live in our rock pools.

Each morning, lunch and dinner, teams of students were required to complete duties such as setting, serving and clearing meals. During the evenings, students held talent shows and discos to keep the energetic spirit going all night!

A huge thanks to Mrs Hunter, Miss Pearce and Miss Cane who coordinated the camp, and to Mrs Lugton, Miss



Bishoff and Mrs Sharp who also dedicated their personal time to attend camp and support students. Many children were on school camp for the first time, so it takes a great team to support and nurture these children while they're away from their families. Well Done Team!

Spring has Sprung

Just a short update on our Veggie Garden: the rain and sunny weather lately has been a great benefit for our carrots, radishes and snow peas. Students in 2/3M found giant snow peas to eat and said they were delicious! Thanks again to Churchill Maintenance and

Fabrication and S & S Equipment Hire and Sales for their kind donations of steel, wire and machinery which was used by Craig and Peter Boyle to build our garden.

1/2O at Fire Safety

During the start of Term 3 grade 1/2 O were involved in 3 weeks of Fire Safety Training. Students learnt a lot of important information on how to stay safe around fire.

In the last week of Fire Safety students were lucky enough to see a real fire truck, have a go at using the hose and even hear the fire siren!!



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Churchill Primary School

It seems incredible that it is almost time to welcome our new Preps for 2014. The transition days for our new Preps will be held on October 24 at 9:00 – 11:00, November 12 at 9:00 – 11:00, November 29 at 9:00 – 11:00, and December 10 at 9:00 – 11:00.

Every day is enrolment day at CPS, so please feel free to come in and have a chat with Mrs Gilmore, our Principal. Ph 51 221343.

August was a very busy month with lots of events and activities.

Academic Pursuits for our students:

We began the month with the Churchill & District Writing Competition results. We had a number of prize winners and prizes for honourable mentions.

Thank you to the Churchill & District News Team for giving our young writers a purpose for their efforts.

Several of our students have also participated in the University of New South Wales International Competition and Assessment for Schools.

They have participated in tests for Computer Skills, Science, English, Writing, Spelling and Mathematics.

Congratulations to Tom Severson, Liesel Kuhne, Georgia Bruce, Ryan Gilpin - Gane and Tristan Lehrner, who competed against thousands of Australian and International Students in these tests.

Four boys represented Churchill Primary School in the Latrobe Valley area final of VIC SPELL. Bailey Flanigan, Damon Scott, Mason Porykali and Ethan Thomas found spelling out loud to an audience and a panel of judges a lot more daunting than it is at school. They were great ambassadors for our school.

The Preps celebrated 100 days at school this month. They have been counting down the days and they held a party to celebrate all they had learned in that short time.

The grades 3-6 have been learning about real life applications of running a business. The Earn & Learn Program has been running for the term, culminating each Friday with Market Day.

Each student has an occupation and earns money through running a business or earning a wage as a civil servant. The P – 2 students join in on Fridays' markets.

The common area in the Hub bustles with excited shop keepers and keen buyers, hawking everything from tattoos to massages.

We even had a night market, with students inviting parents and extended family members to join in the excitement with over 150 enthusiastic shoppers coming to the event to celebrate the success of this sensational program.

Book Week was celebrated with a dress up day. The variety of costumes and the effort that was put into the costumes by students, parents and staff was amazing.

With the theme, "Read Across the Universe", there were many robots, aliens, constellations and celestial beings. There was even a Tardis.

There were Princesses and Superheroes and many students bought the book their character was in.

There were cross-age activities related to the nominated books held throughout the morning with a special event parade to start things off.

A great day was had by all.



Visiting Shows

The NED show came to our school to give us the message Never Give Up, Encourage Others, Do Your Best.

Our students were very involved and enjoyed the fast paced presentation. The students were able to purchase yoyos, which keep the NED message rolling along.

Shayla G5 and Tarley G6 report that Tony Bones came for our Book Week celebrations.

His show was based on the book, Herman and Rosie.

Tony Bones and his friend performed a show and the message in the book was that they lived close to each other, and yet did not know each other.

Then they met and became friends and they found they had a lot in common. They performed Jazz music together.

At the end of the show, we could ask the actors questions and we got a project.

We have to write down 5 things we love and compare these with others.

This is to see if we can make some new friends who like things we do.

Sport

The Yinnar & District Basketball Competition was held this month. We entered a Boys' Team and a Girls' Team.

They played well, showing great team

spirit and were competitive on the day. Congratulations to all of the students who represented Churchill Primary School so well.

The boys won all their games and will play in the Latrobe Valley final next month. Mrs McColl is running a Bike Ed program with our Grade 3/ 4 students, who will be safer on their bikes after improving their skills.

Thank you to our Volunteers

Our school has many, many volunteers who work tirelessly for the good of our students and school improvement. We have a very active School Council who is at the moment planning the Fete on November 16.

If you would like a stall please contact the school. Mums and Dads hear reading and help in the classroom. Community and school volunteers help with Breaky Club every morning.

Just recently the fundraising group ran a very successful Fathers' Day stall. The gardens are beginning to produce vegies with the help of Joseph Haider.

He works with a grade a week. Thank you to all of the people who work for our students and families, your efforts do not go unnoticed and the students benefit greatly.

Thank You to our Education Support Staff

We celebrated ES Month in August by giving our Education Support staff a lunch. Our ES staff members are amazing and their work is always valued by the teaching Staff and parents at CPS.

They are often the "quiet achievers" and we applaud their commitment to our school achievements.

Thank you, Jacki Comber, Edna Stolk, Jo Whitelaw, Derek Hayman, Sue Hunter, Allana Berechree, Vicki Duffus, Wendy Bishoff, Lorraine Butler, Sharon Molkenntin and Geoff Sharman.

SPORT

Latrobe Valley Hockey Association Grand Finals 31st August 2013

Perfect conditions produced a great backdrop for grand finals played last weekend. Grand final day this year brought out the absolute best in players as they laid it all on the line for their respective flags. There was some great hockey played and some high quality games.

In Under 8s, Yallourn-Traralgon took an early lead and went to a 2 - 0 lead by the end of the second third. Both goals were scored by Riley Richardson. Churchill came back strongly in the final third and managed to level the score with two goals from Azaan Zafar. The final score was 2 - 2 and this was a fitting way to end the season for under 8's.

The Under 12s was played between Traralgon and Churchill. Traralgon tried hard all day but had no answer to the strength of the Churchill players. At half time the score was 3 - 0. Churchill increased their score in the second half. The final score was 8 - 0. Goals were scored by Ihraam Zafar (5), Cameron West (2) and Eeman Zafar.

Under 16s was a fast, close, high quality game between two well matched sides - Traralgon and Moe-Churchill. Moe-Churchill took an early lead with a goal from Hayley Cake. Ihraam Zafar also found the goal and put them 2 - 0 up. At half time the score was 2 - 0. Traralgon came back well in the second half and scored first at the hands of Sebastian Poole.

Harry Broad scored about mid way through the second half to tie the game up. A late disallowed goal from Harry Broad left the final score at 2 - 2. Because of their superior position on the ladder, Traralgon were declared premiers for 2013.

The women's B grade game was between Moe and Churchill. Moe went to the lead inside the first 20 minutes with an 18th minute goal to Kate Wiltshire. This was followed up four minutes later with a goal by Jenny Massey off a short corner. Massey again scored at the 28th minute to take Moe to the half time break with a 3 - 0 lead.

Churchill was more committed in the second half and took the game right up to Moe. However, a goal ten minutes into the second half by Leah McCulloch took Moe to a 4 - 0 lead. Tamara Kemp scored a goal for Churchill from the penalty spot at the 18th minute mark, making the score 4 - 1. Moe answered the late

challenge from Churchill with a goal from Ainsley Verhagen at the 25th minute. The final score was a 5 - 1 victory to Moe.

Player of the match was Ashleigh Vuillermin of Moe.

Long time rivals Traralgon Yellow and Rovers Thunder met for the women's A grade final. A grade this year was very close with all sides in the grade at some stage defeating their rivals. Rovers took the early lead when Penny Kerr put a penalty stroke into the net at the 5th minute.

Aoife Coughlan put in a reply for Traralgon Yellow at the 32nd minute, taking the two sides to the break locked up at 1 - 1. Both sides were playing very well and neither side had really gained the ascendancy.

The second half started in the same vein and the game looked as though it might go into extra time. However, at the 22nd minute, Kim Tanti scored a goal for Traralgon. A second goal by Tanti in the 28th minute sealed the results and gave Traralgon Yellow a 3 - 1 victory for the premiership.

Player of the match was Maeve Coughlan.

Churchill defeated Yallourn in the qualifying final two weeks ago and went into the men's grand final as firm favourites. Defending champions Yallourn had nothing to lose and laid it all on the line for the final game of the season. Both sides started well and settled down very quickly.

Tenille Tilgner of Yallourn took first blood with a goal in the 9th minute. Mark Phoenix scored a trademark goal at the 29th minute for Churchill putting the scores level. It looked as though the teams would go to the half time break at 1 apiece but a Chris Liddle field goal 30 seconds before the break gave Yallourn a 2 - 1 lead.

The second half started in the same vein as the first. Yallourn pressed hard and were unlucky around goal, missing several opportunities to go further ahead. As the half continued, Churchill pushed hard. With only a couple of minutes to go, a short corner awarded to Churchill gave them the opportunity



to level the score and force an extra time play-off. However, the shot from Matt Taylor hit the post and Yallourn were able to clear the ball.

The final score was a 2 - 1 victory to Yallourn, giving them back to back premierships.

Player of the match was Oliver Pritchard.

Grand final 31 August 2013 Under 8

Traralgon / Yallourn 2 dw Churchill 2

Goals:

Traralgon / Yallourn: Riley Richardson (2).

Churchill: Azaan Zafar (2).

Under 12

Churchill 8 d Traralgon 0

Goals:

Churchill: Ihraam Zafar (5), Cameron West (2) and Eeman Zafar.

Under 16

Churchill 2 dw Traralgon 2 - Traralgon won on superior ladder position at season completion.

Goals - Churchill - Hayley Cake and Ihraam Zafar.

Traralgon - Sebastian Poole and Harry Broad.



Women A Grade

Traralgon Yellow 3 d Rovers Thunder 1

Goals:

Traralgon Yellow: Kim Tanti (2) and Aoife Coughlan.

Rovers Thunder: Penny Kerr.

Player final was Maeve Coughlan.

B Grade

Moe 5 d Churchill 1

Goals:

Moe: Danni Massey (2) Kate Wiltshire, Leah McCulloch and Ainsley Verhagen.

Churchill: Tamara Kemp.

Mens

Yallourn 2 d Churchill 1

Goals:

Yallourn: Tenille Tilgner and Chris Liddle.

Churchill: Mark Phoenix.

Player of the final was Oliver Pritchard.

Churchill Junior Basketball Association

Recently, Basketball Victoria Country held tryouts for their annual Jamborees.

These events have grown into a national competition with the inclusion of Australian Capital Territory, South Australia, New South Wales and New Zealand.

One of our Churchill Under 12 girls, Billilee Williams, has been selected as one of 200 players to attend the Great Murray River Jamboree in Albury late November to the start of December this year.

It is a huge achievement to be selected as she has played basketball since she was 6 years old and loves the sport.

Billilee is a fast little player who plays a front guard in defences and likes a fast break in offences.

Billilee said, "She is very excited and can't wait to go to Albury to learn more

skills and play against all different towns and people".

Mum has always said, "Pounding that basketball up and down the front driveway has finally paid off and we are very proud of her". Churchill Junior Basketball Association wish Billilee all the best and to have fun.

Churchill Junior Basketball is looking to develop its Association further.

As our winter season draws to a close, we are starting to focus on our upcoming 2013/2014 summer season which starts in October.

We are hoping to increase player numbers in all age groups as well as more coaches and umpires to fill key development positions such as Squad Coaches and an Umpire Coordinator.

Earlier this year, Churchill Junior

Basketball formed Under 10 and Under 12 squad teams. These teams have competed in the Future Stars, Foster, Sale and Morwell Squad Tournaments. All players have enjoyed this experience and have developed really strong skills. In July we competed in the Morwell Magic Tournament.

Our Under 10 girls team came runners-up which was fantastic for such a newly formed team. Our Under 12 boys team also had a very successful tournament. For the upcoming 2013/2014 season, the Committee is looking to secure Squad Coaches.

If you are interested, please let us know. If you are interested in playing, coaching, umpiring or joining the Committee please let Linda know on 5122 1324. Our Annual General Meeting will be held in September.



SPORT Baseball

By Sam Gillett

With finals approaching, Churchill Baseball Club started August with a journey to Sale and needed to come out strong.

The A-Grade side had no problems as they looked to have found their best form of the season in victory. Churchill blasted its way out of the box with a first innings onslaught that yielded eight runs off five safe hits. Braves pitcher Tim Bellerby struck out eight batters and allowed just two runs in six innings. Brave's Mat Prior emerged from the bullpen to shut out the game. Sale could not stem the flow of runs as the Braves scored another seven to win 15-2.

The B-Grade side were unable to follow suit as they went down swinging with a 13-7 loss. Churchill and Sale's C-Grade side were tied on points coming into the matchup and whoever won this game looked the better chance to play finals. Churchill came out firing with the bat to pick up a 15-7 win and almost seal a finals appearance.

The next week Churchill travelled to Burrage Reserve to play off against Moe. The last time these two teams played, Moe put a heap of runs on the board only for the scores to revert back to a Braves victory. After a successful appeal by the Dodgers, these two teams had to finish off the conclusion of that

match which saw Moe come out victorious.

Not wanting to lose to Moe/Newborough twice in one day, Churchill's A-Grade opened the game with a run in the first innings.

Every time the Dodgers would score, Churchill would answer with more runs of their own to restore the lead. A final run in the penultimate innings gave them a victory over the in-form Dodgers 8-6.

With Moe/Newborough sitting in at second spot and battling Traralgon for top-spot, Churchill Braves B-Grade side had a challenge ahead of them. They responded well with a 20-7 victory. Churchill's C-Grade side looked to seal their finals appearance with a win over the Dodgers and did so convincingly with a 20-6 win.

Although the Under 16s had to forfeit, the Under 13s came out victorious to seal a spot in the finals. While Churchill had a bye, their A-Grade side travelled to play against top-spot Traralgon. By the beginning of the eighth inning, Traralgon looked certain to win with the scores sitting at 6-1. A late push by the Braves gave hope as they added another 3 runs. Traralgon held off the Braves though and took the 6-4 victory.

With a washout the following week, Churchill's games

against Sale were cancelled. The junior finals were moved, however, to Moe. With Under 16s not making finals, Churchill rallied around their Under 13 team who were playing off against Traralgon for a spot in the Grand Final.

Churchill started the game with a run in the first inning while holding off Traralgon. The juniors, playing some of their best baseball, then added a further three runs in the third to answer Traralgon's two in the second.

With Traralgon then scoring another two, the game was tied up at 4-4. When the stopping time was reached and the scores were still level, the juniors had to continue playing. With no Churchill runs crossing the plate in the next inning, pitching by Bradley Gill continued to keep the Redsox batters at bay and no scores were brought up, giving Churchill a second chance.

With Ty Hickford getting on base with two-out, Churchill had the go-ahead run on-base. It wasn't meant to be as the side was retired without scoring the run. Traralgon came out quickly the next inning and scored the final run of the game, pushing Churchill out of the finals.

Churchill's C-Grade, B-Grade and A-Grade teams all played semi finals in Churchill in the first week of September, with a T-Ball Round Robin being held on Grand Final Day at Moe.

Churchill Bowls

By Sam Gillett

Churchill Bowls Club conducted its Indoor Bowls Club Singles Championship on Thursday October 28, 2013. A good turn up of players ensured that the competition was going to be fiercely contested with the winner a worthy champion.

As predicted all games were closely contested and played in good spirit with last year's champion G. Thompson and J. Tumney

emerging as the 2013 finalists. The final was a classic struggle with the two contenders neck and neck with the result depending on the last end, where Judy Tumney finally emerged as the winner and club champion for 2013. The Bowls Club thanks Hilary Anstee for organising the event.

The Club also fielded teams in the Latrobe Valley Indoor Bowls Association tournaments which were conducted at Yallourn North

over a four week period. Churchill's Glenda Thompson gave a good account of herself by being runner up in the Singles Championship, going down by just three shots.

Our ladies consisting of G. Thompson, S. Burrows, B. Peters and V. Kelly, competed in the Latrobe Valley Indoor Bowls Association Championship Fours. Despite giving their all, they finished runners up. Congratulations to the above teams in making finals.

The Club will be holding its Annual General Meeting on October 1, 2013 at their clubrooms at Gaskin Park Hall at 7:30pm.

Bookings are available for the Club's trivia night at the Top Pub in Morwell. Contact Bill on 5122 1860 or Vern on 5122 1304.

The Club will be renting tables at the Clubrooms for a Monster Garage Sale to be held October 20. Tables for rent are ten dollars. For details contact the above numbers.

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Conditions of Entry

*Players enter at their own risk

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I understand the conditions of entry

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

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Entries close: Monday September 16, 2013

Post entries to: Churchill Tennis Club, PO Box 270, Churchill 3842

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

Players Name:

Phone Number:

Date Of Birth:

Section Played		
Latrobe Valley	Loy Yang	Other

Conditions of Entry

*Players enter at their own risk

The referee's decision will be final

I understand the conditions of entry

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Entries close: Monday September 16, 2013

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Churchill Junior Football Club



2013 Presentation Night September 2

There was a large crowd of players and parents in attendance to help Churchill Junior FC (Cougars) celebrate another successful season of Junior football at its Presentation Night held in the Churchill Football Social Rooms on Monday 2 September 2013.

President David Fyfe welcomed all to the evening and thanked the committee, coaches, team managers, parents and helpers who had contributed to ensuring that our children enjoyed a successful season.

Under 10 Team

Fielding a very inexperienced side the Under 10's had a tremendous season finishing fifth just outside the Final Four.

Many of the younger players came on in leaps and bounds over the course of the season with all being enthusiastic contributors to the side.

We can look forward to an extremely exciting year in 2014. Congratulations to Zac Carlson and Hayden Weir who did very well in the League Best and Fairest vote count.

We were also very proud of the girls in the team who got votes at League level.

Netfit program

Recently, past Vixen player Sarah Wall provided a Netfit clinic at Churchill Leisure Centre for all interested players. Those who participated performed several netball drills that were both fun and helpful. A lot of enjoyment was had by all.

13 and under squad team

Our squad girls have been travelling to tournaments across Gippsland and Melbourne. They have been very successful reaching semi finals in two of their competitions, missing out by one game at the District Championships, which was an even greater achievement due to them competing at a higher level than normal, and most recently at the Whitehorse tournament reaching the Grand Final!!! They lost the Grand Final by 4 goals but not through lack of trying. CINA members are extremely proud of our squad players who have represented our association with the upmost determination and good sportsmanship. Coach Judi Buhagiar and assistant coach Shona Smith have been investing a lot of time getting the girls

Award winners were:

Zac Carlson - Best & Fairest Winner.
Hayden Weir - Runner Up Best & Fairest.
Mitchell Bruerton - Second Runner Up Best & Fairest.
Paul Repniks - Coaches Award
Lily-Rose Williamson - Most Consistent
Liam Beedall - Most Improved

Under 12 Team

The Under 12 team was initially quite short of players and we thank the four Boolarra players - Emre Cupples, Rivan Aveling, Caleb Gregor and Ella O'Kane, -for helping us field a team each week.

It was a win-win situation with the Boolarra Club unable to get sufficient numbers for their own Under 12 team, so we were very pleased to give them a game each week.

Although not having a particularly impressive season the Under 12 boys and girls had fun and tried hard each week and showed improvement in individual skills and team work over the course of the season.

Award winners were:

Caleb Bell - Best & Fairest Winner.

Churchill Indoor Netball Association

prepared for such a high level of competition. We wish the girls the best of luck for the remaining competitions.

Twilight Competition

CINA is taking registrations for twilight netball. This will be held on Thursday nights commencing October 10, 2013. All interested teams can register by contacting

Donna on 0408 221 012
or Karen on 0427 661 442.

2014 Competition

Registrations are now open for teams wishing to play in our 2014 competition. Come along and try out our indoor facilities playing against new competition. For further details on this, contact Donna on 0408 221 012 or Karen on 0427 661 442.

Grand Final

On August 17, 2013 we held our Grand

Jarrold Walker - Runner Up Best & Fairest.

Bradley Gill - Second Runner Up Best & Fairest.

Patrick Kearns - Coaches Award

Tom Severson - Most Determined

Oliver Doig - Most Improved

Under 14

Like the under 12's the under 14's too struggled for numbers all year with most games playing with the bare 18 players.

This being the case still managed to win 5 games for the year finishing 6th. Best result for five years.

Congratulations to Ryan Carlson who did very well in the League Best and Fairest vote count finishing 3rd.

Award winners were:

Ryan Carlson - Best & Fairest Winner.

Hayden Kimpton - Runner Up Best & Fairest.

Ryan Lowrie - Second Runner Up Best & Fairest.

Aiden Ekanayake - Coaches Award

Matthew Smith - Most Consistent

Cain Iorangi - Most Improved

Under 16

The season was a bit of a struggle for consistency in the Under 16's, some very impressive performances followed by some not so good.

Overall the boys enjoyed the year with some great individual efforts.

Award winners were:

Brendan Campbell - Best & Fairest Winner.

Tristan Turpin - Runner Up Best & Fairest.

Jacob Didjurgies - Second Runner Up Best & Fairest.

Jesse Fyfe - Coaches Award

David Perkins - Most Consistent

Bailey Fielder - Most Improved

Annual General Meeting

The Churchill Junior Football Club will hold its AGM on Monday 7th October, 2013 at 7:30pm in the Churchill Senior Rooms at Gaskin Park. All members and interested persons are invited to attend.

Season 2014 looks as though it will be a year of changes with a move to Sunday Football highly likely.

To keep the Junior Cougars on the field we will need an influx of new committee members and other helpers to share the load, please come along and show your support to the children.



Final. Exciting games were played by all with many spectators there to support each team.

Results are 17/15 and under, Cougars 29 defeated Lets be Honest 23

13 and under, Cougars 20 defeated Electrified 11

11 and under, Skittles 18 defeated Sapphires 17

SPORT

Churchill Monash Golf Club Results

August 31, 2013 - Monthly Medal - Winner - A - Grade - D. Byers (13) 74 Medal, B. Grade R. Welsh (20) 78, DTL - T. O'Reilly 79, N. Hutchinson 81, D. Caldwell 81, D. Radnell 81, NTP 3rd G.

Down, 5th D. Caldwell, 12th J. Thornby. Scratch T. O'Reilly 85, Count Putts, T. Collins 27. Birdies - M. Brereton 3rd.

September 3, 2013 - Ladies Monthly Medal Scratch - M. Dear

102, Medal M. Dear (21) 81. DTL - J. Blizzard (27) 86. Count Putts H. Croft 29.

September 7, 2013 - Men's Par A - Grade - H. Martin (15) -4, B - Grade - G. Miller (19) +3, C

- Grade - J. Banfield (23) -5. DTL - G. Spowart -4, J. Thornby -5, D. Byers -5, D. Ellwood -5, K. Hills -6 c/b. NTP - 3rd F. Keighran, 12th G. Beyer, 14th T. Sterrick.

September 10, 2013 - Ladies

Stableford - Winner - D. Judkins (29) 32 pts, DTL - M. McConville (21) 28 pts, NTP - 5th (2nd shot) B. Beebe, 14th 2nd shot M. Dear. Silver Spoon Final Winner - D. Judkins.

Churchill Football/Netball Club Junior Netball Presentations



Above - Danielle and Bethany at back
Kyla Merrin and Laura Truscott at front

What an exciting season 2013 has been. We've had players play at squad level with fantastic results. All our teams competed in finals and all played well.

One of our 17/15&U teams coached by Jessica Middlemiss were undefeated all year and took out the grand final in what was a thrilling encounter against the determined team Electrified (Yinnar).

One of our 13&U teams coached by Judi Buhagiar also had a ripper year topping it off with the premiership.

All teams were great representatives of our club and we look forward to seeing them continue to improve and eventually play for our senior teams one day.

On August 20, 2013 our junior netball presentations were held at our clubrooms. It was great to see all our juniors together relaxing and enjoying their night.

Results from the night are:

17/15&U Cougars

Best & Fairest - Stacy O'Keefe
Runner up - Madeleine Turpin

Coaches award -Ellie O'Keefe

17/15&U Cougar Stars

Best & Fairest -Bronwyn Slater

Runner up - Carleena Iorangi

Coaches award - Regan Webster

13&U Cougar Cubs

Best & Fairest - Ashleigh Bellingham & Natalie Butler

Runner up - Sophie Didjurgies

Coaches award - Ivy Mead

13&U Cougars

Best & Fairest - Chloe Franssen & Tayla Kelty-Roberts

Runner up - Imogen Arthur

Coaches award - Tammy Cant & Kelsey Mayer

11&U

Best & Fairest -Danielle Cant

Runner up -Bethany Blakely

Coaches award Laura Truscott & Kyla Merrin



Above - Left to Right -
Ivy, Ashleigh, Natalie and Sophie



Left Back - Tayla, Imogen and Chloe
Left Front - Tammy and Kelsey



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